

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY MAGAZINE

# A Look Within

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# Welcome

Welcome to the Holiday edition of *A Look Inside*. If you're like me you can hardly believe we are already into the beautiful holiday season! 'Tis the season of sweet fellowship around a bountiful table, and a season filled with lights and love-wrapped gifts. Perhaps your family has a new baby to celebrate this year, or maybe the sadness and loss of a loved one who will leave an empty place at the table. This time of year is known as the "most wonderful time of the year," and for many that is true yet for others, it is a time of remembrance of loved ones lost. What we can all rest in is the serenity of our faith. We have been given the undeserved privilege of being wrapped in grace and clothed in righteousness because of a little baby boy born long ago to die once and for all.

I am reminded of the story of a young, new mother bringing her baby to the temple to be dedicated and at just the right time an older widow crossing the path of the little family. As Anna gazed lovingly on the baby, her words speak to my heart even today, many, many years later. The Bible tells us of how she began praising God for this new life, this promised Messiah that she had been waiting to see for most of her adult life. The Bible says that she talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. Even in her loneliness, she recognized the hope this baby brought to everyone. Perhaps you or I need to be rescued from loss, or a too-busy schedule to pull off the perfect holiday celebration. Perhaps you or I are experiencing the joy of holding a new baby for the first time or the laughter of family around the table or a glittering tree. May we, like Anna, tell everyone about our Savior, may we all celebrate the wonder of grace wrapped in a manger of straw and swaddling clothes. In the midst of this season may we all, like Anna, be captivated by the love of the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas with love,

*Cathy & The W-AM Team*

# Women of FBC

# meet *Lynn Young*

In your mind, travel back in time to 1946. That's when the bikini was invented, named after the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This same year, Ed Waldmire Jr. invented "The Cozy Dog," the first corn dog on a stick! And the Magic 8 Ball made its debut, along with the Christmas classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life."

In September of that year, one of our own beloved church members made her debut: Lynn Young. She was born in Columbia, S.C., and grew up there, an only child. She graduated from high school, and then went on to college at Winthrop in Rock Hill, S.C., where she received a Bachelor's in History.

Lynn's father served in the military, and after retiring, went on to become Vice-President of Admiral products. Her mom worked for the S.C. State Aeronautics Commission, and her grandmother worked in the Strom Thurmond Building. "I remember sitting on the Capitol floor," says Lynn, when she'd go with her mom or grandmother to work. "I'm really proud of the good strong women in my family who love history!"



Lynn recalls growing up in a strong Christian home and regularly attending church, as well as Sunday School and Methodist Youth Fellowship classes. “I also remember the Reverend Carl Clarey, my mom and two others who decided to start a new church.” It was called Trenholm Methodist Church and its doors are still open today. “It was fascinating to see my Mom involved in this project, and to watch it grow!”

Lynn says that giving her life to Christ happened when she was a high school senior. She had written a 4-page essay entitled “We Seek Peace” for a contest that promised the winner a trip to New York and the United Nations. Her entry was printed in the local newspaper and she won the contest for her region. “That trip and that time really turned me around, and taught me that I needed God in ALL aspects of my life.” She adds, “We were also treated to lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt, who was so gracious.”

When it came time for marriage, Lynn’s first was not what she expected. “We were married for a short while, had two daughters, then divorced. Suddenly, I was a single mother, with little ones to support.” Enter Jerry Young, who needed a fast typist to produce work for him daily. After putting the kids to bed, Lynn would type every night. One evening, Jerry invited her to dinner. They married in 1977, combining their families (his three children and her two). This year, they’ll celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary! They now have 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Also part of the family is Millie Rivers Young, a 13-year-old Beagle mix from the SCPCA in Mills River near their home in Hendersonville, N.C.

If you know Lynn Young, you know she is our community’s champion of children in need. She is the driving force behind Lowcountry Orphan Relief or LOR, whose motto is “Fulfilling Needs, Providing Hope.” In an online article about LOR written by Nicholl Summers (1/10/2017) explains, “Lowcountry Orphan Relief was founded in 2003 by Lynn, who began collecting and distributing items from her home after noticing the need when she was serving as a guardian ad litem in the court system. Now a 501(c)(3), this organization has served over 42,000 children since 2006. Donations to this local charity stay local, and items donated go directly to the children who need it most. Lowcountry Orphan Relief operates on the founding principle that all children deserve to be nurtured, loved and protected.” If you’d like to make a donation or volunteer, please check out the opportunity to do so on the LOR website. Prayers are also welcome.

Another awesome service Lowcountry Orphan Relief provides is something called “Just In Case Closets” for Title 1 Schools. A nurse or guidance counselor at each of these schools can go to these closets and pull out a toothbrush, toothpaste or fresh clothes for a student who comes to school needing these items that were unavailable to them at home.





Lynn shared some fantastic news for South Carolina: this year's addition of Midlands Orphan Relief! Lynn reports, "I got a call from the Department of Social Services in Columbia asking me to replicate Lowcountry Orphan Relief in our state capitol." Lynn adds, "My answer was, 'Of course! Absolutely!'" Midlands Orphan Relief has already served over 640 abandoned or abused children in the Columbia area. Help Lynn celebrate LOR's new "twin" just down the road from us!

What was the most moving moment in the history of Lynn's life? "While there were several, the one I remember so clearly was when a woman standing next to me volunteering and sorting clothes for LOR, asked, "What do you need here to help the children?" I told her that we really needed to buy the building we were in so we could stay in our location, and that it would cost \$155,000. Two days later, she told me her family was giving us \$155,000 from her sister's legacy. I could not breathe! My husband and I got some help to restore and bring up to code that building on the old Navy base and that is where we still are today!

One of the most inspirational people in Lynn's life? "That would be my Mama," Lynn answers. "The way I saw her help create a brand new church, attend Bible study and Sunday School, take care of her mother, her work ethic, how she taught me to behave and to cook, how she supported me and paid for my college tuition. Her passion for her loved ones, her church, and the Lord was a wonderful thing, a blessing to witness."

As for study time, Lynn's starts first thing in the morning. "I get my cup of coffee and head for my private corner. I usually read some devotions from *Jesus Calling*, some quotes for

the day, and some Bible passages." She adds, "During the day, when I need replenishing, I return to some of my favorite Scriptures.

These favorite Scriptures are: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. Also, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house, there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3.

Lynn is a voracious reader and enjoys reading books at night. A favorite book is *Woman of Substance* by Barbara Taylor Bradford. She also enjoys author Pearl Buck, and books about history and biographies.

Her favorite things to do include reading, walking, and helping children. Favorite places she's visited? "I love Oriental places. We visited Kyoto, Japan, and I found it so touching and beautiful." She also enjoyed Italy's quiet beauty and the desert and animals in Africa.

Lynn's toughest challenge? "The day that my precious daughter Shannon learned she had Stage 4 breast cancer that had metastasized to her liver." Shannon is 53 and doing her best to take one day at a time. Lynn hopes to take her to New York City for a Broadway play for her birthday, something Shannon would love to do, if she can.

How has God's grace provided for Lynn? "I can't count it all!" exclaims Lynn. "I have a deep love and passion for what I do; a wonderful husband who loves and supports me; good health; and the opportunity to use the talents and gifts God has given me." Lynn adds, "It is a true joy to take care of others."

By Margaret Edwards



# Women of FBC

## meet

### *Elizabeth Willis*



Take a look back to 1979. That's when Margaret Thatcher was elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, a gallon of gas cost us 86 cents, and McDonald's introduced its Happy Meal for kids for \$1.00. This same year, on October 30, Elizabeth Willis was born in Lexington, S.C.

Elizabeth grew up there with her older brother, where they attended school and Lexington Baptist Church. Her father worked in construction and her mother was an elementary school teacher. "I remember accepting Christ when I was 8 years old at a Billy Graham Crusade. It was very powerful." More than 300,000 people heard Graham's message while he was in Columbia for the week of the Crusade.

Elizabeth attended the University of Alabama, earning a BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, then returned to South Carolina where she earned her Master's degree in Speech Pathology. "I became interested in speech/language pathology while doing my student teaching. I'd always wanted to pursue a higher degree, but I also

always wanted to be a mother. So I wanted a career that would be conducive to both.” She continues, “I saw the speech pathologists in the schools where I worked during my student teaching practicums and became very interested. After learning how many opportunities there are in the field. I began praying about what God wanted me to do with my life. I moved back home to Lexington, SC, from Tuscaloosa, AL, where I left all my friends, and started a 2 1/2 year graduate program in Columbia, SC at USC. It was one of the best decisions of my life, as I feel I have been able to help countless families by giving them hope that their child, (or loved one—I’ve worked with a lot with adults too), will be able to communicate with them one day.” Elizabeth adds, “There has been no greater joy in my career than to hear a child say ‘Mama’ or ‘Dada’ to their parents for the first time, or to see a loved one after a stroke or head injury smile at their loved ones and say ‘I love you.’ I truly feel I am where God intended for me to be and feel very blessed that His grace has provided for me in this area of my life. Now I am in private practice and work for myself which is perfect – it allows me to also be a mother to my own four children while also helping others.”

A lot of couples talk about having grown up in the same town with each other, and that’s true for Elizabeth and Shawn. Except that, even though their families only lived a mile apart from each other, “We never really spent any time together or hung out growing up; we had different groups of friends. It wasn’t until much later that a mutual friend put us in touch with each other, and we hit it off.” Shawn and Elizabeth married in June 2009, and now have a family of four: Mary Frances, 10, in the 4th grade; Cothran, 8, in 3rd grade; Maggie 5, in kindergarten; and Miles, 2, in Pre-School. Shawn is an attorney here in Charleston and first worked with Mike Roberts, a member of our congregation, when Elizabeth and Shawn joined First Baptist Church.

“We moved to Charleston 11 years ago and visited several churches, but knew from the start that First Baptist Church was where we felt most at home,” says Elizabeth. “We joined the Sunday before our oldest, Mary Frances, was born, then at 6 months of age, she was dedicated, and Shawn was baptized.”

Originally, when asked, “What was your toughest challenge?” Elizabeth first spoke about parenting but the Lord put it on her heart to share this instead: “I haven’t shared it much, but I had an ectopic pregnancy for my first pregnancy and it was a very difficult time for Shawn and me. All of our friends were having babies, or pregnant at the same time. One of my good friends called me the day I found out my news to tell me she was



pregnant. It was very difficult dealing with the uncertainty. Would we ever be able to have children? But once again, God's grace was enough. About two years after all this we got pregnant with our first child."

When asked whom she considers the most inspirational person in her life, Elizabeth answered, "My mom. She is a selfless Christian. She will do anything for anyone. She worked full-time and still managed to get us to church every time the doors were open."

Elizabeth's favorite Scripture verses are: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you, not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. "This verse is important to me because it emphasizes that every life has meaning and purpose, and we can trust that He has a perfect plan for each one of our lives. I recite this to my kids every day. Also: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3. "I tend to be a worrier and this verse is a constant reminder to keep my heart and mind focused on Christ, not the worries of the day. Another favorite: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33. "I texted this verse to a good friend the day I learned her 20-month-old daughter had lost her long-fought cancer battle. She was so touched by it, she asked me to read this verse at her daughter's funeral. It's a steadfast reminder, especially in these hard times in today's world that the war has already been won for us by Christ's blood on the cross. And even though we may face unthinkable times in our lives, we can trust that God is sovereign and He loves us." And finally: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3. "This is an everyday reminder of

all the blessings we have in our lives, and that they all come from God's grace and love for us."

Elizabeth especially enjoys Beth Moore's and Priscilla Shirer's Bible studies, as well as books by one of her favorite authors, Jodi Picoult. As for prayer and meditation time, that happens first thing in the morning before the kids wake up.

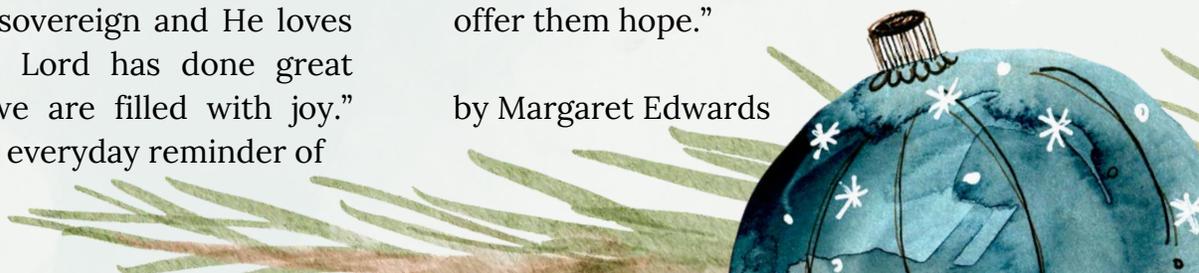
One of her favorite places she's visited was Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she visited the oldest church in the United States, San Miguel Chapel, a Spanish colonial mission church built around 1610. Elizabeth enjoyed hearing its history and shared the history of our First Baptist Church in Charleston, which the people there appreciated learning about.

Elizabeth's favorite things to do? She enjoys exercise workouts, cycling, mowing the grass, and she loves college football, especially cheering for her Alabama Crimson Tide: "ROLL TIDE!"

If there's one thing she could do that's she never done before, it would be: "Joining Prince William and Princess Kate for dinner at Buckingham Palace!"

How has God's grace provided for Elizabeth? "In so many ways! By loaning me four beautiful children to raise, an honor I do not deserve. It's been such a great joy." Elizabeth adds, "Also, the opportunity to volunteer for Pro-Life Charleston, working with the Mobile Pregnancy Center where we minister to women, pray for them and offer them hope."

by Margaret Edwards





# Thanksgiving

*“Thanksgiving - giving, thanks  
in everything - prepares the way  
that God might show us His  
fullest salvation in Christ.”*

*— Ann Voskamp*

# *Celebrating friends across the globe*

*Two stories from our friend, "Meg" \**

## *The Challenge and Joy of Obedience*

The decision had to be made for our personnel to leave the country, due to civil unrest, rampant persecution, and a clear sense from the Lord that it was time to leave. It was a heart-rending decision. In a place where there are many who have yet to hear the name of Jesus, personnel did not want to leave, and we did not want to ask them to. Following this exodus there was a season of desperate prayer for this nation, as many interceded for those in need of the Gospel, for the nation's continued unrest and economic challenges. We asked God to call out a team to re-enter. Now nearly ten years later, God has opened the door for this needy land to be reengaged. Praise His Name! He has called His children to enter, and they are eagerly obeying that summons.

But it is not an easy obedience. Colleagues who are well trained and have had experience in this part of the world have shared that their first month in country was unexpectedly the hardest month of their lives. The logistics of finding housing and furnishings, working around local unrest, while looking for people to assist them, has been much more difficult than they ever imagined. Other colleagues who are training to enter have experienced persistent illness, and unexpected family issues. Obtaining essential documents and registering entities is taking much longer than planned.

But the Father is beside them, giving grace, and supplying their needs. One colleague shared, "I have learned to rest in the Lord." A man whom they just happened to meet on the street has become their advocate, providing local transport and valuable assistance. Children are happy in their new home and sleeping through the night. As encounters are made, new friendships are developing.

Please pray for each of these brothers and sisters to rest daily in the Lord. Pray for them to be aware of His presence and relish in His peace. Pray for them to joyfully share the hope of the Lord with the hurting around them who are in desperate need of Him.

*\*name changed*



## *Washing Machines and Such*

This week I needed to get a load of laundry washed and hung on the line to dry. I started the machine and then left it to attend a virtual Bible study which feeds my soul. An hour and a half later I checked the machine, and it was only half filled with water. Our water tank had run dry! I switched on the pump to get water from the lower water tank to the elevated tank. While the pump was going, our power went off. No electricity! So, I found our step ladder and placed it by the lower water tank. I got a bucket and with a rope tied to it, was able to perch on the ladder and lower the bucket into the tank, then fill the machine with water. Thankfully, not too much later the electricity decided to come on again and the machine could do its thing. I got the laundry hung on the line in time for most of the clothes to dry before sunset. Our supper guests were a couple pair of jeans and a bath towel, hung on chairs nearby!

One of my colleagues is settling into a new city and a new country. After more than a month of living in basic housing, eating simple meals and washing her clothes by hand, she is now settling into a nice apartment. She purchased a couch, which when delivered to her house was broken. So, she asked for another couch, which was also broken. Finally couch #3 arrived and while it's not quite right either, she now has a sofa! She also needed to purchase a washing machine, but there was no hook up for a machine in her apartment, so she waited until that problem was solved before acquiring a machine. I recently received this text from her, "The washer is hooked up now and works! I'm sitting on my couch, listening to the sound of my washing machine. Didn't know that sound could be so sweet...."

As we live in Third World countries, we often don't know what the day will bring or how much time it will take to do a seemingly simple task. The next time you throw a load of laundry in your washing machine, I would love for you to stop and pray for your sisters who are serving overseas. Pray for us to choose joy rather than frustration in whatever the day brings. Pray for us, that amid the delays and unexpected encounters we will keep our eyes on the Lord. Pray for us to share the love of Jesus with the ones He unexpectedly brings into our days. I know that you also experience unexpected delays and encounters. They may look different from ours but are equally frustrating. I pray that you choose joy, dear sisters, keeping your eyes on the Lord and taking advantage of those opportunities to shine for Him.

*Meg*



## WEM Bio *Lizzie Dean*

Hi, I'm Lizzie Dean, member and staff at First Baptist Church. My family and I have been attending First Baptist for almost 4 years. I've been married to Daniel Dean for 8 years, and we have 3 (soon to be 4) children: Zippy (6), Arbor (3), and Gideon (20 months).

As a member of staff, I am biased when I say that I love the children's and preschool ministries here at our church. I know my children are loved and cared for by our volunteers, and are taught about God's goodness and faithfulness. Daniel and I also love that the friends we have here love our whole family. As we feel about them. The families and members of First Baptist care about each other, pray for each other, encourage and challenge each other. This is something you do not find at every church. It is something for which we thank God.

As many of you know, I love singing praise to God. I take great delight in worshipping my King and Father. He is worthy of praise! Right now, some songs I find myself singing throughout the day are the following: "Honey In the Rock" by Brooke Ligertwood; "Isaiah Song," "I Shall Not Want," and "Refiner" by Maverick City Music.



I've found myself camping out in Romans lately. Having a steady quiet time with 3 children running around makes it difficult. However, the Lord has shown me some seeds to plant and root in my Spirit. I find myself coming back to the following verses, finding encouragement and joy.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.—Romans 6: 5-11.

# WEM Bio

## *Kim Jenkins*

Hi everyone! My name is Kim Jenkins. My husband, John, and I have been attending FBC since 2013 and officially joined in 2014. About a year later, I joined the adult choir where I still serve today. I consider it one of my greatest joys to help lead our congregation in worship each Sunday with a group of dedicated choir members who love our church tremendously. I have also served in our preschool ministry leading preschool praise and currently volunteering in the two-year old nursery. I am new to the Women's Enrichment Ministry having joined just this past summer, and I look forward to connecting with new and old friends through serving the women of FBC on this team.



I was born in Fair Haven, NJ, but moved to Holly Springs, NC at 3-years old, and that is where I grew up. In my high school years, I was involved in Young Life (YL), and I came to know Christ as my Lord and Savior when I was on a YL retreat in Saranac, NY. I attended The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and that is where I met John and started attending Baptist services with him. My parents moved to Summerville while I was in college, and John and I were engaged and married here in Charleston. We almost got married at FBC, and now knowing that we are members, I wish we had! We lived in Raleigh, NC for about a year after we were married, and then John accepted a job here in Charleston. We moved to Mount Pleasant at the very end of 2012 and have enjoyed it immensely.





I have greatly benefitted from several Sunday school classes here at FBC especially in the last several years focusing on parenting after John and I started our family in 2017. The Lord has blessed us with a 5-year-old son, Carter, and a 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte. In my early adult years, I often wondered what God's plan was for me. After having Carter, I thought maybe it was to be a good mom and raise my children in the faith, which is admirable but did not quite seem complete. When I was pregnant with Charlotte, we learned that she would have Down syndrome. This news came just a few months after my dad passed away, and it was a very difficult time in my life. However, through faith and prayer, I found joy, and shortly after giving birth to Charlotte, it became clear that God did have a bigger plan for me. I have become an advocate for Charlotte and the Down syndrome community, and over the past year, I have been working hard on the startup team to bring a GiGi's Playhouse to Charleston. GiGi's Playhouse is a Down syndrome achievement center that provides purposeful, therapeutic-based programs to individuals with Down syndrome and their families for free. If you have never heard of GiGi's Playhouse, please come talk to me - I would love to share more about it! I feel grateful to have been given an opportunity to advocate for my daughter and all those like her.

Throughout my faith journey, bible verses have stood out to me with different meanings depending on the season of life I have been in. Here is a little timeline of verses that have helped me stand grounded in faith from my teenage years through today:

1. *Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*
2. *Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.*
3. *John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*
4. *Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

# *In the Kitchen*

## MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

*from the kitchen of  
Kim Jenkins*

**Prep: 25 min**

**Total: 40 min**

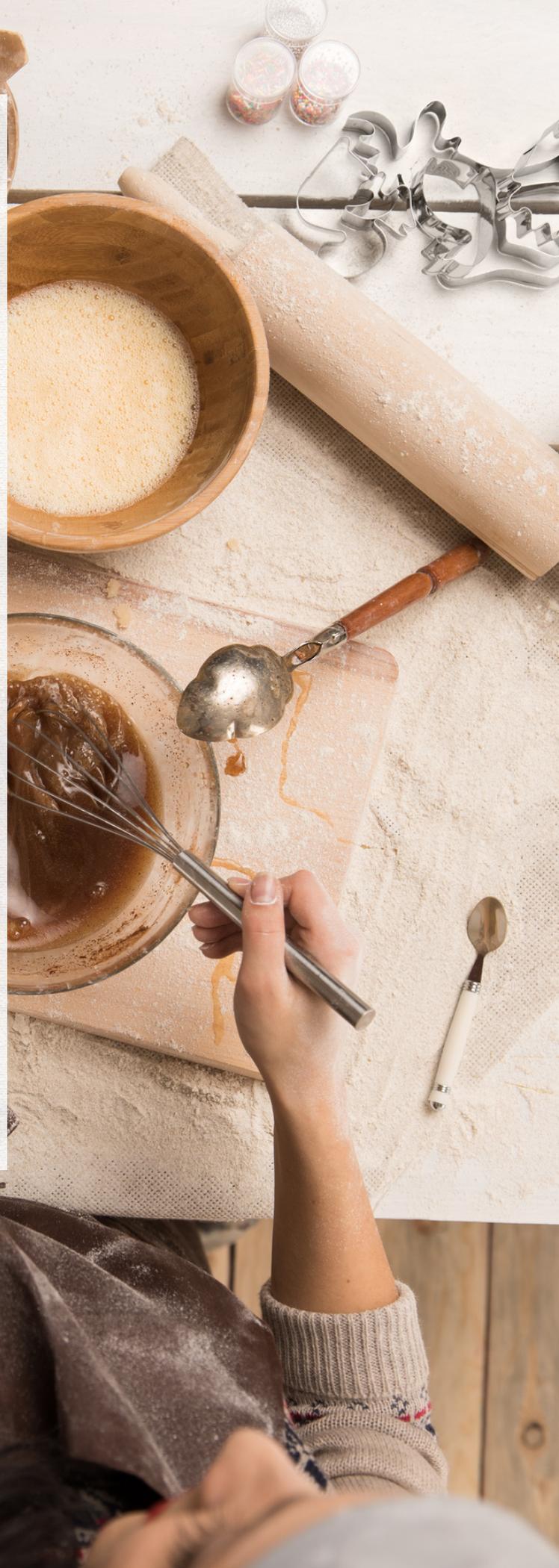
**Servings: 36**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pouch (1lb 1.5 oz) Sugar Cookie mix
- ½ cup butter or margarine, softened
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon mint extract
- 6 to 8 drops green food color
- 1 egg
- 1 cup crème de menthe baking chips
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chunks

### PREPARATION

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, butter, extract, food color and egg until soft dough forms. Stir in baking chips and chocolate chunks.
2. Using small cookie scoop or teaspoon, drop dough 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool 3 minutes; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Serve warm or cool completely. Store tightly covered at room temperature.



# Holiday Happenings

## ADVENT WREATH-MAKING EVENT

Wednesday, November 30

5:30-7:00 pm / Courtyard

Cost: \$30

Sign-up Deadline: November 25

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, December 7

6:15 pm - 7:30 pm / 48 Meeting Street, Rm 208

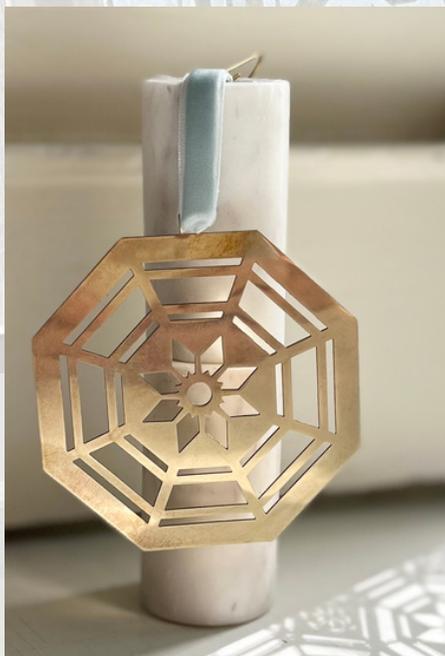
# Snapshot Memories

PHOTOS from NOVEMBER BRUNCH



# Christmas Gifting

BENEFITS LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



**WINDOW ORNAMENT \$15**  
IN VINTAGE CHURCH BRASS



**SALT + LIGHT TEES \$20**  
WASHED DENIM or ISLAND REEF  
COMFORT COLOR BRAND

**1682 EMBROIDERY BALL CAP \$15**  
VINTAGE NAVY OR WHITE:  
"1682" ABOVE LEATHER BACKSTRAP

**EMBROIDERY CANVAS TOTE \$15**  
IN BLACK OR NAVY



**1822 WINDOW EARRINGS**  
VINTAGE CHURCH BRASS  
+ NICKEL FREE HOOKS

**HALF-INCH PENDANT \$15**  
FRENCH HOOK OR KIDNEY CLASP

**ONE-INCH PENDANT \$25**  
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# *A Matter of Faith*

## Teaching Session by Cathy Blalock

Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things \_\_\_\_\_ for, a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of things not \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11 : 1 (New American Standard Bible)

Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of what is \_\_\_\_\_ for, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of what is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11 : 1 ( Christian Standard Bible)

Faith shows the \_\_\_\_\_ of what we \_\_\_\_\_ for, it is the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of things we cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11 : 1 (New Living Translation)

For by it (faith), our ancestors won God's \_\_\_\_\_ .

Hebrews 11 : 2 (Christian Standard Bible)

The Bible has quite a lot to say about hope. Biblical hope has as its foundation faith in God. The word hope in English often conveys doubt. For instance, "I hope it will not rain tomorrow." In addition, the word hope is often followed by the word so. This is the answer that some may give when asked if they think that they will go to heaven when they die. They say, "I hope so." However, that is not the meaning of the words usually translated "hope" in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word batah and its cognates has the meaning of confidence, security, and being without care; therefore, the concept of doubt is not part of this word. In most instances in the New Testament, the word hope is the Greek elpis/elpizo. Again, there is no doubt attached to this word. Therefore, biblical hope is a confident expectation or assurance based upon a sure foundation for which we wait with joy and full confidence. In other words, "There is no doubt about it!" [gotquestions.org/Bible-hope.html](http://gotquestions.org/Bible-hope.html)

What does Romans 1 : 20 teach us about how people of the past, present and future can know God?

According to Hebrews 11 : 3, how does faith help us to know God?

What does Hebrews 11 : 6 say about our relationship with God?

In Hebrews 11 : 4 what did faith produce in Abel?

In Hebrews 11 : 5 how did Enoch's faith show others how God felt about him?

In Hebrews 11 : 7 what did faith produce in Noah?

In Hebrews 11 : 9 - 10 how did God reward Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for their faith?

In Hebrews 11, we are told the stories of many of the heroes of the Bible and how their faith affected their lives. What do we see produced in the lives of the above-listed heroes, and others in this chapter, through their faith?

What does Hebrews 11 : 13 teach us about the above-listed people of old?

What else do we learn about Abraham's faith in Hebrews 11 : 17 - 19?

Read Hebrews 12 : 1 - 4. What does this passage say?

Like the Biblical heroes of old, what has your faith produced in you?

Write out a prayer asking God to produce much fruit in your life through your faith.



*Merry Christmas!*  
*Christmas & New Year's Worship!*

**CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS**

**5:00 pm (Sanctuary)**

Christmas Carols, Communion and Candlelight

**11:00 pm (Sanctuary)**

Christmas Carols, Candlelight and Communion Worship  
with the Sanctuary Choir

**SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY WORSHIP**

Worship Only at 10:30 am (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Worship Only at 10:30 am (Sanctuary)

Nursery Provided