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Operation Christmas Child

We have 15 spots available for volunteering on
Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00-10:00 PM.
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Lettie Moore
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
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missionaries to be
sent to make
disciples & multiply
churches among
unreached peoples
and places for the
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The Proclaimer



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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

I am writing this article on the Monday of Thanksgiving Day week. This past Saturday, we had our PBC Thanksgiving dinner. Most people took advantage of our drive thru option to get their plates, but a good number came inside and enjoyed Christian fellowship around the table. It was a small step toward bringing us back together as a church family after a long year of dealing with the pandemic. While the pandemic is far from over, and we all need to be wise about where we go and what we do, this dinner was an encouragement to many. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this happen.

On Sunday night of this weekend, our AWANAS had “glow in the dark” night. Although the number of children was much less than in years past, it was good to hear their laughter, and to see them enjoying being at church again. After AWANA, some of our members decided it was time to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. This year, we will be missing many of our traditional activities, but again it did my heart good to see those decorations going up. And the sanctuary is beautiful. Thanks to everyone who helped with this.

Today I delivered our Operation Christmas Child boxes to the UBA. Last week, I took backpacks to our Red Springs Mission Camp. While we will not be making the trip to Rose Hill this year, and most of us will not get to work at the OCC warehouse, you were still amazingly generous to give to others. And the Kingdom of God marches on even though much of the world has slowed to a crawl.

During this month, we will receive our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that is so vital to our IMB missionaries. I have no doubt that you will again give generously, because you have a heart that beats for missions. Thank you so much for all you do for the Kingdom of God.

Also, this past Sunday you expressed your appreciation to your pastor. As always, I was humbled by your love for and your commitment to our ministry here in the Philadelphia community. Words are not enough to express my love and gratitude for you. I am so blessed, and I mean it when I say that it is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

Merry Christmas to you all and those you love. While this Christmas will be different from any other, one thing remains the same. Philadelphia Baptist continues to be a lighthouse to this community and around the world.

In his letter to the Thessalonian church, Paul expressed to that church what I want to say to you as I end this article: *“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.”* May God bless you all! RCA



Hi All,

This has been a good week with better things to come over the next couple of weeks. I have actually started seeing Christmas lights going up on houses and Christmas trees in the windows. I have been hearing that Christmas takes us back to happier times. So why not enjoy it a little while longer. Personally, I'm thinking about a Thanksgiving picnic. I hope we continue to have seasonally warm weather for a little bit longer before it gets cold enough for the white Christmas to come in.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving. I am so thankful for all of you.

Kathy Brock, Awana Missionary Appointee

843-672-8408 donate at - <http://www.Awana.org/missionary/kathy-brock>

Dear Friends & Family,

Thank you so much for your support. We are richly blessed by your continued support. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Psalms 78:4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done. (KJV)

This week I worked with the Sparkies at my church. We talked about genealogy. As I was preparing the lesson, I wondered if talking about the genealogy of Jesus would be way over their heads.

I started by talking about their parents and how their parent's moms and dads were their grandparents. Then we talked about great-grandparents who are their grandparent's moms and dads. They understood the relationships in their family very well.



We then talked about the geneology of Jesus Christ. We talked about the story of Ruth and Boaz. I was very impressed that the children were able to tell me that Ruth and Boaz had a little boy named Obed. Obed got married and had a son name Jesse. Jesse got married and had a son named David. Then David became king and had sons who had sons; several generations later, Jesus was born.

So yes! I believe that we should share the entire word of God to all of our children. All of the word even the genealogy and all of the wonderful works that He hath done.

Thank you for supporting me as God prepares me to reach more children in NC & SC with the gospel of Christ. Thank you for your partnership. It means the world to me and the children.

Sincerely, Kathy & Randy Brock Awana Carolinas

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST ***Notice date change***

DATE: Monday, December 14th **TIME:** 9:00 AM; **PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant



If you would like to volunteer at the **Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store**, please call Teresa Polk at 704-283-8932. If you would like to donate toys, you may drop off toys here at the church in the vestibule or in Secretary's office now until December 6th or at the UBA office between December 1st through 11th. Thank you.

Week of Prayer: Sunday, Nov. 29th - Sunday, Dec. 6th

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

Ingathering: Sunday, December 6th

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Due to COVID-19 and some members & friends watching our online services from home, we will not have our **Lottie Moon Christmas Card Delivery** this year. We encourage you to still send each other cards through the mail and/or virtual cards through e-mail. If you would like an address list, please contact the church. Also, remember 100% of your gifts to Lottie Moon provide for missionaries all over the world. This offering will be received during the month of December. 😊

Ladies Bible Study

DATE: Monday, December 7th

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Classroom Beside "Food Pantry"



December Birthdays

Travis Cox	December 1
Belinda Goodman	December 1
Wyatt Helms	December 1
Cameron Knight	December 1
Timothy Pressley	December 1
Sadie Tarlton	December 1
Jack Ellison	December 2
Dale Evans	December 2
Case Gouch	December 2
Butch Zimmerman	December 3
Shirley Rorie	December 4
Sherry Severt	December 4
Carlyn Rushing	December 5
Jake Taylor	December 5
Phillip Bowers	December 6
Darrell Jenkins	December 6
Ava Tarlton	December 6
Kevin Ciucevich	December 7
Veronica Freytag	December 7
Sandra Davis	December 10
Hannah Freytag	December 10
Jan Howell	December 11
Lisa McClain	December 11
Nancy Glidewell	December 13
Lori Lee	December 13
Linda Day	December 14
Leejon Tadlock	December 15
Avery Gouch	December 16
Mindy Jenkins	December 16
Carla Bowers	December 17
Kelsi Brock	December 18
Logan Helms	December 18
Tiffany Estelle	December 19
Nicky Lee	December 19
Cookie Helms	December 20
Katie Jo Lee	December 20
Fred Porter	December 21
Mary Katherine Atkinson	December 22
Chris Davis	December 22
Deneice Hendrick	December 22
Jerry Medlin	December 23
Sherry Arant	December 24
Drew Bowers	December 26
Amy Duke	December 26
<u>Erin Felt</u>	<u>December 27</u>
Jaleigh Sinclair	December 27
Billy Hendrick	December 28
Ayda Turner	December 30
Sarah Bailey	December 31
Dawn Woodward	December 31

January 1st Week Birthdays

Maggie Altman	January 1
David Autry	January 1
Jeffrey Hunter	January 1
Todd Nash	January 1
Corinne Rushing	January 1
Ona Ruth Smith	January 1
Olivia Davis	January 3
Hannah Turner	January 3
Whitney Beard	January 4
Brittany Ciucevich	January 6
Eddie Wallace	January 6
Brian Benton	January 7
Mark Hinson	January 7
Brent Vaughn	January 7



Joy to the World

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BIRTH
BLESSINGS
CAMELS
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT
JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MIRACLE

MYRRH
NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
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THREE KINGS
WISE MEN

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SUNDAY

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is received during this month.		1	2 WMU, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, 7:00 PM; Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook at 6:00 PM (No in person Bible Study)	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM *Morning Worship; Ingathering for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; 4:30-6:00 PM; In Person AWANA & Youth Donna Pittman Toy Store toys due today.	7 Ladies Bible Study 7 PM in Basement room beside Food Pantry.	8	9 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7 PM;	10	11	12 Donna Pittman Toy Store at UBA
13 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM *Morning Worship and Church Conference 4:30-6:00 PM In Person AWANA & Youth	14 Ladies Prayer Breakfast TIME: 9 AM PLACE: Beth's Restaurant Note Date Change	15	16 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	17	18	19
20 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM *Morning Worship; 4:30-6:00 PM In Person AWANA & Youth	21	22	23 No Wednesday Services	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM *Morning Worship 4:30-6:00 PM In Person AWANA & Youth; Lottie Moon WEEK of Prayer Starts	28	29	30 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	31		

Merry Christmas from the Staff of PBC!

*Morning Worship in Sanctuary and is Live Streamed on Facebook and in the Family Life Center; Parking Lot radio station 107.7 FM

A Note from **JENKS**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas was a song written in the 50's. Originally titled " It's beginning to look like Christmas" The words A LOT were later added. Those 2 words do add a little more meaning to the song. Some retailers have pulled the song from their overhead radio because of its reference to guns in the lyrics. I'm not sure about the original meaning or what inspired the song, that is debatable. I do know from my 30 years at Lowes, that the song could be true in other months than December or even late November. We used to get Christmas related items in mid-November then it gradually moved earlier in the year. Now it isn't unusual to start getting things in August. I know, Christmas in August. I thought that was just at church. A time where we could look at what the missionaries are doing around the world.

Everyone wants it to look like Christmas earlier and earlier every year but what does that mean. I guess that depends on who you are and your motives. Retailers are looking out for their bottom lines. Some are wanting to connect simpler times while others just love the idea of being around family. It is a nice song and has been one of the most popular songs throughout the years. I just think he takes on a new meaning nowadays. Gone are the days of holiday cheer and laughter. Gone are the simpler times in life. Gone are the days we get to spend with family and friends. In their place are rudeness, impatience and even sorrow. I taught a lesson for Sunday School a few weeks back that was inspired by that song in a weird sort of way. I heard the song on the radio, and it stuck in my head for a day or two. I began to ask myself what does that really look like? I'll admit, I have a weird or unorthodox way of thinking at times (not sure you ever noticed). As I was pondering those things, I was reminded of Jairus in the Gospel of Mark. Reading his story, we can learn a great deal from him in the way he handles a difficult situation in his life. I don't have the space to accurately or adequately convey all that we can gain from his circumstance so I will be very brief. Here are just a few things we can take from that passage. I will ask you to read it for yourself then come back and read the rest of this. It's Mark 5 21:43

One of the first things we need to know and understand is WHO to go to in times of need. Jairus saw Jesus and went and fell at his feet. Jairus knew Jesus was the answer to his problems. Not only as a Healer but as Lord. He said, "if you can

place your hands on her". That shows he knew he was the great physician. Kneeling showed his understanding that Jesus was Lord. Jesus goes with him. We learn that Jairus is PATIENT. How many of you would say we don't have time for this, we need to go? Jairus PATIENTLY waits on the Lord. In the process, he as well as others get to see great things get accomplished. He does so PATIENTLY. As a result, bad news comes his way but notice how he handles this. He BELIEVED and OBEYED. Jesus told him don't be afraid, just believe. We know he did that because they went on their way back to his house. This holiday season and every season going forward, I challenge myself as well as anyone reading this to learn a few lessons from Jairus. KNOW WHO JESUS REALLY IS (Healer and LORD and our SAVIOR) USE PATIENCE in our lives BELIEVE AND OBEY. The old hymn TRUST and OBEY for there really is no other way.

I'll leave you with this, Charles Dickens had Scrooge promise to "Honor Christmas in his Heart and try to keep it all year". I say Accept Christ in your Heart and Honor him with your life. Jenks



Pecan Snowballs

Ingredients

2 C. flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt

2 C. chopped pecans, divided

1 C. unsalted butter, softened

$\frac{1}{3}$ C. sugar

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla

Powdered sugar

Directions

Preheat the oven to 325° and line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Mix the flour, salt, and 1 cup of the pecans. Finely grind the remaining pecans in a food processor, then stir them into the flour mixture.

In a separate bowl, cream together the butter and sugar. Beat in the vanilla and the flour mixture until mixed. Roll into scant tablespoon-sized balls and bake for 18 minutes or until the bottoms are golden. Cool on the pans for 2 minutes, then move to a rack to finish cooling. Roll cooled cookies in powdered sugar. Let stand about an hour, then roll again in powdered sugar.

