

## Week of Prayer: Dec 1-8, 2024

### The Great Pursuit

Between the command of Jesus in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the vision of the Great Multitude (Revelation 7:9) is our Great Pursuit (Acts 1:8).

We are present among the lost so they can hear the gospel and be represented around the throne of Jesus Christ for eternity. Missionaries have counted the cost. Finding Christ worthy, they willingly go to the farthest corners of the earth—the cities, the hard-to-reach places, the dispersed. But they do not serve alone. We support them through our prayers, through our giving, and sometimes through our own presence. We ensure that new generations will hear the call and respond in faithful obedience.

This is our Great Pursuit. Through our pursuit of the lost, we provide gospel access, gospel belief, and gospel multiplication.

As you pray for IMB missionaries during this season, and throughout the year, will you pray God's blessing on our efforts to reach the 3,000+ people groups around the world who remain unengaged and unreached? Pray for missionary explorers who will dedicate two years to finding these people groups, even though the journey might be difficult. Thank God for the 3,500 missionaries and their families currently serving among the lost. Praise God for 1,300 missionary candidate applicants who said to the Lord, "Here am I. Send me."

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LOTTIE MOON  
WEEK OF PRAYER



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 (CSB)

# **SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Rev. Michael Dickey**

**December 1, 2024**

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**Invocation and welcome**

**Hymn No. 76 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

**Hymn 77 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

**Missionary Prayer Calendar**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn No. 85 "The First Nowell"**

**Doxology**

**Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Message Rev. Mike Dickey**

**"In Those Days"**

**Hymn No. 275 "I Surrender All"**

**Benediction**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be with us.**

**Children will be in Stony Creek Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 2:00pm today.**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** There will be no Wednesday Bible Study on December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas), or January 1<sup>st</sup>. (New Year's Eve). We will meet as usual on December 4, 11 and 18.

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the WOM will meet at the Parsonage at 2:00pm.**

**We have an app for your smartphone, in the app store find "Our Church-By ChurchDev.com." When you open it, search for Sappony Baptist Church. There you will have access to our Sermons, daily devotions, and other content.**

**The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Concord United Methodist Church. Pastor Mike will be bringing the message**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

**PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Malachi 3:1-4**