



# First Baptist Church Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Church family,

Perhaps the most well-known Southern Baptist missionary is Lottie Moon. Charlotte Digges Moon, was born on December 12, 1840. She was affectionately called, “Lottie.” Lottie rebelled against her Christian upbringing for the first 17 years of her life. In December of 1858 Lottie dedicated her life to trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. She was then baptized at FBC Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute and was one of the first women in America to receive a Master’s degree. She taught school in Kentucky, Georgia, and Virginia. God had placed a fervent passion in her heart for people to trust in Jesus Christ, know Him, love Him, and make Him known to a lost world. At 32 years of age God called Lottie to go to China where she would serve for 39 years.

China in the 1800’s was vastly different than it is in 2022. Most of China was farmland. China was not under the control of Communism. One thing is the same. The Chinese people are loved by God and need a Savior, Jesus Christ. Lottie obeyed and moved to China where she invested her life mainly in the Tengchow and Pingtu provinces.

Being a missionary is not easy. At first Lottie was feared. The Chinese people rejected her. Disease and turmoil and lack of workers were obstacles Lottie had to constantly deal with as she sought to tell the Chinese people about Jesus. Lottie would not be deterred. God brought ideas to her mind that would tear down barriers.

Who can resist the smell of fresh baked cookies? I haven’t met that person yet. The Chinese couldn’t resist either. They were drawn by the aroma of cookies and then by the aroma of Christ in Lottie’s life. To tear down other barriers Lottie chose to adopt the Chinese dress, language, and customs. Lottie sought her best to identify with those she was trying to reach. In this way Lottie was a trailblazer and model for missionaries today. God moved in a mighty way. Many Chinese people trusted in Jesus as their personal Savior.

Lottie knew the need in China and around the world was far greater than what one person could do. She pleaded with the Southern Baptists who were supporting her to send more missionaries. On September 15, 1887, Lottie wrote, “Why should we not ... do something that will prove that we really are in earnest in claiming to be followers of Him [Jesus Christ] Who, though He was rich, for our

sake became poor.” In other words, shouldn’t we give our all to the One Who gave His all for us?

Lottie did not sugarcoat the commitment that would be required of those who came to join her. She wrote these words to the then Foreign Mission Board, “Please say to the [new] missionaries that they are coming to a life of hardship, responsibility and constant self-denial.”

Eventually the hardship, disease, and responsibility took their toll. Lottie Moon died on December 24, 1912, at age 72, having given her all to the One Who gave His all for her!

I have shared only some highlights that are found at the International Missions Board website [imb.org]. You can go to their website to learn even more about Lottie Moon.

Lottie Moon has inspired hundreds of women and men to enter into full-time mission service! In 1918, because of her great passion and influence on world missions, the Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) named a special Christmas offering for international missions after Lottie Moon, which we now know as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In 2021 the Lottie Moon offering helped to support 3,650 missionaries, who engaged 93 new people groups and places around the world, proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ to 592,408 people [that we know of], witnessed 176,795 people trust in Jesus as Savior, saw 107,701 people baptized, and planted 22,744 new churches. Every person who gave to the offering in 2021 has a small part in what God did!

There is something very special about this offering. Every penny goes directly to the missionaries and not to any other associated costs of supporting missionaries around the world. The national goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 2022 is \$185,000,000.

I encourage you, even challenge you, to give to the Lottie Moon offering this year. Let’s give together that the peoples of this world may have the great joy of being in God’s Kingdom now and forevermore!

Rejoicing together in Jesus Christ!

Byron

It's finally that time of year! Time to look forward to Christmas. I pray this time is full of fun and family traditions for you all. As the semester comes to a close, youth will be pretty chill. We, along with the entire church family, will begin to journey through Advent. If you don't have a one of the Advent devotional books, you can pick them up anywhere you get a bulletin. I'm so excited as we journey through this study to focus our hearts in on the true meaning of Christmas. We will have a couple meetings this month in preparation for this upcoming summer. It is important that both parents and students be there in order to be in the loop on what's happening!

Merry Christmas to all of you! I am so grateful to serve alongside you and your families. My prayer this month is that you focus your mind and heart allowing you to experience the beauty of what Christmas symbolizes.

- Tiki Broome

**"Reading God's word and meditating on its truth will have a purifying effect upon your mind and heart, and will be demonstrated in your life. Let nothing take the place of this daily privilege." Billy Graham**

**Youth  
Parent  
MEETING**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH  
5:30 PM @ TIKI'S HOUSE**

TOPICS COVERED  
ALL THINGS SUMMER 2023!!

PLEASE MAKE EVERY  
EFFORT TO ATTEND!

**Youth  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**Sunday, December 11th  
5:30 pm  
The Mohamed's House**

Bring a Dirty Santa gift and wear your  
Christmas sweater/jammies!

**IMPORTANT  
END OF YEAR  
CONTRIBUTION  
INFORMATION:**

As the end of the year approaches, please make note that any contributions you wish to have applied to your 2022 Giving Statement must be received in the offering on or before Sunday, December 25th OR in the church office by Tuesday, December 27th. All contributions by mail must be postmarked by December 28th. If you are giving online or by text, please allow 3-5 days for the transaction to process in order to be received by the church by December 30th.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jessica in the church office at 662.746.2471 or [jessica@fbcyazoo.org](mailto:jessica@fbcyazoo.org).

FAMILY  
**ADVENT**  
DEVOTIONAL

CELEBRATE CHRIST TOGETHER

**This Advent, reflect  
on and celebrate the  
story of Jesus's birth  
as a family and along  
with your church family  
with this 25-day  
devotional.  
These are available  
for pick-up in the foyers  
of the Sanctuary!**

**We are so grateful for our Church Staff!  
Please help us show our appreciation for  
them by way of a Christmas Love Offering.**

Mark your envelope and/or check "Christmas Love Offering."  
Gifts will be received through Sunday, December 11th.



Thank you,  
Leadership & Finance Teams

**Women's Ministry  
★ Mingle & Jingle ★**

Monday, December 5th  
6:00pm  
FBC Fellowship Hall

Bring a finger food & a wrapped \$15  
Christmas decor item for a fun gift  
exchange!



Scan the QR Code to

**GIVE ONLINE**



**November Budget Offering**

<u>Nov 6</u>	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Nov 27</u>	<u>Online Gifts</u>
\$14,042	\$33,376	\$7,034	\$17,909	\$10,198

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**

Music Ministry in memory of Vernon Sikes  
Capital Improvements in memory of Vernon Sikes  
Backpacks of Hope Ministry in memory of Joyce Burnette  
Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis  
Backpacks of Hope Ministry in memory of Kathleen Griffin  
Capital Improvements in memory of Kathleen Griffin



Breakfast in Bethlehem has quickly become a favorite event among our kids and leaders! If you are new to our church family, this event is for ages 4 years old-6th grade. The kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 Sunday morning, December 18th for a pancake breakfast! There may even be a special guest!?? Put this on your calendar and don't let the kids miss out on this special event!

Thank you to all who participated in packing shoe boxes this year! Just under 100 boxes were packed and delivered to the collection site! If you didn't participate this year, we encourage you to be a part next year as we increase our participation goal!



**Make Note: There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25th. Join us at 10:30am as we worship together & observe The Lord's Supper.**



What an exciting season. With all the decorations, music, and typical hustle bustle, one wonders where the extra energy comes from to make it through. For me, music has always played such an enormous role. This year will be no different.

On Sunday, December

11th during our morning worship service we will have a Family Christmas Celebration. Beginning our service, at 10:50, our Children's Choir will present "The Amazing Christmas Maze, Finding Our Way to Jesus." Immediately following their presentation, our Worship Choir will present "A Promise Kept". It is a beautiful presentation you will not want to miss.

### *The Advent*

*Join us each Sunday this month as we celebrate Hope, Preparation (of our hearts), Joy, Love, and finally Christ on Christmas Day.*



*The addition of this beautiful time is just going to add to each worship service and we encourage you to come and participate. Make a genuine effort, with your family, to prioritize the celebration of our Savior during this special season.*

**DEC 11** A FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
Children & Adult Programs  
10:50 AM

**DEC 24** CHRISTMAS EVE  
Candlelight Service  
5PM

**DEC 25** CHRISTMAS DAY  
FAMILY CELEBRATION  
10:30 - 11AM

YOU'RE  
*invited*

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YAZOO CITY

# December 2022

## Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am  
Worship—10:50am  
PM Activities—5pm

## Wednesday Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am  
Bible Studies & Prayer Meeting— 6:00  
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Deacon of the week: 4—Phillip Pope, 11—JD Rees, 18—Billy Redd, 25—Pat Rush			1	2	3
4	5 Women's Mingle & Jingle 6pm	6	7	8	9	10
11 Family Christmas Celebration-Kids & Adult Music Programs-10:50	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Breakfast at Bethlehem-9:30	19	20	21 Office Closed No Activities	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT-5:30
25 CHRISTMAS SERVICE: 10:30-11 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	26 Office Closed	27	28 No Activities	29	30	31

### WATCH US LIVE ONLINE SUNDAYS AT 10:50!

Sunday morning services are available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service by going to [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org) and clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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