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Todd Higgs	12/30

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Jim & Heather Pilcher		12/18
Jerry & Barbara Lindsey		12/22

Allen Nichols birthday was left off the calendar in November on the 2nd.

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Cooperative Program Emphasis Month

- 1-6 Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 7 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Pastor/Wife Thanksgiving Christmas Banquet, Mary Adas, 6 p.m.
- 14-15 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 23-31 Mission Center Closed
- 25 Christmas



JANUARY, 2021

- 3 3:00 p.m. Assoc. Youth Committee Meeting, Mission Center
- 3-9 January Bible Study Week
- 10 2:30 p.m. Children's Camp Committee, Mission Center
- 11-12 Caruthersville Food Pantry
- 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mission Center Closed

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

October, 2020

	OCTOBER	2020 TOTAL		OCTOBER
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,835.28	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$0.00	\$1,662.50	DOM TAXES	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$354.73	\$4,343.21	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$130.58
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$163.64	\$2,409.44	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,397.02
Hayti, FBC	\$158.47	\$1,612.41	DOM Health reimb.	\$184.20
Hayward	\$313.50	\$3,594.58	DOM Retirement	\$270.83
Holland	\$549.00	\$8,058.00	Secretary Salary	\$809.39
Holly Grove	\$691.68	\$7,420.89	Secretary Taxes	\$143.39
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$351.99	Custodian Salary	\$280.71
Lilbourn, FBC	\$0.00	\$5,040.06	Custodian Taxes	\$69.81
Living Stone	\$991.00	\$4,856.00	Appreciation gifts	\$392.35
Oak Grove	\$100.00	\$875.00	Utilities	\$197.64
Pascola	\$0.00	\$1,456.10	Telephone	\$254.71
Portageville, FBC	\$1,450.15	\$17,632.93	Office Maintenance	\$304.09
Steele, FBC	\$519.91	\$3,963.02	Volunteer Meals	\$75.69
Temple	\$0.00	\$6,432.35	MO Baptist Children Home	\$92.57
Wardell	\$879.07	\$9,693.23	SMBA General Fund	\$185.13
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$92.57
	\$6,171.15	\$82,236.99		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$4,450.00		
Now Interest	\$0.57	\$5.90		
SMBA Camp		\$111.50		
Total Income	\$6,171.72	\$86,804.39	Total Expenses	\$9,281.09

November 1, 2020 General Fund Balance \$10,911.80

CREAM CHEESE SAUSAGE BALLS

Ingredients:

1 lb hot sausage, uncooked
8 oz cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups Bisquick
4 oz cheddar cheese, shredded

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400F.

Mix all ingredients until well combined. (I use my KitchenAid mixer with the dough hook attachment) Roll into 1-inch balls. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until brown. Sausage balls may be frozen uncooked. If baking frozen, add a few minutes to the baking time.



Candied Pecans

Ingredients:

2 C Pecans
1 C Brown Sugar
1 tsp Salt
1/2 tsp Cinnamon
3 Tbs water

Directions:

Cook mixture on medium high heat till melted.
Add in pecans, cooking for 2 minutes.
Cool on parchment paper.



From Your Director of Missions

There was a lady that visited in one of our churches. This lady had some issues that affected her appearance. She overheard a couple of women making very unflattering comments about her appearance. She has not returned to that church.

The church must be the one place in our world that a person can come into and find acceptance and comfort. However, we must guard against our thoughts and actions toward them. They may not: Look like us; smell like us; talk like us; be in the same social circles as us; or be of the same race or culture as us.

So, this month, I think I will let the scripture speak for God. We have the written word and then we have the examples that Jesus lived to show us how to act.

Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10: 34-35

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? James 2: 1-4

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; Revelation 7:9

We all struggle with this. Jesus was not accepted because He was not born to the right family or in the right circumstances. Why should we listen to Him, is he not the son of a carpenter?

Look at the makeup of our churches. Are we: All alike; The same race: The same social and economic circles.

Are we as inclusive as God is? Can we say that we love the world because our Father loved the world and sent His Son to die for it?

As we celebrate Christmas, will we remember that Jesus came to draw all men to Him? Will we remember that He commissioned His disciples to become fishers of men? Will we remember that Gift of Christmas is for everyone and the message is "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Man"?

Merry Christmas

DECEMBER MISSION REPORT



Make room for one more.... I was reading a devotional and came across those words. Do we make room for Christ at Christmas and the rest of the year? Do we make room for the needy, the unloved, the lonely? I know that I end up so busy trying to make sure that everything gets done, I lose sight of what the celebration is all about, CHRIST. Christmas is a time of giving – give a smile, lend a hand, listen – be Christ-like. Remember that the joy we bring to others will come back to us through Christ.

December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, November 29th – December 8th 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.



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

As you probably already know, I have announced my intentions to resign my position as the Associational WMU Director. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Bro. Tim Abanathy or me. Thank you.

At this time, I have not scheduled our next WMU Meeting. My plan is to re-assess the situation regarding COVID-19 in early December. I will get with Bro. Tim and we will determine if it will be appropriate to schedule the Sno Country Sing-a-Long in January. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.



I hope you have a Blessed day,
Kim Ferguson
Associational WMU Director



“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).

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THE ROAD TO THE CROSS BEGAN
AT CREATION. IT CONTINUED THROUGH
THE ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT,
AND THEN TO BETHLEHEM. HE WAS BORN
TO JOSEH AND MARY IN A STABLE
ON THE WAY TO BRING PEACE
AND GOOD WILL TO MAN BY HIS
DEATH ON A TREE
MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOTTIE'S COOKIES

PLAIN TEACAKE *(As made by Lottie Moon)*

3 teacups of sugar 4 pints flour
1 teacup of butter 3 eggs, well beaten
1 teacup of sour milk ½ a teaspoon of soda

Flavor to taste, roll thin, bake in a quick oven.



ADAPTED RECIPE

2 cups flour
½ cup butter *(equivalent to a standard ¼ lb. stick of butter)*
1 heaping cup of sugar
1 well-beaten egg
1 tablespoon cream

Cream the softened butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.

Lottie Moon - the namesake of the IMB's international missions offering - was a hard-working, deep-loving Southern Baptist who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

As a way to earn the trust of the people and show her goodwill, Lottie Moon made teacakes for the children in her village in China. Once the children ate the cookies, they would take Lottie to their homes where she would share the Gospel with their mothers. The children began calling Lottie "the cookie lady" instead of "foreign devil."

Recipe from the website for Woman's Missionary Union (www.wmu.com)

A Note from a Pastor

Now may the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13). Hope seems to be in short supply these days in the hearts of many. There is a spirit of confusion that has permeated our society. We all know the author of confusion, and he is working overtime to destroy the hope Paul spoke of in the verse just quoted.

The hope of the Bible is not like the hope of this world. Hope in this age is a "hope so" attitude. Many hope that things will get better with a hope that implies it could or could not happen. The hope of the Scripture is an "evidence of things not seen". Paul spoke of a hope that comes from God and even abounds. In a day of severe persecution of Christians for simply practicing their faith, Paul preached real hope; hope empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In these days of concern as to the future of our nation, God's Word gives us hope. Proverbs 21:1 tells us "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes." This applies to the Caesar of Paul's day as well as the President of our day. In Ezra's day, God turned the heart of Cyrus, king of Persia, to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. In Nehemiah's day God turned the heart of King Artaxerxes to rebuild the city of Jerusalem at the king's expense! God accomplished these events through people of hope. Not hope in themselves or any group of themselves but hope in the God of all hope.

May God help us to be the people of all hope that this world desperately needs today. May we not be controlled by a spirit of fear but in the joy and peace of believing. Let Isaiah 60: 1,2 be our hope: "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you."

Griff Walker

Pastor, Wardell Baptist Church



November Church News

BOEKERTON: Boekerton has called Jerry Lindsey from Portageville to be their pastor.

FBC CARUTHERSVILLE: We welcome the return of Dr. James Adams to be our pastor in December

KINFOLKS RIDGE: JoAnn Rodgers Herring had surgery on her hip. She is doing better.

It was so good to hear from Holly Grove.

Will all of you pray for us and we will be praying for you. Prayer is the greatest gift that we can give for one another.

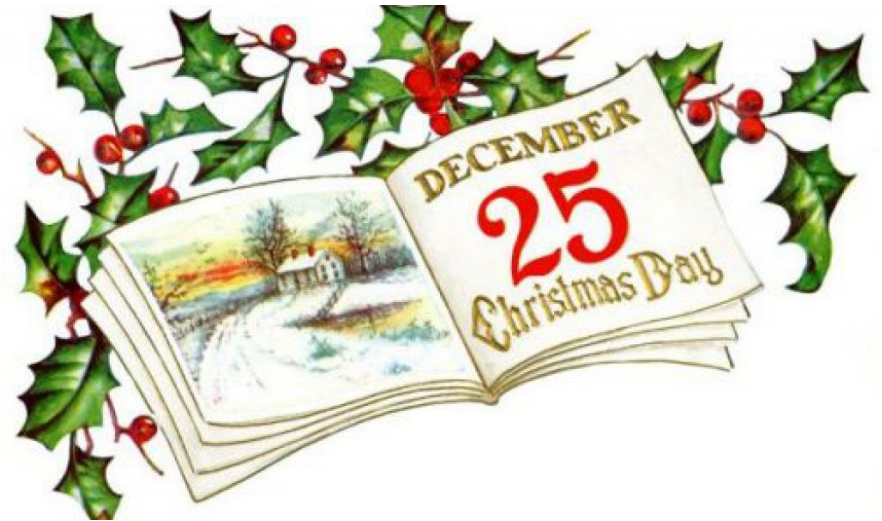
All we can say about the church is that we are still here. We are still running about 20 for Sunday preaching and Wednesday night Bible study.

I hope to be back to church in the near future.

We have about 20 ladies in Baptist Women. I read WMU material to them. Only about 20 of them come to church, but the others, I think, are members. I will continue to send them information and witness to them. I love them all. Remember our shut-ins in your prayers: Mrs. Zera, Mrs. Marie Tarpley, and Steven Willbanks.

We love you all in Christ.

JoAnn Rodgers Herrin



May the Spirit of Christmas

Warm your heart and

Put a smile on your face.



From Tim and Lynda Abanathy

and Sue Ross

Your associational Staff

Your church can send church news and
announcements about activities for the VOICE.
Please send the information in by December 10th
for publication in the January issue of the VOICE.

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