

December Birthdays & Anniversaries of PBA churches staff and their families

Birthdays

Date	Name	Church
1	Miciah Krenzin	Guymon, FBC Family Pastors daughter
4	Lisa Flanagan	Guymon, FBC Secretary
16	Ginny Krenzin	Guymon, FBC Family Pastors wife

Anniversaries

Date	Name	Church
9	Jerry & Debbie Rice	Kenton Pastor & wife
21	Mark & Cara McDonald	Beaver, FBC Music Minister & husband

(If your birthday or anniversary was not included, or the date is wrong, please let me know. Lula)

CALENDAR EVENTS

November

25-28 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

December

1-8 Week of Prayer for International Missions
and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

12 Pastor/Staff Christmas Fellowship, BCM, 7
p.m.

24-Jan 2 Office Closed, Merry Christmas & a
Blessed New Year

January

1 Office Closed, Happy New Year

2 NEW OFFICE HOURS 9-12 M-Th

13 Tri-Annual Executive Board, 10 a.m.

20 Office Closed, MLK Day

27-28 Oklahoma State Evangelism Conference, Del
City, FSBC

February

14 State VBS Training, OKC Southern Hills

17 Office Closed, Presidents Day

March

1-8 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering and North American Missions

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9am-noon starting 1-2-2020

Ministries of PBA:

Gibson Baptist Camp
“GBC”

Hardesty OK

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

“BCM”

Goodwell OK

Hispanic Ministries

Disaster Relief Trailer

Panhandle Baptist Association newsletter

December 2019

Have a very Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year

Tom & Karen Freeman

Moises & Maribel Avalos

David & Amanda Coffey; Abigail,

David & Jacee

Lula King

**Change in PBA Office Hours
Effective January 2, 2020**

**Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – noon**

ADVANCE Conference

Oklahoma Evangelism Conference

January 27-28, 2020

Del City, First Southern

Tom's Thoughts

We are nearly at the end of another year. Each year ends with an incredible story. From a human perspective, it is an unbelievable story. It is a story of a young woman who was a virgin, and yet she was with child. She became the talk of her little town, and the embarrassment of her soon to be husband. It is said this is the greatest story ever. However her story, like all of ours, is defined by our life story. This young woman's story changed her life. Her life story can change the story of others. So important was her life story that it is found in God's word, the Bible. Her life story began with a visit by an angel. She was asked by the angel if she would yield her life for God's divine purpose. She said, "Yes." Nine months later the young woman, with her husband by her side, gave birth to a baby boy. The birth was normal, or was it? Something unbelievable happened that night. Her life story and the birth of her son was as Luke wrote, **v.2:11 '...today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'** Her life story was centered around the baby who was God. For He had come down from heaven to be born as a baby through this young virgin with God as His Father. With His birth, His life story continued as part of His eternal existence.

His story changed her life forever, and her baby would have an impact on others, causing the change in their lives as well. There were a group of shepherds. That night they had been caring for their sheep, when they were also visited by angels. They were directed to where the mother and child could be found. When they came to the stable, they found the scene just as they had been told. Luke wrote of their response, **v.2:17 'When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.'** Their story was changed and they wanted to tell others about what they had seen. There were others who came into contact with this mother and baby in the days that followed, and like Mary, her husband, and the shepherds their stories would also be forever changed.

About twenty years ago, NAMB produced a tract, 'Your Story... How Will It Turn Out.' Personally I believe it was one of the best, however sadly it is now out of print. We find inside of the tract a great truth, 'God is interested in your life story.' There are three elements to this truth; 'God knows you, God loves you, and God has a plan for your life.' Then we read how, 'We attempt to write our own story,' however we are not able to change our story to a forever life story. The truth is that only, 'Jesus Christ can change our life story forever for us.' As we read in the tract the truth is, 'Jesus wants to be the Author of the change of our life story.'

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Tom's Thoughts continued:

Like the shepherds when our life story is changed by Jesus, we become witnesses and proclaimers of only what He is able to do. As witnesses we tell others of how our lives have been transformed forever, and how He is the true author of our life story change. This is the true story of Christmas. It is a life story. May we all celebrate this incredible truth with our love and adoration for the Author and with His help live out our life story with our obedient service to Him.

With Lula, Karen, and I; we wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

in His Love,
Bro. Tom

BCM News

We have had a fabulous semester, great times of learning and fellowship.

Please pray for the students as they travel home for the holiday, also that they would experience the true meaning of Christmas. And return safely to OPSU for the spring semester.

Amanda, Abigail, David, Jacee, and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and **Happy "2020"**.

David Coffey
BCM Director

OFFICE CLOSED:

Monday – Thursday; November 25-28

Tom will be available on his cell phone.



Miss Carlotta Diggs Moon, "Lottie" Moon, was assigned as a missionary to China, she wrote a letter to the Foreign Mission Board in 1888 asking for gifts from church members during the Christmas Season "while their hearts are tender" for the work on foreign lands. Several years later an offering was established and named after Lottie Moon.

The ongoing joke of "when will we ever get that Lottie Moon thing paid off?", is only from a misinformed person. We will never be able to pay our indebtedness to her and the other missionaries who serve in our stead, nor should we ever be able to stop praying for them either.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE TO THE 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?