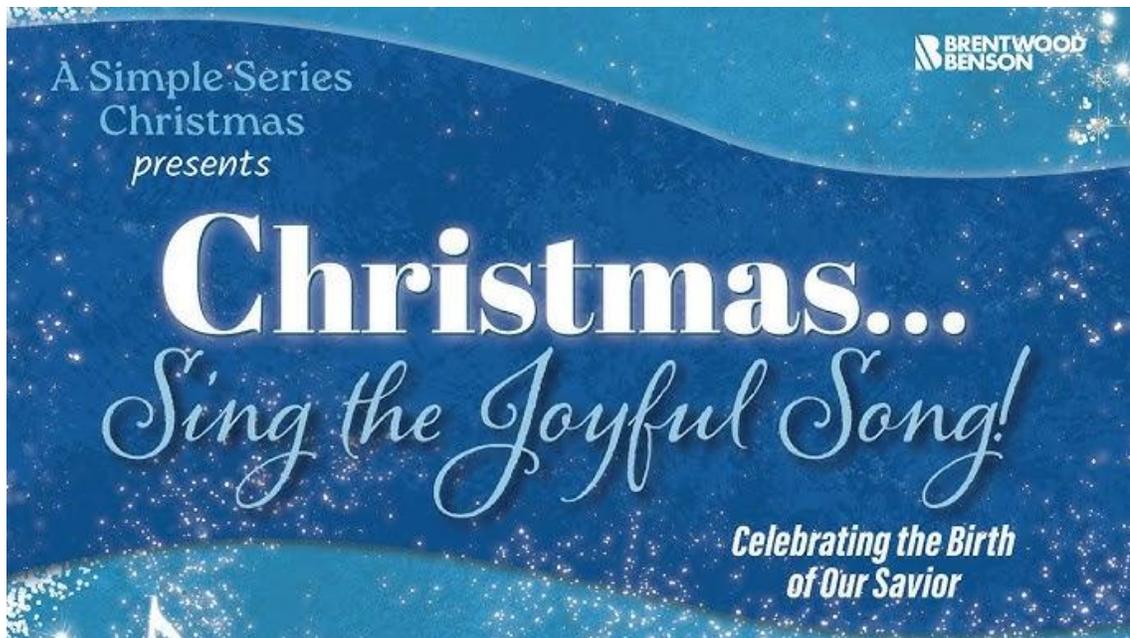


# *Winns' Messenger*

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Our Christmas choir and Set Apart student worship team have been working very hard on the upcoming Christmas musical, "Christmas... Sing the joyful song!"

Little Lambs and Masterpiece Kids will also be performing in this concert. Make plans to join us on Sunday December 14th at 6:00 PM to celebrate the birth of our Savior together!

## **Have a family Christmas anyway!**

Dear Church Family,

As we once again move into the Christmas season, I am aware that the celebrations aren't as fun for some as others. And when I speak of fun, family and especially children, come to mind. They definitely bring a level of energy and excitement that just doesn't exist without them! I know that our empty newter home is pretty subdued on Christmas day when it is just my sweetheart and me. Then, when the grandchildren breach the perimeter, the house pulsates with life and excitement! We love it and are exceedingly grateful for it. As I alluded to earlier, many celebrate Christmas without the laughter of children in their home. Some don't have other adults on Christmas, While others may not even have a spouse.

Well, the good news is, that if ou are a part of Winns, you can have a family Christmas anyway! You could get a call or visit on Christmas Day, not for sure. But what you can surely do is come to the Christmas Eve service. You talk about excited children! Their feet barely touch the flor. We are so blessed at our church to have so many young children. I encourage those with, and those without children to make friends and build relationships. Some of my grandchildren have adopted some bonus grandparents in the church. It becomes a two-way blessing for everyone involved.

We all know that Jesus is the reason for the season. Among the many gifts He gives us is that of family, both natural and church famlies. So, as we rejoice in all of His many other blessings, let us rejoice in the fact that we can all have a family Christmas!

Celebrating Him  
Pastor Jeff



## LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 6th - 11am

Wings of Hope Ranch invites you to a presentation of the Christmas story by our ranchers and volunteers on Saturday, December 6th, 2025, at 11 am at our annual Deck

the Stalls Christmas celebration.

It's a time when Ranchers and friends of Wings of Hope come together to hear the Christmas Story and reflect on our Savior's birth.

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## WRAPPERS NEEDED!!

It's time for our AWANA clubbers to shop for their families at the AWANA Christmas store. We need extra volunteers to wrap the gifts on our 2 store nights. Our T & T group will shop on Wednesday, December 3rd and our Sparks group will shop on Wednesday, December 10th. Helpers are needed from 6:30 - 8:00 pm each night. You can volunteer for one Wednesday or both. Contact Dana Osborne at [dosborne@winnsbc.org](mailto:dosborne@winnsbc.org) to volunteer.

**Praise God! 1,650 Shoeboxes will be shipped to children around the world.  
Thank you to everyone for making this Annual Party so amazing.**



## Honoring Lottie Moon's Legacy This Christmas

*Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair*

If you grew up in a Southern Baptist church, you probably know a little something about Lottie Moon. Her namesake Christmas offering taught us early on why international missions matter, but we may not have fully appreciated the legacy she left behind.

Appointed as a missionary to China in 1873, Lottie spent nearly 40 years laying the groundwork for what would become the modern Chinese church. Her faithful service and the passionate letters she wrote home helped spark a movement to send more workers to the world's unreached peoples.

China today looks very different from the rural farmland Lottie once walked, but one truth remains unchanged: lostness is still pervasive. Many other nations, tribes, and people groups are also waiting to hear the good news of Jesus.

Lottie's life continues to remind us that ordinary obedience can make an eternal impact. In the last year alone, 1.6 million people heard the gospel because Southern Baptists prayed and gave.

Yet, the task is far from complete. An estimated 166,338 people enter eternity each day without Christ, and we are standing in the gap between the Great Commission and the Great Multitude.

God has called Winn's to join Him in reaching the nations. This Christmas, will you honor Lottie's legacy by praying and giving so that all may hear?

Every dollar you give helps send and sustain missionaries in the field. Together, we can shine the light of Christ into the darkest places.

**WHERE DO PEOPLE  
NEED TO HEAR  
THE GOSPEL?**

**EVERYWHERE.**

Each orange dot on this map represents 50,000 lost people.

**Will you join us in the Great Pursuit  
of taking the gospel to the lost  
— wherever we find them?**

Good morning, Church family!

I hope you are having a great holiday season with your families. We have so much to be thankful about as God's children! When you really think about it – the hope of a perfect Heaven with God forever is such a gift! We cannot even fully grasp just how wonderful it will be, but one day we will get to be part of amazing provision of our Heavenly Father. The more that this world goes the other way, keep your heart set on Heaven and let it motivate you to try to talk to other people about who Jesus is and give them the opportunity to join the family.

As we get closer to Christmas, we naturally start being reminded of Jesus' first coming to earth in the manger. The fact that God was willing to come down and walk as one of us, knowing that we would turn on Him and it would be painful, but that He considered us "worth it" really touches my heart. Every single person needs to know the Gift of God in Christ Jesus. But it's not just His first coming that we need to think about, but for us as Believers – it is His second coming, yet in the future. With the world acting the way it is, I am more and more convinced that Jesus' second coming could be in my lifetime. I sure hope so! I've only got about 50 years left at most from this point anyways, but the realization that I'll see Jesus in the next 50 years is very humbling and exciting. I hope He comes back today, honestly. I'm really looking forward to seeing future grandkids, but there is nothing on earth that will ever outshine Heaven. Heaven is the ultimate prize and I'm glad that I'm going there someday. It makes me want to ensure that as many as possible get to go there as well. One of my focuses in Youth ministry and young adult ministry is ensuring that the next generation has full and proper biblical worldview. I'm training the next generation to love Jesus and to be in awe of who He is!

Take a moment to thank God for who He is and what He has done for you, and what He is going to do in the future! God bless you all!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug

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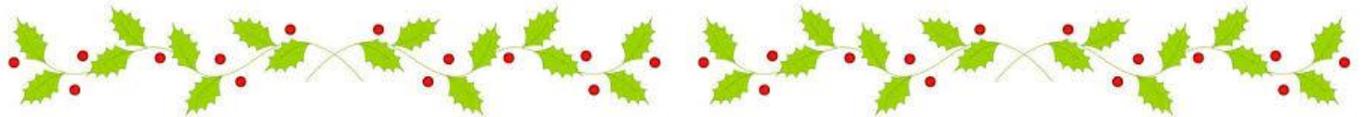
Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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BELLS	GABRIEL	MARY	SNOWMAN
BETHLEHEM	GIFTS	MISTLETOE	STABLE
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CANDY CANE	GREETING CARDS	ORNAMENTS	STOCKING
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DECORATIONS	ICICLES	SANTA	TOBOGGAN
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## **Christmas Holiday Schedule**

At different times some of the staff will also be taking additional time off.  
Please feel free to call anyone on staff on their home or cell phone.  
The main church voice mail will be checked daily for any messages.  
Even at limited office hours, we are always available to you.

**December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Musical at 6pm**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, no regular Wednesday evening activities.**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm**

