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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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First Baptist Church Floresville is reaching the multitudes. Our generous prayers and gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering send more missionaries through the International Mission Board (IMB) to more parts of the world to share the gospel with more people—all toward fulfilling the vision of Revelation 7:9.

In fact, in the last year alone, we have made it possible for 3,692 IMB missionaries to:

- Baptize 52,586 new believers;
- Plant 13,898 new churches;
- Train 18,428 pastors.

Please read the Week of Prayer brochure that will be available in a bulletin insert in the coming weeks. Look for videos highlighting missionaries during worship services and on social media. Let's continue to pray, give, and develop a more global understanding of our responsibility to take the gospel to the nations.

With this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we have the opportunity to impact more lives with the gospel. Our participation is critical to the work of the IMB around the world. Let's continue to commit to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

To give, visit <https://give.imb.org/>. You may also give through First Baptist Church. Indicate "Lottie Moon" on your check's memo line or on your giving envelope. Gifts to LMCO may also be given online at the church's web page by visiting www.fbcf.org.

I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES
AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES
STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE.

REVELATION 7:9



Pastor Matt Keller has scheduled video conferences with missionaries who serve around the world. All are welcome to join the middle and high school students on Sunday, December 1st, 8th, and 15th in the Family Life Center at 9:15 am to connect with missionaries in the Czech Republic, Italy, and Vancouver.

Together We're Reaching the MULTITUDES

Your gifts at work... Your generosity makes a difference. Your generosity sends and sustains missionaries. Your generosity takes the gospel to the unreached. Your generosity trains nationals to multiply disciples. Your generosity meets tangible needs.

- \$150 provides one month of in-country language study
- \$600 provides satellite phones for emergency situations
- \$20 provides ten New Testaments in a local language
- \$50 provides five evangelistic packets with gospel tracts and a DVD
- \$80 provides a sewing machine for a class
- \$39 provides one week of meals for a refugee family
- \$230 provides two sheep for a family to start animal husbandry work
- \$5 provides 20 clean syringes
- \$300 provides a renewal fee for an IMB doctor's professional license
- \$2 provides a tube of Henna to illustrate 5 gospel stories
- \$10 provides a Bible in a local language

The Next Generation

By Pastor Bryan Catherman, Redeeming Life Church, Salt Lake City, Utah

We're often thinking about the next generation at Redeeming Life Church. Yes, this includes the next generation of children. But it also includes the next generation of pastors, church-planters, evangelists, disciple-makers, faithful parents, worship leaders, and every other "next" as our little church grows. We're in a place where our present generation is still young and new. That makes raising up the next a bit of a challenge. But God is faithful and continues to do what God does.

It seems we're in a transient place, often sending our "next" to other places. If that's what God has for us, we welcome it. Yet, some of our next seem to be planted right in Salt Lake. We're seeing our kids invite lost people to church and sometimes even share the gospel with them. We're raising up a new pastor in Josiah. We have musicians who have never led stepping up to lead others to worship the King of Glory. New believers are starting to share the gospel and disciple others, becoming the next in a generation of disciple-makers.

Please keep our "next" in your prayers as you pray for our ministry in Utah. Thank you for your prayers and support! Thank you for joining God in raising up the next in Utah and beyond.

For the Kingdom!

Pastor Bryan Catherman

www.redeeminglifeutah.org



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND WORK DAY

Men, plan to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 8:00 am–10:00 am. The men will begin a study by John Ortberg called "Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You." After enjoying your hearty breakfast, plan to stay for a couple of hours to do a little work to spruce up FBC's facilities. For breakfast questions, see John Long; for work day questions, see Mike Moody.



**WORKDAY AT THE
CHURCH**

Business Meeting

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019
6:30 pm**

**Business will be presented from the Finance
Committee, Transportation Committee, and
the Church Council.**



FBC's Children's Ministry has begun using an **electronic check-in system, KidCheck**. If you have a child aged birth-6th grade, please create a family KidCheck account. Visit go.kidcheck.com and select "Create Your KidCheck Account," and follow the prompts. There is also a KidCheck Mobile Check-In app available on the App Store or Google Play. Creating your account now will help transition to the new system; your first check-in will go more quickly so you can be on your way. You'll use your 10-digit phone number to check in. See Darlene McKeen with questions.



Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

presents
the spiritual tale of two comedies

December 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
1805 Standish Street
830-393-2803

"Don't Send God"
and

"Forrest Gump Goes to Heaven"



Student Christmas Party

**Wednesday
December 18, 2019**

For all 7th-12th grade students.

**Please bring a gift to share
(white elephant or other)
valued at \$5 or less.**

See Pastor Matt Keller with questions.

WORSHIP CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY

First Baptist Church
Stockdale, Texas

cordially invites you and your congregation
to the dedication service of the new

Pandora Baptist Fellowship
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8, 2019
at 3:30 pm

State Hwy 87, Pandora, Texas
Reception following service.

Christmas Poinsettias in the Worship Center

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, FBC is handling the Christmas poinsettias differently this year. You can still purchase a poinsettia in honor of someone, but the Flower Committee is asking that individuals purchase and bring your poinsettia to the church before the 8:00 am Sunday morning worship service for the week in which you have signed up. Then take your plant home after the 10:30 am worship service has concluded. If you prefer, you may drop your poinsettia off in the church office on Thursday or Friday before the Sunday that is your responsibility.

You may choose one of three Sundays in December. The sign-up schedule is posted next to the flower calendar on the bulletin board across from the restrooms in the education wing. Please sign up quickly to get your preferred Sunday. Once all three Sundays are filled, we will add space for more. Thank you!

~ The Flower Ministry Team



Angel Tree for South Texas Children's Home

There is a Christmas tree in the foyer that is decorated with angel-shaped ornaments listing the names of children who live at the South Texas Children's Home. Pick up a gift tag and purchase one of the suggested gifts. The wrapped gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 8, 2019, so they can be delivered to the facility the following day. Remember to return the tag along with the gift so we know which child your gift belongs to. Thanks for purchasing a gift that will bless a child this Christmas.

Thank you for sharing your Christmas!



Bible Study Class Christmas Events

Several of our Bible Study classes have notified the office of special events they are planning to celebrate Christmas.

Please take a look at the following schedule. Refer any questions to the class's leadership team.

Deacon/Staff Family Luncheon
Sunday, December 1, 2019, 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Ragamuffin Class
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 5:00 pm
Yogi & Sally Gaertner's home

SAMS Class
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 5:00 pm
Marty & Neysa Choate's home

Titus 2, Hope, & Fishers of Men Classes
Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1:00 pm
Carter & Jan Thomas's home

Christmas Holiday Schedule

Choral Musical Presentation

Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

*featuring the combined choirs of FBC Floresville and FBC Pleasanton along with TeamKids Praise and our preschool choir with a reception to follow.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

*Immediately followed by an Open House at the home of Pastor and Allison Clements
1704 Chestnut St.

Office Closed

Tuesday and Wednesday
December 24-25, 2019

Women's Ministry News

Hello All and Merry Christmas!

Christmas season will be upon us quickly! This can be a very hectic time if we allow it to be. This can be a time when we seem to be unable to catch up with all the lists of the lists...

I pray that we avoid getting caught up with all the hustle and bustle and are able to focus on the Reason for the Season—Jesus Christ's birth—who humbled Himself to come to earth as a baby!

As we just shared Thanksgiving together and took time to reflect on all our blessings, we need to step out of our comfort zone and reach out to others—not only during this season but all the time. So many in our church family have needs, but they are unable to meet them. This might be because of physical or financial reasons. Imagine what a gift an offer of your time to help some would do!

I'm sending out a December Challenge to each of you: This December (at least once a week), step outside of your comfort zone and reach out to someone! I promise, you won't have to look hard. And if you are still unable to come up with any ideas, ask our pastors or a deacon. We should also be asking ourselves how much time we spend volunteering at the church. You don't have to be on a specific committee to help. There are numerous opportunities to improve, clean up, or straighten up some areas! This is the LORD's house and we all need to respect it!



Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year! I know that many children from around the world will have a happier Christmas because of everyone's generosity by contributing to the Operation Christmas Child project. We packed 59 boxes at our Packing Party and a total of 95 shoebox gifts were given by First Baptist Church.

If you have any questions or want to suggest any ideas for future Women's Ministry activities, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068 or me, Donna Arispe, at 210-560-9642.

FBC Line Exercise Group Featured at Musical Club

First Baptist Church hosts a Line Exercise class each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center. Patti Kuykendall fearlessly leads this group that is made up of people from both FBC and the community. One thing they all have in common—they all want to stay active and keep moving.

The group was showcased on October 15, 2019, by the Floresville Musical Club. The line exercisers demonstrated their skills and performed 5 or 6 different songs. They were well-received, and as a result, a few additional people have joined this heart-smart group.

There's always room for more at this fun ministry to the community. No skill is required—just a willingness to get active and move more. Stop by and see what it's all about. Direct any questions to Patti Kuykendall.



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacon/Staff Luncheon @ Noon *Shaun Murray	2 Worship at FV Nursing Home 3pm	3	4 WNS Pork Steaks	5	6	7 SAMS Class Party @ 5p Ragamuffins @ 5pm 8am & workday MEN'S BREAKFAST
8 Choir Presentation @ FBC Floresville *Greg Parker	9	10	11 WNS Chalupas	12 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	13 Andrew Peterson concert	14 Titus 2, Hope, Fishers of Men Party @ 1pm
15 Choir Presentation @ FBC Pleasanton *Damon Shine	16	17 Final BSF of semester	18 WNS Hamburgers Business Meeting 6:30 pm Kids' Movie Night 5:30-7:30	19	20	21
22	23	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30pm Open House @ Clements	25 Office Closed NO Activities	26	27	28
29 Fabulous Fifth Sunday *Ron P. Tipton	30	31				

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—Worship Service (except Lord's Supper & 5th Sundays)
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service

Wednesday

- 10:00 Ladies Mid-Week Study
- 3:30-TeamKids
- 4:30—FLC open for students
- 4:45—TeamKids Praise
- 5:30—Supper
Kids Movie Night LAST Wed/mo
- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Kids on a Mission Youth Bible Study
- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Worship at Veterans' Home Tuesdays at 2:00 pm (except for 2nd Tues of each month)
- Sr. Adult Game Day Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am
- Mother's Day Out Mon & Wed from 9am-2pm

* Deacon of the Week

December Birthdays

3	Aaron Garcia	11	Clay Respondek	19	Gearis Herndon	25	Buddy Smith
4	Rob Coleman	12	Susan Eubanks	19	Marcy Perez	28	Ron Fischer
4	Claryce Holcombe	12	Billie Riddle	19	Deana Smith	28	Ron Tipton
4	Stacey O'Leary	13	Dahlia Sellers	19	Peggy Tipton	28	Daryl Wheeler
4	Preston Taggs	14	Norma Idrach	20	Lyla Smith	29	Becky Ledoux
5	Jerry Kotzur	14	Ryan Parker	21	Timothy Davis	30	Bob Bagley
5	Doug Watson	15	Marty Choate	21	Chuck Garza	30	Judy Whitley
6	Jeanine Livingston	15	Cole Harris	21	Craig Wilder	30	Cody Bland
7	Elliana Woods	15	Chloe Little	22	Cathy Kotzur		
7	Drew Clements	15	Chad Rex Reed	22	Shine Trabucco		
8	Ross Koenig	17	Jean Evelyn Hughes	23	Sheila Brieden		
8	Teri Villarreal	17	Sarah Brieden	23	Evie Carter		
9	Braelyn Burns	17	Karen Sada	23	Michael Villarreal		
9	Sara Ham	18	Melba Dunn	24	Carlos Garza		
9	Rose Hopper	18	William Eckel	24	Judy Murray		



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Because He First Loved Us.



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Janice Ring who passed away on November 20, 2019.

First Baptist,
 Please forgive my tardiness in sending this blessing to you. I can't thank you enough for your continued blessing to Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). We now have a children's class and you have graciously allowed us to use more space. May God bless you for this. This is our next generation of disciples.

Joyfully, Mavis Cantu

Floresville Food Pantry
 Suggested Donations for December
Canned Fruits and Vegetables

The Floresville Food Pantry is partnering with *Daily Bread* ministry of San Antonio to provide food to the needy of Floresville. The Pantry is now open on Thursdays only. Clients need to arrive at 9am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A prayer/devotional time will be at 10am. Clients are asked to bring their own bags. The Pantry is located on the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151. Volunteers are always appreciated.

New Members

By Letter

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 LaVernia, TX 78121
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BUILDING HISToRY

Original Loan Amount:	\$ 525,000.00
November Loan Payment:	\$ 5,000.00
Current Loan Balance:	\$ 174,148.84

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
October 2019	\$ 60,252.09	\$ 56,493.17
YTD thru October	\$ 547,366.45	\$ 564,931.70

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