



# FIRST EDITION

**First Baptist Church** 

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# **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

YOUR IMPACT through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:

- Thousands of people and churches give through the offering.
- 100% is used to send and support your missionaries (currently 4,700).
- In one year, they shared HIS redemptive story with 1.75 million people.
- 21,000 nationals were trained to start new churches.
- They helped start 14,000 churches.
- All the while, they worked to rescue slaves, feed orphans, and care for the needy.
- Yet billions remain lost! Give more to send more!



Pray about your gift to the offering. 100% of the offering supports missionaries and their ministries. Can you give an individual or family gift equivalent to the cost of supporting a missionary for a day (\$141), a week (\$988), or more?

### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE**

100 percent of your offering supports missionaries. Last year they reported:

- 1.75 million people heard a gospel witness
- 275,000 became new believers
- 14,000 new churches and 4,000 new groups were formed
- 21,000 leaders were trained to start new churches
- 444,263 nationals met in on-going Bible studies

\* These numbers and more are reported in the 2014 Annual Statistical Report at public.org/globalresearch

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## 2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 - DEC. 6





### GOD'S WORK FUND

Donations are being requested for God's Work Fund, which is a fund that sponsors mission-minded individuals in a variety of ways. God's Work Fund helps with mission trips, and also helps students with tuition in college if a ministry major has been declared. Designate on your check that the money is intended for "God's Work Fund." Thank you for helping to support God's work.

# God's work. Our hands.

### **Guatemala Mission Trip**

A team from the San Antonio area (including Mike Hopper and Tom Stringer) will be traveling to Sarstun, Guatemala, with T.I.M.E. for Christ Medical Ministries December 8th - 16th. A medical clinic on the Sarstun River, on the border between Guatemala and Belize, is in need of a new thatched roof. The team will build relationships with the staff as they meet the needs of the clinic, and share the Gospel at every opportunity. Please pray for the team and those they encounter. The team is funding their own travel expenses, but welcome contributions to help with the cost of: Spanish-language Bibles, tracts, building and medical supplies. Designate contributions to "Guatemala Mission Trip" or use a Love Offering envelope located in the pew racks. As of the date of this publication, FBC has generously contributed \$3,647.00 toward this project. Please be in prayer for Mike, Tom, and the rest of the team as they travel, and share Christ with a lost world.

#### ANGEL TREE FOR SOUTH TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOME

A Christmas Tree has been located in the foyer with names and gift ideas for the boys and girls at the South Texas Children's Home. In previous years, many gifts were donated, and the children were generously blessed. What a wonderful way to let these precious children know that God cares for them! The

children's requested gift(s) should be wrapped, with the angel ornament nametag attached, and returned to the church BEFORE **Sunday, December 6, 2015**. The gifts will be delivered to the kids for their Christmas celebration.

It's time to place your order to purchase Poinsettias for the Christmas season. Each plant costs \$10, and may be given "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Sign up in the foyer. Make checks payable to FBC and designate "poinsettia" on your check.



Sunday, December 6th is the deadline to order a poinsettia to place in the sanctuary during the Christmas season!

### **December at a Glance**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let's remember its significance. God's plan for our redemption was set in motion that night in Bethlehem when Christ was born. Don't let the busyness of the season distract you from remembering the true meaning of the season!

- Fri., Dec. 4, 6pm—Proverbs 31 Sunday School class party;
- Sat., Dec. 5, 4pm—SAMS Sunday School class party;
- Sun., Dec. 6—Angel Tree gifts due back in foyer; Poinsettia orders due;
- Mon., Dec. 7, 6pm—T.E.L. Sunday School class party;
- Tue., Dec. 8—Day Trip to Gruene, TX;
- Fri., Dec. 11, 6pm—Deacon Christmas Party;
- Sat., Dec. 12, 5pm—Titus 2 Class Party;
- Sun., Dec. 13—Adult & Children's Choir Musical Presentation during combined 10:30 am service; NO 8am or 6pm services;

- Tue., Dec. 15 & 17, 10am—FBC Volunteers @ Food Pantry
- Wed., Dec. 16, 6:30pm—Business Meeting; Youth Christmas Party; Last TeamKidz of the year;
- Sun., Dec. 20, 4pm—Christmas Caroling followed by all-church fellowship at the Gaertners' home;
- Wed., Dec. 23—No Wednesday church activities;
- Thu., Dec. 24, 5:30pm—Candlelight Service followed by Open House at the Clements;
- Fri., Dec. 25—Merry Christmas!
- Sat., Dec. 26, 8am-Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sun., Dec. 27—ONE Combined Worship Service at 10:30 am;
   NO evening activities.
- Wed., Dec. 30—NO Evening Service

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# December 2015

							Weekly Schedule
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sunday
		I	2 WNS—Chalupas	3	Prov 31 SS Class Party 6pm	5 SAMs SS Class Party 4pm	*8:00—Early Worship     *9:15—Bible Study     *10:30—Late Worship     *3:00—Veterans Home Svc/except 2nd Sunday of month     *5:00—GROW/Youth Choir
6 Youth Cmmttee Mtg—noon Personnel Mtg—Noon Finance Mtg—4pm * Danny Fenner		Sr. Adult Shopping in Gruene, TX 9:30 am	9 Building & Grounds Mtg 5pm	10	Deacon & Staff Party 6pm		•6:00—Evening Service/ Youth Bible Study
Adult & Children's Ch Combined Servi		15	Youth Party 6:30pm WNS—Pork Loin Business Meeting 6:30 pm TeamKid Party 5:45pm	17	18	19	•6:30—Praise Band Practice     •6:30—Youth Bible Study     •6:30—RAs&GAs/MFriends/BAT Class     •7:30—Praise Choir Rehearsal
Caroling @ 4:00pm Gaertner open house afterward * David Haverlah	21	22	NO WNS or activities	24 Candlelight Service 5:30 pm Open House @ Clements	25	Men's Breakfast 8am	Weekly Activities Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays @ 10 am Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 10:30 am Sr. Adult Game Day Thursdays from 1-4 pm
27 Sunday School & Combined 10:30 Service only	28	29	NO WNS or activities	31			Line Exercise Classes  Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am  * Deacon of the Week

# **December Birthdays**

1 Cassandra Rogers	7	Farah Robinson	12	Susan Eubanks	18	William Eckel	23	Sandy Lawtum
1 Alex Shoots	7	Kayla Seesengood	12	Billie Riddle	18	Asa Ralph Fuller	23	Michael Villarreal
2 Earl Seesengood	8	Bob Andrews	12	Andrew Vincent	18	Jonathon Jansky	24	Carlos Garza
3 Aaron Garcia	8	Andy Joslin	13	Cameron Choate	18	Tim Rogers	24	Judy Murray
3 Mae Holmes	8	Ross Koenig	14	Norma Idrach	19	Gearis Herndon	24	Ricky Wesley
3 Monty Montgomery	8	Teri Villarreal	14	Ryan Parker	19	Deana Smith	25	Buddy Smith
4 Rob Coleman	9	Eddie Coston	15	Marty Choate	19	Peggy Tipton	26	Tawny Parra
4 Claryce Holcombe	9	Sara Beth Ham	15	Cole Harris	20	Daniel Ascencao	26	Holli Schroller
4 Stacey Moss	9	Rose Hopper	15	Chad Rex Reed	21	Timothy Davis	28	Ron Fischer
4 Preston Taggs	9	Ashley Kidd	17	Jean Evelyn Hughes	21	Chuck Garza	28	Ron Tipton
5 Randy Richards	9	Lea Ann Lerich	17	Ian McGee	22	Peggy Tope	30	Wayne Deason
6 Daniel Bourland	10	Megan Curnow	17	Sarah Brieden	22	Shine Trabucco	30	Judy Whitley
6 Jeanine Livingston	10	Norma Meis	18	Patsy Curnow	23	Sheila Brieden		A December
7 Drew Clements	12	J. B. Dismuke	18	Melba Dunn	23	Marty Johnson		<b>ADAYS</b>

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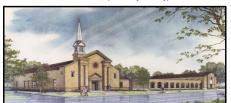
### **First Baptist Church**

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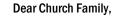


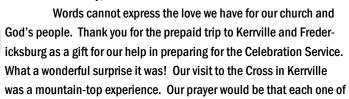
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you would take time to visit this sacred place. The miracles that have taken place and continue to this day are unbelievable.

Servants for Christ, Bob and Barbara Herndon

Jesus says "I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first." Revelation 2:19

Thank you for the privilege to meet in your beautiful facility and for how you always do more and more for us. We love you, pray for you, and thank the Lord Jesus for YOU!

- BSF New Braunfels Evening Women's Group Satellite Discussion Group

Dear Family of FBC,

The Fellowship Team and Committee would like to thank everyone who generously provided both food and help in recent weeks. It has been a busy few weeks, and because of your kindness, we have witnessed what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:27: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

In His Service, FBC's Fellowship Team and Committee

Thank you so very much for the Thanksgiving Basket. I appreciate it so much. It helped me with a dinner for my grandson whom we were welcoming home from the military. Thank you again! ~Nan Tackitt

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and e-mails. The foot fracture is healing, and with a walking boot and a walker, I'm able to move about with little pain. God is Good!! Lillie and I wish each of you a Jesus-centered Christmas!

~ Carl Ray

Christian sympathies are offered to the family of Dorothy Deskin, sister of Addie Lea Wahl and Emma Bea Mills, who passed away on November 23, 2015;

Also, Christian sympathies are offered to the family of Lota M. Farquhar, grandmother of Bekki Mitchell, who passed away on November 23, 2015, at the age of 92.

### **KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**

"The Polar Express" will be shown on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, for kids through 6th grade. Showtime begins at 5:45 pm with dinner. Movie snacks will be provided. Bring a pillow and sleeping bag, and wear your pajamas!

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you for your contributions to Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity, FBC sent 112 gift boxes to boys and

girls around the world. Please pray each gift reaches its destination and that children are blessed by the Lord because of it.



### Adult Choir Presentation & **TeamKidz Praise Presentation**

Sunday, December 13, 2015 Combined Service @ 10:30 am

### **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 4pm followed by Gaertner Open House

### Youth-Led Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm followed by Clements Open House

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 26, 2015 8:00 am-10:00 am In the Fellowship Hall

Congratulations to **Preston Taggs** Of Floresville High School For being named to the All-District Football Team 1st Team - Linebacker. Great job, Preston!

RESTON TAGGS All-District