NORTH FLORIDA BAPTIST NETWORK E-LINK

DECEMBER 2023

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER **DECEMBER 3-10, 2023**



100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® enable gospel transformation among the unreached.

GOD'S WORK THROUGH US IN 2022

122 **Countries**

728,589 People heard the gospel

178,177 **New believers** 21.231 **New churches**

102.417 **Baptisms**

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Matthew 2:6 (NIV)

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" (Micah 5:2,4)

When Matthew quotes the words of the prophet Micah, he provides a new perspective for Christian readers of the Old Testament. Jesus, the deliverer, has come to this world; He is the new Shepherd of God's sheep, offering peace from external enemies and a life of security. Jesus the Messiah, of the lineage of David, is above all the gift of God to this world. This gift is for all, and for those who feel shut in on every side. like the Israelite citizens of Jerusalem who first heard these words of Micah, Jesus brings the prospect of deliverance and security. This is the essence of the Christmas message: God sends His Son, a gift to a besieged world, through whom deliverance will come.

The legacy of Micah's prophecy and the fulfillment of it through our Lord Jesus Christ reminds us of the faithfulness of God. As we look to the past, we see abundant evidence of the mighty hand of God working in and through His people, and we can have assurance that He is with us. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, may we allow God to use us as His vessels of peace and love to everyone we encounter this Christmas season and throughout the year.

From our family to your family Merry Christ

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Season Greetings From Your Network Catalyst., Rev. Rafael Murillo and Family





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PASTORS December BIRTHDAYS

3rd: Michael Federico, Administrative Pastor, The Orchard Community Church 4th: Gary Croxton, Pastor, Countryside Baptist Church 5th: Michael Mosby, Music Minister, First Baptist Church Lake City 19th: Daniel Morris, Children's Pastor, Parkview Baptist Church 25th: JESUS, Our Savior 30th: Bo Hammock, Pastor, The Vineyard

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK TOTALS Lake City: 3,774 Boxes | Suwannee Valley Area: 20,074

This does not include shoeboxes built online or brought in late. Donors can build shoeboxes online through December 31, 2023. We will receive the online totals in January 2024.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA ELIM BAPTIST CHURCH



the CRADLE, the CROSS, and the CROWN

Please Join Us For Our Christmas Cantata

HIS CRADLE, HIS CROSS AND HIS CROWN

Sunday, December 17, 2023 11:00 AM

> 3435 SW Elim Church Road Fort White, Florida 32038 Contact: 386-497-1972



Happy Birthday!

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH PARKVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

New Session begins January 19, 2024 Fridays @ 2:00 PM Parkview Baptist Church Room A6 The Bible Study is "Forever Changed" cost \$19.99. The First Place for Health kit is a one time cost of \$69.99 for newcomers.

Contact Mary White at 352-246-2023 or by email: armetme@gmail.com.

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For unto you is born this day in the

city of David a Savoir, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11