

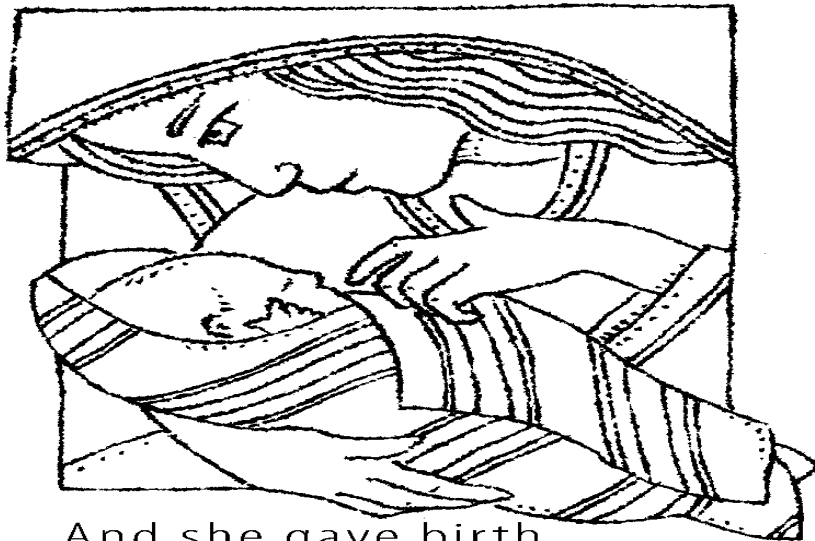
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And she gave birth
to her firstborn, a son. She
wrapped him in cloths and
placed him in a manger.

Luke 2:7

From Your Pastor's Heart

Come join Providence Baptist Church during the month of December when we will observe the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will be a time to draw near to God as I preach a series on "Attitudes toward Christmas." I am not talking about our attitude toward a season, but about our attitude toward Christ the newborn King. King Solomon, who is known as a wise man gives some insight on our attitudes in Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (1) Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. (2) Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. (3) For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words. (4) When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— (5) Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. (6) Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? (7) For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.

First, let's focus on what not to do. Don't get caught up in giving the sacrifice of fools. Do not be rash with your mouth or allow your mouth to cause you to sin. Second, let's focus on what to do. Guard your steps as you enter Church and draw near to God. Let your words be few. Be faithful with your commitments to the Lord. Have a godly fear of the Lord.

I challenge each of you to do what is well pleasing to the Lord. After all, this is the best gift you will ever give Jesus.

Romans 12:1-2
In Him,

W. Lee Cook

Pastor W. Lee Cook

DECEMBER EVENTS



Month of December Mission focus: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is named in honor of Lottie Moon who served as a missionary in China for more than 30 years. Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be observed **November 30th – December 7th**.



The **Lottie Moon Post Office** will be open for business from **November 30th – December 21st**. The Post Office will be set up on the downstairs hallway. “Mail” your Christmas cards to active church members and put your normal postage in the collection plate with the postage proceeds going towards the Lottie Moon towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Saturday, December 6th – The **Women’s Prayer Group** will meet from 7:30 – 9:00 am in the Women’s II classroom. The chapters to be covered are 15) “Because He Is” and 29) “When I Sense that All is Well” from *The Prayer That Changes Everything* by Stormie Omartian. See Linda Bray or Jennifer Cook for more information.

Sunday, December 7th - Poinsettia Dedication during the morning worship service as the beautiful poinsettias in honor or memory are displayed in our sanctuary.



Saturday, December 13th – The Baptist Men will have a Men’s Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am, at Golden Corral, in Danville. All men and wives are invited to attend. We may participate in “Ring the Bell” for the Salvation Army following the meal. More information to follow.



Sunday, December 14th - The **Children's Department** will present a Christmas play titled *Christmas Tree Narrative* followed by the **Adult Choir's Cantata *The First Noel*** starting at 6 pm

After the programs, we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Church members are asked to bring finger foods.

The **Mission Friends** group will go **Christmas Caroling** for their **Wednesday, December 17th** meeting. See Jennifer Cook for details/information.

Churchwide Christmas Caroling on **Sunday night, December 21st**. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm to go out for neighborhood caroling. All are invited.



Wednesday, December 31st, 6:30 pm - midnight New Year's Eve party at the parsonage for children, youth and all those young at heart. Children need to attend with a parent or guardian. Games, fun, food and a movie! Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite snack or finger food to share.

Evangelism Opportunity – Community outreach on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Meet at the church to spread God's news to community.

Magazines available on lower level of the Educational Building:

Prayer Opportunities – Sunday's at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. at 7:00 am in Pastor's office.