



# First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

## WEEKLY UPDATE

December 8, 2022

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### A WORD FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

I was not blessed with patience. There, I said it. The old saying goes that if you ask God for patience, He will give you something to be patient about. The wise men who sought for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2) typified patience. Hebrew prophecy, particularly the prophet Daniel, made an impact on the Persian stargazers centuries later who traveled to Bethlehem to see Jesus. But recall the rest of the story. No sooner had the Magi departed the angel of the Lord prompted Joseph to escape with his wife and the baby to Egypt. Later, as the family returned to Judea, they were warned again to leave and settle in Galilee, some 70 miles away. Our Savior entered into a world hectic and unstable. Remember this... He is the Prince of peace.

Brother Charlie

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### Pastor Search Team Update

New candidates for our open Lead Pastor position continue to submit applications on an almost daily basis. Each applicant is informed that their information has been received and that they will be notified of their candidacy status once our posting has closed. As new applications are received, your Pastor Search Team vigilantly reviews and evaluates each one. Rating of each candidate's resume and available sermons is done independently by each team member. Team meetings are used to discuss each member's findings in an effort of ensuring a certain level of consistency of evaluations and to discuss those candidates that may need further consideration. Your continued prayers are appreciated as the team continues their work beyond receiving resumes.

### International Mission Offering "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering"

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially.

We encourage you to give generously, even sacrificially to the work of our Southern Baptist International Missionaries. At First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, we will be receiving this offering during the month of December. You can give using the regular envelopes - please write the amount on the "For Missions" line. Thank you for supporting International Missions through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

### Angel Tree – Return Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you for taking all the Angels from the tree. The wrapped gift must be returned by **12:00 noon, December 12th**. Please make sure you wrap the gift, using the Angel Tag as the name tag attached to the present. Thanks for giving a child a gift this Christmas.

## **Churchwide Christmas Banquet December 14, 6:00 p.m.**

You are invited to come celebrate Christmas as a Church Family Wednesday night, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. **The special menu for that night is: Rolls, Apple and Pear Salad, Twice Baked Potatoes, Spinach Casserole, Ham, and Assorted Desserts.**

That evening the **Loudon County Concert Band** will be playing Christmas songs after dinner. Sign up on the tear out in the bulletin by selecting "A" or call the church office no later than noon on Monday. Make sure you give us your name.

## **CHOTA ROAD CLOSURE IN VILLAGE SQUARE**

We wanted to make you aware that the South Entrance of Chota Road at the red light will be closed beginning Thursday, December 1, for four to six weeks for the construction of the new roadway from Tellico Parkway (Hwy. 444) to the entrance of Village Square. Please take notice and be prepared to take an alternate route.

When you leave the church on Sunday mornings **PLEASE turn Left** and Exit by taking Chota Road to 444. There will be a temporary stoplight at the N. Chota Rd and 444 intersection to assist with traffic. We are also working with the Sheriff's Department for assistance in directing traffic after special events. You will be updated with any additional information.

## **Christmas Food Boxes for Steekee School Families**

Please bring your boxes filled with nonperishable food items back to the office area by **Sunday, December 11**. Thank You for your help in meeting this need.

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight, Communion Services December 24, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.**

The point of Christmas is that God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be born, to live a sinless life, and to die in the place of every individual. Each one is condemned by personal sin to live in eternity separated from God.

Christmas, without acknowledging sin, the Savior, His sacrifice, His salvation, will only leave loneliness in our souls. Christmas, with Christ filling our hearts, will bring to you satisfaction and fulfillment that only God can give.

Join us Christmas Eve to celebrate and remember the coming of Jesus Christ. The services will be at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

## **New Year's Eve Party 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Tellico Midnight)**

Saturday Night, December 31, we want to gather to celebrate bringing in the New Year. Bring your favorite appetizer to share with everyone. We will provide wings and shrimp plus drinks for a great beginning to the evening. As part of the evening, we are having a **Talent Show - FBCTV's Got Talent**. We are looking for 7 to 8 people or acts to be a part of this Talent Show. Contact Lisa Dawn Maleske at [Ldmaleske@gmail.com](mailto:Ldmaleske@gmail.com) to let us know you want to be in the talent show. **Come prepared to laugh, play games, and enjoy some home grown talent. It is going to be a great evening.**

**Bible Studies – December 11, 2022**  
**Our Bible Study Classes on Campus**

9:00 a.m. Studies

Rob Walker - Co-ed Class	Fellowship Hall	Heaven
Nancy Christensen - Ladies Class	Classroom 600	Holy Spirit
Steven Riser - Co-ed Class	Classroom 100	Divided Kingdom
Wanda Henderson - Children	Children's Room	

10:15 a.m. Studies

Open Arms – Co-ed	Classroom 100	Advent Lessons
Roman's XII Christians – Co-ed	Classroom 300	Romans 12
Wanda Henderson - Children	Children's Room	

Wednesday Bible Study for Ladies	Fellowship Hall	The Characters of
Kathy Freshwater		Christmas

**Our Bible Study Home Groups**

Bob and Joyce Wold **Not meeting until January 10** 100 Okema Pl.  
 Sermon based discussion guide  
 Contact information - 224-239-7291 or [robertandjoycewold@gmail.com](mailto:robertandjoycewold@gmail.com)

Kem and Carol Lindsay Monday at 6:30 p.m. 200 Vinita Pl.  
 Sermon based discussion guide  
 Contact information - 704-913-6543 or [kem.lindsay57@gmail.com](mailto:kem.lindsay57@gmail.com)

**A Call to Pray**

Sunday Morning Prayer Group	Classroom 300	8:30-8:50 a.m.
Monday Prayer Group	Library	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer Group	Larkin's Home	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Men's Prayer Group	Conference Rm 600	10:30 a.m.
Friday Women's Prayer Group	Conference Rm 600	10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Online Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, December 7**

Kem Lindsay will be leading the Prayer time this week. The Bible study this week is **James 4:11-12 "Here Comes the Judge."** You can Pray with us and study along by watching the Prayer Meeting Video found on our website, [www.fbctv.org](http://www.fbctv.org).



**Welcome New Member, Bill Taylor!**  
**Joined December 4, 2022**

## Events

December 9, 11:30 a.m. Golden Girls Lunch at Chop House Restaurant  
December 11, Advent 3 - How God Sees the World part 1  
December 11, Christmas Family Food Boxes returned  
December 12 & 13, OCC trip to Charlotte to work in the warehouse  
December 14, Church Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m. Loudon County Concert Band to play  
December 18, Advent 4 - How God Sees the World part 2  
December 24, Christmas Eve Services w/ Communion 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.  
December 25, Christmas Worship service 10:30 a.m. only  
December 31, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Party - Fellowship Hall  
January 1, Worship service 10:30 a.m. only

**Note: NO Wednesday meals December 21, 28 and January 4**

## Our Weekly Schedule

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Prayer Group  
11:15 a.m. Handbells

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
2:00 p.m. Orchestra / Worship Team Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal and Prayer Meeting

### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Prayer – Room 300  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Worship  
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## Statistical Blessings

### December 4, 2022

Bible Study	164
Worship	(9:00 a.m.) 112
	(10:30 a.m.) 218
Budget Receipts	\$45,730.00
Missions	\$4,245.00

## Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: Closed

## Contact Information

Church Office	(865) 408-0110
Kem's Cell	(704) 913-6543
David's Cell	(865) 335-1543
Charlie C's Cell	(865) 304-4257