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Remember: " Only one life will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."

The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Two weeks ago, at the North Carolina Baptist Convention, I had a conversation with my good friend Rick Hughes. He is a good soul and a wonderful servant of God who currently serves at the State Convention. Rick and I served churches in Rockingham together for several years and I always learn something when I am around him.

Many years ago, Rick taught me two things about being a pastor that I have never forgotten. First of all, he told me, *“Carroll, I have learned that I am no longer trying to build my own kingdom. I am just working for the King.”* I have tried to adopt this principle in my own life. No matter where I serve, no matter what God would call me to do, I am just working for the King. To Him be the glory! Secondly, Rick taught me that as a pastor, *“You should only do what only you can do.”* As pastors, it is easy for us to get pulled in many different directions. And if we are not careful, we can spend our ministry doing good things, but not the best things. This nugget of wisdom has made a huge difference in how I do ministry, and has helped me prioritize my time.

When I saw Rick two weeks ago, I knew that I once again was going to get a nugget of wisdom. Rick and his wife have been battling cancer for several years and continue to battle even today. As I sat down beside my brother, friend and mentor, he said, *“Carroll, when you go through what I have gone through over the past several years, it really helps you to get things in perspective. You find out what things are important. You find out which people are important. And for this alone, I am truly grateful.”* Thanks again my friend, for your wisdom.

As we enter the Christmas season and the close of another year, some have had a difficult year. And you are hoping that 2020 holds better things for you. This is certainly true for my family. But, if we allow them, our difficult times do help us put our lives in perspective. We do come to appreciate those things and those people who are extremely valuable to us.

As I write this, we are just a few days away from Thanksgiving Day, and among the things I am most thankful for is our PBC family. You have made this difficult year much easier to bear, and I will forever be grateful to God for you.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

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Do you know the namesake of our Christmas offering for international missions? In 1875, Lottie Moon, a single woman, obeyed God's call to missions in China. She lived with the Chinese people in Tengchow and P'ingtu, adopting their dress and culture. Lottie's unshakable pursuit was to see all of China hear about and receive the gospel message of Jesus love and forgiveness. Lottie gave her life for China, ministering there for almost 40 years until her death in 1912. While living in China, Lottie endlessly wrote letters to the national WMU leaders asking for money and more missionaries so that the missions work among the Chinese people could grow. Her determination was unmatched. Largely motivated by Lottie's letters, WMU began collecting a Christmas offering. Five years after Lottie's death, Annie Armstrong recommended naming the offering for Lottie Moon. To this day, the offering is called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. One-hundred percent of this offering is used to support our missionaries serving internationally. May we, as Southern Baptist children of God, stand firm and give sacrificially to the proclamation of the GOSPEL to all nations and tribes! Pray and Give!!!

OUR LOTTIE MOON INGATHERING IS: Sunday, December 8th

Week of Prayer is Sunday, December 1st – Sunday, December 8th

WMU Christmas Card Delivery

Our WMU Ladies will “deliver” Christmas Cards again this year to raise money for Lottie Moon. Please turn in your alphabetically sorted cards by Wednesday, December 18th. Cards will be ready to pick up on Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you 😊

AWANA MEAL VOLUNTEERS

- 1st: Deborah Sullivan
- 8th: Watch Bulletin for volunteer.
- 15th: No AWANA Club
- 22nd: Christmas Service – No Class
- 29th: Erin Felt & Deneice Hendrick

***The Youth will not eat with us on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

AWANA-DONATE TO A MISSIONARY

As you know, Kathy Brock has been called to be an AWANA missionary. To be able to serve in this capacity, she must raise her own support. If you would like to help her in this, please make your checks payable to AWANA #207 and mail them to: AWANA Clubs International, 15877 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693-0158. You may also give online to Awana.org/donate and click on “Donate To A Missionary” then go to North Carolina and click on Kathy Brock.



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, December 17th **TIME:** 8:30 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant in Pageland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS: For ages 2 to 5 years old.

2/3 Year Old's

4/5 Year Old's

- 1st: Carla & Lisa
- 8th: Crystal & Chad
- 15th: Skyla & Luisa
- 22nd: Christmas Service – No Class
- 29th: Jennifer & Kate

No Class due to Christmas Play Practice at this time.

Children's Devotion Class

No Classes until January due to Christmas Play Practice during this time.

Melissa Pugh



Coffee & Canvas Day Pictures

Some lovely ladies had fun, food, and fellowship during our Coffee & Canvas day in November. We had a great time and can't wait until the next event! Thank you, Melissa Pugh, for coming out and sharing your testimony and talent!!

Mission Friends

December

4th- Carla and Lisa

11th- Sheri, Ava and Karlie

18th- Carla and Lisa (Birthday party for Jesus)

25th- No Class-Happy Birthday Jesus ♥

Golden Age Christmas Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd **TIME:** 11:00 AM **PLACE:** Family Life Center

AWANA NEWS

AWANA will meet on December 1st, December 8th (AWANA-1/2Way Book Completion) and December 29th. (There will be NO AWANA Club on December 15th and December 22nd - Christmas Play presentation).

AWANA Clubbers...save the date! January 1st - Skating Party at Kate's Skate. The time of day is yet to be determined, so watch bulletins for more details.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.



Merry Christmas
from the Staff of PBE

December 2019

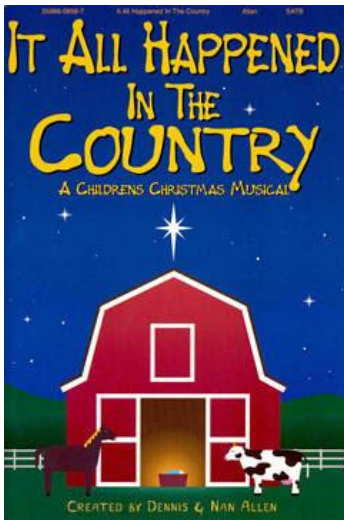
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer Sunday Services 11:00 AM Baptism; Christmas Play Practice 4-4:45 PM	2 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Conf. Room	3 Golden Age Christmas Luncheon in FLC at 11:00 AM	4 WMU, Regular Classes 7:00 PM	5	6 Mission Team leaves for Rose Hill, VA	7
8 Lottie Moon Ingathering Deadline for Donna Pittman Toy Store toy donations. Sunday Services- Church Conference; Christmas Play Practice 4-4:45 PM; AWANA-1/2Way Book Completion	9	10	11 Adult Bible Study, Regular Classes 7:00 PM	12	13	14 Donna Pittman Toy Store at UBA
15 Sunday Services; No AWANA Club; Christmas Play Practice 4-6 PM	16	17 Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant 8:30 AM	18 Christmas Cards Due Adult Bible Study, Regular Classes 7:00 PM; Christmas Play Practice 7-8 PM	19	20 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 6-8 PM	21
22 Christmas Cards available for pick up. Sunday Services; No AWANA Club; Christmas Play 6 PM and Church Fellowship—Bring Finger foods to share 😊	23 Minister at Community Shelter	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM	25 No Classes/Services	26	27	28
29 Sunday Services- Communion	30	31	January 1 AWANA Skating Party...watch bulletin for more details.			

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:00 PM Children's Choir Practice on 4th & 5th Sundays During Traditional School Year (Exception: Christmas Play Practice); 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA; 6:30-AWANA Supper During Traditional School Year; 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



Children's Christmas Play It All Happened in the Country

DATE: Sunday, December 22nd **TIME:** 6:00 PM

Everyone, please bring finger foods for fellowship following the play.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1st: 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Sunday, December 8th: 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

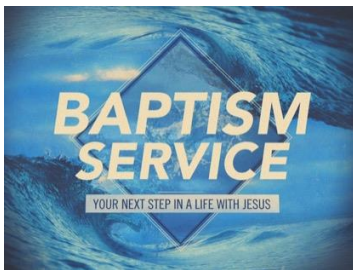
Sunday, December 15th: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18th-7:00-8:00 PM

Friday, December 20th: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Dress Rehearsal

Dress: All kids need country attire (overalls, jeans, plaid shirts.)

Please see Lauren Jenkins for more details.



We will be having a baptism service Sunday, December 1st. If you are awaiting baptism and would like to be a part of this service, please contact Pastor Caroll.

Happy "DECEMBER" Birthdays 🎂

1-Travis Cox, Belinda Goodman, 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-Phillip Bowers, Darrell Jenkins, Ava Tarlton

7-Kevin Ciucevich, Veronica Freytag

10-Sandra Davis

10-Hannah Freytag

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

24-Sherry Arant

26-Drew Bowers, Amy Duke

27-Erin Felt, Jaleigh Sinclair

28-Billy Hendrick

30-Ayda Turner

31-Sarah Bailey, Dawn Woodward