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NOVEMBER, 2021

7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 7 Orphans and Widows Sunday
 11 Veterans' Day
 14 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
 15-16 Caruthersville Food Pantry
 25 Thanksgiving
 Nov. 28 - Dec. 4 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon
 International Missions Offering



LOTTIE MOON

Lottie Moon—the namesake of Southern Baptists' international missions offering—has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

DECEMBER, 2021

International Missions Emphasis Month

Nov 28 –Dec 4 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon
 International Missions Offering
 6 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.
 13-14 Caruthersville Food Pantry
 24-31 Mission Center Closed
 25 Christmas

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

September, 2021

	September	2021 TOTAL		September
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,703.78	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$182.10	\$1,396.73	DOM Taxes	\$2,546.25
Caruthersville, FBC	\$0.00	\$1,077.91	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$212.16
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Cottonwood	\$293.30	\$2,426.75	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,547.99
Hayti, FBC	\$189.49	\$1,560.96	DOM Health Reimburs.	\$382.01
Hayward	\$354.40	\$3,179.29	Secretary Salary	\$369.40
Holland	\$704.00	\$5,539.00	Custodian Salary	\$240.56
Holly Grove	\$784.80	\$7,208.40	Utilities	\$162.77
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	Telephone	\$307.10
Lilbourn, FBC	\$1,099.01	\$9,732.19	Print Supplies	\$82.39
Living Stone	\$508.00	\$4,714.00	Office Maintenance	\$237.98
Oak Grove	\$80.00	\$865.00	Postage	\$163.81
Pascola	\$146.30	\$1,408.52	Camp Program	\$1,000.00
Portageville, FBC	\$1,660.69	\$15,126.58	SMBA Board Expense	\$40.20
Steele, FBC	\$838.29	\$3,719.08	Volunteer Meals	\$97.39
Temple	\$426.50	\$6,118.00	SMBA General Fund	-\$73.15
Wardell	\$1,104.82	\$8,027.68		
Total	\$8,371.70	\$75,303.87		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,400.00		
Now Interest	\$0.78	\$7.63		
SMBA Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$8,372.48	\$76,711.50	Total Expenses	\$9,171.02

October 1, 2021 General Fund Balance \$

Nestles Toll House Death by Chocolate Cake

INGREDIENTS:

1 Box Devils Food Cake mix
1 Box 3.9 Instant Chocolate Pudding
5 Eggs
1 tsp Vanilla
3/4 Cup Oil
1 Cup Sour Cream or Buttermilk
3/4 Cup Brewed Coffee
2 Cups Nestles Toll House Chocolate Chips

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all dry ingredients together, all liquid together and blend well.
Fold in chocolate chips.
Bake in a greased bundt cake pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
Let cool for 10 Minutes before turning over onto a cake plate or large round platter.

Ganache Icing:

Heat 1 stick of salted butter on stove over low heat.
Add 2 Tbsp Cocoa powder, 1/2 box powder sugar, 1 tsp Vanilla,
3 Tbsp Milk, 1/2 Cup Pecan pieces.
Pour warm over cake and serve warm if possible. If not, heat up in microwave before serving.

From Your Director of Missions

I had the opportunity to attend the revival at First Baptist Church, Caruthersville. During the message the difference between “Awakening” and “Revival” was presented.

It seems that “Awakenings” occur as a result of “Revival”. When the church gets things right with God and among themselves, it allows the Spirit of God to perform great works that lead to the salvation of large groups of people that are awakened to their need for a Savior. The apostles followed the instructions of Jesus to remain in Jerusalem and as a result of their obedience 3,000 souls were awakened on the Day of Pentecost.

If we, as God’s people, choose to not be revived, then God may choose to limit His activity among us. There are many examples of this in the Old Testament. Israel would turn their backs on God and serve other gods. God would withdraw His protection from them and they would be overcome by their enemies. Then God would provide a deliverer and the people would return to God for a season.

Even in the New Testament there is an example of this. Jesus did not do many miracles in His hometown because the people questioned how He was able to do these things because they knew His father and mother.

Is there anything in your church that is hindering it from being revived to the point of returning to being the light and salt in the community where God has placed it?

If revival is not being experienced, how can we expect there to be awakenings in our communities?

Churches and denominational organizations can only be successful when they are operating under the authority and direction of the Holy Spirit of God. That requires us to be faithful in our teaching of the Word of God. But, just as important, it requires us to be faithful in living what we are teaching. Samuel told Saul, “To obey is better than sacrifice”.

Jesus stated that even the gates of hell cannot prevail against His Church. The reason that He could say this is because He had made all the preparations for the church to survive in the future. Remember, what His call was to Peter, Andrew, James, and John. “Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men”.

Who you are is not as important as what you are doing. The disciples believed Jesus and after many mistakes and short comings, followed Him. It irritated the religious leaders of their day. How could God possibly choose and give this kind of power to such uneducated men? The only answer that was available was that they had been with Jesus.

If we and our churches would be known as people that have been with Jesus, we could see an awakening of the lost in our communities today. What do we need to adjust to allow this to happen? DO WE NEED A REVIVAL? THE AWAKENING WILL NOT COME WITHOUT A REVIVED CHURCH.

NOVEMBER MISSION REPORT

Hello, we meet here once again and once again, I'm not sure what to say this month. I can't believe it's already November. I am trying to focus on the good things and the blessings that God has provided. I am thankful for the freedom that we currently have to worship freely in God's house. I don't think I ever realized how much we need the fellowship of being together in God's house to worship. If you aren't currently attending church, please go back to your house of worship. Hearing God's word and sharing God's word is so important.



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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, November 28th – December 5th is the week of prayer for International Missions. For materials, go to: <https://store.imb.org/LMCO/>. The motto this year: Let's Advance God's kingdom together. Together, we can bring help and hope to a hurting world. Today, you can transform lives with the gospel.



Just a reminder that the time for drop off for **Operation Christmas Child** Shoe Boxes is quickly approaching. Collection Dates for the Christmas Shoe Boxes are November 15th to 22nd. There is a drop off at: First Church of God, 500 King Avenue Portageville, MO 63873-1445. I have posted the dates and times on our WMU Facebook Page - "Southeast Missouri Baptist Association WMU". You can also go to the Operation Christmas Child website to find other locations.

As you know, I have announced my intentions to resign my position as the Associational WMU Director. We are actively looking for someone to take over this position. At that time, we will schedule a WMU Meeting to vote this person into office. Please pray that God will send us the right person for this position. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

Associational WMU Director



In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Filipino Mission Trip Report

Acts 1:8 describes the partnership between Southeast Missouri Baptist Association and Charleston Baptist Association and Global Baptist Alliance association in New York and New Jersey as well as other associations (Black River, Cane Creek Stoddard, Cape Girardeau, Mineral Area, Reynolds, St. Francois, and Wayne). The churches in these associations have agreed to partner together to take the gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth.

This partnership especially focuses upon reaching Filipino peoples and planting Filipino Churches near, far, and even to the furthest regions. Recently a group of four representing Charleston Baptist Association and our own association traveled to NY and NJ to connect with pastors and leaders in the Global Baptist Alliance (Sept 8-11). This trip enabled Roger Graham, Ednor Sebag, William Marshall, and me to meet and pray with and see opportunities for future outreach and missions to Filipino peoples, here and there and wherever the Lord will lead.

Our team spent time prayer walking and visiting with pastors and churches, preaching, and forming relationships for the advancement of the gospel. Plans are being formulated for a Filipino Festival in the Spring of 2022 here in Southeast Missouri. A similar festival will also be conducted on a larger scale in NY/NJ area in the future. Will you be involved in joining the work by going on a short-term mission trip, or learning evangelism methods, or endeavoring to understand Filipino culture? Please contact Tim Abanathy or me if you are interested in joining the effort.

Sola Deo Gloria,

Rev. Dr. John Compere



HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone, welcome to November , 2021. We pray that you and your love ones are well and safe.

Deacon's meeting was on the afternoon of October 3rd. Our business meeting followed on the 6th. The same night we had our WMU meeting with Ms. Stacey.

On Sunday, the 10th, we had a special guest. A group from Freedom House in Holcomb, MO. They were in our morning service to share their testimonies. They were a great group and we really enjoyed them.

Our food pantry work was on the 14th and 16th in October. This year is going to be hard on so many families during this winter and holiday season. If you can, help in a food pantry, OK! If you need help, please let someone know. Some great people will help you.

Our church has been working on our Operation Christmas Child project. It is going very well. So many needs and so many great people helping to meet those needs.

Our church, along with others will be meeting at the Cooter High School parking lot on Saturday, October 30th from 4:00 till 6:00 p.m. for "Trunk or Treat" for all of our little ones. Everything will be outside in the wide open space.

We hope that all of you stay safe and well. We will continue to pray for each other. We also pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families.

Peggy Copeland

KINFOLKS RIDGE: Hello Everybody: It was good to read about you. Fall is in the air and I can't wait for the weather to change. The change is like going to the store for new clothes. I like winter.

We had a deacon's meeting on Sept. 12. We had 25 in our service which was great. One family had their new baby in church for the first time. Dad was so proud that he carried her around to show everybody. She is a doll.

To our ladies that send out cards to the sick and on birthdays, I have a suggestion. Why not send cards to people that work on Saturday and Sunday. Let them know that they are remembered. They would appreciate a card to let them know that they have not been forgotten. Send Bible verses that will lift them up. Also remember our rural mail carriers. They have had it tough for some time. Pray for them.

Remember our pastor, Gary Mann. He is working on highway construction 12 hours a day and still prepares for our Sunday and Wednesday services.

Sandy Sanders retired and called to say that she would like some

Company. So, after 2 weeks, I told her that I had some good Bible Study books. My sis said that she would be interested and then Mrs. Glenda expressed an interest. Mrs. Glenda asked if we could meet on Tuesdays. We have had 3 meetings. Our best attendance was 5 with 4 last week. It was good. I am so glad that the Lord gave me something to do for Him. I also do cards for the shut-ins and sick in our church for those who cannot come because of their jobs. God is good all the time!

Jo Ann Rogers Herrin

First Baptist Church, Portageville

Would like to invite you to a
reception

for Steve and Christy Bradford

On Sunday, November 7th

Following the Morning

Worship Service

Finger foods and fellowship



In the Family Life Center

They are leaving after 15 years of service

to our church and the community.

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