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**Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**

Lottie Moon—the namesake of Southern Baptists’ international missions offering—has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero.

In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.



Operation Christmas Child was once again a HUGE success! God is so good! Under the leadership of Bobby & Nancy Hudler, we were able to collect 2,243 boxes here at First Baptist Church of North East. 184 of those boxes were from our church alone. We have also been informed, that our boxes are headed to the Ukraine. Thank you to those who volunteered their time in our collection center. Please continue to pray for the shoe boxes, and the children that will be receiving them.

**IMB: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Week of Prayer:**

Sunday, December 3-Sunday, December 10

Church Offering Goal: \$2,700

100%

Of gifts to the LMCO support IMB missionaries & their work around the world.

3,396

MISSIONARIES rely on offering funds

In the last year reported (2015):

1.9 MILLION

HEARD THE GOSPEL

175,290

NEW BELIEVERS

15,058

TRAINED PASTORS

6,138

NEW CHURCHES



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I think Christmas is probably everyone's favorite Christian holiday. I know it is for me. All month long, preparations are being made by us adults. The kids get excited right after Thanksgiving. Every child loves writing a wish list of things they want.



Here at the church we have cantatas, concerts, Christmas programs, etc. It's a time for public praise and quiet worship. It is easy to forget that Jesus is the reason for the season, but I know you don't do that. Everything we do to celebrate the birth of our Lord can be twisted by the world - but it doesn't have to be that way.

This year, let's be extra careful to focus on the true spirit of Christmas, the miraculous gift of God's only begotten Son. Take some quiet time to re-read the account of His birth from Matthew 1 & 2, as well as Luke 1 & 2.

Meditate on this momentous event.

Thank God for His indescribable gift.

Thank God for His gracious and merciful plan from eternity past to redeem us all from sin. Hundreds of detailed prophecies were all coming true in Jesus' coming to earth as the God-man. He was born of a virgin; born in the city of David, Bethlehem; a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and all the way through the kingly line of David and Solomon! Someone has counted 330 prophecies that

were precisely and literally fulfilled by Jesus in His First Coming!

Prophecy is one thing no other religion even attempts - except in the vaguest of terms. In contrast, God says we can trust Him and His true prophets' words. In fact, He says in

Deuteronomy 18: 20-22, if anything the prophet says doesn't come true, he is not from God. You shouldn't listen to, or be afraid of him. Only an omniscient, all powerful God could make such a claim. We worship and serve the God who created the whole universe and everything in it! (cont on pg 3)

PUZZLE

The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.

1 When
 2 they
 3 saw
 4 the
 5 star
 6 they
 7 were
 8 overjoyed
 9 Matthew
 10 2:10

“ _____ , _____ ”
 _____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV



Anniversaries and Birthdays

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Wendy Clough
- Ellen VanSice
- 3 Ronald Johnson
- Jason Weicksel
- 4 Dave VanSice
- 7 Olivia Blades
- 8 Evelyn Neaves
- 9 Darrell Hamilton
- Ken Hodanics, Jr.
- Grace Shores
- 10 Eden Marvel
- 12 Kevin Gill
- 14 Peggy Clough

- 15 Rebecca Bibey
- 16 Carol Loving
- Violet Osborne
- 18 Samantha Johnston
- Lucias Sanders
- 19 David Naggie
- 20 David Arthur, Jr.
- 21 Sylvia Hobson
- 23 Joseph Clemons
- 26 Richard Meekins
- 27 Katie Ayers
- Tina Gibson
- Sharon Hodanics
- 28 Craig Hudler
- Eric Jackson
- Kayla Lewis
- Kelly Meekins
- 29 John David Hamilton
- 30 Vicki Chestnut
- 31 Karen Brown

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Gregory & Danita Walker
- 6 Dorsey & Jane Brandenburg
- 9 Brad & Jessica Holland
- 10 Larry & Linda Thornton
- 11 Craig & Audrey (Beman) Hammond
- 18 Timothy & Amanda (Leffew) Smith
- 21 Mike & Cheryl Marvel
- 29 Andy & Jess Wagner

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dorcas Deaver
- 4 Ed Evans
- Ben Hokuf
- Charles Poff
- 5 Rosetta (Ewing) Barnes
- Amanda Hobson
- 11 Sandy Jackson
- 12 Brad Holland
- 13 Melissa Deaver
- Aaron Simpkins
- Mike Strohecker

- 14 Wanda Hollerman
- Folashade Johnson-Aremu
- Jess Wagner
- 15 Abigail Hilaman
- 16 S.J. Hall, Jr.
- 20 Sophie Hodanics
- Tony Murray
- 22 Devon Short
- 26 Edna Barbacano
- Vickie Henry
- 27 Valerie Glace
- Scott Morrill
- 28 Linda Gocolinski
- 29 Adam Marvel
- Cecil Walsh, Jr.
- 30 Judy Wahlgren
- Judy Veasey

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Peter, Sr. & Theresa "Terri" Keyes
- 8 Dave & Ellen VanSice
- 10 Darrell & Connie Hamilton
- 13 Andre & Judy Wahlgren
- 16 Duke & Joy Grant
- 27 Raymond & Edna Barbacano

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This Christmas season let's look for opportunities to have a gospel conversation with someone. At this time of year most people are more than willing to listen. The whole world can celebrate Christmas, but not everyone knows the good news of why He came. You do. Tell someone. Be intentional. Share Jesus. We have hope because He came. After all, Jesus is Immanuel – God with us.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 2pm: An Olde Worlde Christmas @ LBC
3 9:20am: Breakfast	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Week of Prayer					9
SPECIAL BUSINESS MTG after both morning services		10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship				6pm: JLMCC Christmas Program
10 Trustees' Mtg after 10:30am service 7pm: Christmas Cantata @ NEUMC	11	12	13 6:30pm: Prayer Mtg/Bible study Business Mtg (after prayer mtg.)	14	15	16 1pm: WOM Christmas Party @ Sylvia Hobson's house
17 Angel Tree gifts are due.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Regular AM services. 7:30pm: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27 NO KIDS KLUB!	28	29	30
31 10:30am: Youth Service/ Tim Bayer NO pm service or Deacons' Mtg.				See page 6 for regular events/services		



January



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Riverside	3	4	5 Youth leave for Skycroft @ 4pm, return Sunday afternoon SKYCROFT →	6 7:45am: Deacons' Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen
7 8:30 & 10:30am: Communion & Missionaries Randy & Sandy Moyer →	8	9	10 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	11	12	13
14 February Lamplighter articles due	15	16	17	18 Ministry Assistant on vacation →	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Baptist Men's Day w/ a meal following the 10:30am service →	29	30	31	1	2	3

Women on Mission Christmas Party

When: Sat, December 16

Time: 1pm

Where: Sylvia Hobson's home

Details: ALL ladies welcome please bring a covered dish/salad, cookies to share and \$10 to put towards a special love offering.



Women on Mission are once again sponsoring our Angel Tree. The wishes of 6 children, from our church & childcare center families, are printed on the tags & hung on the tree. Gifts are due **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 17.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am

9:20am

9:30am

10:30am

6pm

6pm

Tuesday

11am

Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm

6:30-7:30pm

Thursday

10am

11am

5:30pm

WORSHIP

Breakfast (*1st Sun, monthly*)

📖 **Bible Study/Sunday School**

WORSHIP/Children's Worship

Monthly Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Worship Committee Mtg. (*4th Tues*)

Kids' Klub—grades 2-6

📖 **Prayer/Bible Study**

BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Choir Practice

Ladies' Prayer Time

🎵 Praise & Worship Team Practice



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
11/26/17(48 wks): **\$3,732.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **\$7,947.**

PARKING LOT FUND
received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 *revised* parking lot
fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);
\$30,000 (Glory to God);
\$47,745 (**Hallelujah!**).

Audio/Visual Fund: **\$66**
received to date.

Average morning worship
attendance: 10/22/17-
11/26/17: **92**

