



Liberty Rings

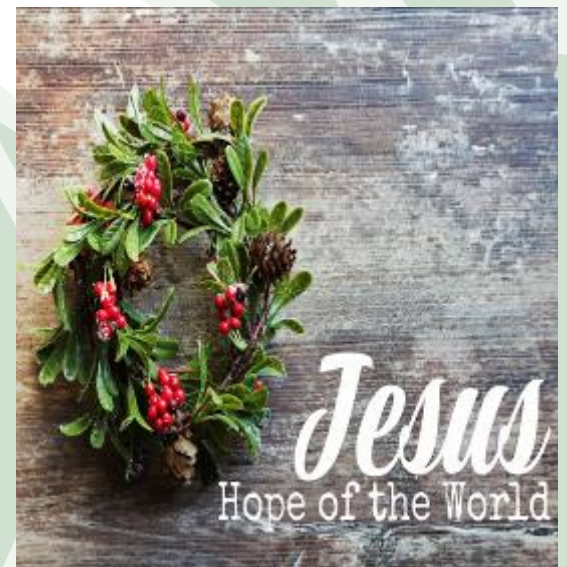
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Pastor's Paragraph

will through consistent, humble study of Scripture with our hearts devoted to obeying Him. This will involve learning and applying His clear commands and wise principles. It will require prayer and dependence on God's guidance and help. It will include faithful commitment to other believers in corporate worship, Bible study, mutual accountability, and service in the church family. All of these are means that God uses to make us holy. It's a simple plan designed for our eternal good and God's glory.

Thankful to be your fellow servant and pilgrim,

Pastor Stan



DECEMBER 2023

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Student Ministry Cantata (2)
- Choir Cantata (2)
- Carols & Communion (2)
- New Members (2)
- Operation Christmas Child (3)
- Church History & Christmas Cards (4)
- LBC Food Pantry (5)
- Birth Announcement & Birthdays (6)

Holiness Made Simple

Dear Church Family,

In recent months I have written to you on the topic of holiness in the life of the church and the individual believer. Now I want to explore the truth that biblical holiness is actually very simple. Living a holy life, as God requires, is not as complicated as one might think.

Let's go back to a key verse on Christian holiness from the prayer of Christ in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." The word "sanctify" means to make holy or separated for God's purpose and glory. This verse makes clear that holiness comes through God's Word. But how does that work? Does it mean that a believer can merely own a Bible and become sanctified? No, not at all. Does it mean that a believer can become holy by reading and knowing the Bible alone? Of course not. This verse means that God will separate and make a believer holy when he obeys and applies the teachings of the Bible.

The Bible is a special book. It is uniquely inspired by God. But its power is unleashed when we read it, hear it, study it, AND put it into practice daily. Here's how God uses Scripture to make us holy. As God helps us understand what the Bible means and how it applies to our lives, then we believe what Scripture says and follow what it teaches. This results in lives that are increasingly separated from sin and worldly values and changed to reflect godly character and Christ-like attitudes and actions. It's actually very simple. But it's not easy.

Trusting God and obeying His will are never easy because we live in a world that does just the opposite. It's not easy to trust God and obey Him, but by His grace it is possible. And thankfully, it's not complicated, but simple. Living and growing in biblical holiness is simply a matter of trusting God to accomplish His

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**Carter & Rebeka Honeycutt,
Julie Shortt, & Paul Batson**



*Read the Bible Through
in a Year
Reading Plans are
Available on the
Information Desk
in the foyer*

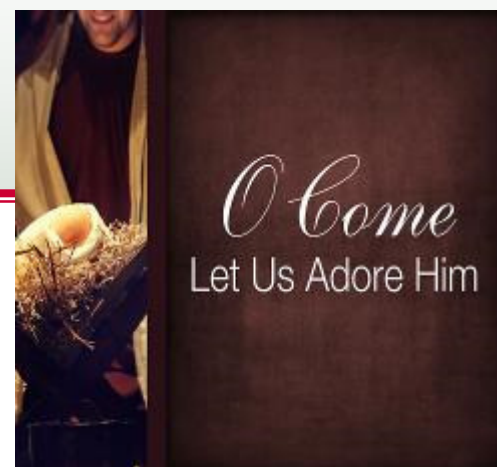


*Josh & Mary Bowman invite you to join us as the
Student Ministry Choir presents our
Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 10 at 10:45am*

*"Doc" Davis, Director & LBC Choir invite you to join us
as we present our Christmas Cantata -
Messiah-Heaven's Glory
Sunday, December 17 at 10:45am*



**Haven of Rest Service
Tuesday
December 26, 2023 7:30PM
Speaker: Russell Shortt**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CAROLS & COMMUNION AT 5:00 PM
*We invite you and your family to join us for this special
Worship Service
In Honor & Praise of our Lord Jesus Christ*



*Christmas Eve Sunday Morning, December 24th we will
join together for our regular Sunday School at 9:45 and
Morning Worship at 10:45 AM*



Thank You!

Liberty Baptist Church served again this year as a Drop-Off Center for this ministry that reaches children around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Collection Week Stats:

3,744 Shoeboxes were received from area churches and individuals, **280** Cartons were packed by **12** volunteers. There were **149** Shoeboxes packed by our Liberty family. The

Tri-Cities area exceeded their goal of 50,000 boxes and final tally for the week was **53,048**. We had a great time of fellowship at our packing party, and all week long! I sincerely say THANK YOU to everyone that had a part in this ministry, we could not have done this without faithful volunteers. Looking forward to what God will do next year!

JoAnne Hughes

We would like to thank everyone that donated for the OCC Shoeboxes. LBC Student Ministry was able to pack **100** of the boxes, due to your generous donations of supplies and money. We greatly appreciate it and all the hard work the children, leaders, and parents put into making each box special. Thank you so much! *Josh & Mary Bowman*



**SEND GOOD NEWS
AND GREAT JOY**

**PACK A
SHOEBOX**

Samaritan's Purse



THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

- ♦ **Christmas** is celebrated on December 25 and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive.
- ♦ **December 25**—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.
- ♦ **Hanukkah** (Dec. 18-26): The eight-day Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins Dec. 18. A central part of the Jewish Festival of Lights entails the lighting of a nine-branched menorah each night. (The ninth candle is used to light the others.) The ritual symbolizes how one day's worth of oil miraculously lasted for eight days during a battle between a small group of Jewish people and the powerful Greek-Syrian army in 165 B.C. Per Jewish tradition, they are said to have emerged victorious and reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Customary foods include latkes (potato pancakes), sufganiyot (jam-filled donuts) and brisket. Children often play with a dreidel (a spinning top with Hebrew letters)

**Liberty Family Meeting
Question & Answer Session
Sunday,
December 31, 2023 6:00PM
All Questions must be
submitted in writing by
December 27, 2023**

**ANNUAL Business Meeting
Sunday, December 31, 2023
during the
7:00PM Worship service**

Quote "Some people with cerebral palsy cannot speak and cannot feed themselves. They are very intelligent, but they are trapped in bodies that they simply cannot control. That is something to which I cannot relate. No matter how much we think we suffer or how short we believe our end of life's stick to be, it would behoove us to remember that others suffer far worse than do we regardless of which form that suffering takes. We should be grateful and content in all things (*Philippians 4:12*)."

Justin Peters - justinpeters.org



LBC POSTAL SERVICE

**All Regular Attenders & Members have a
Family folder that will be for Christmas
cards no stamp needed.
Boxes are located in the Education
Building
OUTSIDE ROOM A-108**

**A LIST OF SHUT IN/HOMEBOUND
FAMILIES INCLUDING ADDRESSES IS
ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE
INFORMATION DESK**



**TRAINING STUDENTS TO KNOW,
LOVE, AND SERVE THE LORD!**

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***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of
Christ;..." Romans 1:16***

MISSIONS NEWS



LBC FOOD PANTRY WILL SERVE
ONLY THESE CITIES IN TENNESSEE

**BRISTOL,
BLOUNTVILLE, &
BLUFF CITY**



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Project Thanksgiving 2023

75 Families were served

LBC FOOD PANTRY

Thank You everyone that had a part in the distribution of Food this year!

We couldn't do it without YOU!

Our Average number of Volunteers has been 14 serving 72 Families each month.

Our next Food Pantry is Monday, January 8th, @ 12:30
Volunteers please arrive at 11:45 to pack bags for distribution

LBC FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED -Weekly List to serve 72 Families Monthly

Box of Saltine Crackers and 2 -10.5oz Cans of Soup (chicken, vegetable, tomato)
16oz Box or Bag of Spaghetti with 1 24oz Can of Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars please)
Can of Beans
2 - 7.25oz Boxes of Mac & Cheese
1 Can of Corn and 1 Can of Green Beans
16 oz jar Peanut Butter
Package of Cookies

Please NO Individual serving or Family size items

The church purchases Additional Dairy, Bakery, & Cereal Products.

Each family will receive all of these items each month.

YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Did you know that your faithful weekly giving enables LBC to support these ministries?

**Tennessee Baptist Convention, Holston Baptist Association,
International Mission Board (SBC), North American Mission Board (SBC)
Samaritans Purse & Operation Christmas Child, Heart Cry Missionary Society
Bristol Raceway Ministries, WHCB Christian Radio (91.5 FM)
Tri-Cities Christian School, Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center
Healing Hands medical care, Bristol Faith in Action
Sermon Audio (LBC sermons on internet), G3 Ministries
LBC Family Fund for families in need, LBC Monthly Food Pantry
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Haven of Rest Rescue Ministry**

YTD Budget Giving	\$ 281,972
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 373,821
YTD Building Fund	\$ 10,247

Congratulations!

*David Mabe & Sonnie Moore on the
birth of their son*

"David Xander James Mabe"

born November 29, 2023

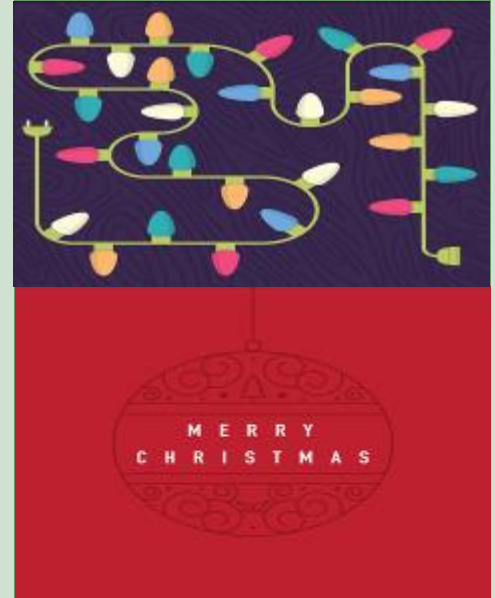
Blessed Grandmother - Donna Mabe

Blessed Great Grandmother

- Martha Worley

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ◆ Dec 4 - LBC Food Pantry
- ◆ Dec 10 - Student Ministry Cantata
- ◆ Dec 11 - Choir Cantata
- ◆ Dec 24 - Carols & Communion
- ◆ Dec 25 - Christmas
- ◆ Dec 26 - Haven of Rest Service
- ◆ Dec 31 - Annual Meeting



Melody Arwood	12/01
Chad Blevins	12/02
Luke Daniel	12/03
David Daniel	12/04
Betty Williams	12/04
Hudson Worley	12/05
Randy Bays	12/07
Jack Davidson	12/07



Victoria Phillips	12/17
Tammy Denton	12/21
Gary Vanover	12/22
Matthew Darby, Jr.	12/28
Deirdre Hughes	12/30
Frank Taylor	12/31

Ben Casey	12/08
Elizabeth Deel	12/12
Kristin Hensley	12/14
Destiny Blevins	12/15
Jackie Davis	12/16
Drew Hensley	12/16
Kristen Trent	12/16

