

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sunshine Grp Mall Mondays 9 am	2	3 Ladies Crochet Group 1 pm Truth & Training Team Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Ladies Crockpots & Christmas Ornaments after worship	8 Sunshine Grp Mall Mondays 9 am	9	10 Ladies Crochet Group 1 pm	11	12	13
Deacon's Meeting 14 8:30 am Christmas Night of Worship & Fellowship 6 pm	15 Sunshine Grp Mall Mondays 9 am	16	17 Ladies Crochet Group 1 pm Business Mtg/ Budget Approval 6:15 pm	18	19	20
Admin Team Mtg 21 5 pm Carols & Communion 6 pm	22 Sunshine Grp Mall Mondays 9 am	23	24 No Church Activities	25 Merry Christmas! Church Office & Daycare closed	26	27
28	29 Sunshine Grp Mall Mondays 9 am	30	Jan 1 Office/Daycare Closed No Church Activities	Merry Christmas!		

The Good News of Second Baptist Church



December 2025

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Pastor

***Clint & Harriet
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Mission Development

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From the Pastor

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December is a wonderful time of the year. Each of us probably has certain traditions that we enjoy more than others, but there is usually something for everyone in December. School plays, Christmas carols at church, candy making, reading the Christmas story, all of those are just a small part of what we have an opportunity to engage in and enjoy.

It is also the time of the year that our church gets to join thousands of other Southern Baptists in a tradition that is one of our most enjoyable; the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. While our regular giving to the convention benefits the International Mission Board, this offering has become a tremendous vehicle for our missionaries to receive the support and help they need while serving on the mission field.

Recently, a friend of Clint and Harriet's was forced to relocate due to terroristic activity in her region. It was the money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that enabled this to happen, and the missionary was safely moved and able to maintain the things that were important and valuable to them.

Each one of us plays a part in bringing about this offering to serve our missionaries. Here is a small table that shows how the significance of your gift matters here at Second Baptist. As you are able commit to give in one of these categories – or create your own category – as we go forward in answering the call to take the Gospel to the 'ends of the world.'

This year our church's goal for the Lottie Moon Offering to the International Mission Board is \$5,800. We don't need a few people to do everything. We just need many people to do something.

If: 2 people give \$500	5 people give \$200
10 people give \$100	20 people give \$50
40 people give \$25	50 people give \$16

...we will reach our entire goal.

Bro. Daniel

Ministry Schedule

Please go to the Church website at secondbaptistwaycross.com for access to videos and class schedules.

Ministry Supper

Supper is served each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. **Suggested donations - \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.** Take-out plates are \$6.00 per plate.

Menu

- December 3 ~ Tacos
- December 10 ~ Hamb/Hot Dogs
- December 17 ~ Pancake Supper
- December 24 ~ Merry Christmas!
- December 31 ~ Happy New Year!



**Business Meeting for
Budget Approval
Wednesday, December 17
6:15 pm**

Music Ministry ~ Mike Carter

Worship Choir News

What is happening in music?
We are excited to be bringing a special night of Music and Drama on the evening of December 14th. We will begin at 6 pm with our kids doing a Christmas Pageant and follow this up with some special music from our orchestra, praise team, and choir. Please invite all friends and family to this evening of praise and adoration to our Lord. We will be having finger foods following in the social hall. Please bring a plate of delightful goodies if you can!
We will follow this evening up a week later with a NIGHT of CAROLS and COMMUNION on December 21st. These are two great opportunities to reach out to the unchurched with a smile and invitation. Be watching and looking for more coming announcements about these worship events!
Bro. Mike

**Christmas Night of Worship
with Fellowship
Sunday, December 14
6 pm**
Please bring finger food for your family and to share.

**Carols and Communion
Sunday, December 21
6:00 pm**

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY	
Sunday School	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Children’s Church	
No Evening Worship	
WEDNESDAY	
Ministry Supper	5:30 - 6:00 pm
OASIS Kids	6:15 - 7:30 pm
Youth	6:15 - 7:30 pm
Adult Prayer & Bible Study	6:15 - 7:15 pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 pm

Church Staff

Misty Perkins	Financial Secretary
Belinda Thompson	Secretary/Receptionist
Bonnie Crews	Church Custodian
Henry Ross	Maintenance

Deadlines
Items for the January 2026 Newsletter are DUE by December 19.
All items for the Sunday Bulletins are DUE each Wednesday.
CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION
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Our Purpose Statement
Second Baptist Church unites in fellowship and love to exalt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to evangelize the lost, and to edify and equip the saints for the work of the ministry.
Our Vision Statement
Second Baptist Church, as an Acts 1:8 church, seeks to honor God and join Him in growing Kingdom Ministry in the Waycross/Ware County Area, Georgia, America and the World through: Exciting Worship, Challenging Discipleship, Effective Evangelism.

Monthly Stewardship Report

Through November 23
S. S. Attendance Average 147
Contributions \$ 26,900.76

Online Giving QR Code

Student Ministry News ~ Joey Fitzgerald, Student Minister

Ephesians 1:3
3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Since our last newsletter, God has shown his goodness to our youth in many ways. We’ve had some fun and some ministry opportunities that brought us closer together with opportunities to grow in our relationship with our loving Father. It has been great getting to be in our Wednesday evening services with an emphasis on missions. It is good for our students to see that God has a plan and wants to use them throughout their life’s callings.

Our adult rec pickleball has been so fun! We have all gotten better at the game, but we’ve also had opportunities to meet new people and share time together. We will continue to get together and create opportunities for getting together to play.

Also, with Upward Basketball coming up soon, I would like to thank you for all your help in the past and again ask for your help. I would love to have even more volunteers for coaching, refereeing, concession stand, setup, tear-down, cleaning, and more. If you’re interested in being a part of this great opportunity to serve our Waycross community please let me know.

Thank you for your prayers, love, and support for the Second Baptist Youth program.

Sincerely, Joey Fitzgerald

Youth Shoebox Packing Party



Missions & Outreach ~ Clint Bowman

It's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering time! We blew our goal out of the water last year and I am confident we can do it again this year. This is the special offering of which 100% of it goes to the field missionaries and is not used in the US for administration costs. Our goal this year is \$5800. Several decades ago, Southern Baptist women sort of became famous for supporting this very important goal. There were drives for farm women to set a large jar aside and placed money they got over several months of time from selling eggs from their laying hens in that jar. At Christmas time, they would carry that to the church and put it in the Lottie Moon Offering. Of course, today we are a much more affluent people but that example is a good one to follow. What will you set aside to help our missionaries overseas? This is the money which pays for the vehicles our missionaries drive, the fuel for their generators, the tracts and Jesus film copies they distribute... the stuff of their work. If my math is correct, 116 people who give \$50 each will meet this goal. That is about what two people will pay to eat twice at Cracker Barrel or Olive Garden and for a much more worthy cause!

Another mission need is our upcoming Puerto Rico mission trip. Please consider helping us to aid these students who are going down there to hopefully share Christ with Puerto Ricans. Each student will have to pay about \$1,200 each which covers food, board, and flight. We won't have the exact figures on that until we purchase the tickets for the flight. Our dates are March 14-20. You can make a gift to help us with this by labeling an offering and dropping it in the usual collection box in the sanctuary. Every little bit helps, \$20, \$30 or whatever. Thank you in advance.

Upward basketball season is right here at us! This is a great time for us to volunteer some time and come on Saturdays to watch and encourage the children. It is also a great time to connect with some prospects for your Sunday School class and our church. Many people have begun their relationship with Christ and found salvation because they received a friendly greeting and an invite to attend someone's church. Please come on out and say "Hello!" to a few folks during the season. Thank you to all those who volunteer to make this happen.

Finally, if you were one of those who helped Al and Belle receive, pack and ship all those Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, THANK YOU! Al and Belle do a great job with that ministry and they deserve a BIG thank you as well.

Merry Christmas! Clint and Harriet



OASIS Shoebox Packing Party



Bathhouse Project



Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for honoring me during the Homecoming celebration. It was a pleasure to be there and see so many dear friends. I will cherish these memories.
Love,
Elon Gillis Galloway

Memorials

In Memory of Sandra Davis
by The Bereavement Committee

In Honor of Mike Carter
by Martha Lang Johnson



The Deacons will meet on
Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8:30 am.



We will not have any church activities on December 24 or December 31. All groups and supper will resume January 7.
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.

The Church Office and Childcare Center will be closed
December 25 and 26 and
also January 1.

Ladies Ministry

Part II of Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven Bible study by Dr. David Jeremiah will begin on January 8. We will meet every Thursday morning from 10-11:30 in Room 304 through February 12; 6 sessions. Please see Belinda in the church office if you haven't already attended Part I of this Bible study but plan to attend Part II so that she can print a copy of the study for you. It doesn't matter if you missed Part I, Part II is a great study all by itself! All ladies are invited!

The ladies crochet group will meet only on December 3, 10, and 17 during the month of December and will resume meeting every Wednesday beginning in January. We will meet in Room 504 from 1-3:00 pm. Come join us!

"Crockpots & Christmas Ornaments"
Ladies Fellowship
Sunday, December 7

Stay after church with us for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a Crockpot dish (or anything that pairs well with Crockpot meals). Please bring a Christmas ornament for a festive ornament exchange! While we hang out, the dads and kids can head to Cracker Barrel-we'll finish up and be home around the same time! We'd love to have you join us.