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Finishing Strong—the Magi Meet the Messiah



*By Carl Peters
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There are many compelling characters in the Christmas story. Among them are the Magi from the east. These men were probably advisors to greater kings who were given authority over smaller regions. In a sense they may well have been vassal kings. We know they were star gazers who consulted the books of prophecy, for they knew the approximate time that the Hebrew Messiah was to come. They knew to follow the star that would lead them to Him. And they knew they didn't want to miss His arrival.

After journeying, perhaps for months, they arrived in Jerusalem and met with King Herod. They assumed that, surely, all of Judea would be awaiting the arrival of the Promised One. Their question, "Where is He who is born King of the Jews?" reveals their assumption. Rather than offering an answer, Herod

and all of Jerusalem were troubled. After consulting his "wise men," they declared that Bethlehem was the place prophecy revealed as the birthplace of the King. So, Herod instructed the Magi to, "go and see this thing that has come to pass, and then bring word that we may worship him also."

Off they went to finish what they had started. Again, the Star showed them exactly where to go. To Bethlehem, the City of David, they went. Sure enough, they found Mary and the baby Jesus. When they saw Him, they fell down and worshiped the humble King. Then, they presented the baby with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Not only did they start well, by reading the Word of God which helped them to prepare, proceed and pursue the Presence of the Messiah, but when they found Him,

they finished well. They presented their offerings to the Christ-child. When the Magi departed, they didn't go back to Herod. Instead, they returned a different way. What an amazing point. The path of their lives was not the same, nor would it ever be. They had met the King!

As we move through these days toward the celebration of Christmas, we have started well. We have focused on the Word of God. We are preparing our hearts, proceeding ever onward, and pursuing His Presence. I pray that we will finish well. That we will bring our gifts and present them to the Christ-child. Our Christ for Christmas offering will be vital for us as we, like the Magi, seek to offer the King a fitting tribute. And, I pray, that like those wise men from the east, the path of our lives will be changed and that we will never be the same again. Let's finish well!

Family and Children Events!



*By Daulton Peters
Youth Ministry*

I have very much enjoyed the challenge of leading the children's and youth ministries here at Anchor this year. We had a wonderful music and missions program led by Renee Peters, Sherri Browne and Jackie Littrell. Also, our AWANA ministry had some good attendance, and we are hoping to continue to grow in numbers after our break for Christmas! Some upcoming events that

we are having for the youth and children will be a live nativity on the 12th of December from 5-8 pm. There will be hot chocolate, snacks, games and a chance to display the nativity scene in front of the church. I am also planning to have a church wide caroling event the evening of December the 19th. If you have someone you would like to be part of our evening there will be a list in the foyer of the sanctuary. Please write

down the name and address of the person. Please pray for our children and youth as well as the volunteers we have working with them. If you are interested in volunteering for the children's or youth ministry, please reach out to me. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the nursery as well. I am excited for the advent season and looking forward to the new year. Thank you for your continued support and merry Christmas!

Church Family Information—December

Birthdays:

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| 1 James Berry | 23 Taylor York |
| Shirley Durbin | Zachary York |
| Paula Williams | 27 Sue Royse |
| Jerry Wilson | 28 James Soper |
| 2 Gussi Smith | Marsha Wells |
| 3 Cathy Akers | 29 Jennifer Quillen |
| Linda Ledford | 31 Amara Landolt |

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| 6 Don Kelley |
| 7 Norma Brown |
| 10 Lesa Denniston |
| 12 Mark Jorgensen |
| 13 Debbie Edwards |
| 18 Bart Akers |
| 19 Chuck Whitlow |
| 21 Bettye Neal |
| Dee Dee Ritchie |

Anniversaries:

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| 17 Patrick & Ashley Hostetter |
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Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!

Upcoming Events!



Anchor's youth and children will present a live nativity on December 12 from 5-8 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, snacks, games and a chance to display the nativity scene in front of the church.



Sunday, December 19
Time TBA

Please sign up at the Welcome Table

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Appalachian Winter

A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

By Joseph M. Martin

The Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present Appalachian Winter on Sunday, December 19 at the 11:00 a.m. service!



All are welcome to attend!



On Sunday, November 7 Anchor honored Ida Slusher on her retirement from Eastern KY University with a surprise reception in the ARC. Congratulations Ida!

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News– Missions

It's Christmas! Time for Celebrating Christ and Giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Support of His Work Internationally, a Work in which Anchor Baptist has been blessed with exciting opportunities!

Lottie Moon was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840. She was named Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her "Lottie." She grew to be a cultured and educated woman. In 1873, she obeyed God's call to go to China to share the gospel. Lottie spent most of her years in Tengchow and P'ingtu, China. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like the Chinese people. The Chinese people respected Lottie as she labored tirelessly so the people with whom she worked could know Jesus. God used her work to bring many Chinese to Christ. Lottie loved the Chinese people. She often made personal sacrifices to help the Chinese. When there was not enough food for the people, Lottie gave away her food. Lottie (1887) stated, "Why should we not...do something that will

prove that we are really in earnest in claiming to be followers of Him who, though He was rich, for our sake became poor". She ate so little that she suffered from malnutrition. She became very sick. A missionary nurse was bringing her home to the United States to see a doctor when Lottie died on board a ship in the harbor at Kobe, Japan. She died on December 24, 1912. She was 72 years old.



While she lived in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now called the International Mission Board/IMB). She wrote to Baptist women asking for more missionaries. She asked for more money to continue and grow mission work among the Chinese. Because she was so determined, beginning in 1888, the Woman's Missionary Union began collecting an annual Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign

Mission Board to support missionaries among unreached populations around the world. In 1919, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, the offering was named for Lottie Moon. Today it is called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions. This year's 2021 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® theme is "Let's Advance

God's Kingdom Together" – "Together as Great Commission Baptists, we can bring help and hope to a hurting world. Together we will advance the kingdom of God." Our prayers and support assist in transforming lives for Christ. May we pray and may we give. The national goal for 2021 is \$185 million; Anchor's goal is \$3,000. Let's work together and exceed this goal!

**Adapted from the SBC IMB & WMU websites (2015-2021)*



By Ida L. Slusher, Director, Women's Missionary Union & Chair, Missions Committee

Lottie Moon Offering
Let's Advance God's Kingdom
Together
Anchor's Goal is \$3,000.00

Media News

At the start of this Advent Season I want to honor another one of our fantastic volunteers on the media team, Cathy Akers. Cathy is such a blessing to all of us. She sings with joy on the ensemble team and also helps us run Pastor Carl's Power Point most Sundays at the Convergence 8:45 and the 11 a.m. Sunday services. Cathy was blessed in getting a special gift this Thanksgiving with the arrival of her third grandchild. A granddaughter named, Kayslee Madison Dotson, born November 20. She was 4 lbs. & 7 oz. & 21 3/4 inches long. She was born at 8:18 a.m. to Kayla Dotson (Cathy's daughter).



Cathy has been announcing on Facebook about this new granddaughter. She also loves to mention her Savior Jesus often. Cathy loves Jesus with all her heart. She

loves to sing and proclaim His goodness to her. I just want to take this opportunity here at the end of the year in the last Moorings to thank Cathy and all our great volunteers on the media team. Without Larry Vance, Katrina Stevens and my wife Dee Dee Jackson, so much of what happens behind the scenes from week to week at Anchor would not be possible. Technology and CD/DVD's are great but it takes a team to run the cameras, computers and sound for recording the live service and also after the service copy the CDs and DVDs for all our members and folks that can't make it to the Sunday service in person. Pastor Paul also fills in for me when I can't be there on Wednesdays, running the computer. Pastor Paul, as you know also runs the chat lines for Pastor Carl during the streaming of Facebook videos to stay in touch with all our folks watching each service Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

Finally, I just purchased a new computer and monitor at Best Buy on today's Cyber deals to improve our Facebook broadcast even more each week. I've been using my laptop but it's just about worn out since we've been doing the streaming video since COVID hit in 2020. Hard to believe we have been doing this that long. It certainly takes a team of media volunteers to pull this off at Anchor Baptist. I am so grateful for this team and their hard work and dedication to show up faithfully each week and serve Jesus Christ in his church. Larry, Katrina, Dee Dee, Pastor Paul, Connie Wooten and Renee Peters all help with this vital ministry. Thank you so much! We couldn't do it without you. You are a blessing to all of us here at Anchor Baptist Church and do so much behind the scenes that no one ever sees. I pray you have a great Advent and Christmas season and a Happy New Year to come in 2022!



*By Phil Jackson
Music and Media*

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