Sunday Small Groups are to: TEACH the Bible to change

REACH the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ and



CARE for people through prayer, ministry and fellowship.

12-14**-2025**

Attendance: 283

Visitors: 9
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday December 31

No Meal

Merry Christmas



Adult Bible Study S<mark>und</mark>ay

Option 1
4:30 pm Sanctuary
Small Group
Singing/Prayer/Bible
Study

Option 2
5:30 pm Adult Small Group
Scripture Studies
Conference Room









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Sunday December 21

9:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups

10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Summit)

Sunday December 28

9:15 am Sunday Morning Small Group

10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday December 24

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Drop In Communion

Wednesday December 31

NO EVENING SERVICE

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God exhorts us in 1 Corinthians 32:7 to "Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations." I think it important for the younger generations to know the story of the namesake of the LMCO. She is to the history of Southern Baptist international missions what Susan B. Anthony is to the history of women's civil rights; what Harriet Tubman is to the history of the Underground Railroad; what the Wright brothers are to the history of aviation; and what Reverend Billy Graham is to the history of evangelistic crusades. Her name is Lottie Moon.

Born Charlotte Digges Moon, December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree. She stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia, and Virginia.

Lottie was appointed to serve as a missionary to Tengchow, China, in 1873. When she set sail for China, Lottie was 32 years old. She had turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path wasn't typical for an educated woman from a wealthy Southern family. For 39 years Lottie labored, chiefly in Tengchow and P'ingtu. People feared and rejected her, but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned China's language and customs. Lottie didn't just serve the people of China; she identified with them. Many eventually accepted her. And some accepted her Savior.

Disease, turmoil, and lack of co-workers threatened to undo Lottie's work. But she gave herself completely to God, helping lay the foundation of what would become the modern Chinese church, one of the fastest-growing Christian movements in the world. Throughout her missionary career, Lottie faced plague, famine, revolution, and war. Unknown to her fellow missionaries, Lottie shared her personal finances and food with anyone in need around her, severely affecting both her physical and mental health. In 1912, she only weighed 50 pounds. Alarmed, fellow missionaries arranged for her to be sent back home to the United States with a missionary companion. However, Lottie died en route at the age of 72, on Christmas Eve, 1912, in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. But her legacy lives on...

Well over 100 years ago, Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters home detailing China's hunger for truth and the struggle of so few missionaries taking 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. After her death on the mission field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name: The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Since the offering was first established in 1918, the LMCO has provided over 3 billion dollars to send and support missionaries serving among unreached people in unreached places. The national 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for the 47,000 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention is \$210 million; our FBC Cochran offering goal is \$14,000. 100% of monies given through the LMCO go to support overseas missionaries.

William Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army, once stated, "The first work of the whole church is to give the Gospel to the whole world." Our financial support of the Cooperative Program, and our support of the special mission offerings of the SBC such as the LMCO, are how we help give the Gospel to the whole world. I pray for you a holy holiday season. Hope, joy, peace, & **Merry Christmas!** Love you, PK.

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throughout the year. Year-end, taxdeductible contributions will be
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through December 31,2025. You can
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