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MOMENTS WITH YOUR MISSION STRATEGIST

Suggested Christmas Gifts

So often people think about what they want for Christmas. Some individuals even give rather strong hints as to what they would like to see under the Christmas tree with their name on it. However, we should all think about the real reason we should celebrate Christmas - it is the birthday of the Lord Jesus. It would be good to think about what we can give Jesus to celebrate His birthday.

So, what can you give to the creator of the world? The best answer is yourself! Romans 12:1 tells us to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Paul wrote these words to believers in Rome. However, before we are in a position to properly serve the Lord, we must confess our sins and invite Christ to be our Lord and Savior. In Romans 10:9-10 the Bible says "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation."

If you have already surrendered your life to Christ and are faithfully serving Him as the Lord of your life, then there is another suggested gift for Jesus

to celebrate His birth. It is a gift that helps other people come to know Him as Lord and Savior. It is a gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions.

Charlotte Digges Moon, better known to Southern Baptists as Lottie Moon, was appointed as a missionary to China in 1873. She served in that country for 39 years teaching in a girls' school and sharing the Gospel of Christ with women and girls in different parts of China.

It was a common practice of Lottie to send letters home from China sharing with friends and family about the Chinese culture, the needs of the people, and her life as a missionary. She would also challenge Southern Baptists to join her in missionary work in China or to give money so that others could go.

If Lottie were alive on earth today, I believe she would be communicating with Southern Baptists the same request she made long ago. She would be asking for people to serve as international missionaries or give money so that others could go.

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help Southern Baptist international missionaries and the work they have been called to do is \$185 million. A generous contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering would be a fitting gift for Jesus. It would be a fitting gift because you would be helping missionaries to share the Gospel of Christ with people around the world. In Luke 15:10, it is recorded that Jesus said "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." If the angels find joy over the salvation of a person, then it must be because God rejoices over that person's decision.

So, what can you give Jesus to celebrate His birth? First, give yourself, then share your resources so that others can come to know Jesus. These would be great gifts for our Lord.

I wish for you and your family a very Merry Christmas! As you share Christmas gifts with your family and friends, please give the largest gift to Jesus through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Thank you!

- Dale



The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23 & 24 and Monday, December 27. Everyone have a Merry Christmas!

Executive Director Search Team

The Executive Director Search Team is honored to have been elected to lead in the search for the next Caldwell Baptist Associational Mission Strategist. We are all very thankful for the years of faithful dedicated service by Rev. Dale Fisher, and we wish him God's blessings in retirement! The Team is composed of Rev. Stephen Owen, Rev. Jay Worsley, Mr. Jeff Roland, Mrs. Miranda Denning, Mr. Mike LaBrose {serving if Stephen Owen is unavailable}, and Rev. Stuart White.

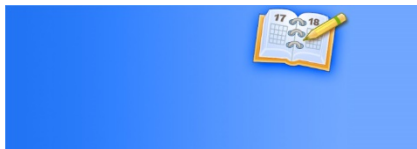
We are very aware of the awesome task before us and we want to sense and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit! We have a very special request of each member of the Caldwell Baptist Association and that is that you remember the Team in prayer throughout the entire process! We know that God has a person for the position; and we want God's will done!

We praise the Lord for the initial meetings and are pleased with how they have gone. Our intention is to keep you informed as to our progress.

Thank you for your prayers for the Team as we seek God's guidance and direction!

Stuart White
Search Team Leader

2022 Calendar of Activities Caldwell Baptist Association



The Caldwell Baptist Association's 2022 Calendar of Activities is ready to be picked up. This is a tool for ministry designed for use by the member churches of the Association. You may pick up your calendars Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

Raking for Missions Mid October - Mid December



This is a local mission project sponsored by the Associational Baptist Men's Team. Churches are encouraged to choose a date and time within the two-month period (Mid-October - Mid-December) to rake leaves in their neighborhood. Each church is responsible for making arrangements with homeowners to be on their property and to rake their leaves. This will be an opportunity to share the Gospel as appropriate, pray with the homeowners, and to share information about your church.

Ministers Conference: Tax Seminar Wednesday, December 1, 2021



The December Ministers Conference will be a Tax Seminar and will be held on Wednesday, December 1 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at Harris Chapel Baptist Church. Church treasurers, finance committee members, secretaries, deacons and any other interested persons are invited to attend. Janie Miller and Bethany Scott with J&D Tax Service will lead the Tax Seminar. They will deal with tax issues that ministers and other church leaders need to understand. There is no charge for the Tax Seminar. It is a gift from the Caldwell Baptist Association.

Harvest Seeds Ministry



The Caldwell Baptist Center continues to collect used literature for Harvest Seeds Ministry. Please bring your gently used literature to the back of the Baptist Center during the hours of 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-4:30pm. Press the button beside the glass door to alert the staff that you have arrived. When you are gathering materials to donate and packing your boxes, please pack to make sure that the outside covers are flat and not curled, or missing on your materials. If your books are dusty please wipe them off. Do not send any materials that have mold or mildew on them because they have to be thrown away. Literature must be delivered in boxes with lids for easy packing. If the box has flaps, please make sure the flaps are not folded into the box. The boxes must be brought ready for shipment with no exposed literature.

Caldwell Baptist Association Financial Report January - November 2021

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

Financial Report

Church News

For a list of available interim/supply ministers click on the [link](#).

Miller Hill Baptist Church's new email address is millerch1230@yahoo.com.

Community News

"Here & Now" is a missions experience for college students and young adults. It will be held on January 3-5, 2022 at Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill, NC. The cost is \$35 and includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, sweatshirt and Disaster Relief certification/training. For additional information and to register click on the [link](#) or contact Rick Trexler at 919-917-4419 or email ricktrex@gmail.com.

Hope4NC is a free, confidential, state-wide program funded by FEMA and NCDHHS, currently helping people affected by the impact of the COVID crisis. There is a 24/7 Helpline offering emotional support and referrals to local services. Call or text "hope" to 1-855-587-3463. Available is 1-to-1 Counseling & Support by accessing the Helpline or contact directly peter.tamm@rhanet.org or call 828-348-2641.

Samaritan's Purse is now hiring seasonal workers. First and second shifts are available from mid-November to mid-December at their Operation Christmas Child regional shoebox processing centers. Click on the [link](#) to apply.

Would you like to know more about Truett Conference Center & Camp located in Hayesville, NC? If so, click on this [link](#). They have some upcoming events that you may be interested in. Click on the following links for more information.

[Winter Youth Retreat](#)

[Marriage Matters](#)

[Woven Women](#)

Available Positions

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Hudson, NC, is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 859, Hudson, NC 28638. Resumes will be received until January 31, 2022.

Friendship Baptist Church, Hudson NC, is seeking an energetic interim Children/Youth Leader with potential for a permanent position (15-20 hours per week). Please [email](#) resumes.

Concord Baptist Church in Granite Falls is in need of a pianist in their Worship Band. The worship music is blended of all styles with a strong emphasis on contemporary music. Christian testimony is significant. It is a paid ministry position. Contact Rev. Jimmy Preachers, Minister of Music & Worship at 828-396-1914, or 828-446-2233 or [email](#) him your interest and resume.

Nelson's Chapel Baptist Church of Lenoir is seeking a part-time minister of children and youth. Resumes can be sent to the church at 4958 Kirby Mountain Rd, Lenoir or by email [here](#).

Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir is seeking a full time Associate Pastor of Worship and Student Ministry. Click on the [link](#) to submit a resume. For more information about the position click [here](#) or go to the church [website](#).

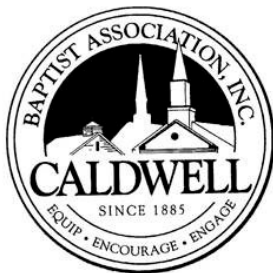
Oak Grove Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro is seeking a full-time pastor. Click on the [link](#) for more information concerning this position and requirements for submitting a resume.

El Bethel Baptist Church in Morganton is seeking a part-time youth director. Click on the [link](#) to send a resume. For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes can be sent to church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email ministry@fbchildebran.com. For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a part-time Music Director. Resumes can be sent to the church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email ministry@fbchildebran.com. For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a pianist. Resumes can be sent to the church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email ministry@fbchildebran.com. For more information click [here](#).



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