



# THE SENTINEL

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 2023



## WELCOME

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST WELCOMES YOU!  
WE ARE A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN  
*CONNECT WITH GOD,*  
*CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER,*  
*AND CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY.*



## SUNDAYS AT SOUTHSIDE

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 10:15 FOR WORSHIP.  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS AVAILABLE.  
WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES DURING SUNDAY  
SCHOOL AT 9AM FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

### Church Staff

David Klinedinst, Senior Pastor  
Emmalee Rudd, Music Director  
Dolly Drawdy, Church Secretary  
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# Merry Christmas

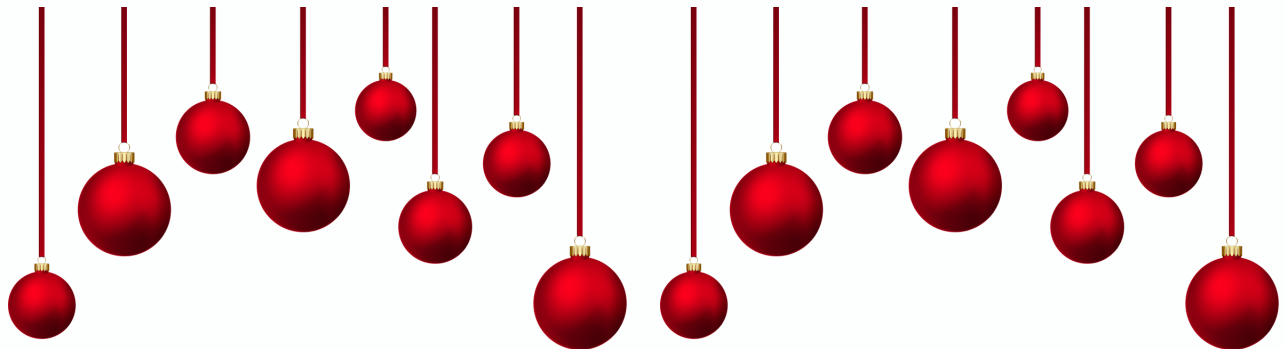
## Christmas Greetings from the Staff of Southside Baptist

The Staff at Southside Baptist would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a safe and blessed Christmas season!



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

~Romans 15:13



## Celebrate Christmas at Southside

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing**

Sunday, December 3

### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Sunday, December 10 Church Goal: \$7,000

### **Christmas Cantata/Dessert Social**

Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm

### **Christmas Caroling/Hot Beverages & Donut Social**

Sunday, December 17 at 5pm

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Sunday, December 24 at 6pm

## LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER

*for International Missions*

December 3-10

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

taken from the IMB 2023 Prayer Guide - WMU

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Please prayerfully consider your financial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our church goal this year is \$7,000 to be collected all month with a special emphasis on Sunday, December 10.



## EXCITING ACTIVITIES FOR SBC YOUTH



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, December 6 | 5pm to 10pm

Students must be 13 years of age to volunteer and a release form must be completed for each participant. There are 30 spots reserved for Southside. Please contact Shery Cook if your student would like to attend. We will meet at the church at 5pm and return at 10pm.



### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, December 9 5pm-9pm

Meet at the church at 5pm.



### Wednesday Night Youth Schedule for December

December 13th-Students will join in the church service for the Christmas Cantata rather than meet separately

December 20th & 27th-Youth will not meet to enjoy time with family and friends.

Youth will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024





## ***From the Pastor's Desk..***

Few questions cause me anxiety more than when my wife asks, "Did you even notice?" I hate the question, because if she has to ask the answer is probably, "no". But when she does ask, I try my best to make a quick scan of her and the space around her, then I give it my best.

"Um, new haircut?"

"No."

"New Curtains?"

"We have had those since we moved in!"

"I give up."

"I hung up the picture you like!"

"Ohhh. It looks great!"

"You didn't even notice!"

I am sure some of you can relate to this exchange. As much as we don't pay attention in our relationships with others I am really concerned we are worse in our relationship with God. Christmas is an annual opportunity to pay attention. In our services and special events we are making occasions to notice God and cooperate with his work. Whether it's Hanging of the Greens Service, the Christmas Cantata, Christmas Eve or the various activities our groups and classes planned, each event allows us an opportunity to take time to notice the work of the Lord. Jesus said, "My Father is always working, and so am I." (Johns 5:17 NLT) If God is always at work then we need to pay attention. So this Christmas in the midst of all the things you do, don't forget to notice what Jesus is doing.

~Pastor David Klinedinst

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## ***Notes from the Director of Music***



The Christmas season holds some of the most beautiful and sacred music we know, and I am so excited to share our music-filled events with you during this advent season! Please come out to hear our choir sing in our **Christmas Cantata- "The King is Born"** on **Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm** with a dessert social and hot beverages to follow. Admission is free and all are welcome! Continue on in the holiday merriment as the choir hosts a **Christmas Caroling** night **Sunday, December 17th at 5pm**, we will be caroling for our town's first responders as well as a few of our church members, donuts and hot beverages will follow.

God bless you during this most wonderful time of year, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth in our music.

~Emmalee Rudd, Director of Music



# DECEMBER

## Calendar or Events



- December 3 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing
- December 5 - Senior Adult Outreach Breakfast | 8:30am | Corinne's Cafe
- December 6 - Youth to Volunteer at Operation Christmas Child 5-10pm
- December 9 - Youth Progressive Supper 5-9pm
- December 10 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- December 12 - Sunshine Club Christmas Celebration | 10:30am
- December 13 - Christmas Cantata & Dessert Social | 6:00pm
- December 17 - Christmas Caroling | 5:00pm
- December 19 - Widowed Luncheon | 11:30am | Pomodoro's Restaurant
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25 & 26 - Church Office Closed for Christmas
- December 29 - Church Office Closing at 2pm

- **Monday Evenings**

- REFIT | 6:30pm

- **Wednesday Evenings**

- Praise Team Practice | 6pm
- Youth | 7pm
- Prayer Meeting-will resume 1/10/2024

- **Thursday Evenings**

- Choir Practice | 5:30pm
- Celebrate Recovery | 6:30pm

- **Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12**

Meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month unless holidays or other events conflict



### Join the Winter Warming Tree Collection in January 2024

For years, Southside has collected cold weather items in November to provide warmth to those in need in our community. This year we are pushing it back a bit, and the Winter Warming Tree collection will now take place in January. We invite you to participate by collecting scarves, hats, gloves, socks, blanket, and other suitable items to be placed under the warming tree. Let's come together and make a difference in our community.

### Celebrate Recovery Meal Help Request for 2024

If you would like to help provide meals for CR during the 2024 year please reach out to Earl Underwood or Shannon Delp.



## Attendance & Stewardship

| Attendance  |               |         |
|-------------|---------------|---------|
| Date        | Sunday School | Worship |
| October 29  | 116           | 154     |
| November 5  | 126           | 166     |
| November 12 | 98            | 143     |
| November 19 | 105           | 158     |
| November 26 | 119           | 149     |

| Stewardship<br>Weekly Needs: \$9,732.00 |             |              |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Date                                    | Tithes      | Year to Date |
| October 29                              | \$10,860.00 | \$493,333.00 |
| November 5                              | \$11,813.00 | \$505,146.00 |
| November 12                             | \$7,344.00  | \$512,490.00 |
| November 19                             | \$11,351.00 | \$523,841.00 |
| November 26                             | \$8,729.00  | \$532,570.00 |

### Update on Memorial Garden Brick Orders

We would like to inform you that the bricks you ordered have been successfully placed in the memorial garden. Thank you for your support.

## Designated Giving

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Pregnancy Center          | \$50.00   |
| Benevolence               | \$1924.00 |
| SYBA Toy Store            | \$714.00  |
| Youth                     | \$15.00   |
| Lottie Moon               | \$425.00  |
| SALT                      | \$60.00   |
| Operation Chirstmas Child | \$25.00   |

## Memorials/Honorarium

### SALT- Mission Outreach

in honor of Cynthia Nixon on our 44th wedding anniversary by Tom Nixon



### Please Note:

Any contributions for 2023 must be received by the church office by Wednesday, December 27th.