

December 11, 2025

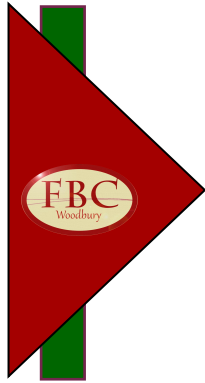
PASTOR'S *Pen*

By Brother Dean Anderson

Christian writer Drew Dyck tells of a couple who adopted two children from Ghana. The children had lived on the streets, where life was all about hunger and scarcity and neglect. That old battle to survive continued to lead to some frustrating behavior in their new home. At first they found it nearly impossible to share. The sight of another child with a toy they wanted was enough to set off a lengthy crying fit. Once they finished playing with a toy, they would sometimes break it so that no other child would get it. At mealtimes they would gorge themselves and, if the cereal or milk appeared to be running low, they got really nervous and kept asking, "Mommy, Daddy, is there plenty?" In spite of all the reassurance that yes, there was plenty, they would wolf down food and milk until they got sick. Their parents finally took them to the store, pointed out cases and rows of milk, and told them, "See, there is so much milk—we will never run out!" The children finally did begin to make progress and gain confidence that they were loved, they had a family, and their needs would always be met. Drew Dyck says, "I think we're a lot like those children." I think he's right. We've been raised in the world, where the powerful, talented, beautiful and/or wealthy are rewarded and everyone else tries to be like them or gets made to feel inferior. Then one day something miraculous happens: God adopts you and you join his family. You get introduced to a whole new way of living, but old habits die hard and you keep trying to hoard the milk and refusing to share the toys. You just can't quite fully trust what God says and what He promises. Yet all the while, those people who determine to trust Him, love Him, and live by His Word, experience what Elizabeth says about Mary in Luke 1: 45: "Blessed are those who believe, for God will fulfill what He has said."

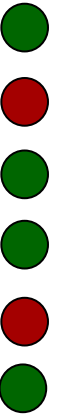
This Sunday morning we'll look to Luke 2: 1 – 7 and think about how easy it is to miss the main point at Christmas—how all the activities and traditions can become so overwhelming, or so fun and fascinating, that we can end up focusing on them instead of what they should all be pointing us to. In the evening service we'll turn to Matthew 18: 21 – 35 and consider Jesus' dramatic, unforgettable parable about forgiveness. Now where else would the Lord possibly want you to be instead?

Bro. Dean



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH

- Deacon of the Week — Tony Burnett
- Offering: B. Haley Ushers: J. Higgins, L. Womack
- 3T Nursery — B. Manning, T. Moore, K. McGee
- Children's Message — Rhett Brewer
- Security — L. Womack, J. Woodin, P. Purvis
- Awana — Birthday Party



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

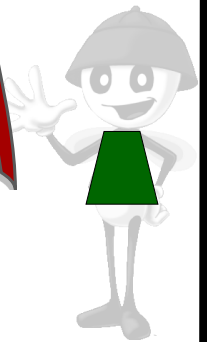
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

Happy Birthday
Jesus



LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

The Month of December

RECEIVED TO DATE

\$10,655

FBC GOAL

\$40,000

**Be praying About What God would
have you give this year.**



Latte Moon *Café*

***** TRY OUR WEEKLY DESSERT SPECIAL!**

NEXT 2 SUNDAYS 9:00—10:15 AM

House Specials

Noelle's Caramel Wonderland

Raspberry Choco Chip Frappe

Pumpkin Purée Latte

White Christmas

Frozen Hot Cocoa

Missionary Spotlight

Argentina: Mate

Argentina: Children's Milo

Thailand: Cha Tru Mue

German Milch Kaffee

Malaysian White Coffee

Drinks

Frappe, Hot Latte, Iced Latte, Cappuccino, Hot Cocoa
Coffee: Regular, Decaf, Iron Skillet

Flavors

Mocha, Vanilla, Peppermint, Coconut, Raspberry,
Salted Caramel, Pumpkin Spice,
Brown Sugar Cinnamon, English Toffee,
Sugar-Free Vanilla, Sugar-Free Caramel,

***** NO COST: ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING!**





Church Family



THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17TH

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 6:00 PM
SANCTUARY**

**POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWING
IN MADDEN HALL**

PLANTING GOD'S WORD

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord, Himself, will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

IN OUR HEARTS

**2026 Tithing Envelopes Are In the Back Lobby
Please Call the Office If You Would Like Envelopes**

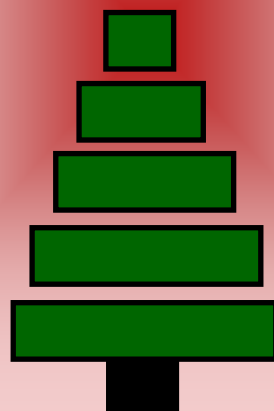
CHRISTMAS

Carols

Sunday, Dec. 21st

"There's a Song In the Air"

ENJOY YOUR FAMILY
CHRISTMAS EVE
NO SERVICE



Candlelight Communion Service



Come Join Us As
We Celebrate the
Birth of Our King

Tuesday,

Dec. 23rd 6:00 pm



**THIS IS WHAT OUR
'HOPELESS' SITUATION
LOOKS LIKE TO GOD**

MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR 2026

**GOOD
PEOPLE.
GREAT
THINGS.**

**LET
BRO. DEAN
KNOW IF
YOU ARE ON
BOARD!**

july 5-10

mission lab

FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned green peas, Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs, Small Bags of Sugar, Toilet Paper

Your blessings help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

GALILEE, A.D. 26



"Now that you're all following me, it would be great if you could like and share my messages"



MOSES, MEET STEVE. HE'S GONNA UPGRADE YOUR TABLETS...

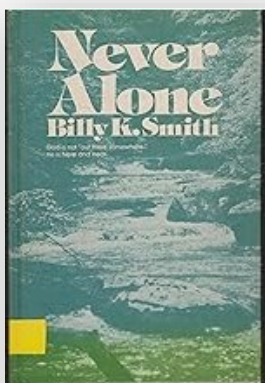


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<https://warrior180.org/>



**For Information
Contact
Morgan Bostedt**



Church Library Resource of the Week

Never Alone by Billie K. Smith

**God is not out there somewhere.
He is here and near.**

**Broadman Press
Nashville, TN**

Reading Through The Bible DECEMBER 2025

- 12. OT - Hos 9, 10, 11; NT - Rev. 3
- 13. OT - Hos 12, 13, 14; NT - Rev 4
- 14. OT - Joel 1, 2, 3; NT - Rev 5
- 15. OT - Amos 1, 2, 3; NT - Rev 6
- 16. OT - Amos 4, 5, 6; NT - Rev 7
- 17. OT - Amos 7, 8, 9; NT - Rev 8
- 18. OT - Obadiah; NT - Rev 9

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm

“Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!”

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving,
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening
worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC
Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).**

Demo's and Lights at Wilson Co. Fairground Afterwards

A Fun Time Was Had By All



Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Marilyn Ault	Ashlyn Hare
Melissa Burnett	Randall Holt
Patrick, Karie Cecil	Richie Hunter
Bobby Davenport	Andy McCrary
Mark, Lesa Davis	David Odom
Dot Elrod	Benton Parker
Darrell & Lou Goins	MaryWells Smith
Cecil Gregory	Bobby Zumbro

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)	Bob Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)	Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)	Tammy Jordan (Lydia Womack)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)	Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Gavin Bogle (Marilyn Ault)	Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Les Bush (Tony Burnett)	Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)	Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Bill Choate (Douglas Jennings)	Susie Morris (Lydia Womack)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)	Mike Nichols (Douglas Jennings)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)	Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)	Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)	Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)	Brad Schwartz (Carolyn Schwartz)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)	Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)	Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)	Bro. W.D. Thomason (Dean Anderson)
Leon Foster (Michael Odom)	Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
Jim Gage (Jeff Woodin)	Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Randy Galloway (Brandie Maynard)	Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)	Steven Yates (Michael Parks)
Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)	
Anna Haley (MaryWells Smith)	
Ryan, Jessica Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)	
Edward Holcomb (Lela Woodin)	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Eleanor Bell, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Buck/Annie Barton, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Addison Todd, Jacob Sledge, Emma Crabtree, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Matt Cowan, Jeff Todd (Beth), Danny Jones, Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies

Church Matters:

Lottie Moon Offering, Nunez Church in Buenos Aires; WMU; Student Ministry; the lost; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; Nation & Leaders; Israel; Gideons

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**