



**SBA Calendar of Events found here,**

<http://salemassociation.org/calendar/>

**Important Dates**

**SBA Executive**

**Committee Meeting**

Pastors and executive committee members mark your calendars. The next executive committee meeting is **January 13, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**Hope Center Schedule**

**Dec 12, Salem BC**

**Dec 13, Elizabeth Chapel BC**

**Vacation Bible School 2020**

The date for the Association VBS Clinic for 2020 is: April 18, 2020, put it on your calendars now!

**SBA Bible Drill 2020**

Sunday, April 5th at 3 p.m. Location TBA

**How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?**

**(Lottie Moon)**

I trust that each of you reading this had a wonderful Thanksgiving time with family and friends. Cheryl and I had the joy of entertaining all of our children and grandchildren, 17 in all!

Then came Black Friday (I have never participated) followed by Cyber Monday (haven't done this one either). Now is the time we begin to think about our gift to Jesus Christ, our Savior.

It is time to turn our attention to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). Pastor Dean Anderson, in his newsletter to the members of First Baptist Woodbury, said, "I consider Lottie to be our most important gift above our regular tithes and offerings to the church—virtually no other gift you can give or ministry you can support impacts the lost world like planting a God-called, trained missionary in the midst of it. That's what Lottie does." I agree with Pastor Dean 100%! Did you know that over 50% of the total International Mission Board Budget each year comes from this offering?

Last year 21 of our 35 churches gave to the LMCO for a total of \$44,098. Two of our churches gave over 50% of that total! WE have been given a mandate by Jesus Christ Himself to "go to the ends of the earth" with the good news of Jesus Christ. The truth is most people will never get to travel internationally. However, every person and every church can participate in reaching people

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to the ends of the earth by supporting the LMCO. It costs approximately \$62,000.00 per year to fund a missionary unit. I would like to challenge our association member churches to give to this offering sacrificially and provide for the full funding of one missionary unit in 2020!

Please pray and consider what you will give this year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pastor, are you leading your church to give to this offering? Southern Baptists are currently supporting about 4000 missionaries on the field. We need hundreds more but the funding must come first. Will you help?

Cheryl and I have made our most expensive Christmas gift each year our gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Won't you join us in giving?

Blessings,  
Paul

*Church News***First Baptist Smithville**

Living Christmas Cards - Dec 7 & 8th, 6-8 p.m.

Christmas Cantata - Dec 15th during church service (10AM) followed by a holiday meal afterwards.

**Snow Hill Baptist Church** will give away food on Sunday, **December 8th** at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Anyone with a need is welcome.

**Elizabeth Chapel Baptist Church** is presenting "The Living Christmas Tree" with the theme "The Mystery of Christmas" on Wednesday, December 11 and Saturday and Sunday, December 14 & 15 at 6:30 p.m. each night. Everyone is welcome.

*Salem Baptist Association*

**Something new.** I am going to share with you three churches each week and ask you to pray for them by name.

This week please pray for:

*Calvary Baptist Church, Smithville.* Bill Robertson, Interim

Pastor

Coopers Chapel Baptist Church, Liberty, Gary Caplinger, Pastor

Auburn Baptist Church, Auburntown, Larry Thomas, Pastor

Salem Associational Bible Drills (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12): Sunday, April 5th at 3 p.m.. Location for Associational Drill to be announced at a later date.

Regional Bible Drills: Saturday, April 25th, 9 a.m. at Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Cookeville, TN.

**Please** send your upcoming events to [pr.fries@gmail.com](mailto:pr.fries@gmail.com) or [salem2@dtccom.net](mailto:salem2@dtccom.net) in order they be placed in the enews. Let us celebrate together all that God is doing among us!!