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DECEMBER 2020



300 Operation Christmas Child Boxes Packed



CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

The "Mailbox" is available in the vestibule for you to place Christmas cards to **ATTENDEES** of Holly Hill Baptist

Church. (It would be appreciated if you would mail the ones to shut ins AND THOSE NOT PRESENTLY ATTEND-ING.) Place your postage money (55 cents per card) in the box on the top of the mailbox and those funds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please, check your mail each Sunday in December. Simple, go through the stack to the right of the first letter of your last name.



FROMYOUR STAFF: Pastor Gene Eldridge Bev Lorene

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (Foreign Missions) Our Goal \$4,000 Please be praying about the amount you will give toward this goal

WHO WAS LOTTIE MOON?

Charlotte Digges Moon, or Lottie as she was called, was born in 1840 in Virginia to a wealthy Christian family. Despite her parents teaching her about Jesus, Lottie did not believe until she attended a church service with her friends when she was 18.

God called her to missionary work, and she was accepted to go to China. Lottie learned Chinese and taught in a mission school. Eventually she left her work in the school to travel in the countryside, telling people about Jesus. Lottie baked cookies and put them out for the children. She then got to know the children's mothers and shared Jesus with them.

Lottie dressed like the Chinese, spoke their language, and practiced their customs so that they would trust her and see her as a friend. Many of the Chinese became her friends and listened when she told them about Jesus and His love for them. Churches were started and many people were baptized. During her time in China, there was a war and many people were starving. Lottie gave all of her own money to help feed and care for the Chinese people.

Lottie recognized that a lack of money often held back missionaries from coming to serve. So she wrote many letters to the churches and mission boards back home, emphasizing how crucial it was to send missionaries so others could hear about Jesus. In many churches today, money is still collected every year during the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support missionary work all around the world.

Lottie Moon died on Christmas Eve in 1913. Because she was willing to go and give of herself in China, many Chinese people heard about Jesus, and churches were established that are still there to this day. And because of her passion for missions, many people have given money to help spread the gospel around the world.

Plain Tea Cakes (As made by Lottie Moon)

- 3 teacups of sugar
- 1 teacup of butter
- 1 teacup of sour milk
- 4 pints flour
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon of soda

Flavor to taste, roll thin, bake in a quick oven.

Adapted recipe:

2 cups flour, 1/2 cup butter, 1 heaping cup of sugar, 1 well-beaten egg, 1 tablespoon cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.

OFFERING INFORMATION

Your 2021 Offering envelopes will be available by the week of December 13. PLEASE DO NOT USE THEM BEFORE JANUARY 3, 2021, AS YOUR NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

AFTER December 31 discard (or give to Debra Jaggers) any you have left that you have been using in 2020. Contact Debra Jaggers or Lorene Childrey if you do not see a box assigned to you and you would like a box.

Since we are not taking up the offering because of the virus you may place your offering in the offering plates available at the back of the sanctuary, either as you come in or leave. Many thanks for adjusting to the change in the procedure.

Please Note: According to law, all tithes and offerings given after December 31, 2020, unless postmarked by December 31, 3020, must be credited to your 2021 gifts even if the check is dated in December 2020.

<u>Are you aware of the new tax law?</u> On your 2020 taxes you can claim up to \$300 in gifts on your tax return even if you **do not itemize**. So, retain your church giving statement that you will receive in early January, 2021, and put with your tax documents.

CHURCH WEATHER CLOSING POLICY

This winter we will continue to use Channel 2 (WFMY), cable Channel 9, to announce our closing plans. Forecasts will be reviewed and local conditions surveyed when practical, and a decision made by the Pastor, with advice from the Chairman of the Deacons and the Properties Chairman. Please, be alert to that channel Saturday night and Sunday morning. Wednesday night closings will be handled by calls from the deacons. The parking lot and walks will be scraped, or salt applied when appropriate, but each person should review their own situation before venturing out, and use extra precaution. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T COME OUT!!!

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 5 Decorating Church for December, 9 am
- Dec. 7 Deacon will meet, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 13 2021 Offering envelopes available
- Dec. 23 No evening activities

Meals-on-Wheels

Monday, Dec. 7: Randy & Vickie Godwin Tuesday, Dec. 8: Eldridge & Vicki Matkins Wednesday, Dec. 9: Randy & Vickie Godwin Thursday, Dec. 10: Allen & Connie Swisher

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays: Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Wednesdays: Choir Practice: 6:00 pm Prayer/Bible Study: 6:45 pm Secretary's Hours: Mon & Wed. 8:30—2 pm Thurs. 8:30-12 noon Check out our website at: www.hollyhillbaptist.org

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1. Jim Howard

- 9. Rev. Randy Godwin
- 14. Wes Tolley
- 15. Donna Wolff
- 16. Charlotte White
- 18. Earl Jaggers
- 19. Dr. Anita Collins
- 25. Joyce Tyree
- 28. Ken Stout
- 29. Rev. Billy Vickery



ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

12. Steve & Anita Collins (28th)

20. Glenn & Margaret Owens (57th)

Attention Members and Attenders of HHBC: If you have a December Birthday or Anniversary, please let the church office know. (336 584-8040)

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Deacon: K	en Stout	1	2 Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm	3	4	5 Decorating the Church—9:00 a.m.
6	7 Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm	10	11	12
		Meals	on Wheels Delivers			
13 Offering En- velopes avail- able for 2021	14	15	16 Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No Evening Activities Lorene on vacation	24	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26
27	28 Jan. N/L Deadline	29	30 Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm	31		