

# FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Pastor's Word

The word for December is "celebrate".

To celebrate is to 'show honor to' through the expression of joy and gratitude.

Heaven celebrates when a lost person is saved. (Luke 15:7, 10)

The Father celebrates when a wayward child comes home. (Luke 15:13-24, 32)

His church celebrates when we are a part of God working to bring salvation to someone who was lost in sin. We celebrate when God works to bring a child who has wandered to a moment of repentance and return.

We also celebrate in December the birth of the One who makes salvation possible. We celebrate the birth of Jesus.

As Isaiah prophesied... ***"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."*** Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

And the Angel announced... ***"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*** Luke 2:8-14 NIV

As Isaiah had prophesied and the angel announced - **we celebrate the birth of Jesus!**

Janice and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Jerry*



### Operation Christmas Child

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** Through your support – financial, crafting, and packed boxes – our church was able to donate 57 boxes to **Operation Christmas Child**. I know that each child that receives one of those boxes will be blessed, not only with toys and necessities but with the Good News of Jesus Christ!



### December Verse of the Month

<sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Galatians 4:4-5 NLT

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# North American Mission Board

## Prayer Calendar - December 2020

**Ian and Natalie Underhile**  
*Chaplain / United States Navy*  
Honolulu, HI



Pray for our ministry as a family to the men and women who serve our country in the military. Pray we would have conviction and courage to be witnesses of our Savior in a culture that needs truth.

**Kevin and Jenn Lott**  
*Church Planter*  
East Bridge Church  
Portland, OR



Pray God would give East Bridge favor in Southeast Portland and we would be faithful to make disciples. Pray we would have compassion and love for those in our city.

**Chaomin "Jimmy" and Li "Lydia" Liu**  
*Church Planter*  
Toronto Grace Missional Church  
Markham, ON



Pray Toronto Grace Missional Church becomes a pipeline for equipping and sending out more of God's missionaries.

**Kevin and Julie Cody**  
*Church Planter*  
H2O Church of Bloomington  
Bloomington, IN



Pray for H2O Church to have an impact for the gospel on the campus of Indiana University. Pray for a core of 25 freshmen and 25 other students to be a part of H2O Church.

We are still offering the following on the church's Facebook page at **First Southern Baptist Church**:

- "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB

Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor Jerry and/or Janice Lanford.

The church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving.

*A Pinned Note  
from the Pastor's  
Wife*



This month we observe the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. And even though we are not meeting together on campus as the church body we are still the body of Christ. And He calls us to be part of the mission of the church in whatever way possible.



**REVELATION 7:9**

I want to encourage you to give as you are able financially to the LMCO this month. Just drop it by the church office, or mail it to the church.

