

 **Grand Avenue Baptist Church**
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Holiday Schedule

Grand Avenue Baptist Church



December 23-26 - The church offices will be closed
 December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm - No childcare will be provided
 December 25 - No Bible Study - Worship Service Only at 10:30am
 No Evening Activities
 January 1 - Regular Sunday Morning schedule - 9:15am Bible Study
 10:30am Worship
 No Evening Activities

60+ Adults
Bible Study
 Every Wednesday
 5:30PM
 Small Dining Room
 Teacher: Bob Lever
 Meals are \$3 and
 begin at 5PM



Jolly Travelers
 January 13th
 10:30 a.m.
 for those 60 years
 or older

MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

Total Covenants:
\$2,382,235

Total Received:
\$1,412,665



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our staff

Jeff Crawford
Lead Pastor

Mike Stark
Pastoral Care

Keith Clutts
Music/Worship

Don Lehman
Administration

Aaron Rodgers
Students

Beverly Turner
Children

Steve Moore
Connections

Carrie Belcher
Preschool

Scott Ward
Missions/Media

Bob Lever
60+ Adults

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Into all the World
 A GRAND FAMILY CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER 18TH - 5PM

belong • believe • become

a word from our pastor



Church, I want to share with you a portion of a speech delivered by **Dr. George Frederick Pentecost** at a Missions Conference in New York City in 1900. It has been tremendously convicting to me as your pastor:

"To the pastor belongs the privilege and the responsibility of solving the foreign missionary problem. Until the pastors of our churches wake up to the truth of this proposition, and the foreign work becomes a passion in their own hearts and consciences, our Boards may do what they can, by way of devising forward movements or organizing new methods for raising money from the churches, yet the chariot wheels of missions will drive heavily.

Every pastor holds his office under Christ's commission, and can only fulfill it when, as a missionary bishop, he counts the whole world his fold. The pastor of the smallest church has the power to make his influence felt around the world. No pastor is worthy of his office who does not put himself into sympathy with the magnificent breadth of the great commission, and draw inspiration and zeal from its worldwide sweep.

The pastor is not only the instructor, but the leader of his congregation. He must not only care for their souls, but direct their activities. If there are churches that do not give and do not pray for foreign missions, it is because they have pastors who are falling short of the command of Christ. I feel almost warranted in saying that, as no congregation can long resist the enthusiastic pastor, so, on the other hand, a congregation can hardly rise above cold indifference or lack of conviction regarding missions on the part of the pastor.

It is my prayer that you sense my heart as your pastor for the peoples of the whole earth and not just those who call Grand Avenue Baptist Church home. God has laid on us all the great task that we call the Great Commission and I realize that as your pastor the drive to accomplish this Great Commission falls on me. I accept this call with joy and fear. Joy to be selected and fear that I might fall short. May it not be so."

2012 is almost here and it is another year of great potential. I once heard that the definition of potential is "you haven't done it yet." We have MUCH to do in 2012 for the cause of Christ. We have our eye on a second campus of our church in Fort Smith and on the nations of the world. I want to challenge you to GIVE and GO. Make the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** a priority and give to it like never before. Our church goal is \$75,000. I KNOW we can meet this goal out of obedience to the Lord's direction to give as He directs. And then GO. We have many locations beginning in our own city and branching throughout the world for you to pray about.

Let's win the world for Jesus Christ!

Pastor Jeff



2011 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
OUR GOAL - \$75,000

