

# KETTERING HERALD

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BALL

When one thinks about being invited to a ball, they cannot help but think of the story of Cinderella. This magical story has its roots in, "Rhodopis," an ancient tale about a Greek courtesan who marries the king of Egypt. The story was first recorded by the Greek historian Strabo in the 1st century BC and is considered the earliest known variant of the "Cinderella" story. The origins of the fairy-tale figure may be traced back to the 6th-century BC hetaera Rhodopis.

The version that is now most widely known in the English-speaking world was published in French by Charles Perrault in *Histoires ou contes du temps passé* in 1697. A wealthy widower marries a proud and haughty woman as his second wife. She has two daughters, who are equally vain and selfish. The gentleman has a beautiful young daughter, a girl of unparalleled kindness and sweet temper. The man's daughter is forced into servitude by the girl's stepmother, where she is made to work day and night doing menial chores. To stay warm she often curls up near the fireplace only to arise covered in cinders, giving rise to the mocking nickname "Cinderella" by her stepsisters. One day, the Prince invites all the young ladies in the land to a royal ball, planning to choose a wife. The two stepsisters gleefully plan their wardrobes for the ball, and taunt Cinderella by telling her that maids are not invited to the ball. As the sisters depart to the ball, Cinderella cries in despair. Her Fairy Godmother magically appears and immediately begins to transform Cinderella from house servant to the young lady she was by birth, all in the effort to get Cinderella to the ball.

Now with that story as a back drop I would like to invite you to the Ball. Why should only the wealthy and the preferred have an opportunity to get dressed up and go out to an extravagant gala? Should Christians be excluded from having a grand time of celebration for the great grace we have received throughout the year? Should we not be able to hear the great songs of glory, sang by the angelic voices of the Kingdom and feast in royal form



like the rich and famous? Is it a sin for us to enjoy such extravagance?

Before you answer those questions remember Revelation 19:7-10 says, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen,

clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Because of God's great love for us, despite the fact that our evil step-father the Devil has treated us wrong and our wicked step-siblings the demons of Hell, do not want to see us go to the ball and make fun of attire, we have been invited by Jesus to be there adorned in our best. He, like the prince in the modern Cinderella story, is looking for a bride, and we like the Greek courtesan who marries the king of Egypt, have an opportunity to marry the King of Kings. No need to worry what to wear for according the Rev. 19:8, we shall be arrayed in fine, clean, bright linen. So I suppose it is sufficient to say we as Christians will be dressed to the nine. Revelation also tells us that we shall hear the angelic voices as a great sound of many waters and great thunderings singing Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! What an extravagant time that will be. So I assume it is not a sin in fact we will be sinless.

If you haven't gotten your ticket yet it is not too late. You and your entire family are invited. This one you absolutely do not want to miss. An eternal grand time will be had by all.

Loving My Sheep  
Pastor Bucas Sterling, III



Num 33:50-56 "...when you have crossed the Jordan, you shall dispossess ...the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess..."

**Claiming the Corridor for Christ**





## STEPS TO PREVENT THE FLU CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



### Take time to get a flu vaccine.

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against influenza and its potentially serious complications.
- While there are many different flu viruses, flu vaccines protect against the 3 or 4 viruses that research suggests will be most common. Three-component vaccines contain an H3N2, an H1N1 and a B virus. Four component vaccines have an additional B virus component. (See Vaccine Virus Selection for this season's vaccine composition.)
- Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.
- Flu vaccination also has been shown to significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from influenza.
- Vaccination of high risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness.
- Infants younger than 6 months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. Studies have shown that flu vaccination of the mother during pregnancy can protect the baby after birth from flu infection for several months. People who live with or care for infants should be vaccinated



### Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like flu.

### Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

- If you get sick with flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.
- Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter.
- Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.
- CDC recommends prompt antiviral treatment of people who are severely ill and people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who develop flu symptoms.

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#### **Our Mission Statement**

To lift up the name of Jesus Christ, that all men may be drawn to Him. To inform, edify, and encourage the members and ministries of Kettering Baptist Church Legacy Center. To inform and encourage our community.

**Article deadline:** 25th day of the previous month

**Please send articles to:** [KetteringNews@ketteringministries.org](mailto:KetteringNews@ketteringministries.org)

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## 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



**First Ladies  
Sterling and Carter**

By Tamara Tisdale

Women's Retreat was a special event for the women of Kettering Baptist Church, special guests and friends. The ladies arrived at the Turf Valley Resort on Thursday afternoon, eager to "Claim the Corridor" together with our sisters.

Turf Valley Resort is located in a serene area in Howard County, MD. The resort provided the space and the tranquility for the ladies to take advantage of during free time. During our free time, in between sessions, we were able to benefit from a designated area for private time in prayer and personal devotion, a spa for pampering and a peaceful area to take a leisurely stroll around the community. There was a variety of meals provided by the resort that catered to all tastes which included delicious desserts.



On the first evening, after dinner, the ladies dressed up in all white outfits and gathered together for praise and worship, scripture and prayer. Ms. Afiya Howell led praise and worship with joyful and uplifting songs. Afiya is a psalmist. She has shared the stage with many of gospel's greatest artists. Afiya has an upcoming music project of her own, praising God. Her music project will soon be released to bless everyone. Afiya brightens each day of the retreat by preparing our hearts to connect with the message that we received from each session. Towards the end of the evening, Mrs. Delores Thompson engaged the ladies in thought provoking games that kept us entertained.



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## 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT (CONT) CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



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On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter, was introduced as the guest speaker. 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter is the leader of "31" Women's Ministry of Concord Church in Dallas, Texas, where her husband, Bryan Carter, is the senior pastor. She also leads a bible study called WOW, which is comprised of hundreds of women. She ministers to women married to pastors as well. Her passion for ministering to women is demonstrated throughout the retreat.

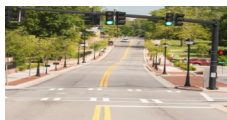
1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter ministers to women with creative techniques, using scriptures from the bible as her guide. She had us dig deep into ourselves to pull out what our strengths and weaknesses were when it comes to us making a commitment to God. She had the ladies analyze all obstacles to determine what is holding us back from giving our all to God's work. 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter had the ladies writing, drawing and speaking the steps that are needed in order to accomplish our goals, "Like a Boss".

The final assignment that 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter asked us to participate in allowed us to really use our imaginations. The assignment was for us to set attainable goals by creating a "Vision Board", illustrating how we will reach these goals. We signed a commitment stating that we are determined to reach and slay our goals with an actionable plan and a "Tribe" that will help us stay on track. 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carter reminded us that our plan should definitely be in line with God's plan. As God's plan is clearly stated in His Word.

We encounter many choices as we journey through life. "Jesus calls us to travel the road of discipleship and obedience to God's Word, to follow Him instead of the crowd. It will make all the difference for us and those we love".







## SWEET SPIRIT NIGHT CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



By Brenda Brown

Sweet Spirit Night took place the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup> and what a SWEET SPIRIT NIGHT it was! In the air was a Princess, Spiderman, Superman, Butterfly, Angel, Elsa the Cow and many other cute and adorable little ones and big ones who came out to join the festivities and light up the night!



And speaking of festivities, it was a carnival atmosphere put together by the Youth Ministry. The YM had help, a couple who were identifiable were the Trustees, Fellowship and WEM. There were plenty of stations inside for the children to test their strength and athleticism, and to just be children having fun with one another. There were even a couple of parent/child household competitions, all in the name of FUN (well maybe a couple were for bragging rights). ☺ There even was a station where they could be rewarded for their achievements by picking out prizes.

On the outside, a pony awaited all who wanted to take a ride, along with a train which shuttled children around the parking lot. There was a unique soccer game where the kids were the soccer balls, walking, bouncing and rolling up and down the field. Yes, there was the ever present Moon Bounce. A video game truck on the circle kept a line of challengers.



Back inside, there was a food station. Hot Dogs, chips, soda, juice, water and the all-important sought out treat everyone wanted was available and LOTS OF IT...CANDY!! There was a big canister loaded with mounds of candy.

This Sweet Spirit Night will long be remembered, as many came out, both young and old, and the night was warm, clear and just perfect! It truly was a night the Sweet Spirits had their night, and quite an enjoyable one it was!

Thanks to all who participated, who worked to put it on and we look forward to next year's event!







## CARIBBEAN CONNECT GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



**Courtney & Arleen  
Street**

### We Thank God For You!

For 21 years we have had the honor to serve as missionaries to the Caribbean and Middle American people. We are humbled to see how our Lord has sustained us on the mission field. For the majority of years we served under the International Mission Board (IMB) and did not raise our own support. Since IMB restructured in 2015, we have needed to prayerfully restructure too.

Now more than ever we, along with our very capable and committed Caribbean Connection (CC) Board members, believe the Lord has called us to build on our efforts and expand our outreach as missionaries to the Caribbean and Middle America people groups, even as we add raising support

to our missionary duties.

We are excited for what lies ahead! For 2019, the Board and staff of Caribbean Connect have strategic plans to find, equip, empower, mobilize and facilitate the sending of missionaries to the nations, while giving churches opportunities to join our efforts.

It is because of the Lord and you, our ministry partners that we continue to pursue the CC mission. Thank you for praying, affirming and giving sacrificially. Together, we have made significant advances in bringing God's kingdom to many people throughout the Caribbean and Middle America. You are a great encouragement to us!

Between entrenched spiritual darkness, challenging travel, and the sheer numbers of people groups to reach, there are real difficulties getting the Good News to the many who need to know the love of Jesus Christ. Lord, send us! We will go!

Among the many unreached people groups throughout our mission area, there are thousands living across Central and South America, who believe like this village chief. They live in constant fear of offending the spirits so they offer alcohol and animal blood to appease the spirits.

*Do they want to be delivered from this darkness? **Yes, they do!*** But we must go to them, to teach them about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the freedom they can experience if they follow Him and Him alone. Only the power of Jesus can help them overcome their fears and the evil one.

We are working to mobilize believers from around the Caribbean to join in getting the Good News to every people group so that they will call on the name of the Lord to be saved! **Will You Join Us?**



**Preparing young people to  
share the Gospel of Jesus  
Christ with the world**



**Courtney &  
Guatemalan village chief**

### We are strategically reaching out to churches across the Caribbean to:

Identify those who are called by God to reach the Nations.

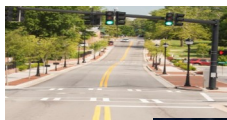
Inspire, encourage, and equip new missionaries and their supporting churches.

Help facilitate the sending of missionaries from the Caribbean to the Nations!

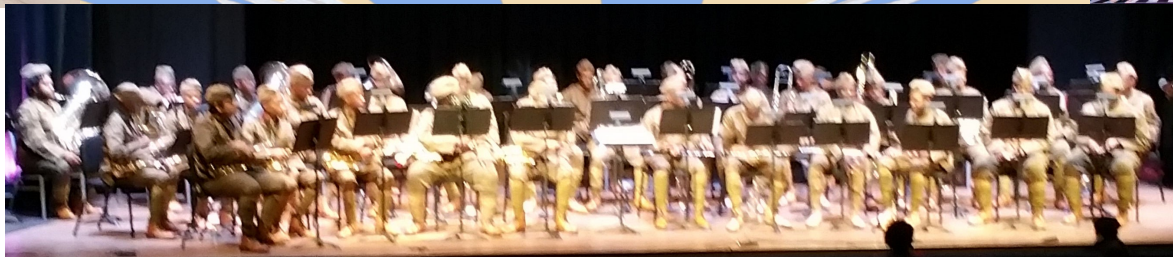


**Future global mission  
Workers—Jamaica**





## THE 369TH REGIMENT HARLEM HELLFIGHTER'S MARCHING BAND



Deidre and I attended a program at the National Museum of African American History & Culture during the Veteran's Holiday weekend. It was titled "Historical Speaking; *The 369<sup>th</sup> Experience Band Concert.*" A 42 member band made up of young men from 10 HBCU's. The 369<sup>th</sup> Experience, an official program of the WW1 centennial Commission, honors the historic 369th regimental band, which supported the heroic Harlem Hellfighters. This was a great piece of military Black History and the article that follows tells their story. Kenneth Trass

By Floyd Levin

from his book "Classic Jazz; A Personal View of the Music and the Musicians".

James Reese Europe could hardly have been more aptly named. As the leader of the 369th Infantry Jazz Band, also known as the "Hellfighters," he introduced the sounds of American ragtime to Europeans during the World War I. Although his career was brief, he profoundly influenced the course of popular music, not just in the United States but throughout the world. Yet his name probably would not arouse much of a response among jazz fans.



Just a few weeks after returning from the war, Europe and his Hellfighters recorded eleven tunes for the Pathé Freres Phonograph Company of Brooklyn. The list contained such interesting titles as "That Moaning Trombone," "Jazz Baby," "Russian Rag," and "On Patrol in No Man's Land." He made some of the earliest recorded versions of several tunes that still appear in the repertoires of today's Dixieland bands - "The Darktown Strutter's Ball," "Ja-Da," and three W.C. Handy classics - "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," and "Hesitating Blues."

The innovative Europe liked to experiment with syncopation, creating reed voicings, and muted brass. His use of saxophones brought a new measure of respectability to that instrument, until then regarded as a novelty device. His compositions, arrangements and orchestral direction reflected the ragtime style popular at the time and fostered the dance frenzy nurtured by the Jazz Age. In 1913 he became musical director for the successful dance team of Vernon and Irene Castle. His "Castle Walk" helped them introduce the fox-trot and establish the style of ballroom dancing that has continued for generations.



When the United States entered World War I, Sissle and Europe enlisted in the army together and organized a regimental band. The group accompanied the acclaimed 369th Infantry Regiment, the first American unit to arrive in France. The brave black unit, including the band, earned the nickname "Hellfighters" for its participation in several vital military campaigns.

By the end of the war, the 369th Infantry Jazz Band ranked among the greatest bands in the world. Its personnel, as identified by Brian Rust's *Jazz Records 1887 - 1942*, included Noble Sissle on violin, Herb Flemming on trombone and Russell Smith on trumpet. Flemming, only nineteen at the time, went on to have a long distinguished career, performing with Earl Hines, Fats Waller, Benny Carter, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Tommy Dorsey. Russell Smith became one of the outstanding lead trumpet players in the big-band era two decades later.

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## THE 369TH REGIMENT HARLEM HELLFIGHTER'S MARCHING BAND (CONT)



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After the war, Europe proudly led his Hellfighters band in the nation's first parade of returning World War heroes. More than a million fans, watching the victorious march up New York's Fifth Avenue in mid-February 1919, gathered along the parade route to salute the heroes of the famed 369th Infantry as they strutted from Madison Square to Harlem.

Europe and Sissle had written "On Patrol In No Man's Land." during their tenure overseas, and it quickly became a favorite among U.S. veterans.

Pathé leaped at the opportunity to capitalize on its popularity as the doughboys returned to the United States. It was easily the most successful of the eleven recordings the 369th Infantry Jazz Band made for Pathé in March 1919. Based on the success of "On Patrol In No Man's Land" James Europe's band scheduled an extensive tour of the country. Advertisements proclaimed "65 BATTLING MUSICIANS DIRECT FROM THE FIGHTING FRONTS IN FRANCE - THE BAND THAT SET ALL FRANCE JAZZ MAD!"



Ironically, after surviving the deadliest war in world history to that point, Europe failed to live through the Hellfighter's national tour. A member of the drum section, irate at Europe for what he considered poor treatment, murdered him on May 10, 1919. The funeral march took place in New York, the first public memorial service held for a black person in the city's history. The somber procession followed part of the same route the 369th had marched in its victory parade just three months earlier. Lieutenant Europe was buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.

Noble Sissle, assisted by Eubie Blake, assumed leadership of the 369th Infantry Jazz Band, which completed its scheduled bookings. The tour culminated with a very successful engagement at the prestigious Palace Theatre in New York City. Later, the two leaders took a smaller group on the road for a lengthy vaudeville junket, launching their productive partnership.



## LOTTIE MOON—CHRISTMAS OFFERING CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



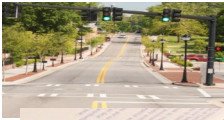
Lottie Moon was appointed a missionary to China July 7, 1873. She gave her life and her love to the Chinese people in an effort to share Christ with them. She died Dec. 24, 1912, but her legacy lives on. Her influence led to the establishment of the Woman's Missionary Union and inspired other missions pioneers to join her on the field. She launched the discussion leading to the offering that bears her name today—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions.\*

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Your offering envelop is provided with your offering envelops





## DELIVERING CHRISTMAS CHEER CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



The Women's Enrichment and Missions Ministries joined together to provide Christmas greetings to the residents of two area nursing homes. The chosen nursing homes were the Villa Rosa and Manor Care Nursing Homes. The ministry members created an assembly line putting together over 120 cards with a joyous greeting, decorative ribbon & bow and candy cane treat. It obviously was a delightful work because the ladies were laughing and joking the entire time. The cards were placed in decorative containers which sure to bring a smile to all observe the ministries delivering these cards of blessing & cheer. The cards will be delivered on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

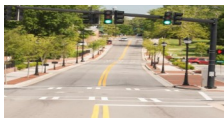
Every year when Christmas comes  
in the midst of December,  
We look upon our list of those  
it's a pleasure to remember,  
  
And then we visit in our prayers  
each and every precious reason  
Those names so neatly written there  
make this such a special season.  
  
The laughter and the tears we've shared  
with those we hold so dear  
Make our lives seem more worthwhile  
each day throughout the year.

So with each heartfelt prayer we make  
and every card we write,  
We cherish those both far and near  
who make this season bright.

*Warm Christmas Blessings  
and Happy New Year*







## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



### Manna Ministries (MMCDC)

Manna Ministries Gifts of Hope: If you adopted a child (children) for the Christmas season please bring all wrapped gifts with your child's name on them next **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>** following each service in conference room 149. Manna Ministries thanks you in advance for your gifts and donations to children who are in need during this holiday season.

### Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal

All children and youth are welcome to rehearse with us **this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Children's Choir (ages 4-11) will begin at 6:45pm, and One Accord (ages 12+) will begin at 7:15pm.

### Prince George's Baptist Association

You are cordially invited to join Prince George's Baptist Association at a celebration service in honor of their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at First Rock Baptist Church, 4630 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington DC.

### Honor Roll Recognition

In order to recognize the achievements of our 1st quarter honor roll recipients, the Scholarship Ministry requests that a copy of the student's report card be emailed to [scholarship@ketteringministries.org](mailto:scholarship@ketteringministries.org), or faxed to the administrative office at 301-780-8578, or placed in the ministry's mail box no later than **this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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In 2019, Kettering will celebrate its **50<sup>th</sup>** year as a local branch of Zion! We want to invite all to worship, pray and celebrate with us into this 50th year at the New Year's Eve Ball on **Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9pm - 1am!** It will be a high and holy time of Royal celebration for what the Lord has done for us. Tickets are \$110 per person (non-refundable) and can be purchased in-person **today** or online at [ketteringministries.org](http://ketteringministries.org). **The cut-off date to purchase tickets is Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Don't delay!

### Missions, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

It's the shopping season and we will be "**Shopping for Souls.**" Join us as we share Christ (the true reason for the season) without fear **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am** at Annapolis Mall. **Sign up after each service in Room 107.** POC: Minister Brian Bailey

### Special Sunday Service

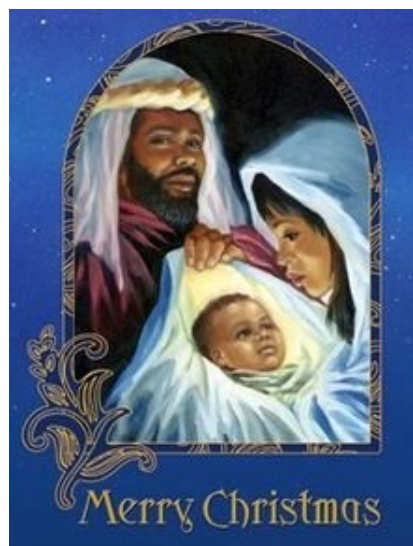
On **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will all come together for **one** Worship Service at **9am**. Mission Friends and Nursery will be available, but there will be no Sunday School, Children's Church or other Discipleship Hour classes.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

We would like to encourage all Kettering members to make a special effort to attend the meeting on **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. You will have the opportunity to view and vote the 2019 proposed budget.

### AmazonSmile Program

Don't forget! Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to a charitable organization when you shop on AmazonSmile? Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Kettering Baptist Church. Thanks for your donation.





# DECEMBER CALENDAR CLAIMING THE CORRIDOR FOR CHRIST



## December 2018



Kettering Baptist Church  
Legacy Center

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8am Prayer Meeting 10am Circle of Comfort 2:30pm Children's Ministry at Manor Care
2	3	4	5 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	6	7	8 8am Prayer Meeting
9 DTM Awards Ceremony (8am & 11am Services)	10	11	12 12pm Bible Study 7pm Budget Presentation & Awana	13	14	15 8am Prayer Meeting 10am Missions, Youth & Young Adults Soul Shopping
16	17	18	19 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	20	21	22 SANCTIFIED SATURDAY
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29
30 Sunday Worship Service (8am Only)	31 9PM - 1AM NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL					

