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Christie Bradford	12/08
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Peggy Boyd	12/24
Todd Higgs	12/30
Mike Loftin	12/31



WEDDINGS

John Earl & Barbara Dunavant	12/06
Jim & Heather Pilcher	12/18
Doug & Peggy Boyd	12/18

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering For International Missions

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
- 3 Executive Board Meeting: Mission Center 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Caruthersville Food Pantry Registration
- 17 Pastor & Wife Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. at Mary Ada's in Portageville
- 18 Caruthersville Food Pantry packing and delivery
- 25 Christmas Day
- 24-31 Mission Center closed for holiday and vacation



*Merry
Christmas*

January, 2019

- 1 New Year's Day, Mission Center Closed
- 2 DOM Fellowship
- 8 Pastor's Fellowship McDonalds, Portageville 8:00 a.m.
- 14-15 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 19 Sno Country Sing-A-Long, FBC, Lilbourn 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- 21 Martin Luther King Birthday observed, Mission Center Closed
- 22 Pastor's Fellowship McDonalds, Portageville 8:00 a.m.
- 29 Pastor's Fellowship McDonalds, Portageville 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER, 2018

	October	2018 Total		October
Boekerton	\$506.17	\$2,333.82	DOM Salary	\$1,250.00
Braggadocio	\$234.25	\$2,008.50	DOM Mileage	\$366.79
Caruthersville, FBC	\$444.00	\$5,477.81	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,001.65
Cottonwood	\$253.30	\$2,894.28	DOM Medical Reimburse	\$212.78
Glass Memorial	\$0.00	\$13,917.41	DOM Retirement	\$187.50
Hayti, FBC	\$334.32	\$4,204.06	Secretary Salary	\$562.62
Hayward	\$303.70	\$3,055.68	Custodian Salary	\$230.74
Holland	\$890.00	\$8,004.00	SSI Taxes	\$159.52
Holly Grove	\$709.85	\$6,951.35	Pastor Appreciation	\$392.35
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$619.21	Utilities	\$254.34
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$5,595.47	Telephone	\$220.74
Living Stone	\$464.00	\$4,214.14	Print Supplies	\$630.42
Oak Grove	\$150.00	\$761.00	Office Maintainance	\$427.95
Pascola	\$130.00	\$1,764.30	Postage	\$182.49
Portageville, FBC	\$1,594.51	\$15,581.07	Insurance	\$405.78
Steele, FBC	\$684.31	\$5,054.04	Convention Expense	\$271.80
Temple	\$0.00	\$2,632.26	Miscellaneous	-\$8.75
Wardell	\$870.72	\$8,436.38	Volunteer Meals	\$124.68
			MO Baptist Children Home	\$113.54
	\$7,569.13	\$95,504.78	SMBA General Fund	\$227.07
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$113.54
Miscellaneous		\$0.00		
Now Interest	\$0.68	\$5.03		
Total Income	\$7,569.81	\$95,509.81	Total Expenses	\$7,890.05

November 1, 2018 General Fund Balance \$14,550.39

Cranberry Christmas Cake



Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 12 oz fresh cranberries

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl. Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries and stir to mix throughout.
2. Spread in a buttered 9 x 13 pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted

If you have a recipe that you would like to share with the readers of the VOICE, send it to the:

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OR EMAIL TO semoba@sbcglobal.net

From Your Director of Missions

Another year is drawing to a close. Each of us has less time left than we had yesterday. But, as long as God delays the return of Jesus and allows us to have life, we have opportunities to make a difference in the world that surrounds us.

Jesus had only a few years above 30 to accomplish the purpose that God had for Him. He got off to what would seem to be a terrible start. Born in an area that was set up to contain and protect animals. His father was a carpenter, not a king or religious leader. As a young child, He was forced to flee from those who wanted to kill Him. He lived in Egypt for a period of time before returning to Nazareth.

As He grew up, He lived a life that did not draw a lot of attention to Him or His family. When He began His ministry, He had to walk everywhere He went. He did not live in a fancy house or have the latest model of chariots.

Crowds loved Him, outcasts were drawn to Him, and religious leaders hated Him.

Yet, He did not let these things distract Him from the purpose of His Father.

Most of us had a better start to our lives. We were born in a hospital or under the care of a doctor. We had a home that was heated, electricity to provide lighting, abundance of water from a well, and food that was delivered to a grocery store.

We rode a bus to school, traveled in cars to visit kinfolk and vacation, and as a general rule did not have anyone wanting to do us harm.

We have television that can inform us about happenings all over the world. We have computers that can search and provide us with seemingly endless information. We can carry a small instrument that allows us to talk and even video chat with people in all parts of the world.

But, has having all of these things kept us from accomplishing God's purpose for our lives? Has having all of this been a hindrance rather than a help for us?

He has called us to salvation. He has put Himself in us through the Holy Spirit. He has given us tools that are available to help us share Him and His salvation to the entire world.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus during this month. Let us look at what He did with so little and remember that the statement in His word says that to whom much is given, much is required.

What will you do with the time that you have left? It will be gone before you know it! Eleven months ago it was January, one more month and it will be January again. Where did it go?

DECEMBER MISSION REPORT

December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, December 2-9 is the week of prayer for International Missions. For materials, go to: <https://store.imb.org/LMCO/> or call Sharon Paris at 1-800-736-6227. This annual offering is sponsored by the International Missions Board to help support missionaries all over the world. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support these missionaries. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to this offering this year so that our missionaries can continue to share the Gospel.

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing,
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing,
Returns to you glad.
- John Greenleaf Whittier



"If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving -- large or small -- it will be used to measure what is given back to you." (Luke 6:38). Remember there are those that are lonely and suffering in our communities. Reach out and offer the comfort that only our Savior can give.



Our next meeting will be the 9th Annual Sno Country Sing-a-long at First Baptist Church, Lilbourn on January 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with lunch following. Thank you to First Baptist for volunteering!! If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer to sing, do a skit or dramatization, please call me at 870-278-3143 or Bro. Tim Abanathy. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,
Kim McCarty
Associational WMU Director



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON THAT:
EXPRESSES LOVE
FOCUSES ON FAMILY TOGETHERNESS
BRINGS PEOPLE INTO OUR CHURCHES
PROMOTES CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
BUT ABOVE ALL IT IS THE CELEBRATION
OF GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIS CREATION.. THE GIFT OF HIS SON
TO RESTORE WHAT MANKIND HAD BROKEN AND
DECLARE PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MAN.

Pastor/Wife
Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner

December 17

At 6:30 p.m.

MARY ADA'S RESTAURANT

Main Street, Portageville, MO

We need to know by December 7th if you will be able to attend

Email: semoba@sbcglobal.net

or Text: 573-359-4101

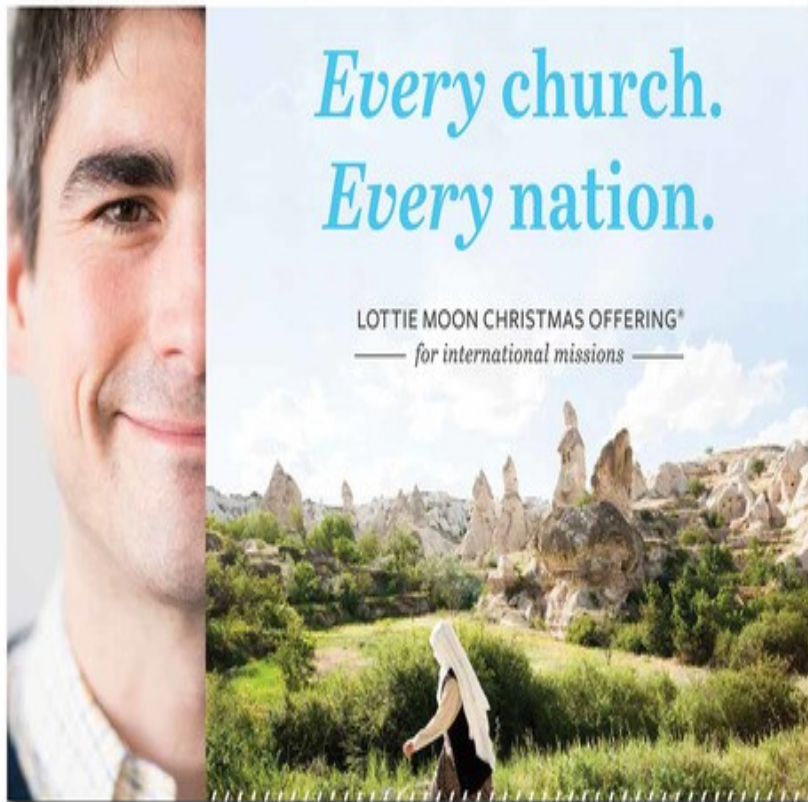


*May you have
The Peace of God
That is found in His Son Jesus*

***Merry
Christmas***

From the Staff of
The Southeast Missouri Baptist Association

Bro. Tim and Lynda Abanathy and Sue Ross





CHURCH NEWS

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone from your family at Holly Grove. WE hope you and the ones you love had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We finished the month of October with a fun Trunk or Treat before dark. The Children and grownups seem to have a good time. We also added a little book about how to come to Jesus in each bag.

On November 4th, we had our deacon's meeting.

On Sunday morning, the 10th, we honored our veterans. Ms. Glenda Okane, Allen Allison, and Mrs. Peggy Holmes helped with music and a video of past and present veterans. Everyone enjoyed all of it and some shared stories about family members and friends. Later that afternoon we had our monthly service at the River Oaks Care Center.

We had our "Annual Harvest Dinner" on Wednesday the 14th. A time for fun, food, and fellowship.

On Sunday Morning the 18th, we had Gary Wilson fill in for Bro. Lew. His family was going to be out of town.

Our young adults delivered our Thanksgiving Baskets to 14 or more families on the 16th and 17th. We dismissed services on the 21st to allow everyone to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

We have started on our Christmas Baskets because it is just around the corner.

WE lost 2 men in our church. Mr. Marvin Childers was a great man, friend, and so much more. We were honored to have his "home going" and serve lunch for his awesome family. Remember Mrs. Pog and the family in your prayers. The second was Jeff McCutcheon. I will share his story next month.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. May you get and receive blessings!

Christmas Program

December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

"It All Happened in the Country"

Holland Baptist Church



SNO COUNTRY SING-ALONG

JANUARY 19, 2018

9:00 A.M. - NOON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LILBOURN

Lunch will be provided