

The Current

December 2016 | Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church Doniphan

Mark Your Calendar

Dec 4 - Change The World Thru Change
Dec 4 - Deacon's Meeting at 4:00 pm
Dec 4 - Leadership Meeting at 5:00 pm
Dec 7 - Socks for Seniors and Walnut
Street Nursing Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
Dec 10 - YAH-hoo's Old Fashioned
Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange
at 11:30 am
Dec 13 - Staff / Deacon Christmas Party
6:30 pm in FLC
Dec 14 - Socks for Seniors and Colonial
Nursing Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
Dec 14 - Finance Meeting at 5:30 pm
Dec 14 - JAM'D & Youth Christmas Parties
at 6:00 pm
Dec 17 - Bread Shed at 6:30 am
Dec 18 - Christmas Cantata at 10:15 am
Dec 18 - Walk Around Christmas at 6 pm
Dec 19 - WOM Meeting at 1:00 pm
Dec 21 - Socks for Seniors and Current
River Nursing Home Ministry at 4:00 pm
Dec 21 - Candlelight Service at 6 pm
Dec 25 - Worship Service at 10:00 am (all
other services canceled)
Dec 26 - Church Office Closed
Dec 27-29 - Xtreme Winter Youth
Conference In Branson, MO
Dec 28 - All services are canceled

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

It is amazing that Christmas is upon us, but it is such a joyful time of the year. The excitement surrounds tradition, as we put up our Christmas decorations, begin listening to Christmas songs, getting to eat the one time a year special treats, and yes, even doing the dreaded Christmas shopping. All of these bring special memories to our hearts.

The true JOY of Christmas, however, does not exist in any of the above mentioned things. The JOY of Christmas is in Christ Himself! I love the Christmas Story found in Luke 2:1—20. Verses 10—11 are the highlight of those verses: "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great JOY, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

I love that! And indeed He is our JOY, our HOPE, our STRENGTH. Nothing has been the same since I met Him. He still remains the greatest GIFT ever given and the greatest GIFT ever received—Emmanuel; God with us.

If you haven't started the tradition of reading the Christmas story every year with your family, it's never too late! Gather your children, set around the living room, while sipping on hot chocolate or spicy apple cider and read the story that affirms WHO Christmas is all about!

Merry Christmas,
Bro Monty



Youth Pastor's Pen by Drew Simmons

Season's greetings church family!

I hope everyone had a WONDERFUL thanksgiving! I certainly enjoyed my time with family and friends, and all of the delicious food.

I am so thankful to the Lord, and all of you, for the love, prayers, and support you gave to our youth ministry (Asylum Student Ministry) throughout 2016. Thank you so much for everything and please keep it coming!

Please continue to pray, as we finalize 2016 and kick off 2017 on the run. God is awesome and our students are beginning to realize what it means to worship and praise the King! Throughout 2016, we have witnessed the salvation of many and His continued work in the lives of all. When you reflect on that Church, I have to tell you...it isn't too bad!

December is always a busy month for us, but it is also an amazing month, as we will host our third annual youth CHRISTmas party on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm.

Our records indicate that this outreach event has been our overall most successful event each year, in terms of attendance and decisions for Christ. We are praying and expecting this year's CHRISTmas party to be the biggest and best one ever, however, this requires the support from the body of Christ—our Church.

You can support our Youth by giving your time through helping serve that night in the student ministry, or by giving your finances to help buy gifts and food to attract new students to our church, or you can help by serving on the bus ministry.

Most importantly, EVERYONE can help by praying fervently for this event. We are already giving God all the honor, glory and praise for what He is going to do that night, and I encourage each and everyone of you to allow God to use you, in at least one of the ways listed above to reach a student for Christ this holiday season. God bless you Church! Brittany and I love you all dearly!

In Christ, Drew Simmons

Upcoming Asylum Youth Events

Third Annual Youth Christmas Party

Worship, Fellowship, Food and Gifts
Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm

Xtreme Winter Youth Conference

Branson, MO
December 27th, 28th and 29th

JAM'D

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Tricia Ezell

During the Month of December we are gearing up for Christmas. The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.

We are having a "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" on December 14th. We will enjoy some pizza, games and prizes. You won't want to miss it, and please invite all your friends and family.

JAM'D has been averaging 15-20 children per week, please continue to pray for this ministry because when we take a child by the hand; we take a parent by the heart.

Our nursery is definitely growing! We have been averaging 8-10 sweet blessings the last few Sundays.

First Focus classes will begin in January, we will be baking through the Bible, please invite you friends and family to join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm.

As always, we are in need of more volunteers, and there will be no greater blessing than working with these precious babies God has given us. I want to give a big shout out to all those currently serving in the Children's Ministry; you are a God send and He is working through you and with you! Thanks so much!

I pray every one has a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

God Bless!!
Tricia



Matthew 1:21

**And she shall bring forth a Son,
and thou shalt call His name
JESUS; for He shall save His
people from their sins.**

FAITH
in GOD

CHANGES
EVERYTHING

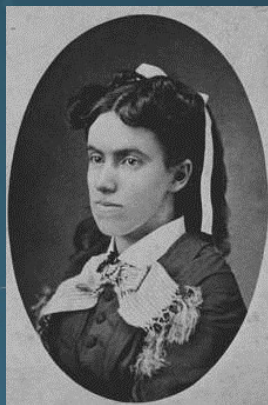


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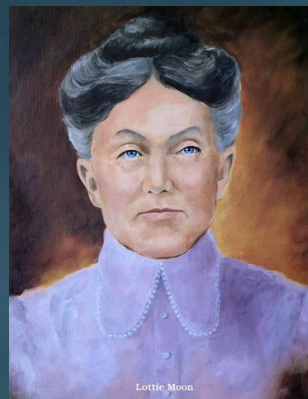
Women on Mission – By All Means

“I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings” (1 Cor. 9:22b–23 NIV).

Lottie Moon, A Legend in Missions



Lottie Moon (1840-1912)



Lottie was born to a well known family in Virginia and attended the best schools. She knew she wanted to be a missionary in China. Her sister, Edmonia, became a missionary to China in 1872, and the following year, Lottie also became a missionary to China. Lottie served 39 years in the Shantung and Pingtu provinces. She taught in a girl's school and often would travel further into China, where she told the people the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

From the time she arrived in China, she wrote letters to Southern Baptist leaders. She asked them to encourage believers to give and to pray for missionaries, and for the lost people of China. She also wrote letters of support for a national women's missions organization. Her influence was invaluable to the beginning of the Woman's Missionary Union in 1888.

For many years, Lottie Moon encouraged pastors and other Christian leaders to set a time in December to take an offering for foreign missions. She said that the Christmas season was the best time to give: “good news that will be a great joy” (Luke 2:10) would go throughout the world.

Lottie was known as “The Cookie Lady” because she baked cookies almost every day. Then she welcomed people into her home to eat cookies and hear the gospel. At the age of 72, Lottie was very ill and died while traveling on a ship back to America; she died on Christmas Eve 1912.

In honor of Lottie Moon, a special offering is taken each year at Christmas time for International Missions. Money given to this offering is used to tell people all around the world about Jesus.

Our Lottie Moon church goal is \$1,500.00 which will be placed in the Manger during December.

“By All Means” how will you share the Good News of Jesus during this Christmastime? As 2016 comes to a close, Women on Mission wishes you a New Year that will bring you even closer to the Lord, increase your knowledge and understanding of His Word and His purpose for your life.

Thank you for serving along side of us.

Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director

