




December 2023

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

A decorative border featuring red poinsettias, green holly leaves, and small red berries, framing the central text area.

You are invited to the
KBA
Ministers and Wives
Christmas Dinner
Friday, Dec. 1,
6:00 PM

Dekalb Baptist
Fellowship Hall
2034 DEKALB SCHOOL RD

Come enjoy the dinner,
fellowship, and great
door prizes!

RSVP by Nov. 27
803-432-3028

Missions—Local / State / National / World



KBA 'CHURCH U' AED DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING ... will take place on Thursday, January 18 at 6 pm at KBA. We also expect to have a good source available to churches on where they can purchase one at a bulk price. Please text or call Ron for more information and to sign up for the class.

MISSION TRIPS TO MONTANA, 2024 ... we are discussing dates for conducting THREE mission trips to our partner church in Glendive, Montana next spring/summer. One will be for construction projects and another possibly to help in VBS. Please speak with Terry Corder or Ron Underwood for more information.



WANT TO GO TO SPAIN ON MISSION? ... we are partnering with the SC Baptist Convention and the Columbia-Metro Association to go to Spain on mission. Ron and Pastor Jakob Elliott will be going there in late January. Another trip is being planned (tentatively) in May for Pastors who are led to embrace this mission field and then take a group from their church. The Convention and KBA will assist with some costs.

UPDATE ON SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING ... as of the printing of this newsletter, a contract has been signed and the loan has been approved for the sale of the former Southside Baptist Church to New Beginning Family Worship Center of Camden. The closing date is scheduled for Friday, December 1st. What a great answer to prayer it was when the ESL ministry led by Joan Reconnu was asked to remain there and continue that wonderful ministry!

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE...will meet in January and make recommendations at the January Executive Committee as to the receipt of the check from the sale of the Southside Baptist Church Building.

OUR KBA BUILDING ... is in need of updating. You will notice that the parking lot has recently been repaved. Interior work needs to be done including replacing the floor tile in the work room; building shelves in three storage rooms for Sacks of Love & GNC supplies; updating the bathrooms and kitchen. We also want to turn the former video room into a small meeting room. Recommendations and costs will be presented at the January Executive Committee meeting to be approved.



OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP!!...Kershaw Baptist Association has been contacted by a school counselor and has requested our help! They are in dire need of the following: Lice Treatment, all hygiene items, leggings sizes 4T-14 Juniors/Women, under garments for boys 4T-6/8, and under garments for girls sizes 0-14 Juniors/Women. All donations are asked to be dropped off at KBA Mission Center and we will make contact with the school counselor as she is working with several of our schools. This could be a great project for your church.



PASTORS CONFERENCE ...is planned for 11 am, Thursday, December 21st. Location to be announced.

BETTER HALVES

BETTER HALVES MEETING...There will be no better halves meeting this month. We will start back in January! God Bless!

Counseling/Refreshing Resources...

Firm Foundations Counseling—Lugoff, SC

803-708-0902

The Christian Counseling Center—

803-779-1995 or www.christiancounseling.ws

Teen Challenge—Rev. Wayne Powell, Georgetown, SC 843-520-4888

The Good Samaritan Colony—Addiction Rehab, Ruby, SC 843-634-6848

Shade Tree Ministry—Refresher for ministry leaders and spouses, www.shadetreeministry.org

Hope for Life Pregnancy Center— Jennifer Johns 803-900-5647 hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com

Camp McCall Pastor's Retreat House— Phillip "Snoball: Jewell, 864-884-6926 phillipjewell@scbaptist.org

Blue Horizons Counseling Service—Mary Mathis, Camden, SC 803-669-0658

Grief Share— 13 week session every Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm Hermitage Baptist Church beginning on September 11th. 803-432-4165

Non-Anon Family Group— Drug Addiction for families and friends, at Serenity House next to Lugoff First Baptist, every Tuesday from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm. To learn more contact Deena Burr at deenaburr@yahoo.com



05 Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet

05 Matthew Dickerson, Shamrock

05 Lisa Frye, Oak Ridge

22 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First

24 Evan Smith, Refuge

25 Samantha Ussery, Timrod

29 Rus McDonald, Pisgah



08 David and Allyson Brannen, Emmanuel

THE KBA OFFICE...Will be closed the week of Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd. Please plan accordingly for all your printing and support needs. Happy Holy Days!



December

1— Christmas Dinner for Pastors, Wives, and Staff at Dekalb Baptist 6 pm

3-10—IMB Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

21—Pastor Conference

25-Jan 2—KBA Closed



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GOD'S WORK THROUGH US IN 2022

122
Countries

728,589
People heard the gospel

178,177
New believers

21,231
New churches

102,417
Baptisms

WHO IS LOTTIE MOON AND WHY DO WE TAKE UP A CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

Lottie Moon was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840. Her real name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her Lottie. She was 4'9" tall. While she was still in high school, Lottie missed required chapel 26 times. She loved to pull pranks on other people. Once, when asked what the "D" stood for in her middle name, she replied, "devil." Lottie and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie made a decision to follow Christ and was baptized. Lottie was appointed as a missionary to China at the age of 33 on July 7, 1873, and sailed to China as a Southern Baptist Missionary. She primarily served in Tengchow and Pingtu. Lottie wore Chinese clothing and lived like her Chinese neighbors. She had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker. Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her. She also led in the campaign to end the practice of bound feet. The Chinese believed small feet made a woman more beautiful, so girls' feet were bound tightly with cloth. Girls with bound feet could hardly walk, and infections, gangrene, and even death were common side effects of this practice. Lottie was a bold woman of action and radical obedience who shared Christ with her beloved Chinese. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem—LOSTNESS.

In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China. Her passionate letter-writing led to the offering that bears her name today. In 1912 at the age of 72, at the end of her career, famine, flood, and war encircled China. Her friends were starving. In a final act of empathy, Lottie stopped eating and gave all her food away. When her friends realized the depth of her sickness, they put her on a boat to return to the United States. Lottie died on Christmas Eve while enroute to the US in 1912.

Her influence led to the establishment of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and inspired other missions pioneers to join her on the field. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU name the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field. In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world. We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, December 3-10. The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist Missionaries serving through the IMB and the people whom they serve.