



# December 3, 2023

"After this I looked and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language..."

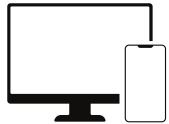
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Offering Plates

## **KINGDOM GIVING**

WK Given – \$6,083.86  
WK Needs – \$13,055.54  
YTD Given – \$88,012.78  
YTD Needs – \$117,499.86  
Lottie Moon - \$3,000.00

## **AT A GLANCE**

- December 3: Advent Begins
- December 10: Auburn Christmas Parade
- December 10: Regular Business Session at 6 pm
- December 17: Christmas Candlelight Gathering
- December 24 AM: Christmas Eve Worship Gathering (No Sunday School)
- December 31 AM: New Year's Eve Worship Gathering (Sunday School to follow)

**Christmas Time**

**Luke 2:1-7; Isaiah 7:14**

**Pastor Barry Raley**

## **MIRASI (SIKH TRADITIONS) IN INDIA**

Pray that Mirasi Sikhs would see the futility of their traditional worship. Pray that they would be liberated by God's Holy Spirit from the many ties that bind them to lives that keep them from Christ's blessings. Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Mirasi families, especially the children, and to raise up a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses of Christ's mercy and love.

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**WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we are praying for our **IMB Missionaries to Nagoya, Japan—Bryan and Whitney Jackson**. You can pray specifically in these ways: **1) Final movie night outreach for the year where we host Japanese in our home as an ESL type of connector. Pray for more spiritual conversations with returnees. 2) Dec 17th Christmas Party in the Jackson home where they will be sharing the Christmas story and what the true meaning is. 3) Pray for B & W as they have begun working with national churches to help connect Japanese families working for Toyota with local churches as they return to Japan. American SBC churches are reaching Japanese with the Gospel.**

**NFStudents:** NF Students will meet this evening at 6 pm in the Ministry Center for food, discussion of Spiritual Leadership Chapter 19 and games.

Middle School students will have a Christmas party on the night of Wednesday, December 13th from 5:30-6:55 pm.

High School students will have a Christmas party but the date is yet to be determined. A highly likely date at this point is Saturday, December 16th.

**NFKids – The Jesse Tree:** As we shared this year's Advent Family Activity with our families last Sunday we were asked, What is a Jesse Tree? I'm so glad you asked! The Jesse Tree is an ancient tradition for the weeks leading up to Christmas. It's been spotted in images that are over 1,000 years old! Since then, believers from various backgrounds have used the Jesse Tree to reflect on Jesus. From December 1 to Christmas Day, believers reflect on a different member of Jesus' family tree. Your family is invited to join us in the Christmas season on this holy journey. See Mrs. Patty for more information.

**NFKids CHRISTMAS STORE** – The NFKids Christmas Store will take place on Dec 6 and 13. Please see bulletin board for items needed. You may also contribute financially. See Jill Blythe or Patty for more information. Please bring items no later than Dec. 3.

**NFKids Family Christmas Program** – December 13th at 7pm You are invited to attend our Wednesday night groups sharing through music and sound the joy of the Christmas season. Our program will begin promptly at 7pm and children will be dismissed with their parents immediately after our program.

**Church-Wide Christmas Caroling** – Please join us! Wednesday, December 20th we will hold our annual Christmas caroling event. Busses will be used for transporting all carolers to our different locations. Plans are to leave the Ministry Center promptly at 6pm and return afterwards to the church to enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and fellowship.

**HOUSE NEWS AND WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE** – Did you know that the NFBC Prayer Guide is now available through House News. Sign up today for House News at <https://forms.gle/Xh5GBrjB82fYQgqD7>

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING** – It's that time of year again when we ask the Lord to show us how He would have us give to impact the world's greatest problem: *lostness*. Each year at NFBC, we give toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support our International Mission Board missionaries who are serving on our behalf among the peoples of the world. As the Lord leads, during the month of December, commit to praying for and giving to the LMCO for Christ's glory among every nation, every tribe, every language, and every people!

#### **DECEMBER SCHEDULE:**

- December – Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- December 10 – Auburn Christmas Parade at 2 pm
- December 10 – Regular Business Session at 6 pm
- December 13 – NFKids Christmas Performance
- December 17 – Christmas Candlelight Communion Service at 5 pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Morning Worship at 9 am (No Sunday School)
- December 31 – New Year's Eve Morning Worship at 9 am (Sunday School at 10 am)