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## Moments of Meditation

## Seek First the Kingdom of God

## “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Hymn 2)

## 2 Timothy 4.1-5

## “In Christ Alone”

## “Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)”

## Parent/Child Dedication

## “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Hymn 15)

## Morning Prayer

## Preach the Word

## The Pitts Family

## “Ancient Words”

*(see insert, Pew Bible p. 5)*

## Response to God

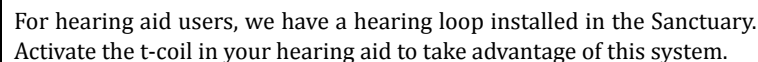
## Commitment of Life and Tithes and Offerings\*

## The Pitts Family

## Benediction

*\* Offering and Communication Card Return:*

**Please place your offering and/or Communication Card in an offering box located at the exits.** You may also give and respond online through [acbc.churchtrac.com](http://acbc.churchtrac.com). (Or use the QR code on back of Communication Card.)



***Welcome to Ancient City Baptist Church!***

**Guests**, we are glad you are here! We also invite you to complete the Communication Card to the right and place it in the offering box located at each exit as you leave the Sanctuary. **Members and regular attenders**, you are also encouraged to use the Communication Card for information updates, prayer requests, and other responses you may have.

(James 5.16)

Do you desire prayer for yourself or others? Someone will be happy to pray for you or with you following worship. Come to the front of the Sanctuary (near the organ) immediately after the service with your prayer requests. If you would prefer to have special prayer at another time or have a request placed on our Prayer List, please let us know through the Communication Card or by calling the church office.



We continue our study of the Gospel of *John* beginning next Sunday. *John* was written that we may believe in Jesus. One of its main themes is God's love for us and our love for God and one another. Below is the tentative schedule...

January 7                      A Ministry Just Begun                      (John 15.26-16.15)

January 14      Turning Sorrow Into Joy      (John 15.16-24)

January 21      Overcoming the World      (John 16.25-33)

January 28                      The Lord's Prayer (Part 1)                      (John 17.1-5)

February 4      The Lord's Prayer (Part 2)      (John 17.1-5)

February 11      The Lord's Prayer (Part 3)      (John 17.20-26)

February 18      The Sovereignty of King Jesus      (John 18.1-40)

February 25      The Death of the King      (John 19.1-42)

*Missed messages can be accessed through our website.*

### *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

Giving to the Christmas Offering, named for Lottie Moon, an early missionary to China, enables our international missionaries to take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, as 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching people of every nation for Christ. Today will be our LAST DAY to take up this offering. **Our goal for this offering is \$6,000.** We have received \$3,864 towards this goal so far. Please make a generous contribution by marking envelopes "Lottie Moon."

## COMMUNICATION CARD

Comments or Prayer Needs

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Use QR Code  
to respond or  
to give online



COMMUNICATION CARD  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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- My Response Today...**
- ☐ I want to place my faith in Jesus Christ and receive his gift of life, abundant and eternal.
  - ☐ I would like to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus
  - ☐ I would like to be baptized.
  - ☐ I would like to learn more about church membership.
  - ☐ I would like information on Life Groups/Sunday School classes.
  - ☐ Please add me to ACBC's email list.
  - ☐ I would like to speak to a minister at a mutually convenient time.
  - ☐ Other *(please write on other side)*

**Guests...**  
We are glad you are here! Please complete this card and place it in the offering basket this morning.  
This is my ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd or more time at Ancient City Baptist Church.  
I was invited by \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of people in your family in each age category:  
65+ \_\_\_\_\_ 55-64 \_\_\_\_\_ 45-54 \_\_\_\_\_ 30-44 \_\_\_\_\_  
18-29 \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (Grade 7-12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Children (Grade 1-6) \_\_\_\_\_ Preschool \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>
9:30 a.m. Life Groups	6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship	(Meet in Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Year End Giving Reminder:** *TODAY IS THE LAST DAY* to offer any gift you wish to be considered as given in 2023 for tax purposes.

**Bible Reading Schedules for 2024:** Want to read the Bible systematically in 2024? Bible Reading schedules are available in the **Welcome Center** for reading either the entire Bible or just the New Testament in 2024. You can read the entire Bible by reading an average of 3-4 chapters a day. Our schedule keeps you in both the Old and New Testaments throughout the year. To read the New Testament in a year, it is only one chapter a day, five days a week! *Why not commit yourself to this? You will start your reading tomorrow!*

**Pastor Retirement Reception:** There will be a reception for retiring Senior Pastor Fred O. Pitts and his family immediately following Worship Service this morning in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to remain.

**Church Office Holiday Closure:** The Church Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, January 1—in observance of New Year's Day. Normal office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. will resume Tuesday, January 2.

**Weekday Bible Study:** A new study — The Fall, the Flood, and the Faithful Friend — will take place on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. beginning on January 9. Lunch will be provided. Please indicate interest on the communication card or by contacting Laurel DuBose or the church office.

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesdays:** We invite you to join us on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer followed by Bible study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

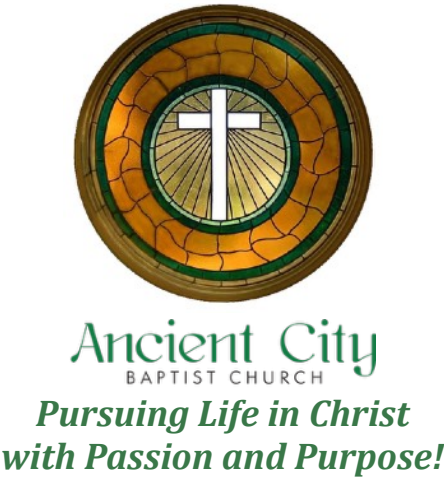
**TeamKID:** This fun ministry for children has been taking a break for the holidays but will resume on January 10 at 6:30 pm.

**Life Groups (Sunday School):** These small groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and are an opportunity for members to study Scripture, get to know each other and minister to one another. Use the Communication Card to request more information.

**Beginning Next Week:** With the retirement of Pastor Fred, our Associate Pastor Wayne Husk will be regularly preaching on Sunday Mornings during the interim period while we seek a new pastor. Dr. Larry DuBose will be providing pastoral care during the week, and both will give leadership on Wednesday nights for our Bible study and prayer meetings. Please pray for our Pastor Search Team as they continue working toward seeking a new pastor!

<b>DEACON OF THE WEEK:</b> Bob Booth (904-535-5945) & Clint Porter (904-315-0084)
<b>WELCOME CENTER HOSTS:</b> Rick Weedman; Larry & Laurel DuBose

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Fred O. Pitts, Pastor  
Wayne Husk, Associate Pastor  
Curtis Powell, Music Director