



The Encourager

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DECEMBER MISSION THEME:

Lottie Moon
Missions Offering
& International
Missionaries



December 2019

Senior Adult Christmas Breakfast
Saturday, December 7th
at 9:00 AM



Please sign
up on the
back table.

Churchwide
Christmas Caroling
Tuesday, December 3rd
5:30pm - Willowbrook
6:00pm- Yadkin Nursing



Matthew 1:23 -

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Lottie Moon Ingathering:
Sunday, December 15th
Our Goal: \$36,000

Your gifts enable missionaries (like the Flannerys) to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Our Christmas Card Mailbox is in the Narthex Hall just outside of the Fellowship Hall. There are slots with the alphabet letters. If you would like to send Christmas Cards to other members, place in the alphabet slot using the first letter of their last name. We suggest that the postage that you would have spent mailing cards, be given to the Lottie Moon Missions offering. Please check your box each week for cards sent to you.

Sunday, December 22nd
at 6:00 PM
Church Christmas Program
(youth, children & adults)
with fellowship & gift/card
exchange following



College Christmas Outing
Thursday, December 19th
Ronnie's & Bowling
Leave church at 4:30pm.



Youth Outing to Boone
OCC Processing
Friday, December 20th
Leave church at 4:30pm



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tues, Dec. 24th
at 9:00pm

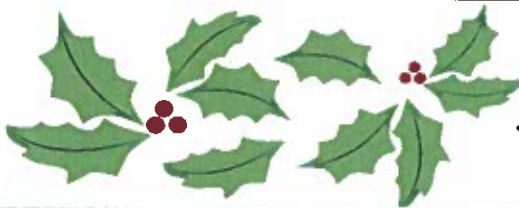
If you would like to sing, please see Sloan.



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Church Office Hours

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 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Fri
 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Admin. & Fin. Secretary:
 Michelle Norman

General Secretary:
 Michelle Gilbert



Pastor: Tim Tucker
Director of Student Ministries: Ryan Gaddy
Director of Children's Ministries & Senior Adult Ministries: Brittney Casstevens
Director of Worship Ministries: Sloan Bryant



December Birthdays

- 2 Patrick Johnson
- 3 Thomas Trivette
- 4 Johnny Van Hoy
- 5 Bronson Snow
- 6 Debbie Dezern
- Wesley James Cheek
- Noel Barney
- 7 Tonja Hutchens
- Scott Riley
- 8 Wendy Parker
- 9 James Proctor
- 11 Ricky Snow
- Gray Pinnix
- 12 Kyle Martin
- 13 Shane Watson
- 14 Mark Key
- 15 Melinda St. John



- 16 Mindy Groce
- Daniel Kelly
- Cassi Lowder
- 17 David Collins
- Chris Shelton
- 18 Charlotte Brown
- 19 Shelby Sharp
- 20 Mandy Crabb
- Celeste Tucker
- Ronnie Willard
- Sherry O'Dell
- 21 Angie Hill
- Luke Vanhoy
- 22 Laura Neumann
- 23 Charles Sturdivant
- Sarah W. Casstevens
- Roger O'Dell



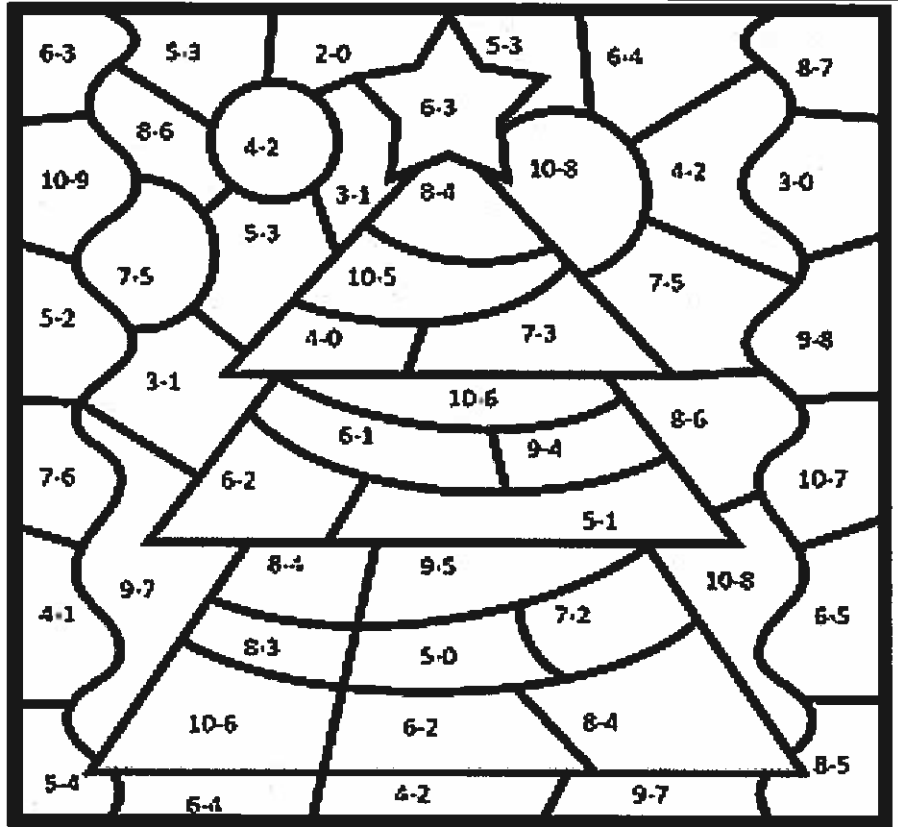
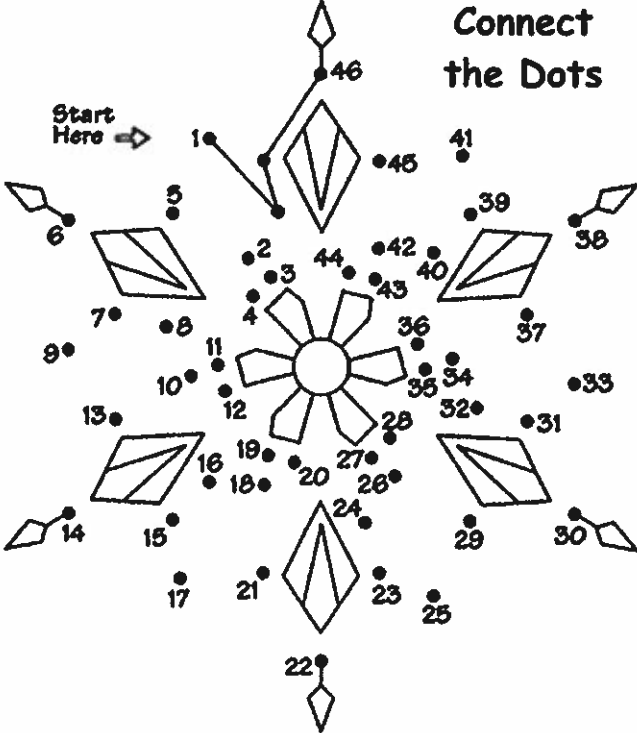
- 25 Lisa Miller
- 26 Angie Roark
- Vickie Woolard
- Paris Trivette
- 27 Saige Snow
- Ryan Hudson
- Ellen Money
- Alexandra Tucker
- Ashley James
- Garrett Stokes
- 28 Vickie Cook
- Stephen King
- Andie Cheek
- 29 Dan O'Connor
- Denver Rakes
- 30 Kathleen Pinnix
- Katie Stinson



KIDS KORNER



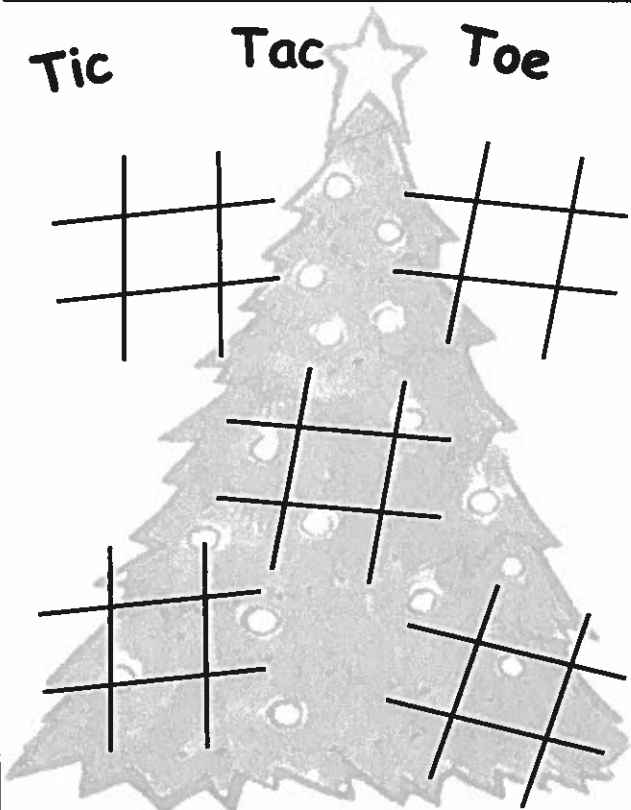
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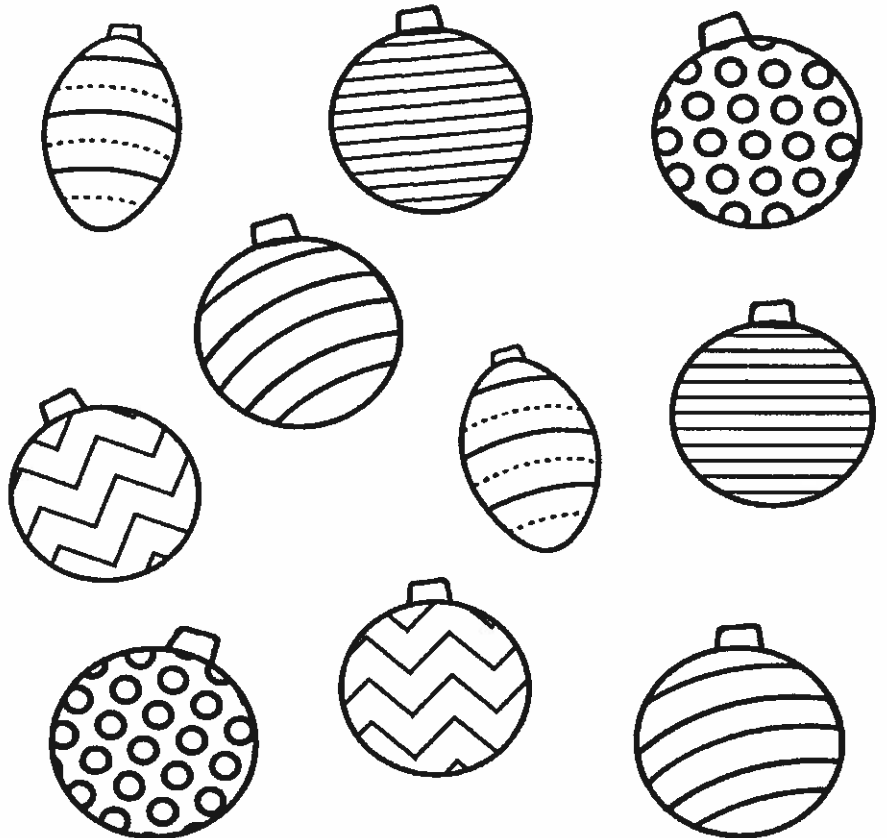
- 1 - Blue
- 2 - Orange
- 3 - Yellow
- 4 - Green
- 5 - Red

Tic Tac Toe



Matching

Match the ornaments with the same pattern.





**Attention High School Seniors
& College Students
December 31st - January 2nd**

"YES LORD, WALKING IN THE WAY OF YOUR TRUTH WE WAIT EAGERLY FOR YOU,
FOR YOUR NAME AND RENOWN ARE THE DESIRE OF OUR SOULS." — ISAIAH 26:8

**Passion . . . MORE THAN A CONFERENCE ... PASSION EXISTS TO SEE A
GENERATION LEVERAGE THEIR LIVES FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST.**

To live in such a way that their journey on earth counts for what is most important in the end. For us at Passion, that's the fame of the One who rescues and restores, and the privilege we have to amplify His name in everything we do. While we host large gatherings, Passion is more than a conference. More than an event. More than a feeling. Passion is you and me saying goodbye to lesser things and saying yes to Jesus, the One whose name is above every name.

Hosted by Louie & Shelley Giglio & Passion Band with guests Andy Mineo, Christine Caine, Crowder, Sadie Robertson, Sean Curran, Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Elevation Worship, John Piper, Tedashii, Levi Lusko, Ravi Zacharias, Social Club Misfits, Hillsong UNITED, Trip Lee, Lecrae and Tim Tebow.



IMB Special Report



Sunday, December 8th??

We will Skype with the Flannerys at the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Services.



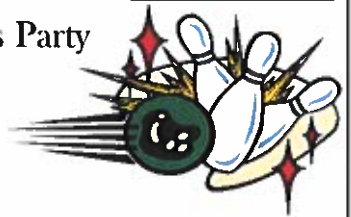
**Operation Christmas
Child Update:
We collected
184 Shoeboxes.**

**Youth Caroling &
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DEC. 13th**



**College Christmas Party
Thurs, Dec. 19th**

Leave church at 4:30 PM
Ronnie's & Bowling

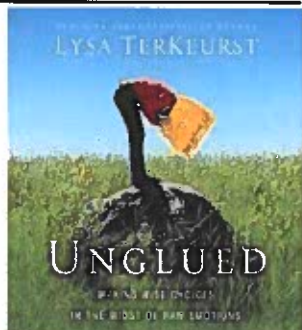


**Youth Outing
to OCC Processing
in Boone
Friday, Dec. 20th
Leave church at 4:30 PM**



**Bahama Mission
Report
Sun., December 15th
at 6:00 PM**

**Women's Bible Study
UNGLUED
Final Session
Tuesday, December 10th
6:30 - 8:00 PM
at the home of
Niki Shinault**



**Christmas Program Practice
for Children & Youth
Sundays at 5:00 PM
December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd
Christmas Program will be Sunday,
December 22nd at 6:00 PM**





Senior Adult
Breakfast
Sat, Dec. 7th
9:00 AM



December 1st - December 7th
Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Mission Offering
and our International Missionaries

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM
GROW Kids Birthday Party for Jesus
Pastor Tim tells the Christmas Story



(Bring unwrapped baby gifts to be given to local Pregnancy Centers)



-DECEMBER EVENTS-

No December meeting for
Baptist Young Women

No December meeting for
Baptist Middle Women

Baptist Women will meet on
Tuesday, December 3rd
at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Hanging of the Green
Sunday, December 1st
at 6:00 PM



Church Conference
Sun., Dec. 8th
at 7:00 PM

Deacon's
Meeting
Sun, Dec. 1st
at 4:30 PM



Sun, December 8th
at 6:00 PM
Christmas Service
with Dixie Dawn



Christmas Eve Service
Tues, Dec. 24th
9:00 PM



If you would like to
sing at the 9:00pm
Christmas Eve Service,
please see Sloan.



No Wednesday Night Services on December 25th

Graduate Recognition
Sun., Dec. 15th at
10:30am Service.



Christmas Program
Dress Rehearsal
Sat, Dec. 21st
9:00am - Noon

Merry Christmas

Wednesday, December 25th

"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;"
Isaiah 9:6



Women's Conference
Planning Meeting
Sun, Dec. 1st
at 5:00 PM

Wed, Dec 18th
6:30 PM

GROW Kids
Christmas
Program



Church Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22nd



at 6:00 PM



with fellowship and gift/card
exchange following

Church Offices will be closed
Tuesday, December 24th
& Wednesday, December 25th
in observance of the
Christmas
Holidays.



**Churchwide
Christmas
Caroling**

Tuesday,
December 3rd
5:30pm - Willowbrook
6:00pm - Yadkin Nursing



Sunday, December 15th

Ingathering for Lottie Moon
Goal: \$36,000



First Day of Winter
Saturday, Dec. 21st



I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION... **REV 7:9**

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

Our Goal: \$36,000

WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Since 1845, the IMB has partnered with churches to send missionaries to live and work among those around the world with little to no access to the gospel.

4.5 BILLION UNREACHED

3,678

missionaries

**updated October 31, 2019*



847

people groups engaged

through the work of IMB in just the last year

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LOTTIE MOON:

1. Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840.
2. Her name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her "Lottie."
3. She was 4'9" tall.
4. Before she became a Christian while in high school, Lottie missed required chapels 26 times.
5. Lottie loved to pull pranks on others. Once, when asked what the "D" stood for in her middle name, she replied, "Devil."
6. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years, primarily in Tengchow and Pingtu.
7. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors.
8. Lottie had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker. (Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her.)
9. Lottie led in the campaign to end the practice of bound feet. The Chinese believed small feet made a woman more beautiful, so girls' feet were bound tightly with cloth. Girls with bound feet could hardly walk, and infections, gangrene, and even death were common side effects of this practice.
10. In 1912 at the end of her career, famine, flood, and war encircled her China. Her friends were starving. In a final act of empathy, Lottie stopped eating and gave all her food away. When her friends realized the depth of her sickness, they put her on a boat to return to the United States. Lottie died on Christmas Eve while en route to the U.S.



Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to support missionaries on the field like the Flannery's.

FLANNERY FAMILY UPDATE

So many blessing FALLing on Milan!

Oh my goodness! October has been such a full month that we had to actually look on the calendar to see what we did the first week or so, it seems so long ago because it's been busy! The month was full of hang outs with new Italian friends, meals in Italian homes, sharing our city with a mission team and launching English Link!

Danielle had the opportunity to spend a few different evenings with her Italian friend Sara as well as encourage a young girl in our church who's mother is battling cancer. Sometimes this girl time is the best way to show care and love! We were also invited to an Italian family's home for lunch one Sunday after church and feasted on the traditional multi-course meal! To give you an idea, we started with meats, cheeses and salty snacks (think pretzels, little breadsticks or nuts). The second course is pasta, almost always with that family's signature tomato sauce! The third course was a meat from the northern part of Italy and then we finished the meal with some fresh fruits of melon, plums and grapes. Sometimes the fruit is dessert and sometimes we enjoy a dessert more traditional to the US like a pie, cake or sweet treat. This was a great time of conversation, laughter and building this relationship with a family in our church.

We also had the amazing blessing of a vision team from one of our supporting churches (Rocky Mount Baptist)! This was a crazy busy time between our schooling and the boys but they were excellent as they explored the city's spiritually relevant sites, prayer walked the university campuses, as well as conducted spiritual surveys on the campuses, and encouraged our local church in future partnership.

They were additional hands and feet on the ground to help launch English Link! English Link's first Caffè and Convos session was Tuesday, Oct. 15th and due to a crazy rain storm, we didn't have as many people as anticipated. Nevertheless, three brave Italian ladies came! Sara was one of the ladies and then we had two strangers. It was a great time of conversation in English! The following night was our first Anchor Bible Study in our home, which is connected with English Link. We had 5 guests! Sara attended and brought her mother, a college student from our church came as well as a couple we "randomly" encountered in a used technology shop . . . *(continued on page 8)*



Because everyone needs a little bit of Jackson in their day! He was so excited for his Halloween costume to arrive that he HAD to wear it immediately. He will be Marshall and Kaleb will be Chase from Paw Patrol, their favorite show!



Kaleb also started swim lessons this month through his preschool. Fortunately only a few children are participating via this route which means practically a private lesson!

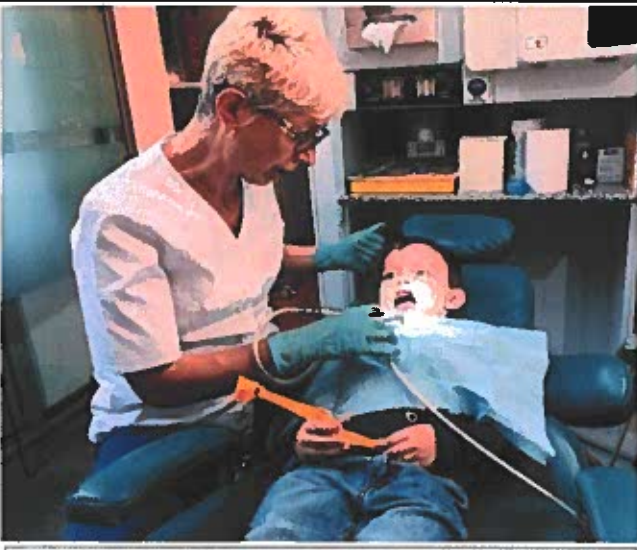


A vision team from Rocky Mount Baptist Church (Virginia) was a huge blessing this past month!

FLANNERY FAMILY UPDATE (CONTINUED)

(continued from page 7) . . . who were looking for a Bible Study! Only God could make that connection! Week 2 of English Link was just as big of a hit with two returning girls and five new guests totaling 7 people! Looking ahead to November, we are seeking ways to do our monthly events well and in ways to continue to meet new people and foster these relationships between the city and the church!

The boys are rockstars through all the busy schedules with Kaleb learning more and more Italian each day. He's started swim lessons through his school and LOVES being a fish every Tuesday for the next few months! Jackson wishes he could live on the playground so any way he can find freedom is a perk to him.



Kaleb crossed some big milestones this month including his first trip to the dentist! Tip top perfect shape and he had a great time!



Great turn out for our first week of the English Link's Anchor Bible Study! We're so excited for the future here!

Requests:

- English Link meetings
- language (Danielle will be testing at the start of December, David in June)
- community location to meet for outreach events
- church leadership (possibility of a new pastor)

Praises:

- discipling a new believer (Sara)
 - budding friendships for all
 - English Link launch was a huge success!
 - continued opportunities to share with our tutors! (A, F, M)
- Love to you all! Please write back, check in, share pictures of what is happening in your lives and families! We miss you all!



Week 2 of Caffè and Convos for English Link-7 guests!



David and some friends at a 70s themed birthday party!





Looking forward to January

December 31st - January 2nd
High School Seniors
& College Students
Passion Event in Atlanta
(see page 4 for more information)



Tuesday, January 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Baptist Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Baptist Middle Women & Baptist Young Women
meet in Fellowship Hall



There will be no Wednesday night Service on January 1st.

January Mission Focus:
New Hope & LifeLine
Pregnancy Centers



Women's Conference
Planning Meetings
Sunday, January 26th
at 5:00 PM

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2



Church Conference
Sun, Jan. 12th at 7:00 PM

Sunday School Teacher's
& Assistant's Meeting
Sun, Jan. 19th at 5:00 PM



CELEBRATING
A
NEW YEAR!
WELCOME 2020!

As the New Year starts, will you consider joining a Bible Fellowship Group? They need you, and you need them.



Will Be Closed:
Wed, Jan 1st for New Year Holiday

Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 5th
7:00 PM



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 19th



Ingathering for Pregnancy Centers
which will be divided between
LifeLine Pregnancy Help Center (Elkin)
& New Hope Pregnancy Care (Yadkinville)



Guest speaker will be from New Hope Pregnancy Care Center.

Our 2020 goal is \$2,400.00 and will be received through the baby bottle campaign donations. Our total receipts will be from the baby bottle campaign & the 4th Sunday missions offering in January. The Pregnancy Centers will also receive the December collection of unwrapped baby gifts from the Birthday party for Jesus.

