



Lottie Moon Christmas Offerin'

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by Southern Baptists to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. The global need for the gospel is more urgent than ever.

On March 31, 2021, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering surpassed \$5 billion in giving towards international missions. Your generous giving towards the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps to send, support, and sustain our missionary force.

The desire is great to see the world transformed by the Gospel and to have the name of Jesus Christ proclaimed in every corner of the earth. We are united for the sake of this cause. Together as Great Commission Baptists, we can bring help and hope to a hurting world. Together we will advance the kingdom of God.

Let's advance God's Kingdom together where 100% of your gifts through our church's offering goes to ministry overseas. 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. When making online donations, select the Lottie Moon Fund. Together we can transform lives.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Musical @ FBC Pleasanton

December 5, 2021, 6:00 pm

Bus will leave FBC Floresville 4:30 pm

Christmas Village in Poteet

December 12, 2021, bus leaving at 5:00 pm

Christmas Caroling

December 19, 4:30 pm

Fellowship after @ Gaertners (please bring a finger food or dessert to 2184 CR 401)

Office Closed: December 24, 2021

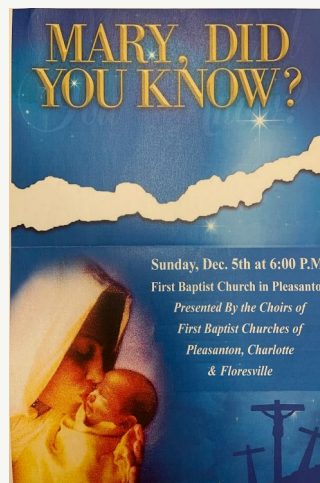
Candlelight Service: December 24, 2021, 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 26, **10:30 worship only (no 8 am)**

9:15 am Sunday School

Office Closed: December 27, 2021

Office Closed: December 31, 2021, for New Year's Day



FOR UNTO US A

Child is born

UNTO US A *son* IS GIVEN
and His Name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor

THE MIGHTY GOD
the Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace
ISAIAH 9:6

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Surprising, unexpected, challenging; these are thoughts you might have as you read about different ways the Holy Spirit leads people in the book of Acts. One of my favorite stories about that unexpected leading is when God tells Ananias to pray for Saul (a.k.a. Paul) to regain his sight (Acts 9). This is the same Saul who had been fiercely persecuting Christians.

Missionaries

We are also experiencing an unexpected direction from God. We came to Belize believing we would serve here for many years, but now we understand God's plan for our time here was shorter. After serving here for six months, we now understand God's direction is for us to begin to relocate our ministry back to the Philippines. We believe God has decisively shown us that although there was a short-term ministry he wanted us to do in Belize, his long-term plan has been and remains for us to serve in the Philippines. We are grateful for that clarity.

Our conclusion that God's plan is for us to relocate our ministry in the Philippines is an important decision, so we needed to clearly hear from God! We have been seeking God's guidance and striving to move forward slowly, carefully, and prayerfully in ways that would glorify God and that are good for both our ministry and the ministry here in Belize. We have been working through this decision while following the advice of our pastors from America and our mission agency (CTEN). We are so grateful for the support FBC Floresville has given us!

As we are finishing our ministry at Belize Bible College, God is opening new doors for our ministry. We have been invited to serve at Baptist Bible College of Asia, located in the Philippines. God has used our time in Belize to accomplish several things, but one of the most significant is the assurance that God has called us to continue teaching at a Bible college and that the Bible college ministry is a great way for Sherry and I to disciple young men and women who will be serving God in their communities. We will miss our friends in Belize, but are thrilled that God is opening doors of ministry in the Philippines at Baptist Bible College of Asia.



We will keep you updated as God reveals more details of this transition! More information is available at sudolcan.org/our-vision.

Your Missionaries, Paul and Sherry Sudolcan

Women's Ministry

Thank you, Lord, for the beautiful season to give thanks. We give you thanks for everything. Well, sometimes we are forgetful and slow to give you thanks and all the glory. Help us remember to be thankful in all, especially for getting us to the end of the year!

When we give thanks, it shows our gratitude to God for His faithfulness. Thanksgiving refreshes our soul as we concentrate on HIS goodness and grace. There are so many all over the world with so little, and yet they are thankful for what they have. We could spend day after day thanking the Lord and really never getting close to the end of the Thankful list. Just look at Psalm 91:14 "because he loves me," says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name." God has set his love upon Me. God Himself is the speaker and He describes the blessing He gives to those who know and love Him.

Now we come upon a very special time of the year where we should continue to give thanks, not for what we have, but for Jesus Christ coming down to earth in human form and humbling himself. When I meditate on that thought, I cannot even begin to grasp what the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit did for ME! Open my eyes, Lord! Open my ears and open my heart!

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas Season! Share with someone and pass it on!

Please remember to pray for all those on our prayer list. This is a very busy time of the year. If the LORD taps on your shoulder to help, purchase, deliver or be HIS hands and feet, please answer HIS call. If you have any Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642. In HIS Service!

December 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Sr. Adults to Gruene 10 am	3 Parents' Night Out 5:30-8:00	4 
5 Musical 6 pm P'ton 	6	7	8	9 Deacons/Staff Christmas Dinner 7 pm	10	11
*Ronald Tipton						
12 Village 5 pm Poteet 	13	14	15 Business Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18
*Danny Fenner						
19 Caroling 4:30 pm 	20	21	22	23	24 5:30 pm 	25 
*Bob Herndon						
26 	27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	 New Year's Day
*John Long						



3 Aaron Garcia
4 Rob Coleman
4 Claryce Holcombe
4 Stacey O'Leary
4 Preston Taggs
5 Jerry Kotzur
5 Randy Richards
5 Doug Watson
6 Jeanine Livingston
6 Elliana Woods
7 Drew Clements
8 Ross Koenig

9 Braelyn Burns
9 Sara Ham
11 Clay Respondek
12 Susan Eubanks
13 Dahlia Sellers
14 Norma Idrach
14 Ryan Parker
15 Marty Choate
15 Cole Harris
15 Chad Rex Reed
17 Jean Evelyn Hughes
17 Karen Sada
18 Melba Dunn
19 Gearis Herndon
19 Deana Smith
19 Peggy Tipton
20 Lyla Smith
21 Timothy Davis

21 Chuck Garza
21 Craig Wilder
22 Cathy Kotzur
22 Shine Trabucco
23 Sheila Brieden
23 Evie Carter
23 Michael Villarreal
24 Carlos Garza
24 Judy Murray
25 Buddy Smith
28 Ron Fischer
28 Ron Tipton
29 Robert Calmes
29 Becky Ledoux
30 Bob Bagley
30 Judy Whitley
30 Cody Bland
31 Pamela Dempsey

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—In-person Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study for all
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Tuesday

- 5:30 — Choir practice
- 6:30—Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

- 3:30—Team Kids/Choir
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study/

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 9:30-10:30 am
- * Deacon of the Week



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 12, 2021, so they can be delivered the next morning. Remember to return the tag along with the gift so we know which child will receive the gift.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Denise Kelley, Office Assistant
Christie Davis, Family Ministry Assistant
Rosa Beltran, Custodian



BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

/FIRSTBAPTISTFLORESVILLE

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Condolences go to Celeste Savage who recently lost her mom, Pearl Gorzell, when she passed away October 30, 2021.

with deepest
SYMPATHY

Student
Christmas
Party
Wednesday
December 15, 2021, 4:30 pm
For all 7th-12th grade students
Please bring a white elephant gift to share valued at \$5 or less



Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:30 pm

Business will be presented from the Finance Committee.



Parents, do you crave some time with your spouse and without the kids? Drop them off in God's Playhouse on Friday, December 3, beginning at 5:30-8:00 pm. This includes children who are infants through age 12. If you are past the time in your life where your kids are home, consider volunteering a few hours to allow other parents a break. Contact Pastor Matt if you can help at 409-656-3089.

BUILDING HIStory

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

November Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 64,561.71

"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord."

Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

Floresville Food Pantry Suggested Donations for December Canned foods 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 8am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A devotional time will be at 9am. 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 and donations are always appreciated.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
October 2021	\$ 55,454.54	\$ 59,329.67
YTD thru October 2021	\$ 520,504.46	\$ 593,296.70

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