

**This month's ushers** are Jared Gober, Al Morgan, Ed Masterton, and Tim Cook. **This month's counting team** is Rodney Workman, Owen Parker, and Tim Cook. **Today's security walk** is Avery Lambert. Security walk for next Sunday is Tommy Furr. **Extended session workers** for today are Barry and Debbie Lanham (birth- 1) and Melissa and Carsen Masterton (2's and 3's). Workers for next Sunday are Peggy Seamone and Dot Williams (birth-1) and Ann Russell and Beth Hilton (2's – 3's).

**Stewardship report for Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Our Time and Talents:** Sunday School: 78 (58 members, 6 visitors); Worship: 176

**Our Financial Resources:** Budget Offering: \$3,668.00 (required weekly \$4,876.65)

Lottie Moon Offering: \$87.00

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Sunday, December 18**

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 21**

No Activities

**Thursday, December 22**

Church Office Closed

**Church Staff:**

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**The Worship of God**

**December 18, 2016**

- Prelude Christmas Meditation
- Call to Worship No. 94 *How Great Our Joy!*
- Welcome Rev. Tyson
- Invocation Ed Estridge
- Children's Time Rev. Rodney Hughes

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Shepherds Candle

Luke 2:15-16

- Offertory Prayer Rev. Tyson
- Worship Through the Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings and the Ingathering and Dedication of Our Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Offertory Music Tammy Lambert

ULBC Praise Team presents  
*When Love Crossed Over*

- Benediction Rev. Tyson

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**Welcome to this service of worship. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, may the glorious good news of Christ's birth full us with love as we remember the true meaning of Christmas.** If you are visiting with us today, would like more information about our church, and/or have a special prayer request, please take a few moments to complete one of the welcome cards located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to use a **hearing assisted device**, please see the sound system operator. **Activity bags** are available for children up to first grade. Activity bags and contents are to be returned at the end of the service.

**Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel within our church families:** Matthew Earley (John and Mary Earley's son), Zach Graves (Tammy Ward's nephew), John Simmons (Doris Carpenter's grandson) John Brubaker (John Brubaker's son), James Williams (Jeff and Sheila Williams' son), Daniel Anselmo, Caitlyn Lawrence  
**Prayer Concerns:** our nation and leadership, our military personnel and families, Doug Flowe (Royal Park of Matthews), Ann Stikeleather (Lake Park, Indian Trail), Brad Little (Kevin Little's brother), Barbara Robbins, William Ritchie – CMC Main (friend of Rev. Tyson), Letha Coggins (Wayne Allen's mother), Donna Anderson (Lynn Flowe's sister), Cheryl Kestner (Barbara Robbins' niece), Cindy Benton, Danny Seamone, Ann Russell – CMC NorthEast

If you placed a **poinsettia** in our sanctuary this holiday season, we respectfully request that you leave your poinsettia in our sanctuary until the end of tonight's service.

Today is the ingathering and dedication of our gifts to this year's **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Please make sure that your envelope is clearly marked with your name, amount enclosed, designated for this offering.

The children's ministry advisory board is sponsoring a **church cookbook**. Today is the deadline for all recipe submissions. Information/recipe submission forms are available on the sanctuary side tables and hallway tables.

Today is the deadline for all information for the **January 2017 newsletter**.

There will be **no Wednesday activities** this Wednesday and Wednesday, December 28.

## *Christmas Candlelight Service*

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.**

## *Christmas Day Worship*

**Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.**

**No Sunday school.**

The **United Breakfast Group** will not meet this Thursday or on Thursday, December 29. They will resume their weekly meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

The **church office** will be closed Thursday through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holidays.

Sunday, December 25 is this month's **Baptist Sharing House collection date**.

In 2017 ... **Read Through the Bible** – Our church family is encouraged to read through the Bible in 2017. A reading plan is available on the sanctuary tables.

**Assigned offering envelopes for 2017** are available on the sanctuary hallway table. If you would like a box of envelopes and have not been assigned one, please contact the church office.

In order for your contributions to be credited to your **2016 giving record**, they must be included in the Sunday offerings during the month of December, delivered to the church office or postmarked by December 31. Any contribution received after these dates will be credited in 2017. Please make sure that your contributions are enclosed in an envelope and clearly marked with your name and amount enclosed.

Thank you for your financial support of Chris Estridge's Eagle Scout project to install a **flag pole area** in the front of the church. Project goal is \$5,000.00. Funds received to date total \$3,501.00

*Thank you to all our church family for the words of love, acts of kindness and prayers of support during our recent loss. You both bless and strengthen us.*

*Al and Carol Rasberry*

*Lois Hoggard, Bettie Greene, Karen McManus, Eudenia Hilton, Marguerite Walsh, Kay Eudy, and Cindy Benton would like to thank their church family for their delicious fruit baskets. Your kind and generous thoughtfulness throughout the year and especially during the Christmas season is greatly appreciated.*