

Pastor Corner

A challenge that we are undertaking in 2018 at FBC is 25 people giving \$25 a month towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I have been asked some of the reasons why I have made this challenge. Let me give a couple of the good questions and my responses:

Why emphasize Lottie Moon and not another offering?

This is a good question. Throughout the course of a year, we are asked to give to many different good causes to see disciples made here and around the world. On top of our regular giving, we are asked to go above and beyond and give to OCC, Annie Armstrong, to our own church's van or kitchen fund, Gideon's, etc. These are all ways in which financial resources can be used to make disciples of all nations.

Why I view Lottie Moon differently is because we are called to make disciples of all nations. This means we are called to make disciples here locally and also around the world. Most of us, if we would do it, could minister here locally, even in our state, and could sacrifice to be on mission here in the United States. But for most of us, the ability to go to the nations, around the world, is just not possible. Because we cannot go ourselves, we must send others to go in our place. God calls out people to go to the nations and thus we give to send them so they can go. The cost is great to go, that is why we must sacrifice to send many more to go to the estimated 4 billion people who do not know Christ around the world. Thus, we give more, we sacrifice more, so others can be sent.

Why \$25 a month? Can I give more or less?

I chose 25 people at \$25 a month because if we had that many join the challenge, we would be at \$7,500 for the year. Those individuals who would give \$25 a month would give \$300 for the year. For many of us, December and the holiday season are busy and we spend money on Christmas gifts. We then are not in the position to give as much as we would like to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This way, you are spreading out your giving throughout the year. You are planning your giving.

If \$10 a month is a sacrifice for you, then please give \$10 a month! Maybe \$25 a month is not sacrificial in your life and you want to give \$100 a month, then give \$100 a month!

We are told in Proverbs 21:5 that "the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance." Sacrificial, generous giving will lead to sowing a bountiful harvest. Let us give to join in with God's mission to make disciples of all nations.

Bro. Josh

Associate Pastor to Families

Andrew Bertram is our new Associate Pastor to Families and he is planning to start in mid-February 2018. If needed, Andrew can be reached on his cell phone at (859)583-9226 or by email at asbertram116@gmail.com.

Sympathy

First Baptist Church family offers its deepest sympathy to Elsie Mae Browning and family on the loss of their loved one Daryl Browning; deepest sympathy to the Leeila Kilburn family; to John & Marie Wilbur on the loss of John's father, John Wilbur Sr.

Lottie Moon Offering

Goal amount \$8,000.00

Total amount donated \$8,833.00

Thank You

The family of Daryl Browning would like to thank Bro. Josh, Ron McCullough, Doris McGowan, Elaine Burchett and our church family for the food brought to the house, the meal following the service and the hours of advice, support and prayers. We are blessed beyond measure.

Dear Friends;

Thank you so much for all of the birthday cards.
Lovie Johnson

Dear Friends of First Baptist,

We send our heartfelt thanks for your amazing generosity to us. We are humbled by your faithful support and encouragement as we seek to serve refugees.

You are a part of what God is doing to remind those who have fled their homes and countries that God hears their cries, He sees their suffering and He cares for them. Thank you for joining us as we reach out to those in need.

Blessings on first Baptist and all you do to share the love of Christ each day!

With Love, Tom & Donna Albinson

Dear Members of First Baptist Church

Thank you so much for your donation to the Women's Shelter. The victims of domestic abuse and their children that we serve have so many needs – from basic needs and shelter to independent living. It can be a difficult and frightening time for them. Though your generosity and thoughtfulness, their journey can be made a little easier. We greatly appreciate the caring you have shown.

Sincerely,

GHWS Board, Directors, Staff & Residents

Thank you for your thoughtfulness of the very nice meat and cheese tray for our family.

Janice Belvel & Family

Jeanie Gibson & Family

Thank you for your recent generous donation to the Community Food Pantry/Backpack Buddies. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

KeenAgers

Coffee at Dino's will be Thursday, February 1, with the van leaving from the church at 9:15 a.m. Sign-up sheet is located in the foyer.

Wednesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. will be our Valentine Social and ice cream sundae bar in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 3 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Gideon Presentation

There will be a short Gideon presentation on Sunday, February 4, during the morning worship service.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feb. 4th Alan Ferguson & Dennis Gutshall
Feb. 11th Duane Johnson & Jim McGowan
Feb. 18th Ray Johnson & Ron McCullough
Feb. 25th David Michael & Larry Smith

VAN DRIVERS

Feb. 4th Jim McGowan
Feb. 11th Kenneth Ewing
Feb. 18th R.W. Keuhn
Feb. 25th Jack Stotts

NURSERY

Feb. 4th Babette Hill & Alyssa Schultz
Feb. 11th Sarah & Saedie Jackson
Feb. 18th Jennifer Soriano & Whitney Trump
Feb. 25th Rhonda/Dale Johnson & Leslie West

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Feb. 4th Leslie West
Feb. 11th Tammie Spencer
Feb. 18th Belinda Hogan
Feb. 25th Shakira Fender

FBC AMBASSADORS

Feb. 4th Brian Holcomb
Feb. 11th David & Kayla Michael
Feb. 18th R.W. & Twyla Keuhn
Feb. 25th Larry & Sarah Dannar

SOUND SYSTEM & VIDEO SYSTEM

Feb. 4th Aaron Peyton/Maeanne Browning/Clint Trump
Feb. 11th David Schultz/Aaron Peyton/Duane Johnson
Feb. 18th Wayne K./Mary Ellen Harmon/Albert Soriano
Feb. 25th Larry Dannar/Tim Allen/Albert Soriano

GREETERS

Feb. Upstairs Steve & Lisa Reid
Downstairs Don & Sharon Marnin

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*Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous;
love does not brag and is not arrogant,
does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own,
is not provoked, does not take into account a
wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness,
but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes
all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails; I Corinthians 13:4-8*

ATTENDANCE ~ January 7

Sunday School
AM Worship 145
PM Worship 72
OFFERING
General \$ 3,865.50
Designated \$ 222.00

ATTENDANCE ~ January 14

Sunday School
AM Worship 136
PM Worship 27
OFFERING
General \$ 5,788.50
Designated \$ 1,073.96

ATTENDANCE ~ January 21

Sunday School 93
AM Worship 135
PM Worship 60
OFFERING
General \$ 8,115.00
Designated \$ 12.00

ATTENDANCE ~ January 28

Sunday School 93
AM Worship 151
PM Worship 21
OFFERING
General \$ 4,993.98
Designated \$ 5,981.98

Capital Campaign Update

Kitchen: \$ 5,976.24
Van: \$ 22,490.00