

# Macedonian Call

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### A Note from Pastor Randy

Southern Baptists send missionaries from their churches, through the IMB (International Mission Board), to go into the world making disciples in the name of Jesus. In that partnership, Southern Baptists provide the funding to send & support these missionaries & their ministries. The more resources we provide, the more missionaries can be sent. The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** provides the largest portion of IMB's income (59%) & gives Southern Baptists a chance to support their missionaries through 100% of their gifts. The **2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** goal is \$175 million. This goal is based on real needs as Macedonia & other Southern Baptists work together to reach the remaining peoples who don't know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please pray about what God would have you to give to help take the Gospel of Christ to the uttermost parts of the world. Specially marked offering envelopes & prayer guides for our IMB missionaries are located at the Welcome Center & on the shelves across from the Sunday School Office. ~ Pastor Randy

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon**  
**Senior Adult Annual**  
**Christmas Luncheon**

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Christmas Caroling to  
 Homebound & Nursing Homes  
 Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> &  
 Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm



**Backpacks & Coats to be delivered to**  
**Oceana, WV during the week of**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Morning Service**  
**Adult Choir Christmas Cantata**  
**"Beautiful Star"**

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Lord's Supper in the AM Service**



It is Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, one week until Thanksgiving and 5 weeks until Christmas, as I write this article. This is my favorite time of the year. Cooler weather, decorations, Happy Thanksgiving or Merry Christmas at the cash register instead of Next, Next, Who's Next!, Which paraphrased means, "would you in line pay attention! I would like to get through sometime today!"

This time of year is not only a time to be grateful for all the Lord's blessings and especially the birth of our Savior, but is also (because of our Savior) a wonderful time to take every opportunity to witness about the real meaning of this holiday season. Why? People in our neighborhood, at the convenience store, or grocery store, people we work with (if they don't know Christ) are according to Isaiah 9:2 walking in darkness. They need to see the light of the glorious gospel through our lives. We know the overwhelming truth of Isaiah 9:6, this Christ of Christmas is the wonderful counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the prince of peace. He is the "light" that they who are in darkness need. Let's be thankful for this wonderful opportunity to shine the light of Christmas on to the paths we all travel each day, paths that so many people are walking, and allow Christ through us to light up the exit off the dark road. This is the very reason for Christmas and something to be thankful for. ~ Pastor Joe



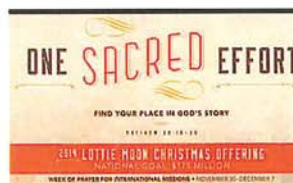
**Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> all**  
**children (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades)**  
**are invited to stay**  
**following the morning**  
**service for lunch, a**

**shopping trip to Dollar Tree for gifts for your**  
**family, then back to the Fellowship Hall to wrap**  
**your gifts.**

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 pm**  
**Children's Christmas Musical**



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>**



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be received during the month of December