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DECEMBER, 2019

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions
- 2 Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m. Mission Center
- 3 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.
- 9-10 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 17 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.
- 23-31 Mission Center Closed for holidays
- 25 Christmas



JANUARY, 2020

- 5 Assoc. Youth Committee Meeting, Mission Center 3:00 p.m.
- 5-12 January Bible Study Week
- 7 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.
- 12 Children's Camp Committee Meeting, Mission Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 12-14 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 16 Senior Adult Fellowship Committee meeting, Mission Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Sno Country Sing-a-Long, FBC. Lilbourn, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 21 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.
- 28 Pastor's Fellowship, McDonald's in Portageville, 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER, 2019

	OCTOBER	2019 TOTAL		OCTOBER
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,569.63	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$0.00	\$1,573.55	DOM Mileage	\$479.66
Caruthersville, FBC	\$475.92	\$5,144.01	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,263.02
Cottonwood	\$283.95	\$2,686.56	DOM Health Reimburse.	\$130.93
Hayti, FBC	\$170.07	\$2,517.37	DOM Retirement	\$458.32
Hayward	\$326.50	\$3,430.69	Secretary Salary	\$755.50
Holland	\$941.00	\$8,041.00	Secretary Taxes	\$133.90
Holly Grove	\$824.72	\$6,778.60	Custodian Salary	\$207.65
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$450.18	Custodian Taxes	\$77.84
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$10,589.42	Appreciation Gifts	\$392.35
Living Stone	\$470.00	\$3,987.00	Utilities	\$202.69
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$990.00	Telephone	\$283.29
Pascola	\$200.50	\$1,967.00	Office Maintainance	\$75.00
Portageville, FBC	\$1,873.69	\$15,644.42	Postage	\$180.76
Steele, FBC	\$402.82	\$3,632.11	Volunteer Meals	\$151.64
Temple	\$0.00	\$2,648.48	Missions Development	\$57.98
Wardell	\$979.44	\$8,713.50	MO Baptist Children Home	\$104.23
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$208.46
			SMBA General Fund	\$104.23
	\$6,948.61	\$81,863.52		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$25.00		
Now Interest	\$0.52	\$5.66		
Total Income	\$6,949.13	\$81,894.18	Total Expenses	\$7,121.61

November 1, 2019 General Fund Balance \$9,546.88

Christmas Layer Salad

Ingredients:

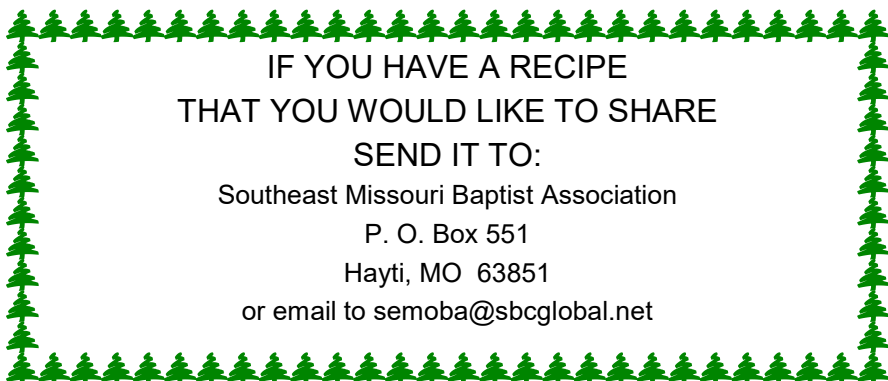
- 1 (3 oz.) package Lime flavored gelatin
- 1/2 Cup cold water
- 2 (3 oz.) packages Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 (3 oz.) Lemon flavored gelatin
- 1 Cup boiling water
- 1 (3 oz.) package Strawberry flavored gelatin
- 1 Cup boiling water
- 1 (8 1/4 oz.) can crushed pineapple drained
- 1 Cup boiling water
- 1 Cup cold water
- 1 (17 oz.) can Apricots, drained or pureed

Directions:

Dissolve lime gelatin in 1 cup boiling water, stir in 1/2 cup cold water and pineapple. Pour into large ring mold that has been lightly oiled. Chill until firm.

Combine cream cheese and lemon gelatin; mix thoroughly. Add 1 more cup boiling water and 1 cup cold water. Cool: pour over first layer. Chill until firm.

Dissolve strawberry gelatin in third cup of boiling water. Stir in apricots. Cool, pour over lemon layer. Chill until firm. Unmold on large round tray covered with lettuce leaves.



From Your Director of Missions

Christmas has become the season of giving. We look around at the ones that surround us and desire to give them a gift to show them how much we care about them. Time is spent evaluating what is "just the right" gift. Effort is put forth to find, purchase, and wrap the gift.

Sometimes, there is no perfect gift. Most people have the resources to purchase the items that they want or need. They really don't need anything from us. But, we still want to get them something.

But, in reality Christmas did not become the season of giving. It is what Christmas is all about. God looked down on His creation and recognized that they would never find Him on their own.

So, He set into action His plan. I will give the greatest gift that mankind has ever had. It will be freely given. It is for the entire world. John gives us the words of Jesus in John 3:16.

I will give Joseph and Mary a child. He will be born to them in a most strange place. His birth will be proclaimed by My angels to the most unlikely group of men, shepherds watching their flocks by night. They will visit Him in Bethlehem as He lies in a manger.

Wise men from the east will see a special star and begin a long journey that will bring them to Bethlehem with their gifts for the child.

Herod tries to destroy this new King. God directs them to Egypt.

Why all this drama? Just send Him as King of all Kings and get this world back in order.

But God recognized that the real need of man was to have their sins forgiven and removed. That would require a sacrifice with the shedding of blood.

The beginning of this gift began in a manger in the city of Bethlehem.

It continued through a childhood in Nazareth.

Then came the ministry of Jesus to the Jewish nation.

And then it was on an old rugged cross that Jesus said, "It is finished".

God's gift was complete!

Have you received this gift that God picked out and purchased for you? It was a gift of eternal life that you cannot find or purchase in any other way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me".

Since you have received this gift, what is the greatest response that you can have toward God? First, we should fall on our knees and give Him thanks for this gift of His Son. Second, we should share this gift with those around us. How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

As God has given to you the "Good News", give it to your family, friends, and neighbors! CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

DECEMBER MISSION REPORT

December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, December 1-8 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.

True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts, Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ, In humble adoration.
It's serving those less fortunate, Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time, that no one is alone.
It's taking what we would have spent on things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.
Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.
So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.
~Joanna Fuchs



Our next meeting will be the 9th Annual Sno Country Sing-a-long at First Baptist Church, Lilbourn on January 18th from **10:00** a.m. to 12:00 p.m (this is a time change). 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. Vonnie Snelling has offered to coordinate this event (thank you Vonnie), so you can contact her also. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

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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THE BIRTH OF JESUS:

INVOLVED PLACES: GALILEE, NAZARETH,

BETLEHEM CITY OF DAVID, STABLE, MANGER

AND PEOPLE: CAESAR AUGUSTUS, CYRENIUS,

JOSEPH, MARY, INN KEEPER, ANGELS,

SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN

A STORY THAT IS KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD!

*Merry
Christmas*



From:

Bro. Tim and Lynda Albanathy

And

Sue Ross



**2020
SNO
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JANUARY 18, 2020

10:00 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LILBOURN

Lunch will be served at noon

*Come and participate in an
Associational Worship Experience!*



CHURCH NEWS

HOLLAND: Happy Thanksgiving everyone! We hope you all are doing good!! We have so much to be thankful for!

I would like to thank Bro. Brown from Oak Grove Baptist Church for coming and ministering to our children. They all enjoyed learning about how much JESUS loves them.

We had an awesome revival in October. Bro. Hoover from First Baptist Church, Hayti, gave some powerful messages each night. We had Bro. Jim Clark in charge of the wonderful music. God is working in these men's life!

We were in charge of the CDHS food pantry for the month of November.

At our WMU/Men's meeting we held our Harvest dinner.

Continue to pray for the lost, the sick, missionaries, our churches, schools and our country. God Bless!

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone. We hope you are well and safe.

Sorry I missed October's news.

We pray that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. We have so much to be thankful for daily.

November was a busy month for Holly Grove and that's always good.

Our pastor, Bro. Lew, was in Revival at First Baptist Church in Caruthersville, November 3rd through the 6th. Bro. Jim Clark was in charge of the music.

We had our monthly service at River Oaks Care Center at Steele on Sunday afternoon the 10th.

We had our Revival November 17th through 19th with Bro. Bud Evans from Third Street Baptist Church in Kennett. Bro. Jim Clark led our music.

We had our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday night the 20th.

Our church family worked to put together Thanksgiving Baskets for families in our community. We delivered them on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24th.

We dismissed services on Wednesday the 27th so everyone could enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

We finished our Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes and got them delivered.

We are planning to have our Christmas Play on December 15th. The title is "Chosen Too". Our church is decorated beautifully for Christmas.

We thank all the special people that step up and do whatever the need is in our Lord's House.

We also thank our very faithful prayer warriors for making our needs known to our Father.

We send your church, family, and friends a "Very Merry Christmas Prayer". May you have blessed celebrations in our Father's honor.

OAK GROVE MISSION PROJECT

We had 31 people show up at the Oak Grove Baptist Church on November 9th to remove the brick from their parsonage. The brick was removed because the ground was constantly expanding and contracting, causing the brick to crack.

There were 7 of the churches from our association that provided workers for this task: Boekerton, FBC Hayti, Holland, Holly Grove, Lilbourn, Oak Grove, and FBC Portageville. There were 20 men and 11 women.

Five of our pastors came to help with this project: John Earl Dunavant from Holland, Dave Lewelling from Holly Grove, Greg Hunt from Pascola, Mike Loftin from Boekerton, and Allen Nichols from Lilbourn.

The Associational Moderator, Bill Clayton also put in a days work.

Terry Hawkins, from Lilbourn, brought his small John Deere front end loader to help move the brick.

Mr. Hoskins from Oak Grove, provided a large front end loader, dump truck, and 2 of his employees to haul the brick off of the property.

Several people brought wheel barrows, sledge hammers, crow bars, and other equipment to use in the task.

The association rented 2 demolition hammers from Mike's Rental in Sikeston.

Work began around 8:00 a.m.

Several men were using the equipment to break the brick loose while the other men and women gathered the brick and loaded wheel barrows and the front end loaders.

Around 11:30 a.m., we broke for lunch. The ladies of Oak Grove, with help from the Associational WMU, provided and served lunch. There were a large variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts. The meal was great.

Around 4:00 p.m. we stopped working.

The brick on 3 sides of the parsonage had been removed. The east end remains.

A great big

Thank You!

for your help.