

REMINDER

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BE SURE AND PLAN TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK FOR OUR -

Church Family Christmas Fellowship



**Following The Evening Service in Fellowship Hall
Bring Your Favorite Christmas Goodies!**

You Can Help Missionaries Overseas By Giving To Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Through Our **LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE!**

Every year, our membership helps fund overseas missions by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in an unusual way. Instead of sending Christmas cards to other church members through the regular mail, our members are encouraged to bring their cards to the *Lottie Moon Post Office* which is located in the foyer where they can place them in the appropriate mailbox, and deposit the money they would normally spend on postage in the lockbox on the side of the post office.

It's a great way to remember your fellow church members at Christmas AND help missionaries at the same time! Don't forget to bring your cards and postage money by next week!





**Lottie Moon & Annie
Armstrong**

WHEREVER HE LEADS, I'LL GO

Imagine growing up in wealth, position, and power. Think for a moment about a person who was raised in the midst of culture, society, and educational advantages, only to leave all of this behind for a foreign land where this person would live in poverty and difficulty.

Charlotte Diggs Moon, who was born into a wealthy

Virginia family, gave up all she had to become a foreign missionary in 1873. Charlotte, or Lottie as she was known to those around her, sailed for China on September 1, 1873, after being appointed a foreign missionary by the Southern Baptist Convention in July of that year.

Today, Lottie Moon is one of the best-known missionaries in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Each year, Southern Baptists honor Lottie through contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Yet little is known by the average Southern Baptist about this woman who gave her life for people in another part of the world.

Arriving in Shanghai, Lottie was greeted by two veteran missionaries who accompanied her to Tengchow, in North China, where she made her home for the next forty years. During those years, Lottie traveled to her homeland only three times.

At first she tried to establish a boarding school for girls of upperclass families in Tengchow. After six years, however, Lottie had only 15 pupils. She began to wonder if the time was right for such a school. She watched the enrollment of the school increase only slightly in the years that followed. Eventually she decided the Lord was leading her into more evangelist work. Her house at "Little Cross Roads" in Tengchow became a center from which she went out to work with the women and children in the villages outside the city.

In the fall of 1885, Lottie's missionary ministry grew beyond the Tengchow area to Pingtu. She traveled the 115 miles to this city by night and remained there to minister to people in this city and the surrounding community for the next two years. Lottie's ministry grew in the following years as she told people about Jesus. In her early years of ministry Lottie was called "Devil Old Woman." As Lottie continued to tell people about Jesus and lead them to salvation in Him, she also became known as "The Heavenly Book Visitor" and "Reverend Miss

Moon."

Like many other former foreign missionaries, Lottie Moon was willing to pay the ultimate price for those she loved and served. Famine was spreading rapidly throughout China in the later years of Lottie's life. During the years following the Japanese-Russian War, Lottie had begged the Foreign Mission Board for funds for food for the multitude of starving people in China. The Foreign Mission Board was heavily in debt, however, and could not provide the funds she needed to feed the starving Chinese. Lottie then withdrew all of her savings to use in the relief efforts in Pingtu and repeatedly used her salary to make large gifts to the relief efforts in China.

Past the age of 70, Miss Moon became dependent about the shortcomings of the relief efforts. She decided that if the Christians in Pingtu were starving, she also would not eat. And if the Foreign Mission Board was in debt, she would not continue to live on borrowed time.

Missionaries in Tengchow had called for a physician earlier in December because of Miss Moon's condition. The doctor sent Lottie, along with a missionary nurse, back to the states for treatment. Lottie died, however, on Christmas Eve, 1912, on a boat off the coast of Kobe, Japan, while attempting to return home. She was cremated according to the Japanese law, and the ashes were sent back to America, where they were buried in a small cemetery in Crewe, Virginia. On the marble marker at the site are written these words: "Faithful unto Death" and "Forty years a missionary of Southern Baptist Convention in China."

The first Lottie Moon offering was received in 1888 when Miss Moon challenged Southern Baptist women to make special gifts to foreign missions. Today, Southern Baptists continue to make special donations in memory of Miss Moon for use in mission work worldwide. ■



"I Almost Missed A Christmas Miracle"

Bethlehem - May, 2009 - The excitement was building. We were standing in the Shepherd's Fields just outside of Bethlehem. We were ready to go into the Shepherd's Caves and sing Christmas Carols. Some members of the tour group had done it with me on previous trips. For others, it was their first time - but everyone was excited. Bethlehem... Christmas Carols... Shepherd's Caves... Who wouldn't be excited? We had always done it. We had always sung carols in the caves. Why? Because once you did it, you were never the same. After my first time, I was never the same. So, I had planned it so that everyone else

could experience it, too. My plans were about to be fulfilled. We would sing Christmas carols inside the Shepherd's Caves in the hills of Bethlehem.

There was a problem. It was crowded. The year 2000 had bought more groups than ever to Israel. The Shepherd's Caves were full! We waited... and waited... No groups were leaving the caves. Our time was growing short. We were about to miss out on the chance to sing Christmas carols in those caves. I was disappointed. I knew what a blessing our group was about to miss.

I expressed my disappointment to God. *"God, we've always sung in the caves. No one is ever the same after they do! We have to do it, Lord. We've always done it that way. If we don't, our group will miss out on the blessing of Bethlehem. Can't you work it out to open one of the caves for us?"*

None of the other groups left the caves. We didn't get to sing carols in the Shepherd's Caves. Disappointed, I led the group to the top of the hill - to a small chapel called "The Chapel of the Angels." We would sing there - but I knew it wouldn't be the same. It couldn't be, because we had always done it only one way.

Once inside the "Chapel of the Angels", we started singing carols. Most of the group had tears in their eyes as we sang "Silent Night". For them, Christmas already had a new meaning.

A MIRACLE! Then, it happened. A group from Germany entered the chapel. While we were singing "Silent Night" in English, they started singing it in German. Two other groups entered as well. There were now four groups singing Christmas Carols. Every time I started our group in a song, we were joined by an "International Choir" singing in German, French and Spanish!!!

There was not a dry eye in the chapel. Everyone called it a "Christmas" miracle. I almost missed out on that "Christmas Miracle" - me, the "spiritual leader" of the group. Why? Because I was so intent on doing it the way we'd always done it. If we didn't follow the same traditions of Bethlehem that we'd always followed, I just knew that we wouldn't be blessed.

What about you? Does God have a special blessing or a miracle for you this Christmas? If you're so intent on making sure that you follow the same traditions, that you do exactly the same things that you always do each Christmas, you may miss out on a special blessing or a Christmas miracle.

Two thousand years ago, the people of Bethlehem were doing things the way they'd always done them. People were working, shopping, visiting and worshipping. Due to the census, extended families from far-away places had returned home and were visiting with their friends and families - swapping gifts and memories. In the midst of their traditional way of doing things, God preformed the greatest miracle of all - the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ. With the exception of some shepherds, the introduction of God's Son went unnoticed. Don't miss out on a miracle this Christmas just because *"We've never done it that way before."*

- by David Langerfeld



THE CLIMATE CHANGE MAFIA EXPOSED

A week after my colleague James Delingpole, on his Telegraph blog, coined the term "Climategate" to describe the scandal revealed by the leaked emails from the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit, Google was showing that the word now appears across the internet more than nine million times. ... The reason why even the Guardian's George Monbiot has expressed total shock and dismay at the picture revealed by the documents is that their authors are not just any old bunch of academics. What we are looking at here is the small group of scientists who have for years been more influential in driving the worldwide alarm over global warming than any others, not least through the role they play at the heart of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Professor Philip Jones, the CRU's director, is in charge of the two key sets of data used by the IPCC to draw up its reports...his global temperature record is the most important of the four sets of temperature data on which the IPCC and governments rely--not least for their predictions that the world will warm to catastrophic levels unless trillions of dollars are spent to avert it. Dr Jones is also a key part of the closely knit group of American and British scientists responsible for promoting that picture of world temperatures conveyed by Michael Mann's 'hockey stick' graph which 10 years ago turned climate history on its head by showing that, after 1,000 years of decline, global temperatures have recently shot up to their highest level in recorded history.

The senders and recipients of the leaked CRU emails constitute a cast list of the IPCC's scientific elite ... There are three threads in particular in the leaked documents which have sent a shock wave through informed observers across the world. Perhaps the most obvious ... is the highly disturbing series of emails which show how Dr Jones and his colleagues have for years been discussing the devious tactics whereby they could avoid releasing their data to outsiders under freedom of information laws.

The second and most shocking revelation of the leaked documents is how they show the scientists trying to manipulate data through their tortuous computer programmes, always to point in only the one desired direction--to lower past temperatures and to 'adjust' recent temperatures upwards, in order to convey the impression of an accelerated warming.

The third shocking revelation of these documents is the ruthless way in which these academics have been determined to silence any expert questioning of the findings they have arrived at by such dubious methods--not just by refusing to disclose their basic data but by discrediting and freezing out any scientific journal which dares to publish their critics' work."

- Christopher Booker, *The London Telegraph*, 11/28/09

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White
 Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White

6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrt

Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White


AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 6, 2009


Sunday School ----- 20
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve., 12/09/09 Service ----- 12

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of December 6, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 1,087.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 12/06/09: \$ 1,097.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK,

as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

We Are Suspending Our Specific Fund Drives Until Our Regular Weekly Offerings Come Back Up To Where They Need To Be. Please Give As Much As You Can To Help Us Catch Up After The Extremely Low Giving We Experienced This Summer And Fall.

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. ***Admit that you are a sinner.***
2. ***Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.***
3. ***Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.***
4. ***You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).***
5. ***By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.***



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today** - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English, Geroux family ----- Outreach
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