

December ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Harold and Anne Ferrell
 Don and Pamela McEwen
 10 David and Lori Murray
 16 David and Sandra Dale

December BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Frank More'
 Susan Osborne
 3 Troy Harrison
 Joyce Pleasant
 5 Jonathan Gibson
 6 Helen Erickson
 8 Keri Sloan
 9 Alice Brausch
 10 Sean Hogue
 11 Theresa Hartsock
 Sally Monroe
 12 Hope Siebke
 14 Erick Morales
 Bryan Nowak
 Nicki Viale
 15 Doug Layman
 Haydee Linares
 16 Bob Aungst
 John Cook
 Kirsten Nowak
 Jeremy Walker
 19 Pam Marino
 20 Jessica Dale
 Roy Clarke
 21 Mary Kefalides
 22 Helen Ridings
 Sal Romano
 23 Mark Marino
 24 Lillian Parker
 25 Christine Ferrell
 31 Josephine Gullo
 Susan Miller



TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,384.00
10/30	\$ 5,523.11
11/06	\$ 7,652.75
11/13	\$ 5,998.00
11/20	\$ 4,784.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	9:30	11:00	P.M.
10/30	100		169	FLG
11/06	84	96	169	FLG
11/13	90	85	119	FLG
11/20	90	72	154	80

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FGBC,

EXULTING IN CHRIST

At this time of the year you probably get many pieces of mail from various organizations asking you to make an "end of the year" donation. Many of these ministries are honorable and are striving to make Christ known by doing various good works both here in the United States and abroad. As Southern Baptists, we too have an "end of the year" offering. This offering is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and if you have been in a SBC congregation for any length of time, you know that as the calendar turns to December, the emphasis begins.

In times past, denominational loyalty was strong. Individuals would be raised in a certain doctrinal faith and then remain in it the rest of their lives. For us in the SBC, it used to be said, "By the grace of God I was born a Baptist, I am a Baptist, and I will die a Baptist." Today, however, many individuals do not have such strong roots in Baptist life. Their connection to the SBC is new and their knowledge of our practices is limited. Recognizing that this newness to a Baptist church may be the case with some of you here at FGBC, I want to share briefly about Lottie Moon and why we stress this offering at this time of year.

Born in 1840 into a well to do family, Lottie rebelled against Christianity until college. In 1858, however, by God's grace, she turned to Christ. Lottie was one of the first women to receive a master's degree in the south and she began teaching in there during the Civil War. Unsettled with her life and desiring to reach the nations with the gospel, she rejected a marriage proposal by a seminary professor, left her position at the school where she taught, and followed in her sister's footsteps being appointed as a missionary to China in 1873.

For 39 years, Lottie taught in girls' schools, ministered to the poor, and sought to proclaim the gospel to women and girls of China. While on mission, Lottie often would write to churches in the SBC expressing the great need for the gospel in China and would challenge them to send people or money so that others could go and aid in the work. In 1888, Southern Baptist women organized and collected over \$3300 to send workers to China. In 1912, during a time of severe famine and war, connected so closely with the people among whom she ministered, Lottie starved with them. On Dec 24, 1912, while on a ship back to the United States, Lottie went to be with the Lord. In honor of Lottie's life and vision for reaching the people of China and for her efforts to collect money to aid in this venture, the SBC in 1918 under the leadership of the WMU, named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after her.

And still today, her vision and passion lives on. Every Christmas, as Southern Baptists, we collect a special offering to support financially international missionaries who are taking the gospel to unreached people groups. Currently, there are 5000+ SBC workers around the world trying to reach over 1.6 BILLION people who have never heard about Christ. So this year, will you hear Lottie's call, and will you give--sacrificially, joyfully, and faithfully--so that the Gospel can continue to move ahead in making Jesus famous among the nations?

Pastor Travis



**OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MEAL
TURKEY WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S**
Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 PM
(suggested donation \$5.00)



BE AN ANGEL

Please take an angel from the tree to share your blessings this Christmas.

LOTTIE MOON Offering Goal is \$1,500.00



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS CARD MAIL BOX

Please mail cards in the appropriate slots & pick up your cards. You may deposit your "postage offering."



**CHRISTMAS ~Celebration of Singing~
Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM**

Please bring your favorite cookies to share!!

**CHRISTMAS EVE
Silent Night, Holy Night
Saturday, December 24
at 7:00 PM**



**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
at 10:00 AM**
One Worship Service, no Sunday School Classes

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Church Family

I just want to take a moment and thank you for all of your support and help with Operation Christmas Child. We took 183 boxes to the drop off center. Based on past statistics that means that 61 children will make a profession of faith because of the shoe boxes we made. Let's continue to pray for the families that will be impacted from the shoe boxes we deliver.

Serving Him,

Jonathan Gibson

December News

Ice SKATING

Dec. 16 7:00 - 9:00 P M

Cost \$ 10

Palm Beach Skate & Ice Zone

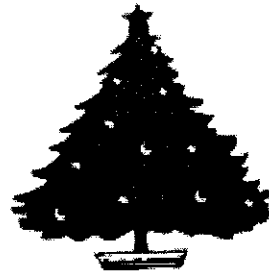


Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 23

6:30- 7:30PM

Bring your \$5 White Elephant Gift



Winter Retreat
Impact Miami
January 6-8



Working @ homeless

Shelter & Florida Baptist Children's Home

Dear Church Family,

May God's richest blessing rest on you this Christmas season.

Senior's Ministry:

Monday, December 5, luncheon at First Baptist West Palm Beach. Meet at Florida Gardens at 10:00 to carpool. Cost is \$7.00.

Saturday, January 28, trip to Sandoway House in Delray Beach with lunch to follow. More details to come.

Music Ministry:

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 pm- rehearsal for Christmas program in sanctuary.

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm- rehearsal for Christmas program in sanctuary.

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 pm- Christmas program.

Softball:

Friday, December 2, 8:45 pm- Florida Gardens vs Community of Hope

Friday, December 9, playoffs, TBA

Friday, December 16, playoffs, TBA

**Maranatha,
Don**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Weekly... 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Traditional Worship 11:00 Sunday School (nursery provided for all services)		Weekly... 7:45 Lynn-Ellen Hand Bells		1	2	3 1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
4 <i>Lottie Moon</i> Children's bells 11 am Christmas Meal 6 PM	5 Sr. Luncheon/Program 1st Baptist of WPB 10 am to carpool	6	7 Staff 9 AM No Wednesday Supper Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Don's Sunday School Class Christmas Party 6PM in the Fellowship Hall	
11 <i>Lottie Moon</i>	12	13	14 No Adult Bible Study Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary 6:30	15 Joy Class Luncheon Choir rehearsal 7:00	16	17 1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
18 <i>Lottie Moon</i> ~Lord's Supper ~Children's bells 6 pm ~Christmas Celebration 6:00 PM Refreshments to follow	19	20	21 Staff 9 AM No Adult Bible Study The Rock & Youth Christmas Party 6 PM	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service 7PM</i>	
25 <i>Christmas Service</i> 10:00 AM No Sunday school No Evening Worship	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27 <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>Counters 8:30 am</td></tr></table> <i>Office Closed</i> End of yr accounting	Counters 8:30 am	28 No Evening Activities	29 <i>Office Closed</i> End of yr accounting	30	31
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FLORIDA GARDENS BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30 service

December

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Extended Care Nursery and Pre-school

	Infants	Infants or toddlers	toddler/preK	
4	Gail Adkins 602-3561	Sina Nowak 432-1300	Kim A. 3836	790-
11	Judy H. 364-5830	Diana Harrison 308-9616	Ashley Myerscough 281-5177	
18	Lisa Little 969-2050	Kathy Lamerson 313-2881	Lorrain Smith 0062	547-
25				

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO KEEP YOUR SCHEDULED TIME, PLEASE CONTACT ANOTHER PERSON ON THE SCHEDULE TO SWITCH WITH YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION TO OUR CHILDREN. QUESTIONS: CONTACT LORRAIN SMITH OR ALLISON LANEY.

FLORIDA GARDENS BAPTIST CHURCH

	11:00 service		December-11		
		Extended Care Nursery and Pre-school			
	Infants	Infants or toddler	toddler/pre-K		Sunday PM
4	Diana Harrison 308-9616	Sarah L. 684-6835	Allison L. 357-1296		Christmas Dinner
11	Shirley Adams 932-2084	Susan Miller 964-4257	Judy L. 848-0310		Family Life Groups
18	Lois Doerksen 204-5754	Diane Davis 965-8872	Debbie Byers 964-8392		Evening services Diana Harrison Allison Laney Christmas music
	Christmas Day - one service at 10				
25	Ashley Hilyer 357-0551	Sarah L. 684-6835	Allison L. 357-1296		no church

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