

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, pick up an order form on the foyer table and return it to Brenda Savage by Sunday, December 3.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—The “Post Office” is set up in the foyer if you want to “send” a Christmas card to church friends. The money saved on postage makes a great gift to Lottie Moon!

MISSIONS—Please join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. Ladies meet downstairs in Jack Henderson’s classroom and the men meet in the sanctuary for Bible study. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—Join us for caroling on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH NEWS—The Children’s Church Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday, December 31, children will stay in the sanctuary during the morning worship service. See Candace for a worship folder.

2018 NURSERY SIGN-UP—Volunteers are needed to work in Nursery 1 and 2 for next year. Sign-up sheets are on the foyer table.

THE ARMOR OF GOD—Ladies, a new Bible study by Priscilla Shirer will start in February! If you would like to have a workbook, please contact Debbie Hartmann.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—All men are welcome on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Burger King.

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL—Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Joyful Ladies room.

AGAPE HOUSE—Items currently needed are macaroni and cheese, canned soup, canned fruit, healthy cereals and quick snacks for children, empty egg cartons, toilet paper, tissues and school supplies.

Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
& Children’s Church
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Burger King)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Revival

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Ingathering Service

Sunday, December 24
6:00 p.m.



Make plans to attend this special worship service as we celebrate our Savior’s birth and give our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions so that others will hear the Gospel of Christ.



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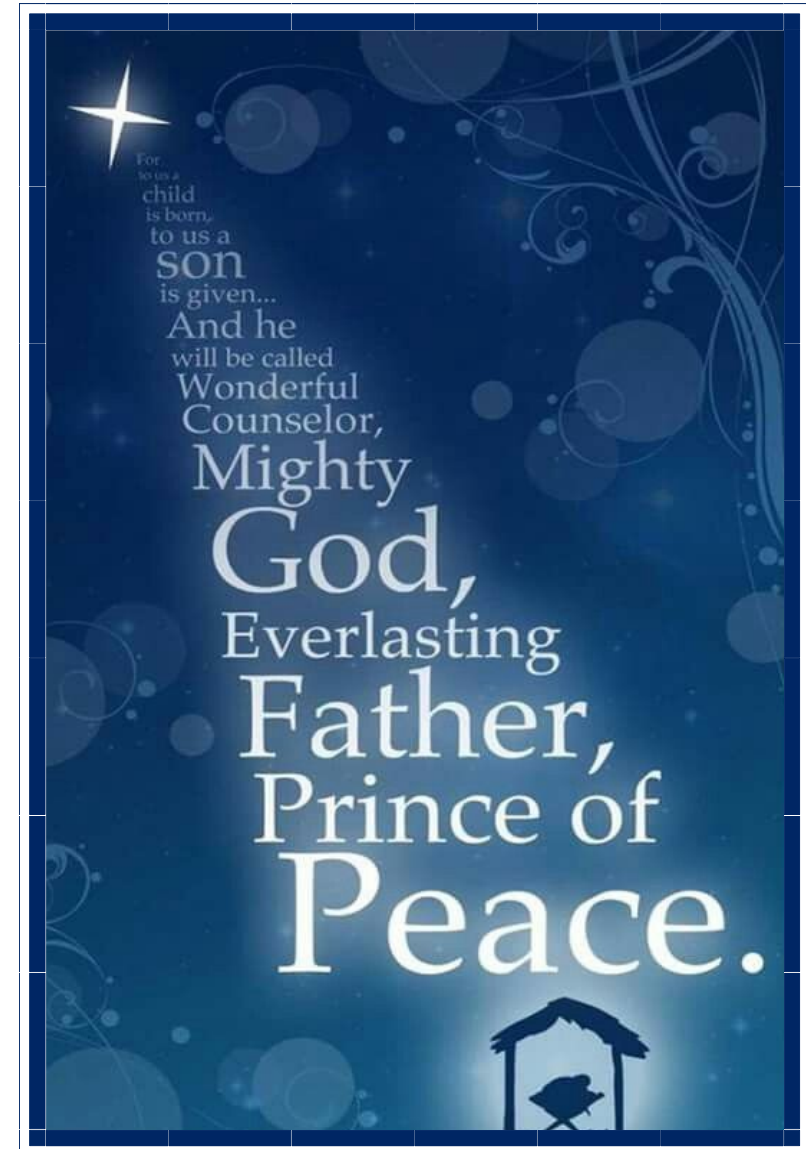
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From Your Pastor's Heart

CHRISTMAS: WHAT IF? Christmas can be a wonderful season with all the lights and decorations or parties and presents. But have you ever wondered "What if?" when it comes to Christmas? For example, what if Christmas is a core value of belief in a personal God who lived among us, and it is His freely given promise of eternal salvation that no one should reject it or apologize for it? What if Christmas is a rebirth of Christ in the hearts of all believers? What if Christmas is the possible rebirth of Christ in every heart that will have Him? What if Jesus Christ was born over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem? What if He is truly God and truly man at the same time?

What if this is a mystery and a miracle? What if this all came about as part of God's plan for the salvation of people like you and me? What if Jesus was sent into this world to pay for our sins by giving Himself as a sacrifice? What if His life was the most critical turning point in human history? What if the reason we live is that He died for us?

What if after He died, He rose from the dead? What if He was murdered by the government because it feared a revolt if it did not murder Him? What if the government thought He was crazy when He said He was a king, but His kingdom was not of this world? What if He was not crazy but divine? What if when He said that He could forgive sins, He was referring to Himself as God?

What if He is one of the three persons of the triune God? What if the power He possessed was used only for the good of others? What if He really did give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, walking to the crippled, hope to the hopeless, courage to the weak and even life to the dead?

What if He knew all along how utterly painful the end of His life on earth would be but He neither feared nor avoided it? What if most of the world that He came to save has rejected Him? What if He still loves those who have rejected Him? What if He still offers

them salvation? What if Jesus came to set us free from the bondage and judgment of sin?

What if the one and only true God made us in His own image and likeness? What if the world was full of darkness before He came into it? What if there is darkness still today but yet much light in Him? What if we recognize that He is the "Light of the World"? What if Christmas is the birthday of the Son of God? What if the God who came as a baby in a manger whose birthday we celebrate is the Savior of the world? What if we don't hide this but live it out before others?

What if we say with our hearts and mean with our words—**Merry Christmas**? I pray each member of the St. Clair Southern family will have a blessed Christmas season as we rejoice again in the GREATEST of all GIFTS—the gift of God's Son.



Bro. Bill



Agape House needs donations of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 1-13, especially 9-13, or cash for toys. Wrapping paper and tape are also needed. Please bring items to the foyer by Sunday, December 17. Hundreds of children receive Christmas gifts through Agape House each year, so your help will be greatly appreciated.



OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$3,000

Purpose: In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman, Lottie Moon, who had urged them to start it.

Why this strange indifference to missions? Why these scant contributions? Why does money fail to be forthcoming when approved men and women are asking to be sent to proclaim the 'unsearchable riches of Christ' to the heathen?— Lottie Moon, October 3, 1887, Pingtu, China

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Did you know every dollar of your generous gift to the LMCO goes directly to support missionaries on the field? You can be an active part of missions work all over the world when you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...Take a Stand Help Others



Sign up in the foyer to ring bells at **Save-a-Lot** on **Friday, December 15** and at **Country Mart** on **Saturday, December 16**. To volunteer on a different day, please call Christine at 636-629-3500 ext. 1000. The entire schedule can be viewed at www.stcmo.org.