

**New Bethesda Baptist Church**  
9019 New Bethesda Road  
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

# The Lamplighter



### Sunday Services:

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

### Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Devotional Videos by Caleb on our  
Facebook page

### Wednesday Services:

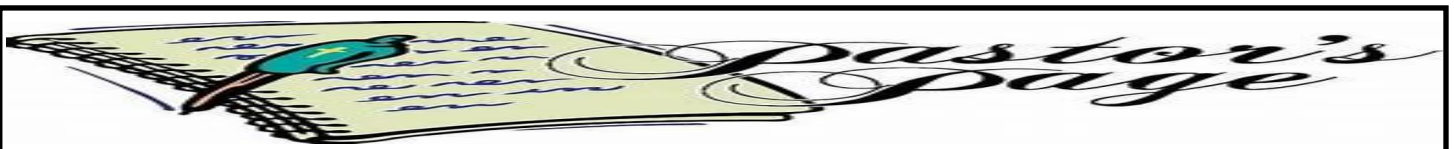
6:00 Fellowship Dinner  
6:45 Prayer Meeting  
6:45 Youth, Mission Friends, CA's  
7:30 Choir Practice

### *Church Staff*

Rev. Caleb Bittler	Senior Pastor
Tiffany Talley	Minister of Music
Steve LaCombe	Accompanist
Shirley Mitchell	Ministry Assistant

### *Church Office Hours*

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Phone	804 - 779-2101



“Advent” means the arrival of a notable person or event. We observe this season with anticipation because certainly someone notable has come! We celebrate this time because of what the arrival of Jesus meant and continues to mean. His arrival signaled that God himself had come down in the person of Jesus and taken on humanity. His arrival signaled that the hope that had for so long been promised was here. His arrival signaled that all of history was coming together to find its fulfillment in his life, death, and resurrection. Something notable has happened – someone notable has come! How will you and your family mark this occasion and observe this season, showing that you believe how much of a notable event Jesus’ arrival is?

I hope you’ll have the opportunity to join us for worship during this Advent season. Our next sermon will center around preparing for the coming of Jesus – are you prepared and ready to observe the coming of Jesus this season? The third Sunday of Advent our theme will be joy – what is the nature of this joy that God has brought us in Jesus? Then, the fourth Sunday of Advent we’ll look at the peace that Jesus brings – who couldn’t use a little more peace in their lives? On Wednesdays, we’ll take a closer look at what we mean by the incarnation of Jesus.

This season offers many opportunities for us to be together as a church family. Make note of the many things we’ll have on the church calendar. December 3 is our Christmas movie night sponsored by the Children’s Ministry. Join us for a fun night of watching the movie “The Star”. December 11 at 6pm we’ll have a Christmas Cantata. Our choir has been working hard, so you want to miss what they have to share with us. December 14 will be our Lottie Moon Cookie Auction. Join us that Wednesday for dinner, then stay after and help us raise money for our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Also, join us Christmas Eve for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Then, the next day we have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas Day together as Christmas falls on a Sunday this year.

As you can see, there will be plenty of opportunities for us to observe the season together. Find your opportunities to engage in the life of our church during this season!

Blessings,  
Pastor Caleb

### *Christmas At New Bethesda 2022*

<i>December 3</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Christmas Movie Night “The Star”</i>
<i>December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>	<i>“The Bethlehem Candle”</i>
<i>December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>	<i>“The Candle of Joy”</i>
	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Christmas Cantata</i>
	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Reception</i>
<i>December 18 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>	<i>“The Candle of Peace”</i>
<i>December 24 Christmas Eve</i>	<i>5:00 pm</i>	<i>Candlelight &amp; Communion Service</i>
<i>December 25 Christmas Worship Service</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>	<i>“The Christ Candle”</i>

# Opportunities for December

## Little Bible Learners

Dec. 4	Melody Clarke
Dec. 11	Rae Duke
Dec. 18	Ann Loving
Dec. 25	Melody Clarke

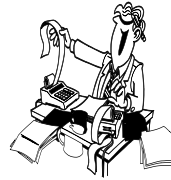
## Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the church sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone during the 2023 calendar year, please contact Shirley in the church office.

## Financial Report

Offerings through Nov. 27, 2022



Oct. 30	4,494.00
Nov. 6	11,328.00
Nov. 13	3,061.00
Nov. 20	3,593.00
Nov. 27	<u>3,273.00</u>
	25,749.00

Weekly Needs: \$ 6,467.75

2022 Offerings	304,657
2022 Budget Needs	<u>310,452</u>
	(5,795)

## Homebound/Nursing Home

**Evelyn Adams**—7313 Win Court  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Jackie Barnette** - Heritage Green, Room 132  
7080 Brook Farm Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Leroy Crowder** - 7395 Adams Farm Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

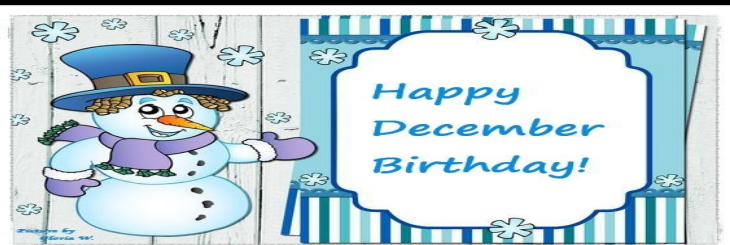
**Sandy Pohnert** - 10766 Ashcake Station Place  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116

**Shirley Schools** - 8267 Little Florida Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Jeanette Sings** -7478 Lexington Drive  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Jeanie Sweeney**—7320 Dress Blue Drive  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

**Carolyn Williams** - The Hermitage, E106  
1600 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227



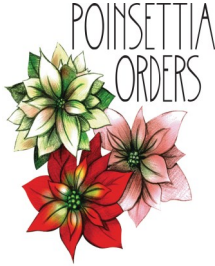
6	Erin Capece
6	Nellie Mundy
8	Leroy Crowder
10	Benjamin Phifer
10	Sarah Tranka
12	Mike Duke
15	Mitchell Brown
16	Bernie Marshall, Jr.
17	Marna Seal
17	Ricky Reed
18	Angela Layne
21	Chase Garnett
23	Jessica Sagraves
24	Steve Frazier
25	Allison Winslow
27	Mike Lohr
27	Dorothy Petree
27	Carolyn Stowers
28	Charlie Litchford
28	Heather Alvarz

*May the warmth and joy of the Christmas season remain with you throughout the coming year!*

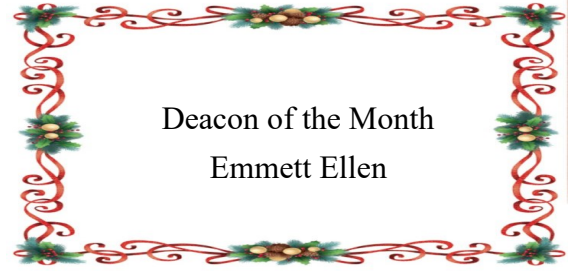
*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!*

*Caleb, Tiffany, Steve, Frances and Shirley*

# December



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than December 5th. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary December 11th through Christmas Day.



Deacon of the Month  
Emmett Ellen

## MUSIC News



The past couple of months have been extremely busy, but filled with so much joy. I have experienced a season of answered prayer and celebration. This joy can be found in so many areas of my life. One area is my children. I could not have hand picked better spouses for my sons. Their wives love the Lord and my sons. As a parent, you pour so much into your children; prayer, time, hopes and dreams and to see it finally fulfilled is pure elation. I know their lives will not be problem-free, but there is peace, because God is the foundation of their marriage.

Another area that I have experienced joy is in teaching music. After experiencing so many changes and the challenges that covid brought, I have had so much fun teaching this school year. The students have shared words of gratitude about their time in music.

I'm thankful for New Bethesda Baptist Church. I'm appreciative of the faithful commitment and service of our choir members and the music ministry team. I'm thankful that Steve uses his God-given talent to bless our worship service each week and for the faithfulness of Bettiann and her commitment to music and the children. They are but 2 of the many members at New Bethesda that use their gifts to serve our church and community.

I'm thankful for a baby - a baby boy that will arrive in March and one that came from heaven over 2,000 years ago. Jesus changed my life and I could have never imagined the way that He would bless it here on earth and for the promise of eternity. I hope that you will come and hear about the birth of Jesus as the Choir and children present, *"Come and Behold Him" on Sunday, December 11 at 6pm. Please invite your family and friends to celebrate Christmas at New Bethesda.*

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Your Sister In Christ,  
*Tiffany*

***Following the musical there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies and the church will provide the beverage. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this special Christmas celebration!***





## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve. We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, **December 4–11, 2022**. In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world. **Our church goal this year is \$2,700.00**

### 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LOTTIE MOON:

1. Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840.
2. Her name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her “Lottie.”
3. She was 4’9” tall.
4. Before she became a Christian while in high school, Lottie missed required chapels 26 times.
5. Lottie loved to pull pranks on others. Once, when asked what the “D” stood for in her middle name, she replied, “Devil.”
6. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years, primarily in Tengchow and Pingtu.
7. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors.
8. Lottie had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker. (Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her.)
9. Lottie led in the campaign to end the practice of bound feet. The Chinese believed small feet made a woman more beautiful, so girls’ feet were bound tightly with cloth. Girls with bound feet could hardly walk, and infections, gangrene, and even death were common side effects of this practice.
10. In 1912 at the end of her career, famine, flood, and war encircled her China. Her friends were starving. In a final act of empathy, Lottie stopped eating and gave all her food away. When her friends realized the depth of her sickness, they put her on a boat to return to the United States. Lottie died on Christmas Eve while enroute to the U.S.

### LOTTIE MOON COOKIE AUCTION

Wednesday, December 14th, following our dinner, we will be having our auction of homemade baked goods to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Show off your baking skills and bring a plate full of cookies or cakes.



About our...

### “LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE”

Simply bring your *un-stamped* cards to the LM Post Office and contribute .25 for each card you would like delivered to a church member. So don't go buy stamps for Christmas cards - use that money here for guaranteed delivery and to help earn money for this year's Lottie Moon Offering!

The Lottie Moon Post Office will be in operation on Sundays from November 27th thru December.

# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

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SAT. DEC. 3RD  
7:00 PM

POPCORN & DRINKS PROVIDED



You're invited to our Christmas Movie night, Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. We will be watching the movie, *The Star* which is an animated movie about the first Christmas from the animals perspective. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.