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Every year during the Advent season leading up to Christmas, Southern Baptist churches around the world take time to honor a dedicated missionary named Lottie Moon by contributing to the annual Christmas offering that bears her name.

Lottie was born Charlotte Digges Moon, December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. Early in her life, Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree.

Edmonia Moon, Lottie's sister, was appointed to Tengchow, China, in 1872. The following year, Lottie, age 32, was appointed and joined her sister there. Lottie served 39 years as a missionary, mostly in China's Shantung province. She taught

in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the good news with women and girls.

Early on in her work the Chinese people feared and rejected her. However, the aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned China's language and customs.

Lottie didn't just serve the people of China; she identified with them. Many eventually accepted her and her Savior.

Lottie wrote many letters home detailing China's hunger for truth and the struggle of so few missionaries taking the gospel to the 472 million Chinese in her day. She also shared the urgent need for more workers and for Southern Baptists to support them through prayer and giving.

She once wrote home to the Foreign Mission Board, "Please say to the [new] missionaries they are coming to a life of hardship, responsibility and constant self-denial."

Lottie Moon died on Christmas Eve 1912 at age 72 from

complications due to malnutrition resulting from a famine that struck China that year. In 1918, the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had given her life to missions on the foreign field.

Today, Southern Baptist international missionaries depend upon the support given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Prayerfully consider how you will give toward our Elm Grove Baptist Church goal of \$1,500.

Carole and I wish our EGBC family a Merry Christmas.

Pastor Brian



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kirk Hidalgo	2nd
Wanda Kent	2nd
Natalea Rice	5th
Kay Sutton	6th
Glen Barnes, Jr.	11th
Betty McKinney	11th
Katie Wren	14th
Nancy Dorbandt	15th
Ricky Bumgardner	18th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Tina Spearman	1st
Kevin & Diana Lott	15th
Steve & Kay Sutton	22nd



Charlie's Chats

Thanks to all of you who have been so diligent in working on the Christmas program. We only have 3 more rehearsals until we present *On Christmas Day* so please make every effort to attend choir rehearsal on Wednesday night!

I'm looking forward to our annual Candlelight, Carols & Communion on Christmas Eve. It is always such a special, worshipful service for the entire family.



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY**
Saturday,
December 9th
From 12 to 2 p.m.



**FOR
1-3 Grade Sunday School
Teacher
Nursery & Toddler Area
during worship**



**Presented by
The Praise Choir
Sunday, December 17th
During Morning Worship**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.



**OUR CHURCH GOAL:
\$1,500**



**A TIME OF
REVERENCE AND
CELEBRATION WITH
YOUR FAMILY**

