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Will You be a Missionary?

I grew up in a church where we had a steady stream of missionaries talking and preaching to our small congregation. I heard them talk about their work in, what seemed to a small child, strange and far away places.

They showed pictures and clothing from those places. Do you remember flannel graph? They used it to add a visual impact to what they were teaching. It probably was from them that I first heard of Lottie Moon. It became clear that the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" was important to them.

IT STILL IS! Across the SBC money will be given to support missionaries and mission work around the world. There was one missionary that I will never forget. On a Sunday morning he said something like this. "Give to missions. Pray for missionaries. Why don't you become a missionary? Even if God has not called you to be a missionary to foreign lands, why don't you become a missionary right here?" It made an impact on me. Why don't we be missionaries at work, at school, to our friends and neighborhoods? In the SBC we have heard about "Who's Your One?" Ask God to use you to bring people to Christ. Be a missionary where you live, work, study, and play.

Robert



What Will You Give Him?

I recently read a poem by Christina Rossetti, a 19th century poet, about Christmas. In the final stanza she penned these words:

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring Him a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part---
Yet what I can give Him,
Give Him my heart.

At Christmas time it is customary to give gifts. Let me encourage you to give Jesus the gift of your heart this Christmas season. For those of us who know Christ as Savior and Lord, that means turning our hearts toward Him even in the hustle and bustle of this busy season and allowing the Holy Spirit to mold our hearts into a tool used to "bring good tidings of great joy." The root of that phrase is the word for evangelism, or the good news of Jesus. Some of you reading this may have never received God's free gift of eternal life. Would you give Jesus your heart this Christmas season and trust Him for the forgiveness of your sins and for a full meaningful life right now? If you would like to talk to someone about that, give me a call! We can all give Him our heart this Christmas!

I pray you and your family have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Blessings:
Chris



**The PBA Office will be closed
December 23-27 for the Christmas holidays
and Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's
Day 2020.**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
to everyone from your PBA Staff!**



Treasurer's Report October 2019

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Contributions from Churches | 22,594.44 |
| Other | 1,497.34 |
| Total | 24,091.78 |
| Total Spent in Oct | 24,965.42 |
| Difference | -873.64 |
| Monthly Budget Required | 25,567.33 |
| Budget Required thru Oct | 255,673.30 |
| Receipts to date | 213,432.07 |
| Budget Deficit | -42,241.23 |

| Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly) | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | Jan-Oct 2019 | Jan-Oct 2018 |
| Agape | 3,322.21 | 2,617.32 |
| Arial | 3,020.00 | 3,244.00 |
| Bishop Branch | 8,129.51 | 10,324.22 |
| Brushy Creek | 10,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Calumet | 1,524.00 | 1,816.00 |
| Calvary Hill | 7,949.50 | 7,503.85 |
| Cannon Memorial | 2,083.40 | 2,458.34 |
| Catechee | 3,395.00 | 2,858.10 |
| Cedar Rock | 2,852.37 | 2,334.97 |
| Central First | 4,137.00 | 2,504.00 |
| Connection Fellowship | 637.50 | 637.50 |
| Corinth | 1,836.75 | 2,288.43 |
| Crosswell First | 900.00 | 800.00 |
| Easley First | 7,166.70 | 7,883.33 |
| East Clemson | 2,189.19 | 2,505.23 |
| East Side | 3,750.00 | 3,750.00 |
| Elljean | 1,100.15 | 1,116.32 |
| Enon | 1,353.67 | 4,175.29 |
| Esperanza | .00 | .00 |
| Faith | 500.00 | 550.00 |
| *Fellowship Comm | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| Flat Rock | 6,239.20 | 7,048.56 |
| Geer Mem. | 3,382.36 | 3,428.66 |
| Georges Creek | 1,967.05 | 2,304.42 |
| Glenwood | 2,535.96 | 2,276.65 |
| Graceway | .00 | .00 |
| Hunt's Mem. | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Jones Ave. | 6,317.34 | 4,987.68 |
| Liberty First | 2,750.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Mountain Springs | 6,983.79 | 7,565.71 |
| Mt. Airy | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Mt. Carmel | 6,463.31 | 6,869.02 |
| Mt. Moriah | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 261.00 | .00 |
| Norris First | 7,333.34 | 6,650.00 |
| Park Street | 279.00 | 208.00 |
| Pendleton St. | 588.56 | 761.64 |
| Powdersville First | 9,803.72 | 10,356.22 |
| Refuge | 2,000.00 | 1,683.30 |
| Rice's Creek | 1,251.98 | 1,475.68 |
| River Road | 1,165.94 | 853.01 |
| Rock Springs | 40,169.46 | 38,720.90 |
| Ruhamah | .00 | .00 |
| Siloam | 8,780.18 | 8,800.17 |
| Six & Twenty | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 |
| Slabtown | 2,284.00 | 2,219.00 |
| Smith Grove | 700.00 | 400.00 |
| The Neighborhood | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Trinity Point | .00 | .00 |
| Wren | 752.21 | 827.62 |
| Total | 203,755.35 | 206,303.14 |

*Not a member of PBA



Approximately 890
Prisoner Packets
were prepared by
the PBA WMU ladies.



Birthdays:

- 2 Jamie Gibson, Pastor, Rice’s Creek
- 3 Brandon Wimpey, Pastor, Elljean
- 7 Paul Turner, Pastor, Mt. Carmel
- 7 David Bagwell, Pastor, The Neighborhood Church
- 7 Jeffrey Harris, Pastor, Calumet
- 11 Gene Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
- 11 Nathan Foxx, Minister of Youth, Bishop Branch
- 13 Loretta Dover, wife of PBA Education Team Leader
- 19 James Johnson, Student Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 23 Heath Bowie, Pastor, Refuge
- 26 Sandra Hendricks, wife of Pastor, Enon

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 14 Jeremy & Stephanie Merck, Pastor, Norris First
- 15 Miles & Christy Bridges, Pastor, Powdersville First
- 17 Walt & Debbie Sweet, Min. of Education, Rock Springs
- 18 Dave & Cathy Shorter, Pastor, Calvary Hill
- 21 Paul & Beth Turner, Pastor, Mt. Carmel
- 29 Wayne & Evelyn Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
- 29 David & Anna Lyles, Pastor, Connection
- 30 George & Wanda Tate, Pastor, Slabtown
- 31 John & Donna Adams, Pastor, Easley First
- 31 Jamie & Cindy Gibson, Pastor, Rice’s Creek

Staff Anniversaries:

- 2008 - Phil McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial
- 2015 - Brandon Wimpey, Pastor, Elljean
- 2018 - Jamie Gibson, Pastor, Rice’s Creek

Ministry Assistants to Meet

Join us **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11:45** for lunch at the PBA Office. Please bring a wrapped \$7-\$10 Christmas ornament/decoration to exchange. Lunch will be provided but I need to know how many to plan for. Please call me at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com on or before **Monday, Dec. 9.**



Lottie Moon Tea Cake Recipe

Lottie Moon often made tea cakes (cookies) for the children in her village. The children ate the cookies. Then, they would take Lottie to meet their mothers. Lottie shared the gospel with the mothers and the children.

Plain Tea Cake

(As made by Lottie Moon)

- 3 teacups of sugar
- 1 teacup of butter
- 1 teacup of sour milk
- 4 pints of flour
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- ½ teaspoon of soda
- Flavor to taste. Roll thin. Bake in a quick oven.

Plain Tea Cake

(Adapted recipe for today's cooks)

- 2 cups of flour
- ½ cup butter
- 1 heaping cup of sugar
- 1 well-beaten egg
- 1 tablespoon cream
- Cream the 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.