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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Children's Church 8:30 am & 11:00 am
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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Greetings church family,

Last Sunday I said something to the church I never thought I'd have to say – STOP giving!

Over the last few weeks, you gave above and beyond our \$35,000 IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for a total gift of – \$37,937. On behalf of every international missionary, let me say publically – “Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!” I learn a little more about you every Sunday, that you are indeed a *Generous* church with a capital “G.” Again, thank you!

Visit <https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering> for more information on the Lottie Moon Offering and the work of the International Mission Board.

Though you gave a generous amount of financial resources over December and January, let me remind you of *what else you did...*

You obeyed Scripture and showed a level of spiritual maturity (Luke 12:48)

You set a culture of generosity in our local church (Phil. 4:18)

You lead your families by example in Christian stewardship (Prov. 22:6)

You cooperated with other Southern Baptists in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20)

You invested in people for the advancement of the gospel worldwide (Phil. 1:3-13)

You provided salaries for missionaries to continue work. (Rom. 10:14-15)

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We now turn our sights to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – an offering especially for the North American Mission Board. Visit <https://www.anniearmstrong.com> for more information.

These funds go directly to help church plants, church revitalizations, disaster relief teams, college ministries, chaplaincies and much more. This year we've set a goal of \$18,000. We plan to begin promoting in late March with videos, brochures and a week of prayer. Our church wide collection date will be April 15, two weeks after Easter, April 1.

In light of the coming Annie Armstrong Offering, I hope you will consider a couple of points.

- Begin praying for church planters across the United States
- Read about what God is doing in new church plants (see www.namb.net)
- Engage in gospel conversations in your own workplace and community
- Make disciples right here at Coats Baptist Church

Thank you church family for your obedience and service to Christ. Your generous giving contributes to what God is doing both near and far. The gospel is advancing, churches are being planted, and lives are being transformed through the power of good, good news of Jesus.

Blessings to you church family. Go live the gospel.

Pastor Neal

February

- 2/3 Candace Lee Seagle Baby Shower (2:00-4:00)
- 2/4 Super Bowl Event (7:00)
- 2/10 Valentine Supper (6:00)
- 2/11 Deacons Meeting (7:00)
- 2/14 Grocery Assist (5:30)
- 2/19 Church Office Closed
- 2/15 Ladies Breakfast (9:45)



MUSIC • NOTES

"Your love, it comes with no conditions. You gave us Your whole heart. My hope is in the blood of Jesus. I know who I am because of who you are."

As we enter into February, we are surrounded with advertisements that feature hearts or heart-shaped items. Valentine's Day is coming and with it, an opportunity for believers to share the love of Christ with a world that does not fully understand the greatest love you can experience. The lyric above comes from a new song recently released by the Passion Band from Louie Giglio's church in Atlanta. His love truly comes with no conditions. None! Every day we encounter people who feel unloved and have no hope. We know WHO love is and we know WHO hope is. My simple words for you this month: Share the love! Share Jesus!

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

I love you all,
Jonathan

SENIOR • ADULTS

On Wednesday, February 7, Seniors will leave CBC at 9:00 AM for a historic tour of the Charles B. Aycock Birthplace and Museum. We will then enjoy a Southern-style buffet lunch at the Robin's Nest in Smithfield. We should return at approximately 2:00 PM. Cost of the trip is \$8.00. Please sign up immediately with Gail, Sherry, Kathy, or Bonnie if you wish to attend.

Valentine Date Night

February 10, at 6:00 pm

Deadline to register is February 4th

Guests will enjoy a photo booth, games and good food!

Adult Menu: Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, and Dessert

Childcare will be provided for children up to 5th grade and will include pizza, a

Valentine's Day craft, and a movie.

Cost per couple: \$20

Older children may volunteer to help with childcare.

Ladies Breakfast on February 25: All women are invited to a breakfast in the fellowship hall during Sunday School.

STUDENT • HAPPENINGS

Have you ever sat down to write something and...blank. Nothing. No inspiration, no moving of the Spirit, no mental outline. Just nothing. I confess this is my circumstance as I started to write this article. I just do not know what to say, and as I pray, I just do not seem to have the words. So, I turn to the Bible, to a series of verses that I have compiled related to God's will. Places in the Bible where we are told specifically what God's will is.

And, there it is. Right in front of me, the perfect words in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always! Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Did you catch the last part, "this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." You do not have to wonder what God's will is. You do not have to ask Him, "Lord, what should I do?" We are to rejoice. We are to pray. We are to give thanks *in everything*. And while we do need specific direction from God in our lives, this verse gives us an overarching directive of what we should be about.

You may be wondering what this has to do with our youth. Well, since you asked, this topic and this verse are something that Amy and I strive to keep before our youth. For those of you who are older (than our youth), can you imagine how your life would be if you set this verse as a pattern for yourself from a young age? I look back on my life and see all the times I did not rejoice enough, pray enough, and give thanks enough, and I realize that in those moments I was not living according to God's will.

So, with nothing else to say, I point you to this verse, and the understanding that rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks should mark our lives as Christians. These disciplines are not optional for those who serve and follow our Lord Jesus Christ. The beautiful thing is, as with all of God's commands, following is in our best interest and brings more peace, joy, and purpose than we ever achieve when we resist the leading of our loving heavenly Father.

SUPER BOWL EVENT

Super Bowl Party will be in the Fellowship Hall following the evening service on February 4th. This is for the church body to come enjoy good food and fellowship. There will be a chili and baked goods cook off! See Anthony Beasley for details.



Inclement Weather Policy

It is important for everyone to use their best judgment about whether they feel it is safe to come to church. If you feel at all threatened by the weather or feel that driving would be too risky, by all means stay at home. We will try our best not to close, especially on Sunday mornings. Our current policy is, on week days, the church office and daytime activities will follow the Harnett County Schools' procedures. You should tune in to WRAL-TV5 television station for closing information for services.