

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than December 4th. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary December 9th through Christmas Eve.

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS TEA:** Sponsored by the Dover WMU Sunday, December 2nd 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. @ New Highland Baptist Church, 9200 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville. The event is free. Please make reservations with Anita Roy (804) 843-4147 by Friday November 30th.

**LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE:** The Lottie Moon Post Office will open Sunday, December 2nd. This is a great way to send and receive Christmas cards from active members or current visitors and our shut-ins. Place your cards alphabetically in the sorter found in the hallway behind the choir loft. Please pick up your cards as you mail cards to others. A donation of 25 cents per card is requested. All proceeds go the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** Plan to join us on Sunday night, December 16 for our Christmas Cantata "Peace Has Come". Following the musical there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies and the church will provide the beverage. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this special Christmas celebration!

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you would like to place flowers in the church sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone during the 2019 calendar year, please contact Shirley in the church office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** A huge thank you to everyone that was involved in the Operation Christmas Child Ministry this year! It is a lot of hard work and it could not happen without the help of many people. I especially want to thank Jimmy and Susan Lehman for their leadership at the New Bethesda Collection Center. They work many tireless hours to keep things going for all of us. All the prayers, food and workers that came to help were greatly appreciated. We collected 12,693 at New Bethesda and a total of 26,751 for the entire Richmond East Area. God Bless you all, Brenda Evans, Area Team Coordinator

**NEW BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH:** The mission of New Bethesda is to be an exciting fellowship of Christians dedicated to exalting Christ, reaching lost souls. We desire to be biblically directed and relevant, growing and maturing Christians who are addressing the needs of the families of our community.

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# First Sunday of Advent

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**WELCOME TO NEW BETHESDA!**



If you are a guest with us for the first time today, we warmly welcome you! To find out more about New Bethesda, ask an usher, visit our website or fill out a Visitor's Card and drop it in the offering plate and we'll be in touch later this week. May God bless your time with us in worship today!

Morning Worship

December 2, 2018

Welcome/Announcements Caleb Bittler

Prelude "Away in a Manager"

\*Call to Worship The Meaning of Advent  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation Jim Lehman

\*Praise Hymn #88 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 & 3)

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis Rae Duke

Children's Sermon/Lighting of the Advent Wreath Bettiann Aylor

Hanging of the Christmas Green

Hymn # 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1& 4)

Lightning of the Sanctuary Candles and Chrismon Tree

\*Offertory Hymn #103 "Away in a Manger (verses 1 & 3)

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offering Pam Mann

\*Doxology #253 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Morning Prayer Rev. Todd Combee

Anthem "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Choir

Message "The Purpose of Christmas" Rev. Todd Combee  
1 John 1:1-4

\*Hymn of Response #91 "Silent Night" (verses 1 & 4)

Postlude

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\*Congregation Stand *1John 1: 3*  
*"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and us with his Son, Jesus Christ."*

Opportunities for the Week

Today	9:15 am	Deacon Prayer Time
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Open Music Rehearsal
Wednesday	3:00 pm	"Son-Shine Days"
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	6:45 pm	Prayer Meeting/Cookie Auction
	6:45 pm	CA's, Mission Friends, Youth Impact
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:00 pm	A.A./Al-Anon Christmas Party in Ministry Center
Friday	6:00 pm	Covenant Class Christmas Party in Ministry Center
Saturday	6:00 pm	Deacon's Christmas Dinner

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**Deacon of the Month:** Jim Lehman

**Nursery:** Sunday School - Betsy Rountree, Francis Cabiness  
Worship: Susanna, Hannah & Betsy Rountree

Attendance: (11/25/2018) Worship -137 Sunday School - 120

FIANCIAL INFORMATION (JAN. - DEC. 2018):

Offering on Sunday (11/25/2018):	6,908.72
Weekly Budget Needs:	7,967.00
As of 11/25/2018): Offerings YTD	364,691
Budget YTD	<u>374,449</u>
	(9,758)

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** The menu for dinner on Wednesday, December 5th will be: Fried Chicken, potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert & beverages. Please sign up today if you are not on our permanent list (include your name and number attending dinner) or call the church office **no later than noon on Monday**. Cost is \$6/adult, \$3 child (11 & under), max \$18/household.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATION MISSIONS/LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal this year is \$7,500.00. The theme for the offering is "Every Church - Every Nation". Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we help to support over 3,600 missionaries and enable disciples to be made and churches to be multiplied around the world. Every penny given to this offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the hope and grace we have in Jesus Christ.

**LOTTIE MOON COOKIE AUCTION:** This Wednesday, December 5th following our dinner, we will be having an auction of homemade baked goods to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Show off your baking skills and bring a plate full of cookies or cake and our own Glen Muse will be the auctioneer.

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING:** There will be a special called business meeting on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:45 pm to vote on the 2019 church budget and to hear a recommendation from the Deacons.