

**Sunday Services:**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. AM Worship  
6:00 p.m. PM Worship  
**Wednesday Services:**  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

“WHEREFORE ALSO WE  
PRAY ALWAYS FOR YOU,  
THAT OUR GOD WOULD  
COUNT YOU WORTHY  
OF THIS CALLING...”  
II THESSALONIANS 1:11

# The Vandover Call

## The Holidays are Here!!!



Hanging of the Green service will be November 29. This will also be the first Sunday of Advent.

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# Christmas story in lights



## December 11-13

## Feed My People Christmas Baskets

We have received information about our Christmas families:

### Basket #110

Mariah-F-15yr.- Sm/med

Katie-F-12yr

Mary-F-51yrs- Med

There were no special requests from this family.

### Basket#111

Esminka-F-39yr- 12-XL

Keila-F-4yr- 10-M

Arel-M-12yr- 6-Sm

Keila- Hannah Montana

Arel- Sports, football

Guidelines for giving food:

Give only nonperishable items. Canned fruits, vegetables and meats are preferred.

Do not give dented cans or damaged packages. Do not give opened packages. Do not give home canned items or freshly baked goods.

Here is a list of items that are the most needed:

- Canned meat and poultry items
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon, etc.)
- Peanut butter
- Beef stew
- Fruits and vegetables
- Dry cereals
- low salt, sugar free foods for people with special needs
- Food certificates
- sanitary products
- toilet tissue

Vandover is putting together these Christmas baskets so that these families will have complete holiday meals and to provide gifts for them to have for Christmas morning.

The deadline for collecting items for the baskets is December 13.



Christmas Baskets

## Angel Tree

Christmas is no time for a child to slip through the cracks. Every child has a story. For 1.5 million American children, that story is filled with abandonment, loneliness, and shame.

Every Christmas, Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree® program helps imprisoned moms and dads connect with their children. How? By providing gifts to the children on behalf of their parents in prison. Each gift comes with a personal message from mom or dad.

This Christmas, Angel Tree will reach about 400,000 children of prisoners with gifts and the Gospel.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this great cause and help some children to not feel so lonely and abandoned.



## Building work is complete

*We are pleased to say that the questions about the structural stability of the church have been answered. The Pre-school area is now usable. The rooms upstairs are now available for classroom use.*

*Thanks to Woods Basement for a job well done. Thanks to Jim and Lynn for all their hard work getting things ready for the work to be done.*

## Contagious Community

Don't forget our small groups that meet on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm for "Contagious Community"

## Women's Bible Study

Come join the ladies of the church to face your giants. They will be continuing their Bible Study on "Facing Your Giants" in 1 Samuel 21-22



-pastor article continued-

worship through giving. Vandover will be giving to children locally and around the world. Prayer support and money collected will support international missionaries, who are building the Kingdom of God. Locally, families will receive food and gifts from Vandover Baptist

Church. Giving is an expression of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It is worship flowing from the abundance from God, who gives Himself to us.

Lets worship God, who sent Jesus to give us life and abundance in that life.

Steve

## Christmas Story in Lights

The Christmas Story in Lights opens the weekend of December 11-13. This will be a unique experience for those who take a stroll on the Prayer and Meditation Pathway that is lined with luminaries. A brochure will give explanation of the designs on each luminary. All of the designs speak of the Christ of Christmas. People will see and read about the unfolding story of God's plan of com-

ing to us to bring us to Himself.

What could be more fun than a nighttime stroll with family and friends, along a beautiful luminary lit pathway. Grab your coat, hat, gloves and some friends and experience Christmas in a way that is both beautiful and meaningful.

See you on the pathway!

## Lottie Moon– Who's missing? Whose mission?

News of missing persons gets attention in this country. Concerned citizens from all walks of life pray together during the hundreds of man-hours it usually takes to find them. This year's "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?" theme has a personal connection to each of us as believers.

Simply put, some people around the world are missing God's invitation to come to Him in faith because:

- they live in places that are hard to reach (*mountaintop villages, alongside jungle rivers*)
- they live in hard-to-live places (*unheated homes, polluted areas, hot and dry climates*)
- there is open hostility towards outsiders, a lack of Scripture in their language or little religious freedom (*sometimes all three*)



Your mission is to learn who's missing, pray for them, partner with missionaries to reach them and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so missionaries can spend their lives sharing the Good News that Christ has for all of us.

The National goal is \$175 million.

Vandover's goal is \$500.

## Sermon series for November

November 1

Worship– Praise

November 8

Worship– Prayer

November 15

Worship– Giving

November 22

Worship- Thanksgiving

## Operation Christmas Child

### How to Pack a Shoe Box:

#### 1. SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

#### 2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

#### 3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Here are some suggestions:

**TOYS**-small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** -pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** -toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER** -Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans etc.



#### 4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

Please note, the deadline for these boxes will be November 15th.

There are materials located on the table in the fellowship hall and example of boxes.



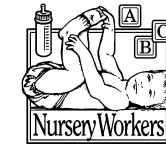
### The week of:

- Nov. 1 May Mangnall
  - Nov. 8 Volunteer needed
  - Nov. 15 Lynn Miller
  - Nov. 22 Roy Scott
  - Nov. 29 May Mangnall
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- Nov. 2 Maurice Williams, Jim Mangnall
  - Nov. 9 Marvin Toothaker, Larry Shaw
  - Nov. 16 Geri Warren, Frances Scheller
  - Nov. 23 Nick & Valerie Ems
  - Nov. 30 Maurice Williams, Jim Mangnall



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- Nov. 22 Cherri Roberts
- Nov. 29 Mary Grimm

## From the pastor

During the next two months, we have a great opportunity to worship and celebrate God. My next sermon series of messages is on "Worship." Worship is what brings us to the proper relationship with God. Worship humbles us and acknowledges our dependence upon God. Worship helps us see God in His glory and power. Through worship, we surrender our will to His and commit ourselves to be His partner in building His kingdom.

In the Christmas season, we see God coming to us through the birth of Jesus. We celebrate the

transformation that His birth and death has made in the lives of all believers and especially the transformation He has made in our life.

Thanksgiving reminds us that It is God who gives us life, meaning and purpose. Take time to give thanks to God for all of the joys that His presence and power has brought into our lives. Remember, very specifically, what joy God has brought to you.

We also have opportunity to