

## CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY

December 8 - Roy and Margaret McCampbell

(Room Preparation)

December 10 - Roberta Hains and Cathy Charles

## USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Brad & Ava Shepard, Derek & Gentry Davis  
Ron and Stephanie Lobaugh

## SERVING GOD ON SUNDAY

### Greeters at the Door

9:45 - Chris & Beth Blumhorst

### Bus Transportation

Frank Pautz

### Deacons of the Week

8:00 - Larry Godsey

10:00 - Carl Crawford

### Nursery/Extended Session

Toni Corkill and Cathy Charles

## Sunday - December 9, 2018

### Morning Worship

8:00 am, 10:00 am

Music (8:00) Judi Hodges  
(10:00) Worship Choir

Message Dr. Mike Parris

Preaching through the Book of James

**"Prayer Is The Key"**

James 5:13-18 [M13]

### Evening Worship

6:00 pm

Music Ruth Ann Anderson  
Message Dr. Mike Parris

**"The Big Deal About Christmas!"**

Philippians 2:5-11

## PEANUT BUTTER REPORT

### Saline County Christmas Holiday Project

If you have not brought your jar of peanut butter for the **Christmas Holiday Project**, please do so as our time is running out. We are still in need of **75 more jars**. We will be taking our peanut butter to the Martin Center on **December 12**. These will be distributed among 400 families in need, or about 1200 individuals on **December 13**. **Thank you!**

### ..... **Every Church! Every Nation!**

Our church has a vital role to play in reaching every nation. The Lottie Moon Offering is a critical part of that.

In just the last year, your prayers and gifts helped IMB missionaries to:

*plant 12,005 churches  
train 14,817 Pastors  
baptize 46,495 new believers*

**Together, we can reach every nation. Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!**

## ..... CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 23 ~

**Christmas Musical**

**10:00 am Worship only** (no 8:00 am)

No Evening Service

December 24 ~

**Candle Light Service and**

**The Lord's Supper 6:00 pm**

December 26 ~

No Wednesday evening activities

December 30 ~

**10:00 am Worship only** (no 8:00 am)

**Movie Night at 5:30 pm**

## MEN'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, December 8**

**7:00 am ~ Library**

You are invited to join the men of our church to *begin the day and end the week* with prayer and fellowship. We pray for spiritual wisdom, strength and guidance. We also lift up the many needs of America, our city and our church family.

**All men are welcome to attend.**

### ..... **TeamKID Caroling and Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 12**

**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

*Hartland Residential Care,  
Blosser Home, Westport Assisted Living,  
and Highland Residential Care*

**Parents are invited to join!**

The last Wednesday night for **TeamKID** this year is **December 12**. **TeamKID** will resume on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019**.

# MOVE

**DNOW WEEKEND  
2018**

**SPEAKER:**

**KYLE KING**

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**TODD JEROME**

**JANUARY 4-6**

**\$20**

**REGISTRATION AND FEE**

**DUE DECEMBER 16**

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

It has been said that "prayer is the key to unlocking God's prevailing power in your life." Possibly no one in Jerusalem was more qualified to speak on the subject of prayer than James. Ecclesiastical history records these words, "*James used to enter alone into the temple and be found kneeling and praying for forgiveness for the people, so that his knees grew hard like a camel's because of his constant worship of God. So often did he pray that he was referred to as 'Old Camel Knees,' because he developed knots on his knees from long seasons of prayer.*"

In **James 5:7-12**, the word "patience" is used 7 times. In the passage **5:13-20**, the word "prayer" appears 7 times. When situations arise where patience is required, **prayer is the key.**

If we begin to master the discipline of prayer, our spiritual lives will soar! It is estimated that most Christians pray 3-5 minutes a day. Take out the mealtime prayers and that amount probably goes down to even less time than that in prayer. If you want to discover just how far you need to go in your prayer life, let me suggest the following test:

**1) Compare the time you spend complaining or worrying to the time you spend praying.**

**2) Compare the time you spend talking to people about other people to the time you spend talking to God about other people.**

You should now have a pretty good idea where you are in your prayer life. We all need to get better, a lot better, at praying. God has so ordered His world that there are many things He will not do in the life of the Christian apart from prayer.

James is concluding his work with a very strong exhortation to prayer. It was Jim Elliot who wrote, "*The saint who advances on his knees never retreats.*" The question is asked, "**How do you spell relief?**" **P - R - A - Y**. The song writer said, "*In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*"

I will see you in church on Sunday!

*Pastor Mike*

<b>STATISTICS (for December 2, 2018)</b>	
Bible Study Groups	175
Morning Worship 8:00 64 10:00 196	260
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$9,927.00
Sunday Budget Receipts	\$11,065.43
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$5,108.50
FBC Goal of LMCO	\$10,500.00
LMCO received to Date	\$6,196.50
Building Fund	\$50.00

**First Baptist Church receives Sherry Bethel as our newest member.** Last week, Sherry united with our Church Family by Statement. She accepted Jesus as Savior and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Windsor, Mo. **We welcome Sherry!**

**Thank you to the Flower Committee ...** (Sheila Ruff, Pam Musgrave, Lori Godsey) for decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas. We appreciate the time and effort you have committed to make our auditorium look so beautiful! *Thank you.*

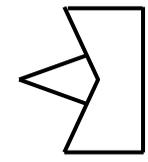
**Calendar Correction!**

The December calendar had the Finance Meeting on December 11th and the Church Business Meeting on December 12; those dates have been changed to the **Finance Meeting - December 18th and Church Business Meeting - December 19.**

**“Pastor Appreciation”**

*“We want to say ‘Thank You’ for the gifts of love and appreciation that you presented to your Pastors over Thanksgiving. We love and appreciate our Church Family.”*

*Pastor Mike, Wayne and Kyle*



**CHURCH STAFF**

- PASTOR . . . . . DR. MICHAEL B. PARRIS
- EDUCATION/MUSIC . . . . . WAYNE DOOLIN
- YOUTH PASTOR . . . . . KYLE KING
- CHURCH SECRETARY . . . . . JEANIE TUCKER
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The Lottie Moon offering is crucial in supporting nearly 3,700 full-time missionaries, who are key strategic workers in some of the most trying areas on earth. Every dollar given to the offering goes directly to the International Mission Board overseas budget, which directly supports our missionaries and their work. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering demonstrates an obedience to the Great Commission. We rejoice knowing these dollars will turn into seeds planted for the Gospel.

**FBC Goal: \$10,500.**  
**LMCO to Date: \$6,196.50**