



First Baptist Church Geneva
December 2023 Newsletter



Don't Forget Lottie!

**2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and
Week of Prayer for International Missions
Week of Prayer will be observed December 3-10**

Southern Baptists are encouraged to consider the power of “Impacting Lostness Together.”

Lottie Moon was one of the Southern Baptist Convention’s early missionaries. Beginning in 1873, Lottie served for 39 years as a missionary in Tengchow, China. People feared and rejected her, but Lottie refused to quit. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, learned the language and customs, and won people over with her homemade cookies! She constantly wrote letters home to ask Southern Baptists to send more missionaries and support them. In 1888, a group of Baptist women organized their efforts around her letters and raised \$3300 for missions—and that was the beginning of what we now know as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions. Please know that 100% of your Lottie Moon gifts are used for missionary support—salaries, medical care, housing, transportation, and children’s education. So, in all that you do for Christmas this year, don’t forget Lottie! Just mark your check or offering envelop as “Lottie,” and we will make sure it goes to the special offering.



**Youth Lunch Fundraiser
Sunday, December 3
After Morning Worship**

Donation only and everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OCTOBER UPDATES



Our Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party was a great time of fellowship and ministry together. With your support and help, FBC Geneva was able to bless 278 children with shoeboxes this year. YOU shared Jesus with 278 children who may never have heard about Jesus before. That's an incredible testimony!

Our Christmas Musical, "Bethlehem Express," is right around the corner and we've been very busy getting ready. We have a couple more extra rehearsals planned so please make every effort to have your child present at each of these rehearsals. Please also begin praying now for the children to remain healthy and to have calmness as they present this very important message on December 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will have a Finger Food Social immediately following the Children's Christmas Musical that night. Here are the additional

practice times to mark on your calendars for rehearsals in the sanctuary:

Sunday, December 2, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (youth luncheon fundraiser prior to practice)

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (light dinner served prior to practice)

Below is the schedule of lessons that our children and preschoolers will be learning during the month of December. We encourage you as parents to discuss these topics with your children in order to further expand their understanding of what the Bible teaches on these subjects.

Children's Church Lessons:

- December 3: The Night There Was No Room (Revelation 3:20)
- December 10: The Birth of a Boy from Bethlehem (Luke 2:11)
- December 17: No CC – Adult Christmas Cantata
- December 24: No CC – Christmas Eve
- December 31: No CC – New Year's Eve
- January 7: Wise Men Still Seek Him (Matthew 7:7)

Children Wednesday Night Lessons:

- December 6: Christmas Musical Practice in Sanctuary
- December 13: "Bethlehem Express" Children's Musical Presentation
- December 20: No Midweek Services
- December 27: No Midweek Services

Preschool Wednesday Night Lessons:

- December 6: Jesus is the Greatest Gift of All
- December 13: "Bethlehem Express" Children's Musical Presentation
- December 20: No Midweek Services
- December 27: No Midweek Services



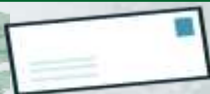
The third-floor mural is going to be spectacular! Final details and finishing touches are being completed now. Be looking for the announcement that it is finished and then plan to tour the murals in the nursery, preschool classroom, and the 3rd floor.

I recently attended the Alabama State Training for VBS 2024 in Alabaster and am super excited to be able to share this information with you. Please begin praying now that God would reveal to you where He wants you to serve in our VBS, which is scheduled for June 23 – 27. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach (NW coastal beaches). We are announcing the dates so that you can mark your calendars now. VBS is a major undertaking and an incredible blessing for the children in our community, but we need everyone in order to minister to all that God brings to us. Beginning in January, we will start having some workshops to introduce you to the theme and begin the planning process. As God leads you to volunteer for a specific area in VBS, please contact me so I can get you plugged in and help you get prepared.

Ministry opportunities are available for those who are looking for a place to serve. If you are looking for a place that truly makes a difference in the lives of others with rewards out of this world, please contact me about serving in the children's ministry. I'm not looking for a warm body to fill a spot – I'm looking for people who want to be used by God!

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GIVE
at

First Baptist Church



Mail-In

Mail in your offering to our church office.

Visit online at www.fbcgeneva.org to use our giving website directly.



Online Giving

Drop Off
or
In-Person

Visit our church office or use the offering basket at our service times.

ROTATIONS

Nursery Workers Rotation

12/03: Macy Roney, Erin Green, Brandie Hall
 12/10: Hanna Waldner, Jennifer Knowles, Abby Crews
 12/17: Hannah Tidwell, Anna Padgett, Allison Crews
 12/24: Chelsea Smith, Jami Seay, Michelle Sanders
 12/31: Renee Clemmons, Beth Stough, Loren McKnight
 01/07: Krissy Gilmore, Emily Ammons, Hanna Commander

Children's Church

12/03: Allison Crews
 12/10: Haley McCoy
 12/17: Adult Cantata: No CC
 12/24: Christmas Eve: No CC
 12/31: New Year's Eve: No CC
 01/07:

Security Rotation

12/03: Brad Bynum, Kerry McLaney
 12/10: Terry Aycock, Wade Green
 12/17: Marvin Miller, Jay Cooley
 12/24: Lyle Warren, Bart Wilks
 12/31: Chad McKnight, Brien Sullivan
 01/07: Brent Johnson, Tony Knowles

Deacons In Service

12/03: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett
 12/10: Jeffrey Adkison, Joey Stephens, Randal White
 12/17: Mickey Bennett, Freddy Martin, Larry Sharpe
 12/24: Greg Adams, Ricky Bennett, Jack Commander
 12/31: Michael Crews, Toby Seay
 01/07: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett

Sound and Media Shout

12/03: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton
 12/10: Steve Shirah/ Larry Sharpe
 12/17: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton
 12/24: Adam Commander/ Ethan Commander
PM Service: Adam Commander/ Ethan Commander
 01/07: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton

Ushers

12/03: Ricky Beck, Donnie Chesteen, Allen Mote, Todd Mote
 12/10: Jeffrey Adkison, Parker Adkison, Brent Johnson, Talan Johnson
 12/17: Mickey Bennett, Brooks Martin, Ryan Tidwell, Harrison Tidwell
 12/24: Greg Adams, Lawson Adams, Al Folsom, George Folsom
 12/31: Shawn Gilmore, Shawn Thomas Gilmore, Toby Seay, Bart Wilks
 01/07: Donnie Chesteen, Allen Mote, Todd Mote, Jason Padgett

Greeter

12/03: Keith Owen
 12/10: Joey Stephens
 12/17: Freddy Martin
 12/24: Ricky Bennett
 12/31: Michael Crews
 01/07: Ricky Beck

Wednesday Night Children:

12/06: **Team 1:**
Bible Lesson: Lori Shortt, Allison Crews
Rec: Dawn Wilks
Bible Drill: Mallory Mixon, Brandie Hall
Music Helper: Jami Seay
Check In/Out: Allison Crews
Playground: Brandie Hall
Pre-K: Karol Beck

01/10:

Youth Wednesday Night Helpers

12/06: Krissy Gilmore/Jomanda Johnson
 01/10:

Wednesday Night Supper Greeters

12/06: Ricky Beck
 12/13: Jeffrey Adkison
 01/10: Keith Owen

If not able to make your appointed time, please call someone else on the list and swap with them.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Several weeks are available in the coming year for weekly Altar Flowers. If you would like to change your week or drop your week, please call the church office.

If you would like to be added to the list to supply flowers, please call the church office. Church Office: 334.684.9910

December: The Church will be decorated for Christmas.

January 7: In Memory of Mr. Lamar Vaughn for His Birthday by Charlene Vaughn and Joey, Amy, Emily and Marla, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren

DECEMBER Birthdays

1 Emmett Massey, Jr.	9 Michael Crews
3 Bud Howell	Millie Seay
4 Luke Smithart	Austin Walden
Heather White	10 Johnnie Cain
5 Abby Crews	11 Christopher Chesteen
Maggie Massey	Jackson Cooley
Lizzy Miller	Lily Bryan Eaves
Isabelle Padgett	12 Lance Dawsey
7 Brooklyn McCollum	Melanie Garner
8 William Ammons	13 Karlee Coskrey
Zachary Shirah	14 Lea Scott
	15 Landry Cotton

17 Jenny Bynum	28 Pratt Faulk
Jenera Owens	Kathy Hodges
Mandy Precise	Madison Johnson
18 Rachel Crosby	31 Joe Grant
Ana Beth Johnson	Ronald Phillips
Clay Smith	Susan Wood
19 Rhett Shiver	
20 Blakely Crews	
Jamison Roney	
22 Torey Eaves	
23 Ed Scott	
24 Sharon Turner	
26 Freddy Martin	
27 Robert Anderson	
Braden Green	
Tony Knowles	

If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office.

Wednesday, December 13

The Bethlehem Express Children's Christmas Musical, 6 PM
A finger food fellowship will follow.

Sunday, December 17

Hope Awakes in Bethlehem
Adult Christmas Musical, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, December 20: No Wednesday Service

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Breakfast, 8:30 AM
No Sunday School
Early Worship Service, 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve Service, 5 PM



Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 27:

No Wednesday Service

Sunday, December 31

Morning Worship Service, 10:30 AM
No Sunday School

Wednesday, January 3: No Wednesday Night Service

Wednesday, January 10

Regular Wednesday Night Services Resume

Adult Choir Performances

Wednesday, December 6 at Nursing Home, 6 PM
Sunday, December 10 at Hacoda Baptist Church, 5 PM

Brown Bag Calendar

December 3 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
December 10 - Christmas Themed Food
December 17 - Christmas Themed Food
December 24 - Any Canned Soup
December 31 - Any Canned Meat

BROWN BAG



MINISTRY

Holiday Themed Items Needed:

Needed: Stovetop Boxed Stuffing,
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cream of Chicken Soup, Chicken Broth,
Cranberry Sauce

Donations accepted to buy hams.

**Financial Report As of
November 26, 2023**

Budgeted Weekly: \$7,506.48

Budgeted YTD: \$360,311.01

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Quarterly Missions Offering, to Date:
\$3,808.00

Operation Christmas Child Donations To Date:
\$3,114.00

Angel Tree Donations: \$2,190.00



Nichols Mission Building
Open Every Tuesday from 8 AM - 1:45 PM
Closed for lunch 12 Noon - 12:30 PM
All items are free!

First Baptist Church Geneva, Alabama
Donations of gently used items accepted.

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Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Wednesday, December 6

Breakfast - (grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage etc.....)

Wednesday, January 10

Regular Wednesday Night Services Resume

Cost: \$5 Each; \$25 Family Limit

Please sign up if you plan to attend!

***WE NEED YOUR HELP: Serving, Cleanup, etc.
See Cathy Bennett to sign up!***