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# Reflections

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## Who is Lottie Moon and Why Do We Collect an Offering in Her Name?

Lottie Moon was born on December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. Lottie was appointed as a missionary to China in 1873. She served faithfully for 39 years.

During her missionary career, Lottie wrote many letters challenging the churches in the US to send and support more international missionaries. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Each year during the Christmas season an offering is collected by churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for the work of International Missions.

Why should you consider giving to the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions this year? The millions of people around the world who haven't heard the good news of salvation through Jesus are reason enough for each of us to give generously to the offering this year. Every month nearly a million people in China enter eternity without having heard of Jesus. There remains people groups who have been totally uncontacted by the outside world.

One of the greatest gifts you can give this year to honor Jesus' birth is to give to the Lottie Moon offering. Your contribution to this offering helps insure that as men and women are called to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world that there is sufficient funding to send them. Let's join together to set a record in giving to spread the Gospel through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

For Him,  
Chad



### "What A Glorious Night!" Begins Thursday

Get your tickets online at [bereafbc.org](http://bereafbc.org)

Thursday, December 8, 7pm

Friday, December 9, 7pm

Saturday, December 10, 4pm

Sunday, December 11, 4pm

### Deadline Extended for Angel Tree Gifts

All gifts are due by this Sunday morning. Remember to put the code beginning with GVL and number along with the child's name on each gift.



### This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Combined Service, 10:30 am

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

### The Friendship Group

#### Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, December 20, 11:00am

Program: Christmas Music by Tony Vinskus

Menu: Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Red Velvet Cake

Cost: \$5

Call the church office for reservations by Thursday, December 15.

### Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Our Goal: \$20,000

Received: \$3,140

## Welcome New Members



**John and Christy Groome**  
(Lucas and Lydia)  
186 River Bend Rd.  
Greenville, SC 29617

## Christmas Season at BFBC

**December 8-11**

“What A Glorious Night!”

**Sunday, December 18, 10:30am**  
Christmas Under the Tree

**Saturday, December 24**  
6:00 and 11:15pm  
Christmas Eve Communion and  
Prayer Services

**Sunday, December 25**  
10:30am Worship Service only

**Sunday, January 1**  
9:00am, Churchwide Breakfast  
10:00am, Worship Service

## Student Ministry

### Student Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30  
In the Crosswalk  
Wear a tacky Christmas sweater!

Students are going to Heartland on Sunday, December 18. Meet at the Crosswalk at 9am. We will return in time for the 10:30 service.

## Decoration Memorial Gifts

You may give a \$12 donation “in honor” or “in memory” of a loved one. Through these donations we are able to refurbish many of our decorations. These gifts will be listed in a special edition of “Reflections.” The deadline to make a donation is Sunday, December 18.

## BFBC Book Club

Monday, December 12, 6:00pm  
Patio Room  
“A Low Country Christmas”  
Author: Mary Alice Monroe

## Financial Report

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 12-4.....\$37,715.92  
Legacy Gifts.....\$557.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$6,302.00  
Total Deposit.....\$44,574.92

### Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....520  
Sunday Evening Service.....384

**Year End Gifts** to the church must be received in the church office or post-marked by December 31 in order to be credited to your 2016 contribution statement.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Cindy Carman and Diane Hamlin in the death of their father, Frank Carman.

## Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Roy Hall by:  
Joyce Clayton  
Esther Sunday School class  
Ted Dreibrod by:  
Cheryl Taylor

A gift has been given in honor of Catherine Brockman, Mary Lazar, and Barb Manire by the Esther Sunday School Class.

## Christmas Under the Tree

**Sunday, December 18, 10:30am**

We invite our kids to join us on stage for a time of singing, sharing the Christmas story, and hearing some of your Christmas wishes!

Childcare will be provided for birth through 3 year olds after they sing.

## December Mission Project

Toys for the Reaching Center  
and Angel Tree

## Clemson Wins Food Drive

Clemson won this year's food drive by donating the most canned goods to our Reaching Center. We appreciate all the contributions which will enable us to help families in need during this time of year.

Clemson: 661  
USC: 265  
Furman: 179  
LSU: 134  
Middle Tennessee: 32

## Opportunities

### SUNDAY

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Cornerstone Service  
4:00pm “What A Glorious Night!”

### WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper  
6:00pm Praying @ the Dock  
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir  
1st-5th Grade Choir  
6:30-7:30pm Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
Student Worship  
6:45-7:30pm Preschool Mission Friends  
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s  
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s  
7:35-9:00pm Worship Choir

### THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

## Wednesday Night Supper

Reservation deadline is Monday @ 11am.

### Menu for December 14:

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,  
Lima Beans, Creamed Corn

**Wednesday night suppers and activities will resume on January 4, 2017.**



**Christmas Eve**  
**Communion & Prayer Services**  
6:00pm and 11:15pm

## New Year's Breakfast and Worship

**Sunday, January 1**

Biscuit/Doughnut Breakfast, 9:00am  
In the Senior Adult Building  
Worship Service, 10:00am  
No Sunday School or child care.  
Casual dress is appropriate.  
No evening service or activities.

## Need Prayer?

Please share any concerns with our  
Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
**Email:** prayerrequest@bereafbc.org  
**Voicemail:** (864) 246-9182, Ext. 1