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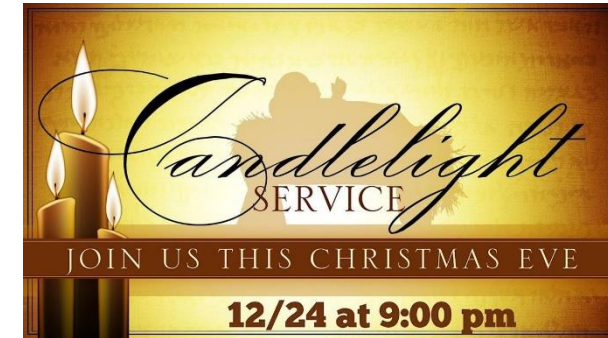


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**Candlelight Service**  
 Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm  
 Carols, Candles & Communion

**The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**  
**Our Church Goal: \$10,000.00**




We will be receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering throughout December. Every dollar given to this mission offering directly supports the work of our missionaries. You may give your mission dollars to the International Mission Board or to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship by marking your envelope with your preference. Our goal is \$10,000 and we will show our progress by lighting the Lottie Moon letters in the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

**Our Church Staff** (828) 286-2355

Pastor	Bruce Caldwell
Minister of Music & Education	Kelly T. Settlemyre
Youth Director	Colby Fagan
Administrative Assistant	Linda Tribou
Custodians	Steve and Cheryl Koon
Pianist	Jay Seagrave

Join us in person or online. We are broadcasting our worship service live each Sunday at 11 AM on Facebook Live and on local radio WCAB 590 AM or 100.9 FM. Subscribe to our **YouTube** channel. Go to Youtube.com and search for Spencer Baptist Church. After you click on our church name, please click "subscribe."



**CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, December 7th**  
 Spencer Church will have a float in the Spindale & Rutherfordton Christmas Parades this year. We will meet at the church no later than 1:30 to load the float. Anyone is welcome to be on the float, but children younger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade need a parent or guardian to stay with them. The Spindale parade starts at 3:30. The parade in Rutherfordton starts at 5:00pm.



**The Love of God at Christmas**  
 Presented by The Adult Choir  
 Sunday, December 15, 2024  
 11:00AM

Experience the joy of the season through music and drama as the choir leads us in worship. Invite your family and friends!

**Church Wide WMU Mission Study**  
**Saturday, December 7th at 9am**



Join us, as we explore THE GREAT PURSUIT. This is the focus of the WMU Mission Study for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This study will help us understand how vital our \$10,000 offering goal is. A light breakfast will be served, and everyone is welcome.  
 Jody Hartman, WMU Director

**Sunday Schedule for December\***

10:00 – Life Groups for all ages  
 11:00 – Morning Worship  
 5:30 – Activities for Children & Youth  
 \*Schedule is subject to change.



Bruce Kelly  
 Steve & Cheryl Colby Linda Jay  
 Cheryl Brianna  
**Merry Christmas from your Spencer Staff**



**Dec. 1**  
Mildred Morrow  
809 John D Barry Dr  
Spring Harbor  
Wilmington, NC 28412

**Dec. 8**  
Pat Tomblin  
149 Fairhaven Dr  
Bostic, NC 28018

**Dec. 15**  
Maye Pruett  
149 Fairhaven Dr  
Bostic, NC 28018

**Dec. 22**  
Nora Greene  
493 Piney Ridge Rd  
Brookdale Assisted Living  
Forest City, NC 28043

**Dec. 29**  
Curtis Rice  
240 Prince St.  
Spindale, NC 28160

### College Students of the Week

\*December will finish up our students for the 2024 year. We have doubled up the last two weeks of December.

**Dec. 1**  
Stephen Scala  
Red Point Apts.  
173 Feathers Lane #122  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
NC State

**Dec. 8**  
Connor Settlemyre  
Campus Box 5436  
110 S. Main St.  
Boiling Springs, NC28017  
Gardner Webb University

**Dec. 15**  
Jada Whitesides  
274 Ledbetter Rd  
Spindale, NC 28160  
Catawba Valley College

**Dec. 22**  
Candice Vick  
135 Diamond Dr  
Ellenboro, NC 28040  
Isothermal Community

**Dec. 29**  
Samaria Whitesides  
746 California Rd  
Spartanburg, SC 29303  
USC Upstate

**Dec. 29**  
Michael Wilson  
180 D. Mathis Dr  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
Cleveland Community



### Senior Adults Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am**  
Join us for our Christmas Meal on Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. We will go to the Mason Jar! See you then!

### Senior Adult Evening Meal

**Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**  
Take a break from all the shopping and join us for a great meal at Abele's Family Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 5:00pm



### Children's Christmas Party

**Sunday, Dec. 15**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**  
Family Life Center  
Children will enjoy crafts, cookies, Christmas Story, games, and more! All children are invited to participate; however, children younger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade are asked to bring a parent.



Thank you to every single person who helped make our OCC Packing Party a success. Your willingness to help pack boxes and your donations helped us pack and ship 59 boxes! That's 59 opportunities to share the Gospel with children and their community! The item of the month for December is PRAYER! Please pray that each box blesses the recipient as well as their family & friends, opening more doors to share God's love!  
-Kelly Owens

### Misson Post Office

The Mission Post Office is open! You can send a card to anyone within Spencer Church for .10 cents. If you have cards for those who do not attend Spencer, you will have to mail those at the local post office. The money raised will help those in our community.



### Calling All Volunteers!!

Spencer will once again host Night to Shine, Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing worldwide event, please call the church office.828-286-2355.

**Caring Hearts Sewing Group**  
The Caring Hearts sewing group will meet Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am in the sewing room. We will gather for lunch in the FLC at 11:30. Please join us.

**Stewardship Meeting**  
Stewardship Committee will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm

**Deacon's Meeting**  
Deacons will meet Tuesday, Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Circle of Sisters**  
Please join us in the FLC on Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Join us for a  
*Baby Shower*  
in honor of  
**Casey & Heidi Crowe Barnes**  
Sunday, December 8th 2:00-3:30pm  
Spencer Baptist Church FLC  
Casey & Heidi are registered at Amazon.com  
*Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of their baby girl, Kirby Jaye!*

**Yokefellow Items for December**  
Regular size cans of Chunky soups or Beef Stew. There is a bin outside the Chapel for you to put your donation. Thank You!

**Welcome New Members**  
**Cynthia Cortez** joined on Sunday, Nov 3rd by transfer of letter. Cindy's Deacon is Jody Hartman.  
**Albert & Bernadette Braden** joined on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> by Profession of Faith. Albert & Bernadette's deacon is Jimmy Crowe.  
**Odean & Barbara Keever** joined on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> by transfer of letter. Odean & Barbara's Deacon is Stuart Huntsinger.

*We Invite You to Our*  
*Wedding Celebration*  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Spencer Baptist Church  
187 N. Oak Street  
Spindale, NC 28160  
*If you plan to attend, please contact Ann Caldwell  
Phone: 828-429-2549*

**Julie & Jonathan**



Serving will begin at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

**Please reserve your meals before noon on Tuesdays.**

*We need to know how many meals to prepare. Please call the church office or reserve your meals on our website or FB page. \*menu subject to change*

**Dec. 4** Sloppy Joe's, Chips & Fruit  
**Prepared by: Betty Head, Susan Shehan, Judy Huntsinger, Barbara Callahan**

**Dec. 11** Hotdogs, French Fries, Slaw & Chili  
**Prepared by: Spencer Youth**

**Dec. 18** Soup & Sandwiches  
**Prepared by: Spencer Staff**

**Dec. 25** No Wednesday Night Supper



### Nursery

**Dec. 1** Kim Greene, Makayla Yelton, Emily Bradshaw  
**Dec. 8** Debbie & Scott Sims, Tiffany Houser  
**Dec. 15** Kelli & Alex Beavers, Jackie & Drew Brooks  
**Dec. 22** Jennifer Spearman, Mary Kathryn Taylor  
**Dec. 29** Ann Caldwell, Olivia Fagan

### Safety & Security

**Dec. 1** Dwayne Houser, Adrian Stroud  
**Dec. 8** Jeff Murray, Billy Waters  
**Dec. 15** Greg Settlemyre, Garry Ankrom  
**Dec. 22** Scott Sims, Glen Harmon  
**Dec. 29** Billy Conner, Doug Bright

### Welcome & Bulletins

**Month of December: Glenn & Lisa Harmon**

*\*If you cannot volunteer on your scheduled day, please arrange a substitute or call the church office.*



**Spencer Church Offices will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26**

All monetary donations to Spencer Church for the 2024 year must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024

