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*Camellia
Baptist Church*

Thursdays
6:00pm Pickleball

December 2

10:00am Women's Ministry Christmas
Tea Brunch [CSFH]

December 5

6:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting

December 7

5:30pm Young at Heart Game Night
[Andy Pond's Office]

December 8

5:30pm YAH Christmas Social [CSFH]

December 10

5:00pm Celebration Choir & Children's
Choir Musical "Joy to the World"

December 12

11:30am Sewing for Missions Luncheon
Bring Finger Foods [CSFH]
6:00pm Women's Bible Study [CLC]

December 17

5:00pm Christmas at Camellia

December 20

5:00pm Christmas Caroling—Meal
Before, Dessert After

December 24

4:00pm Christmas Eve Service &
Poinsettia Pickup

December 25– January 1
Church Office Closed



"Our Missional God"

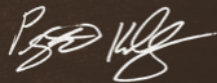
Christmas truly is the most wonderful time of the year. For us as followers of Christ, we celebrate the incarnation, almighty God becoming man.

As Southern Baptists, this is also the time of year we turn our attention to International Missions by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. To some, it made be odd to focus on missions during the Christmas season. I would like to tell you why this is. Jesus said in John 6:38, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Jesus, God the Son, becoming man is the foremost missional act one can imagine. In the incarnation, Jesus sets the example of missions. We go to the uttermost parts of the world not only because we are commanded to do so but also because Jesus set the example of this by leaving the throne of heaven to come down to us.

The incarnation of the Son reminds of the call to go to the nations. Jesus left the perfection of heaven to come to a sin-stained, fallen world to rescue us from our sin. Now we have been given this ministry of reconciliation.

In His Service,



Peyton Kelly



Women's Ministry
CHRISTMAS TEA BRUNCH

Saturday
December 2
10:00AM-12:00PM

Clayton Shaw
Fellowship Hall

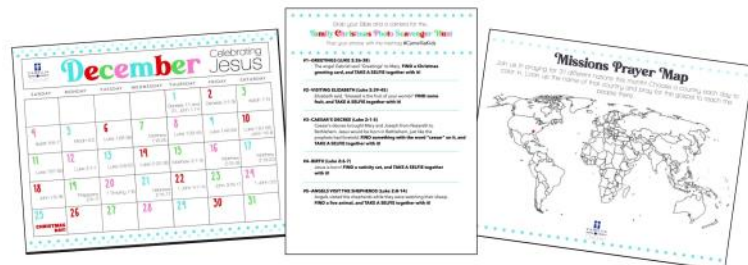


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Goal: \$25,000

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Printable
Resources
to help your family celebrate
Jesus this season!



cbcprattville.org/children

December 13—CBSM Christmas Party

December 27th-29th — Winter Conference

This year our student ministry will be attending SWO Outfitters winter conference in Andrews, North Carolina on December 27th-29th.



The Women's Ministry is collecting items for the Cancer Center. Donate any snack items such as crackers, bottled water, chips, peppermints, etc.

SEWING FOR MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 12 11:30AM CLAYTON SHAW FELLOWSHIP HALL

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FINGER FOODS

Young at Heart

(60 years of age & older)

Christmas Social

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:30 PM

In the Clayton Shaw
Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in your SS class,
text Andy (334) 324-4883 or call/text
Laurie (334) 320-8812.

Camellia Family,

As most of you know, our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is once again \$25,000. Last year, we gave over \$26,000, so I know that this number is very achievable for us! As of November 26, you have already given \$2,758. We are well on our way of surpassing our goal. If each family in our church averages giving \$180, we will give beyond \$25,000.

I do want to remind you that our goal is never a number. Our goal is faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give what he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." That's our goal: to please God by how we cheerfully give.

I truly believe that if each and every one of us took that verse to heart, and we made our goal to be pleasing to God by cheerfully giving, then we would give well beyond \$25,000. You have done this before, and I have the greatest confidence that you will do so again.

I am excited about all of our Christmas events in the month of December. I hope that you and your family can join us for *Joy to the World* on December 10th, Christmas at Camellia on December 17th, our Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve, and our Christmas Eve Service on December 24th. These will be sweet times celebrating Jesus together as a family. Invite friends, family, neighbors, and whoever you come into contact with so that they can celebrate Jesus as well.

Camellia family, I want to end by thanking all of you, on behalf of our staff, for your generosity during Pastor's Appreciation Month!

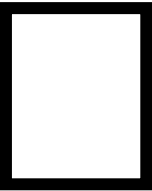
After receiving so many blessings throughout the month of October in the way of monetary gifts, encouraging notes, and food, I come away with two truths: 1. You love your pastor. 2. You do not want a skinny pastor! I joke about #2, but I want you to know that you are more of a blessing than you will ever know.

For all of us, we want to thank you for making our jobs so easy and joyful. I am so grateful that the Lord has brought me to such a loving, supportive, and faithful church.

—Brother James



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Mon-Fri. 7:30am -12:00pm, 1:00pm- 4:30pm

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CONFERENCE ONLY

	BEFORE FEBRUARY 7	AFTER FEBRUARY 7
	\$129 Per Person	\$139 Per Person
Group 10+	\$119 Per Person	\$129 Per Person

STANDARD LODGING PACKAGES

	BEFORE FEBRUARY 7	AFTER FEBRUARY 7
4 Per Room	\$229 Per Person	\$239 Per Person
3 Per Room	\$259 Per Person	\$269 Per Person
2 Per Room	\$299 Per Person	\$309 Per Person
1 Per Room	\$429 Per Person	\$439 Per Person
Bus Driver (Room Only)	\$339	\$349