



## A Word from Pastor Larry

### "The Worth of Biblical Intake"

As we approach another Christmas season, it is so important to reflect upon the incarnation of our Lord. Simply put, God the Son was robed in human flesh. The words of John 1:14 state the incarnation as such, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." What an extraordinary event in all of history, when God stepped into humanity and later laid down His life.

This time of the year also brings anticipation for the year ahead. What will the next year hold? "What changes can I make to improve myself, my family, the church, and society as a whole?" All kinds of questions surface. May I also pose a challenge? My challenge would be to read the Bible cover to cover in the coming year.

How will you benefit from a thorough and healthy reading of the Bible? I am glad you asked. The Bible has the power to make a direct impact on your life and transform the way you see and live in the world. *We read God's Word because it reveals His character and nature to us.*

If you want to know who God is, read His Word. Read the Word of God, *because it provides daily guidance on how to be more like Christ.* All of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, ultimately point to Jesus as the perfect human being and sacrifice, and show how His worshippers can now be made and shaped in His image. *Read the Bible because it is full of the good news that God came to save sinners from their sins.* The heart of the gospel is the story of Jesus. The gospel is all about Jesus, and the whole of scripture points to this central time in history. Lastly, *it demonstrates God's will.* People often ask, "What is God's will for my life?" Our response should always be the same. God's will is found in His Word.

In December, a Bible-reading challenge will be issued to the church. The challenge is to read through the Gospel According to Luke. Starting December 1st, the church will collectively begin reading at chapter one, and follow each day with the subsequent chapters. Then, starting January 1st, 2026, the church will provide a chronological reading plan. We hope that we can, as a church, read through the Bible. It is my plan to commit to this reading plan and I hope you will join me in this challenge. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

Pastor Larry G. Stephens



# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10 AM: Kards Ministry 7PM: Security Team Meeting	2 GSCC Homeschool 6:30 PM: Deacon Meeting	3 6pm: Foundations 7pm: Choir Practice	4 11:30AM: CEC Chapel 6:30 PM: MIA	5 5:30 PM: Abundant Life Class Party	6 8:30 AM: YAH Breakfast 1:30 PM: Clay Shooting
7 Western NC Relief Trip 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Worship 12 PM: Kids' Christmas Party	8 Western NC Relief Trip	9 Western NC Relief Trip	10 Western NC Relief Trip 7pm: Choir Practice	11 Western NC Relief Trip 8:30AM:YAH Golden Years	12 Western NC Relief Trip 5:45 PM: Joy Class Party	13 Western NC Relief Trip
14 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Worship	15	16	17 6pm: Foundations 7pm: Choir Practice	18 5:30 PM: COH 7:30 PM: Missions Meeting	19 6PM: Youth Christmas Party	20
21 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Cantata	22 CEC No School	23 CEC No School	24 5pm: Christmas Eve Service <b>Church Office Closed</b>	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26	27
28 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Worship	29 CEC No School	30 CEC No School	31 CEC No School			

## CLAY SHOOTING

December 6 at 1:30pm  
10308 Jordan Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

- ~Shooting registration closes at 2pm.
- ~Bring a chair and hearing protection.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 5pm

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ENSEMBLE JUNTO ZUSAMMEN BINAET  
**TOGETHER**

**LOTTIE MOON**  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

HBC 2025 Goal:  
**\$12,000**

100% OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE SENDS AND SUSTAINS MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD.

### CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK IN 2024

<b>3,577</b> MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD	<b>2,409</b> CHURCHES PLANTED
<b>68,628</b> BAPTISMS	<b>144,969</b> PROFESSED FAITH IN JESUS
<b>84,430</b> NEW LEADERS	<b>1.6 MILLION</b> HEARD THE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

IMB LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Matthew 1:23, KJV



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