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# The PBC Messenger



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**December, 2018**

## The Lottie Moon Offering

I grew up in a Southern Baptist church, and I remember hearing a lot about “Lottie Moon.” I didn’t know exactly what this was. Was this a person? Was this a group of people? And what in the world did it have to do with Christmas?

I think it is likely we have people in our church who are asking these same kinds of questions as you keep hearing about the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering” during the month of December. I want to explain this offering a little bit so that you might understand better and be able to tell someone else who is curious.

Lottie Moon was a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) missionary who served in China from 1873 to 1912. SBC churches take up an offering in her name every year around Christmas time. You many give to this offering at any time throughout the year, but there is a special emphasis leading up to Christmas. The money raised from this offering goes to support missionaries who are with the International Mission Board (IMB). The IMB is the international missions agency of the SBC and 100% of the money raised goes to support IMB missionaries.

Last year, PBC raised \$4500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In addition to giving to this offering, our church also supports other missions efforts in our community and around the world. This year our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$5000.

Over the years our church has invested well by giving faithfully to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. When we give, we are supporting missionaries who are like-minded with us and we are supporting great works God is doing all around the world.

I want to encourage you to give to this offering. I hope you don’t reduce what you are giving to PBC. It is important for us to give faithfully, regularly, and sacrificially to the work here at our home church. I hope you will prayerfully consider giving above and beyond during this Christmas season to support our missionaries who will spend Christmas away from home and family because they are making Christ known to the ends of the earth. From now on when you hear about Lottie Moon, I hope you think of the heroes who are giving their lives so the gospel message of Jesus Christ can be heard by all.



**Baptist Women strives to emphasize  
Missions, Mentoring and Meeting**

JOIN THE BAPTIST WOMEN

**December Christmas Party**  
**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**  
7:00 PM

Bring a Christmas goody and a \$5.00  
ornament for an ornament swap. Baptist  
women will help promote the Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering. Offering reminders  
coming soon.

**Upcoming Event: Blood Drive**  
**February 23, 2019**

## UGANDA MISSION TRIP



**Nov. 23—Dec. 3, 2018**

Please keep this team in your prayers as they  
serve the Lord in Uganda. They will be  
returning the afternoon of December 3rd.

### Pray for:

1. Safety in travels
2. Open hearts to the gospel
3. Unity among the team
4. Smooth adaptation to a flexible schedule
5. Moses Kaziba and the Ugandan team of  
leaders
6. Opportunity to meet the needs of many  
who will pass through the medical clinic
7. For the Lord to show up huge in the work  
He has led the team to do in Uganda

## December Calendar

2018

### Weekly Events

**Sunday**  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:55am Worship  
10:55am Children's Church  
7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

**Wednesday**  
10:00am Morning Bible Study  
6:30pm PBC Kids  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:45pm College Bible  
8:00pm Choir

### December 2018

Prison Ministry - 6:00 PM	3
C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM	10
LLL's Luncheon - 12:00 Noon	11
Deacon's Fruit Baskets 4:00 PM	18
Baptist Women Christmas Party - 7:00 PM	18
Children's Christmas Program - 6:30 PM	19
Mikes's Farm	20
Church Office Closed	24-26



**Sunday December 16, 2018**  
**4:00 PM**

### Together We Grow

**Pledges to date \$219,228.00**

### Tithes and Offerings November, 2018

General Fund MTD — \$22,732.09  
Monthly Requirement — \$23,100.00

### Happy Birthday

#### December Birthdays

1	Hattie Dougherty
2	Lane Dougherty, Quinn Dougherty, Kathryn Hewett
4	Margaret Bullock, Judy Boyette, Zoey Phillips
5	Walton Mazingo
9	Barbara Williamson
10	Maegan Hewett Coates, K Bryant Howell
11	Lauri Hinton, Kaylee Rose, Mirinda Phillips, Jerry Oliver
12	Katelin Gronendyke
13	Connie Pittman
17	Kevin Dougherty, Guy Langston
19	Brittany C Haddock
22	Debbie Batten
23	Eddie Pearce
24	Peyton Gardner
25	Zachary Hinton
29	Samantha Crews
30	Amanda M Godwin, Gary Wiggs
31	Jim Lassiter, Austin Batten

## PBC Kids Christmas



**December 19th**  
**6:30 PM**

**Covered dish meal to follow**

### LLL's Luncheon

**December 11th at 12:00**

**All Senior Adults are welcome**

**Everyone bring a figure food.**  
Come join us for good food,  
fun and fellowship.




# Hurricane Florence

## Disaster Relief

Virginia  
North Carolina  
South Carolina

PBC will be scheduling a date in January to help with this recovery



**Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday Nights**  
PBC Kids and leaders will eat at 6:15. PBC Kids activities will be from 6:45-8:00.  
PBC Kids Christmas Program - Wednesday, December 19th. Followed by a covered dish meal. No PBC Kids December 26th & Jan. 2nd.

December 2	Designed for the Gospel — Romans 15:14-22
December 9	Partners in the Struggle — Romans 15:23-33
December 16	Great Commendations — Romans 16:1-16
December 23	Christmas Service @ 10:30 - No Sunday School
December 30	Attention Please — Romans 16:1-16 RJ Smith

December  
SERMONS



RiseUp



# PRINCETON BAPTIST

## Youth

**December 12th**  
**Youth Christmas Party**

We Will have a youth Christmas party December 12th @ 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. The youth don't need to bring anything. Contact RJ if you have any questions.

**Teens**  
**Meet Each**  
**Wednesday**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**Sunday**  
**9:45 - 10:45 AM**

**C.A.R.E. Ministry**

The CARE Team meets December 10, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Join us if you can pray, help deliver meals, clean up after dinner or make follow up visits. Please notify the team if you know of any needs they can meet or anyone who needs encouragement to join our church family. We need drivers to deliver meals on second and fourth Monday nights.

**C.A.R.E. Team Report**  
**November 12 & 26, 2018**

Members Present:	20
Meals Delivered	34
Visits	2
Cards Sent	19

Prayers for all requests  
Praises for many blessings



### December 2018 Flower Schedule

- 2 - Hanging of the Greens
- 9 - Hanging of the Greens
- 16 - Hanging of the Greens
- 23 - Hanging of the Greens
- 30 - Ron Jones in memory of parents, Raymond and Dean Jones

We have one open date, July 21st, please call the church office if you would like to sign up.

### December Nursery Schedule

Nursery Volunteers	
2	Sydney Wray
9	Leigh Anne Price
16	Brandee Smith
23	June Cornell
30	Sharon Gronendyke

### Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons  
Joyce Dudley & Jean Starling

### December Toddler Schedule

Toddler Volunteers	
2	Sarah Walston
9	Erica Piper
16	Renee Perry
23	Duane Haddock
30	Samantha Crews

### Rotating Nursery Schedule

Nicole Bridgers & Megan Lee  
Brittany McPherson & Anna Brown

## Glorify God Alone, Because of Jesus

As you prepare for advent this year, think about the object of our salvation. In the last newsletter article, you may have noticed a cliff hanger. I spoke to the first three Solas of the reformation and left out the other two. If you remember reading that article, I stated that the first three Solas were the prevalent three that were mentioned during the time of the reformation. Those tenants of the faith were sola scriptura (scripture alone – scripture alone is the authority for faith and practice of that faith), sola fide (faith alone – we are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ), and sola gratia (grace alone – we are saved by the grace of God alone). Following those tenants of the faith, scholars added (from the studying the writings of the reformation) Solus Christus (Christ Alone) and Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God Alone).

Since we just celebrated Thanksgiving let's look at Soli Deo Gloria first. This term, if you saw the parenthesis above, means to glorify God Alone. The life of the believer is to glorify God alone because we can only receive salvation by grace through faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8 and 9 reminds us "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." In other words, we have been given a great gift and now our only response to Jesus is to glorify him with our lives. This is what cause followers of Jesus to be thankful people. We were headed to hell, "but God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:4-7 ESV)." This shows us that our lives are no longer ours. They belong to God. So, everything we do should be to the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

If you have noticed the scripture above, then you will have seen that Jesus Christ is mentioned a lot. Solus Christus is a reminder that all of this is only possible through God's plan in Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, there is no salvation. As we have studied through Romans this year, we are reminded that the gospel (the good news of Jesus' work of salvation) is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek (Rm 1:16 ESV). There is no salvation for anyone apart from Jesus. Jesus is the one Christians follow. In Acts 11:26 we read that followers of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch. The term specifically meant Christ follower. Jesus is the example for the Christian. We follow his example found in scripture. This life, if you have surrendered your life to Jesus, is all about Jesus. When this physical life comes to an end and we step into eternity we get Jesus. He is the pearl of great price. He is the treasure that a man uncovers in a field and covers back up and then goes and sells all that he has to buy that field. Salvation is all about Jesus. So, after you finish putting away all of your fall decoration from Thanksgiving and as you prepare for Christmas don't forget what Christmas is about. Christmas is our time to glorify God's plan found in Jesus. He is one whom scripture revealed to us by grace through faith. Jesus is the object of our salvation. Worship and glorify Jesus this advent season for the gift of salvation that you have received and anticipate his second advent.

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