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LOOKING FORWARD...

Christmas is a time for us to be reminded about our Savior who came and made Himself vulnerable to the sinful world that we live in. In Hebrews 4:15, 16 it tells us that:

Therefore, since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need....

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Mark your calendars for December 10th for the Christmas Dinner. Whip up your favorite holiday dish to bring that morning. The church will supply the meat and drinks. We will eat after the morning worship service.



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A Stewardship Moment



The month of December always celebrates our foreign mission work through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Southern Baptists have gone around the world carrying the message of salvation through the cooperative work of every participating church. Churches of all sizes have equal participation as the offering is divided up by percentages. Our dollars are as big as the largest church in the convention. God inspired this method of giving which allows our missionaries to stay on the mission field. Other missionary groups have to come home ever so often to enlist financial help before they can go back. By the generosity of Baptists at home our missionaries do not have to worry about finances. Our goal this year is \$750. Remember to pray for our mission work and those who serve in the various ways that God has opened for the spreading of His Holy Word.



Sometimes marriage to a special price for his wife. Moffatt Livingstone, wife of

the most celebrated missionary in the Western world. Mary was born in Africa as the daughter of Robert Moffatt, the missionary who inspired Livingstone to go to Africa. The Livingstones were married in Africa in 1845, but the years that followed were difficult for Mary. Finally, she and their six children returned to England so she could recuperate as Livingstone plunged deeper into the African interior. Unfortunately, even in England Mary lived in near poverty. The hardships and long separations took their toll on Mrs. Livingstone, who died when she was just forty-two.

great leader comes with a Such was the case for Mary Dr. David Livingstone, perhaps



DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Dinner -10th

Business meeting-13th

Christmas Musical-17th

Christmas Eve Service-24th



December Celebrations



Jon Sutter	2
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Pat Croyle	13
Jon & Melissa Sutter	22
Donnie Simpson	26
Barbara Ralph	26

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Matthew 6:33

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In New York's Hayden Planetarium a special Christmas holiday show was enhanced by an added feature. A giant lollipop tree was projected onto the planetarium dome, surrounded by a horizon filled with brilliantly colored toys which came to life and cavorted to the tune of "Jingle Bells." At the climax a huge figure of Santa Claus faded out in a snow storm, and the star of Bethlehem broke through into a sky that produced exactly the Palestine sky on the night of the nativity. The designer of this show may not realize that he dramatically staged the supreme Christmas message our world needs to understand: The recovery of the lost meaning of Christmas. This is not said in any criticism of Santa Claus; the effect must have delighted the hearts of all the children who saw it, without doing violence to their love of Bethlehem. But for adults it is a tragic loss to substitute "Jingle Bells" for "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," and a lollipop tree for the manger of Bethlehem. The instinct is right to fade out these things in the light of the Christmas star. It is about God's incarnation that the angels sing--God with us.

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