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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2018

Every Church. Every Nation.

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church—and every church member—has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your church's participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that.

Your Gifts Transform Lives

Because you and your church give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation.

The Story of Lottie Moon

In the 1800s, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name. The offering was established to empower international missions efforts for Southern Baptists.

IN CHURCH NEWS THIS MONTH:

Check out our "Holiday Events" page for Holiday Church programs near you!

Welcome Pastors Gary Addington to King Springs and Dr. Lester Morelock to First Jonesborough.



Central Baptist to host trip to the Passion Play, Oberammergau Germany, June 11-21, 2020, including a tour of Italy and Bavaria. This play has been presented every 10 years since 1646 and is therefore the oldest continuous tradition in the world; over 1/2 million will attend in 2020. It's a deeply moving spiritual experience. All inclusive cost: 4249. Contact Tony Martin or Gene Elliott at Central for more information: 926-7121.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Thursday Nov. 29, 2018

Location: University Parkway Baptist Church
219 University Parkway Johnson City, TN
Worship Center

Time:5:30-8:30pm

Training is for entrance into all TN prisons.

Training is for New Certification or Recertifications.

Training administered by Office Laflamme of NECC Carter County Annex Prison.

Refreshments provided.

Registration: Signup Via Email to Karen@pricedude.com or Text 423-202-0145 with your name



Friday & Saturday, January 25-26, 2019

Southwestern Baptist

Cost: \$20.00

Jamie will teach you how you can master the God-exalting parenting skills - great for parents, leaders, youth ministers, anyone engaging with youth in some capacity. God has used this straightforward parenting program to engage totally un-churched parents, whose children are unruly, defiant, delinquent, etc. and has gained endorsements, even court orders, by local judges, caseworkers, etc. Using this simple program alongside a heart for lost teens and parents, Jamie has won numerous awards in SC, both secular and Christian, for truly impacting two different counties where he has lived with his unashamedly and thoroughly Christian approach to parenting. This is a tool to truly help to parents, whether inside or outside the church, and therefore a great outreach tool as well. Bring your leader that has a heart for troubled kids and struggling parents. So please MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



hus begins our season of Thanksgiving and Celebration of the Incarnation of The Living God! But not every heart is prepared to truly celebrate.

The single greatest weapon the devil has to use against the people of God is discouragement. If the devil can keep us discouraged, we will not pray, we will not read the Bible, we will not come to church, we will not engage the Lost, we will quit looking to Jesus...and we will not be thankful and celebrate.

Attitudes of both thankfulness and celebration begin with remembering...Who sovereignly holds the present reality, the future possibilities, and all Eternity in His hands, Who holds you and me, and Who is ABLE beyond anything we can think or even imagine to...

Speak to the nothingness...Be created, exist.

Speak to the storm...Peace, be still (and know God.) Speak to the sea...Part so My people may pass.

Speak to the rocks...Bring forth (living) water.

Speak to the dry bones...Breathe, come to life anew.

What does WORSHIP RENEWAL look like —

forsaking every idolatry of heart and loving God with ALL of our being...personally, in families, in church cultures?

What does
SANCTIFICATION look like
— making disciples, who
hotly pursue holiness and
die to self, reflecting the
likeness of
Christ...personally, in
families, in church cultures?

What does THANKSGIVING and CELEBRATION look like if entire Bodies of Christ prioritize this season to being renewed in an utterly surrendered, headlong pursuit of holiness and sanctification...prioritizing individuals being changed, families being changed, and whole church cultures being changed?

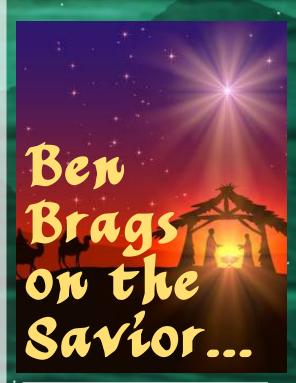
Prepare thyself; Prepare thy family; Prepare thy church! Leadership Networks will be launching in the new year, and to the utmost, we will attempt to unite in earnest, unrelenting pursuit of Worship Renewal, Sanctification of Disciples, who make disciples, and more.

Let us continually remind one another...Do not be discouraged!

God is able; Jesus is willing; The Holy Spirit is



by Ben Proffitt Associational Mission Strategist



anxious...to accomplish in us, through us, and all around us...impossible things far beyond our comprehension or imagination.

In this season, be encouraged! Behold the Glory of God afresh! And let us be overwhelmed by a sense of thankfulness and celebration of the Holy One!



Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Sites

for additional locations, click HERE

Johnson City, TN - Heritage Baptist Church

1512 John Exum Parkway Johnson City, TN 37604-3827

Mon, Nov. 12 - Fri, Nov. 16: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Johnson City, TN - Boone Trail Baptist

1985 Carroll Creek Road Johnson City, TN 37615-4545

Mon, Nov. 12: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Tue, Nov. 13: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wed, Nov. 14: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Thu, Nov. 15: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fri, Nov. 16: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sat, Nov. 17: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Jonesborough, TN - Trinity Baptist Church

260 Headtown Road

Jonesborough, TN 37659-4734

Mon, Nov. 12 - Fri, Nov. 16: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Piney Flats, TN - Piney Flats First Baptist

100 Cherry Street

Piney Flats, TN 37686-4206

Mon, Nov. 12 - Fri, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

For additional information: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/

Elizabethton, TN - First Christian Church

513 Hattie Avenue

Elizabethton, TN 37643-3316

Mon, Nov. 12: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 13: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 14: 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Thu, Nov. 15: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 16: 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 18: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Erwin, TN - First Christian Church

307 S Main Avenue Erwin, TN 37650-1117

Mon, Nov. 12 - Thu, Nov. 15: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sat, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Blountville, TN - First Baptist Church

3358 Highway 126

Blountville, TN 37617-0587

Mon, Nov. 12 - Fri, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sun, Nov. 18: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kingsport, TN - Grace Fellowship Church

1 Fellowship Lane

Kingsport, TN 37660-5388

Mon, Nov. 12 - Fri, Nov. 16: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sun, Nov. 18: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

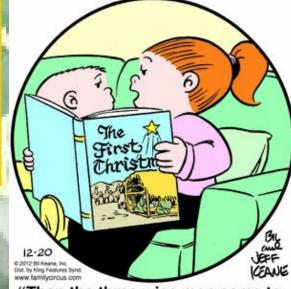
Bristol, TN - Liberty Baptist Church

112 Walnut Hill Road Bristol, TN 37620-7047

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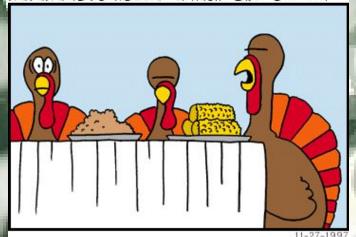
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Holiday Funnies

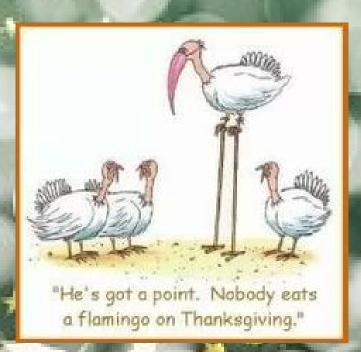


"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."

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WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS



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IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM ABTAW 160. by Len Jones



The first reported case of 'Mad Cow' disease.



Southwestern Baptist Church

is seeking an Associate Pastor of Youth College Ministries. Anyone interested can send a resume to swbc.jc@outlook.com

Central Baptist Church (JC)

is looking for a Preschool and Children's Minister. If you are interested, please go to our website for qualifications and responsibilities.

www.cbcjc.faith



Resumes and cover letters may be emailed to erwinfirstsearch@gmail.com and will be accepted through October 26, 2018. More information can be found at www.erwinfirst.org/ pastorsearch.

First Baptist - Erwin

is looking for a **Senior Pastor**.

Check us out on Facebook!



Like AND Follow us!

Join our FB Community and stay CONNECTED!

is looking for a bi-vocational Minister of Music.

Resumes and questions can be forwarded to Tim Jaynes, the chairman of the search committee. Tim can be reached by phone at (423) 483-8401 and by e-mail at vouth@newsalemchurch.net. A job description is available on our website (www.newsalemchurch.net)



Sleep is a very necessary process of daily living. In sleep mode, our bodies and minds enter a type of stasis in which we process information in the brain (often resulting in dreams) and the body restores itself. That might explain why we sleep so soundly after a day of unusually active physical strain. Yes, we actually heal better during sleep.

The average adult requires between seven and nine hours of sleep each night. We cannot truly store up sleep, but we always must make up sleep. Jet lag throws off our routine and our sleep patterns, resulting in a draggy feeling and a need to sleep at the wrong times. These same feelings can result from poor sleep even when not traveling. A few factors that interfere with good sleep: eating foods before bed that build up stomach acid; emotional stress; frequent bathroom trips during the night; and sleep apnea. The latter is a condition in which the brain allows us to actually stop breathing for a moment, kicking us out of deep sleep throughout the night. There are breathing devices available which allow us to sleep regularly throughout the night, leaving us much more rested in the mornings. See your physician about this.

Setting a good pattern for going to bed can aid in good sleep. Turn off your television at a reasonable time and put away personal devices at an early hour. Allow yourself to relax and ease off into slumber. For ministers, if you are called out in the night for an



emergency, sleep in a bit the next day and go in late to the office to allow yourself to function at a solid level for the Lord. When you just can't calm your mind there are over the counter sleep aids that are good for temporary sleeplessness and are not habit forming. God is big on resting. He even set aside a whole day each week for this purpose. Follow the principle.

Greg Burton
Pastor, Colonial Heights

 \mathcal{N} Je are at the time of year when we reflect on God's provisions and how he has been working in our lives. I am sure we can all say how blessed we are because of God's grace. I know our family received wonderful blessings in the births of our three grandchildren in the past year. We thank God for them and pray for His working in their lives. Just as we desire this for them, we also desire for God to move in the lives of the children and families at the Johnson City Baptist Center.

So, thank you Holston Baptists churches for all the ways you have been a part of blessing the Baptist Center this year. Thank you to faithful volunteers who give time and energy to show up and teach in our weekly Bible classes. Thank you to churches who have provided snacks for the children, hygiene and cleaning products, and clothes for the clothes closet. Thank you to those who invested time and money in the improvements on the resident home at the Baptist Center. Through all these ways, we have been able to be consistent in ministering to the Tyler Apartments and Hopson Street families.





Anna Huggins
Director of Ministries at
Johnson City Baptist Center

This year we have had weekly Bible studies, summer activities with mission teams, and special events (such as the Fall Festival and the upcoming THANKSGIVING **DINNER on MONDAY** NOVEMBER 19th). God has used you to minister in this community. To continue to share with the families this Christmas, we ask that you help us by selecting names from the ANGEL TREE set up at the HBA office. Please choose a gift for the child you select, wrap it, and bring it (with the Angel Tree tag) back to the HBA office by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

lust as we want to do good things for our children, we can bless those who have a need. We can understand when we go through struggles, that it may be difficult to work through the situation. Most times, one problem leads to another, and it takes many steps to move forward to regain our footing. God uses others in our lives to help us and lift us up on solid ground. Will you be the one to reach out and help today? We pray that through your gifts this Christmas season, one of these children will come to know the joy of a relationship with Jesus.

Thank you for partnering with us at the Johnson City Baptist Center.

Blessings, Anna Huggins



The Angel Tree is ready and waiting for you!!

We ask that you partner with us this Holiday season to bring joy to a child in need.

Please choose a gift for the child you select, wrap it, and bring it (with the Angel Tree tag) back to the HBA office by Friday, December 7th.



Select your child <u>as soon as:</u>
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Deadline: FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 7th

Pick-up / drop off location:
Holston Office 207 University Parkway,
Johnson City, TN 37604

Questions? Call 423-929-1196

NOVEMBER

- 8 Worship Conference Rescheduled Feb. 4, 2019
- 11-14 TBMB The Summit @ West Jackson BC
- 12 Angel Tree begins come select your child!
- 17 Outreach Tri-Cities @ Founders Park 2:00-5:00pm
- 22-23 THANKSGIVING HBA Office Closed
- 30 RSVP deadline for Minister & Spouse Banquet

DECEMBER

- 2-9 Lottie Moon week of prayer for Int'l Missions
- 7 Angel Tree gift deadline
- 10 Minister & Spouse Christmas Banquet Grace Meadows Farm - 6:30PM
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 24-Jan 1 HBA Office Closed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY 2019

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 7 Prayer Gathering @ HBA 11:30AM
- 22 Ministry Team Meeting 8:30AM
- 24-26 Conclave @ Chatanooga
- 25-26 Pro-Active Parenting Training @ Southwestern
- 29 Executive Board Meeting 9:30AM

FEBRUARY

4 Worship Renewal Conference - 6:00-8:30PM

INSIGHTS FOR GROWTH...

was speaking at a church recently and was asked "What does a 'Church Development Specialist' do, exactly?" I began explaining my role, they began nodding their head, and I walked away a little troubled. Not that being asked the question bothered me, but that, my role would be unnecessary if we as followers of Christ just learned and applied that which we already know to do. I, nor anyone, carries a magic formula to make churches grow. Take a quick look at the Internet or go into a Christian book store and you will find "solutions" to the problem of church stagnation and dropout. Learned men will come to your area and teach you the 3 Steps To..." Ladies and Gentlemen, short of the power of God on our lives and our obedience to follow what He has already instructed us to do, we aren't going to move the needle! Besides, many times I believe we are focusing on growing the wrong thing. Are we trying to grow an institution or an individual? According to God's Word, we are to grow the person - and if the person spiritually matures and develops, the entire institution will then begin to grow. Many times, I believe we have the formula backwards - Lets apply a formula, a program to the ministry as a whole and somehow, it will trickle down to the individual.

As much as I love my role, I believe it to be unnecessary if we are found faithful. Yes, I



can train your leadership to be better leaders, I can show you how to grow your small groups or how to set up a First Impressions ministry - and will gladly do so! But, lets come together and make the First Thing the first thing. We are familiar with The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20. Acts 1:8) given to all naming Christ as King. As powerful and meaningful as The Great Commission, is The Great Commnadment, so, in closing, I wish to leave you with some powerful words from a greatly respected theologian of yesteryear.

Adam Clarke, in his Commentary on the Bible, wrote:

This is the first and great commandment. It is "first and greatest":

1 In its *antiquity*; being as old as the world, and engraved originally on our very nature.

2 In its *dignity*; as directly and immediately proceeding from and referring to God.

3 In its excellence; being



the commandment of the new covenant, and the very spirit of the Divine adoption.

4 In its *justice*; because it alone renders to God his due, prefers him before all things, and secures to him his proper rank in relation to them.

5 In its *sufficiency*; being in itself capable of making men holy in this life, and happy in the other.

6 In its fruitfulness; because it is the root of all commandments, and the fulfilling of the law.

7 In its virtue and efficacy; because by this alone God reigns in the heart of humans, and humans are united to God.

8 In its extent; leaving nothing to the creature, which it does not refer to the Creator.

9 In its *necessity*; being absolutely indispensable.

10 In its *duration*; being ever to be continued on earth, and never to be discontinued in heaven.

May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving season!





First Baptist Church, Blountville, TN

Invites you to

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2018
This year we present:

"The Johnsons Almost Missed Christmas Again"

Performance Information

November 30 7:00 PM

December 1 3:00 PM

7:00 PM

December 2 5:00 PM

Prices

Dinner and Drama \$12.00 Adults

\$ 6.00 Children 12 years & under

Dessert and Drama \$ 2.00 Drama Only Free

Doors open 30 minutes prior to published starting time. Everyone is asked to enter through the doors to the Sanctuary (facing Bltv. UMChurch.) The handbells will be playing until the published starting time. You will be escorted to your table from the Sanctuary.

Ticket Purchase Information

Tickets go on sale in person on <u>FRIDAY</u>, <u>November 2</u> at 9:00 AM. To purchase tickets:

To purchase tickets by phone: Call the church office at 423-323-8033 <u>after</u> 9 AM on Monday, November 5. All seats are reserved. All sales are final.



Presented by & at:

Towering Oaks on

Dec 9 @ 6:00PM

& at

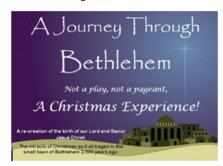
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First Baptist - Baileyton on Dec 16 @ 6:00PM



Discover what the tiny, Judean town of Bethlehem might have been like the night Jesus was born.

First Baptist Church of Fall Branch, TN presents:



December 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2018

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM each evening

As you enter the city, allow the sights, sounds, and smells to carry you to a period of time that changed the world. You'll register your family with the census taker at the gate, encounter Roman soldiers as you walk the crowded streets, visit the bustling marketplace and sample some of the vendors' goods, and see shepherds tending to their animals.

You'll experience the excitement of our Savior's birth, but you'll hear of not only His birth, but also His death on the cross, and His resurrection and how that gives us our hope and our salvation!

This event will be an outdoor, interactive experience so please dress for the weather. No tickets are necessary.

Admission is free!

Park at the ADESA East TN Auto Auction (195 Joe McCrary Rd.) and transportation will be provided to take you to and from the church.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Clark Street, Faith Fellowship, Midway,
North Johnson City, Sinking Creek,
Southside, and Southwestern will be
having a combined Thanksgiving Service at
Clark Street Baptist Church on Sunday,
November 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Calvary Baptist (Greeneville)
will be celebrating Christmas
dinner & candlelight service on
12/23 beginning at 5 pm with
dinner and 6:30 pm candlelight.

All are welcome.





Monday, Dec. 10th at 6:30pm

At Grace Meadows Farm in Jonesborough









Southside Baptist Church

1928 Wheeler Street Johnson City, TN **Presents:**

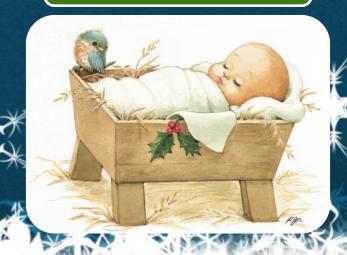
"Come Let Us Adore"
Sunday, December 16, 2018
11:00 am

Sinking Creek Baptist Church

2313 Elizabethton Hwy Johnson City, TN **Presents:**

"Breath of Heaven"

Sunday, December 9, 2018 11:00 am



Sulphur Springs Baptist Church

1567 GRAY SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD JONESBOROUGH, TN 37659 423-753-6716

EMAIL: <u>ssbaptist1842@gmail.com</u> <u>www.sulphurspringsbaptist.org</u>

Holiday Schedule of Events:

Sunday, November 18th - 6 PM - Community Worship & Meal held at Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church this year. (Baptist members are ask to bring side dishes & desserts.)

Sunday, December 2nd
 9 AM & 11 AM Services - Praise Team Christmas Presentation
 6 PM - Hanging of the Greens. (We will decorate our sanctuary with symbols of the Christmas story.) Immediately following is Finger Foods & Fellowship.

<u>December 9th</u> - 9 AM & 11 AM Services - Choir Christmas Presentation. "Good News From Home"

<u>December 16th</u> - 9 AM & 11 AM Services - Children's Christmas Presentation. "The Christmas Express"

December 24th - 5:30 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

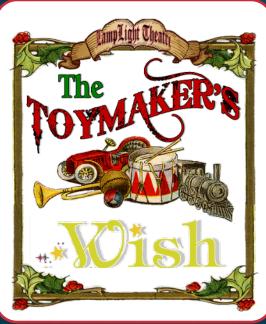
Since 1994, Rebecca has been delighting audiences of all ages with her many stories. Growing up in a Christian home on a dairy farm in east Tennessee has given Rebecca the background to write and tell stories that will make you laugh and cry all in the same moment. Rebecca desires most to share Jesus Christ through her stories. Her personal stories, sacred stories, Biblical characterizations, and straight scripture tellings will capture your heart and lift your spirit!

Hope you can join us!

Wednesday, November 14 7 PM – 8:30 PM @



The IAMA Christmas Celebration will be on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity **Baptist Church Worship** Center in Jonesborough. As we kick off the Christmas season, several area choirs will be performing in celebration of Christ's birth. This annual program benefits the Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association. Please bring non-perishable foods for their food pantry. A love offering will also be collected for JAMA.



Lamplight Theatre - Kingsport
November 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25, 2018
Fridays at 7:00pm
Saturdays at 2:00pm and 7:00pm
Sundays at 3:00pm



Central Baptist Johnson City Presents:

Living Christmas

Tree 2018 Dates

Friday, December 14 at 6:30 PM Saturday, December 15 at 6:30 PM Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 PM

Admission is FREE



