



THE PROCLAIMER

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Dear PBC Family,

As I write this, we are preparing for Thanksgiving Day. This past Sunday, we took some time during the morning worship service to share what we were thankful for this year. Some spoke about their spouse. Some spoke about their family. Several spoke about how thankful they were to be a part of our PBC family. Some were even thankful for their struggles that had brought them closer to God.

For me, all those things are on my list as well. My wife has been my encourager through three career changes, moving to 8 different towns and my desire to share Jesus internationally. My family has its share of problems and crazy relatives, but we love each other and support each other. Being the pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church has been one of God's greatest gifts to me. And though I am not thankful yet for all my struggles, I am convinced that God has and will continue to use them for my good.

But, at the top of my "thankful" list is Jesus. Were it not for HIM, I would have none of the other things on my list. My wife would certainly never have become my wife if I did not know Jesus. My family would not be the family it is without our legacy of faith. I could not have survived my struggles without HIM by my side. And I certainly never would have met the PBC family that I love so much. Thank God for Jesus!

As we prepare for Christmas, let's be thankful for the baby in the manger. Let's be thankful for the lessons Jesus taught us in the Gospels. Let's be grateful for HIS death on the cross. Let's praise HIM for HIS glorious resurrection. Let's look with anticipation to HIS soon return. But, let's also be thankful that HE is a part of our day-to-day lives. HE is Immanuel, "God with us."

He is with us in our marriage. He is with us as we deal with family problems. He joins us each Sunday as we worship HIM. You may go days without thinking of HIM, but HE never goes a second without thinking of you.

Merry Christmas! May our Father bless you as you bless HIM. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you! RCA

Happy Birthday!

1-Travis Cox, Wyatt Helms, Cameron Knight, Timothy Pressley, Sadie Tarlton
2-Dale Evans
3-Butch Zimmerman
4-Shirley Rorie, Sherry Severt
5-Carlyn Rushing, Jake Taylor
6-Darrell Jenkins
6-Ava Tarlton
7-Kevin Ciucevich
10-Sandra Davis
11-Jan Howell, Lisa McClain
13-Nancy Glidewell, Lori Lee
14-Linda Day
15-Leejon Tadlock
16-Avery Gouch, Mindy Jenkins
17-Carla Bowers
18-Logan Helms
19-Tiffany Estelle, Nicky Lee
20-Cookie Helms, Katie Jo Lee
21-Fred Porter
22-Mary Katherine Atkinson, Chris Davis, Deneice Hendrick
23-Jerry Medlin
26-Drew Bowers, Amy Duke
27-Erin Felt, Jaleigh Sinclair
28-Billy Hendrick
31-Sarah Bailey, Dawn Woodward

NURSERY WORKERS

December 2nd - Kaylee Duke and Lacy Lee
December 9th - Jen Myers and Kate Rapp
December 16th - Chad Clay and Whitney Beard
December 23rd - Kelly Baker and Brooke Baker
December 30th - Sherry Nash and Vanna Nash

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Children's Church is for ages 2 to 5 years old.

2 & 3 Year Old's

December 2nd: MK & Michael Atkinson

December 9th: Jennifer & Bob Selby

December 16th: Sherry & Vanna Nash

December 23rd: Cantata-No Class

December 30th: Jen Myers & Kate Rapp

4 & 5 Year Old's

Kathy Brock & Jill Atkinson

Carla Bowers & Kaylee Duke

Kim Outen & Ashlynn Porter

Cantata-No Class

Peggy Smith & Kelly Baker



“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Worship Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 23rd at 11:00 AM

On a quiet, calm night in Bethlehem, heavens light broke through the darkness with the birth of Christ. Shepherds joined a host of angels to rejoice in this divine arrival on earth. 2,000 years later, we reflect on how this single event in a humble stable would change the rest of history. Join us as we take a journey back in time to this incredible story with the Worship Choir as they present the Christmas musical, “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

Listen as the choir presents Christmas favorites and new arrangements that will unfold the wonder of the events that took place in Bethlehem. The songs will move our hearts to celebrate this season and to remember the greatest gift ever given. A gift to remember not only at Christmas but throughout the coming New Year!

CHRISTMAS PLAY

DATE: December 16th TIME: 6:00 PM

Church Fellowship

TIME: Following the Christmas Play

PLACE: Family Life Center

Please bring finger foods for fellowship after the play.

Note to Parents that have children/youth in the Christmas Play

Practices will be on Sunday Mornings during the Children's Church time (practice during children's church is for ages 4 through 6th grade at the parent's discretion. It is not mandatory during that time) and we will also have it at 4:00 PM. Dress rehearsal will be on Friday December 14th at 6:00 PM. This is open for all ages...children and youth. Please bring finger foods for fellowship after the play on December 16th. If you have any questions, please see Lauren Davis.

Donna Pittman Toy Store

If you would like to donate a toy to the Donna Pittman Toy Store, please turn in by December 2nd (please leave price tag on toy). More Information about the Toy Store is posted on the bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Study Meeting

DATE: Monday, December 3rd; PLACE: Taco Bell, Pageland

TIME: Meet at Taco Bell at 6:00 PM

Children of the World Choir



Sunday Night, December 23rd 7:00 PM

We need 7 host families to house the children on that night. They will be leaving early on Christmas Eve morning. If you would be willing to host some of these children, please let Pastor Carroll know.



Lottie Moon: INGATHERING: DECEMBER 16th

THINGS ABOUT LOTTIE MOON:

1. Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840.
2. Her name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her “Lottie.”
3. She was 4’9” tall.
4. Before she became a Christian while in high school, Lottie missed required chapels 26 times.
5. Lottie loved to pull pranks on others. Once, when asked what the “D” stood for in her middle name, she replied, “Devil.”
6. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years, primarily in Tengchow and Pingtu.
7. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors.
8. Lottie had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker. (Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her.)
9. Lottie led in the campaign to end the practice of bound feet. The Chinese believed small feet made a woman more beautiful, so girl’s feet were bound tightly with cloth. Girls with bound feet could hardly walk, and infections, gangrene, and even death were common side effects of this practice.

LOTTIE'S OWN WORDS ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

“Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?”

Lottie Moon Christmas Card Delivery Fundraiser

WMU Ladies will “deliver” your Christmas Cards for you.

1. Send cards to *active church members only.

(*This is so all your cards will be picked up since we do not mail them out by US Mail.)

2. Give “stamp money” that will go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help send missionaries all around the world.
3. Turn cards in no later than December 16th.
4. Please put in alphabetical order.
5. We will have cards ready for pick up on December 23, 2018 in the vestibule and/or Sunday School Classrooms.

Thank you for supporting Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our church goal is \$5000.00.

Christmas Card Lists are available in the vestibule.

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 st &2 nd -Rose Hill, VA Mission Trip FLC: Clay
2 Donna Pittman Toy Store toys due today	3 Ladies Bible Study at Taco Bell Pageland at 6 PM	4	5 WMU, Wednesday night classes	6	7	8 FLC: McIntyre Donna Pittman Toy Store
9 Church Conference No AWANAS	10	11	12 Golden Age Christmas Luncheon 11:00 AM in FLC; Adult Bible Study, Wednesday night classes	13	14 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal at 6:00 PM	15
16 AM: Ingathering for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; PM: Christmas Play 6 PM & Church Fellowship	17 January News-letter items due	18	19 Adult Bible Study, Wednesday night classes	20	21	22
23 AM: Worship Choir Christmas Cantata; PM: Children of the World Concert; No AWANAS	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed	26 No Classes or Services Tonight	27	28	29 FLC: McIntyre
30 Communion; AWANA-1/2 Way Book	31					

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA; 6:30-AWANA Supper; 6:00 PM Youth, Adult Bible Study; 7:00 PM Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1st Wednesday Night; Adult Bible Study on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday Nights

Family Life Center Schedule: 1st Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2nd Wed. of Month: GA Class; 3rd Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4th Wed. of Month: Youth Class

Golden Age Group



DATE: Wednesday, December 12th

TIME: 11:00 AM • PLACE: Family Life Center
Please come out and join us for fun, fellowship, lunch and more.
Ralph Baker will be cooking our meal for us.



Merry Christmas

From the Staff of PBC



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DECEMBER AWANA MEAL VOLUNTEERS

2nd: Carroll & Sherrie Anthony

16th: Jen Myers

30th: Kasey Wallace