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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Well over 100 years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters challenging the American church to send and support more missionaries to go there and take the gospel to the 472 million Chinese in her day. She also shared the urgent need for more workers and for Southern Baptists to support them through prayer and giving. She gave herself completely to God, helping lay the foundation of what would become the modern Chinese church. Lottie Moon died at age 72—sick and in declining health after decades of ministering to the Chinese.



But her legacy lives on. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached peoples in unreached places.

As you know, the greatest source of funding for the overseas Great Commission work of Southern Baptists is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This year's theme is **Every Church. Every Nation.** Our offering goal is **\$160 million**, and your missionaries need your help. I believe every church—and every church member—has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your financial gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enable our International Mission Board missionaries to take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation.

At www.imb.org/lmco, you can find links to resources such as videos, a social media kit, and other information that you can use to inspire others to give. I believe our churches will respond.

My Retirement. I am officially announcing my retirement as Director of Missions effective August 1, 2019. Next year will mark 18 years that I have served our churches. This will allow time for our Moderator to appoint a Search Committee to begin the process of seeking God's candidate for the next Director of Missions. The next Director of Missions will lead a strong and vibrant association poised for a promising future. I have always believed that the stewardship of any leader is connected to knowing when it is time to step aside. It is time for me to practice what I preach. So, it is time to pass the baton of leadership to a new generation.

I want to spend time with my family in the next phase of life. I want to enjoy my years with Mary Ellen, Megan, Chris, and Jaxson. I want to travel with them and experience the beauty of this land we live in.

I want to commend Susan, James, and Mason for being such a blessing to serve with these past years. Each of them is gifted to serve, and they have served faithfully our Lord and His church. I appreciate them very much for their work in making Screven Association such a thriving association of churches. I appreciate their many sacrifices in serving our churches.

And Mary Ellen, my wife and ministry partner for 44 years, has been such an encourager to me and prayer warrior for me. I love her for it. She has been such a blessing to our churches as both of us have enjoyed getting to know each one of you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve these past 17 years. You have encouraged me. You have blessed me, and you have honored me.

Men's Ministry Meetings 7PM

December no meeting

January 21 FBC Cordesville

2019 Schedule can be found on the Association web site at:

<https://www.screvenbaptist.org/ministry.html>

Minister's & Wives Christmas Dinner

December 7 7PM

Gethsemane Baptist Church

1446 State Road

Summerville, SC 29483

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all the Screven churches that participated and collected toys for the MacDougall Toy Shop. It was a huge success! Over 400 toys were collected from 10 churches! Twenty-four



volunteers served sixty-nine inmates by helping them select a toy for each of his children. Then it was wrapped and packaged for shipping. Then off to the post office where the toys were mailed directly to the child. The men were truly thankful! What a wonderful way to show Jesus' love! The remaining toys will be used in several other ministries of our churches. Again, thank you for giving so generously.

468 Prison Packets were collected by 11 churches. These will be taken to Columbia and distributed by the South Carolina Baptist Convention to all the South Carolina Department of Corrections Facilities.



Great Job!

Blessings and Merry Christmas,

Susan



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Thank You for Your Faithful Financial Support!

	OCTOBER	YTD		OCTOBER	YTD
Berkeley	459.76	4,021.14	North Trident	0.00	4,806.10
Bethel	0.00	3,158.03	Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	200.00	2,000.00
Beulah	200.00	400.00	Old Fort	3,856.65	37,810.18
Bonneau First	0.00	3,986.44	Old St. George	500.00	2,250.00
Brookhaven	0.00	1,000.00	Pleasant Grove	151.97	1,706.74
Calvary, Moncks Corner	1,045.00	10,196.00	Providence	330.43	2,591.20
Calvary Pregonall	0.00	0.00	Reevesville	200.00	2,000.00
Chaparral	30.00	300.00	Ridge	0.00	0.00
College Park	169.00	2,334.80	Ridgeville	308.98	3,089.80
Cordesville, First	526.76	4,933.77	St. John's Bethel	490.20	4,129.89
Corinth	200.00	2,000.00	St. Matthews	208.33	2,083.30
Crossroads	450.00	4,050.00	St. Stephen, First	607.80	2,374.44
Eutawville, First	160.00	1,300.00	Salem	0.00	3,545.04
Faith	108.35	1,199.91	Sandridge	0.00	1,974.00
Gethsemane	103.56	1,267.47	Sangaree Baptist Church	0.00	262.00
Givhans	0.00	0.00	Santee Circle	0.00	1,503.00
Harleyville, First	394.82	3,940.90	Summerville	2,555.63	26,891.36
Harristown Road	0.00	1,854.00	Tall Pines	493.71	2,398.71
Holly Hill, First	0.00	5,020.47	Wassamassaw	3,867.37	13,873.12
Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Endowment Funds	0.00	4,055.01
Iglesia Nueva Vision	0.00	0.00	The Journey Church	0.00	0.00
Jamestown	187.50	737.50	Compass Church	0.00	110.00
Jedburg, First	668.03	5,305.13	Creekside Church	0.00	325.00
Knightsville	537.74	2,849.85	The Pines Church	50.00	450.00
Lighthouse Community	0.00	547.00	Church Planting Partnership	0.00	10,000.00
Limestone	191.00	1,864.00	Solid Rock Ministries	1,600.00	8,000.00
Lydia	338.90	2,750.72	Cornerstone	150.00	1,500.00
Memorial	916.64	4,583.20	The Church at Cane Bay	150.00	1,200.00
Midway	0.00	3,631.81	Ministerio Hispano de la Ridge	0.00	0.00
Miles Road	0.00	4,000.00	Trueway Missionary Baptist	0.00	25.00
Moncks Corner, First	750.00	7,500.00	Total Revenues	23,28.13	228,194.51
Mt. Olivet	0.00	1,352.48	Total Expenses	23,208.86	231,590.00
Mt. Zion	130.00	1,156.00	Tyner-Jackson Offering	0.00	8,318.14