



## LOTTIE MOON

### Cookies open doors for gospel conversations

The people in China were suspicious of missionary Lottie Moon. Lottie turned to a favorite Christmas activity to build relationships with her new neighbors — baking cookies. Children flocked around her to try the sweet treats. Soon, mothers within the community invited Lottie into their homes where she told them about Jesus.

### COOKIE RECIPE INSIDE NEWSLETTER 😊

As you make Lottie Moon Cookies/Tea Cakes as a family, pray for international missionaries as they serve the Lord in other countries around the world. Pray that the Lord would open doors for them to share the Good News of Jesus with those they come in contact with every day. Pray that the Lord would keep them safe and that He would provide their every need. As you pray, ask God to show you how you can be involved in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Merry Christmas! I am so grateful to God for another opportunity to spend Christmas with our Philadelphia Baptist family. God has been so faithful to us during this past year. He has given us grace and comfort as we have said “*until we meet again*” to some of our family members whose faith has become sight. God has added new members to our family that we already have come to love and appreciate. And God continues to change the eternal destinies of precious souls through His grace and your willingness to share and your faithfulness to serve. Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom of God.

Tony Evans tells the following story that I wanted to share with you. “*One year at Christmastime, my wife wanted some wrapped boxes to use for decoration. She took eight empty boxes and had them wrapped to use as decoration at our front door. Those boxes sat in the front of our house, impeccably wrapped, topped with bows, but empty. I didn’t worry about a thief coming and stealing any of the wrapped boxes in front of our house—there wasn’t anything in them. A lot of folks are well-wrapped, but there’s nothing on inside of any value.*”

The Bible says that before we know Jesus we are “*dead in trespasses and sins.*” In other words, we are like a beautifully wrapped package with nothing inside. That is why Jesus came. “*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*”  
(Ephesians 2:4 – 6 NKJV)

Let’s make it our aim this Christmas to seek out those who don’t yet know the blessing of being “*made alive*” in Christ. Let’s tell them about the grace we have been shown. Our time is short.

I can’t describe to you what a joy it is to serve our Lord with you. May our Father bless you and yours this Christmas. RCA

## Golden Age



**DATE:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**TIME:**

Meet at church at 4:45 PM if you would like to ride the van or meet us at Quincy's Restaurant at 5:30 PM

**PLACE:** Lee Park Church

See Teresa Eudy for more details and to sign up.

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Ladies Retreat 2024: *"The Importance of Words"*

March 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Ft. Caswell/Cost \$120

Contact Luisa Price at 980-248-0024 for more details.

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## *75 Plus* News

November has been a beautiful month. The beauty of fall arrived and stayed awhile. Colors were brilliant and so was our group. We had twenty present, very happy and excited. We had good vegetable soup and sandwiches, desserts and most of all smiles. Everyone felt at home with each other, many were missing.

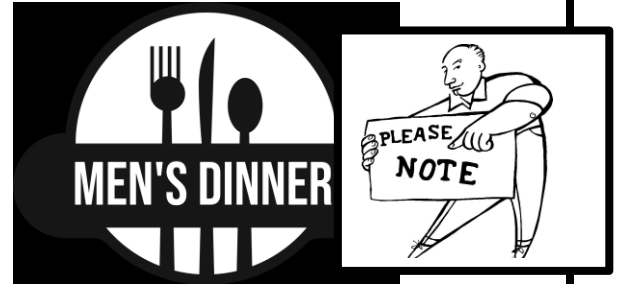
Hope to see you for the December meeting which is December 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. If you have missed our meetings, we invite you to come join us. We meet in the Family Life Center for a couple of hours. We have the devotion, eat and talk until we feel like going home (about 2 hours.) Come join us! Bonnie Oster

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**Christmas Card "Delivery" for Lottie Moon Fund Raiser**  
**Christmas Cards are due in by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**DATE:** Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant



**DATE:** Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**PLACE:** Judd's Restaurant  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM

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### Donna Pittman Toy Store

The 2023 Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store will be held at the UBA on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM. *If you would like to sign up to be a counselor, please call Bessie at the UBA at 704-283-8383.*

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### AWANA NEWS

I am so thankful to have you as a partner in our ministry. I appreciate the value you give in reaching children through discipleship. It is encouraging to walk into Awana churches to see how God is leading that church to use Awana resources to disciple their children. I love sharing these stories with you because, without your support, I could not reach out to the churches. Pastor Gerald Eaves from Faith Baptist Church starts each Awana meeting in the sanctuary of his church with his congregation. Nicole McDow, the Awana ministry director, leads the children in saying their pledges, and Tammy Eaves leads the songs. The children march around the church, singing their songs. The congregation takes this time with the children to love on them and encourage them. When the children went to their Awana classes, I spoke to the congregation about what causes lasting faith and the 3B's of child discipleship. I love the heart this church has for its children. Trey Starling, the Awana Ministry Director of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, decided it would be good to start a Trek club back to give the students more hands-on time with their bible. Gail Stoudmire accepted God's call to be the Trek Director. One night, I participated in her class discussion while she explained Bible verses and discussed the lesson with them. These students are on the way to becoming resilient disciples of Christ.

God bless you for your part in supporting our ministry. Your financial support and prayers mean everything to our ministry. I pray that you feel loved this Christmas Season because you are. In His service, Kathy & Randy Brock, Awana Carolinas

## December AWANA Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: 5:00 -7:00 PM-Reindeer Games/Misfits  
10<sup>th</sup>: 5:00-7:00 PM  
17<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Play-No AWANA  
24<sup>th</sup>: Merry CHRISTmas – No AWANA  
31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve – No AWANA

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### *5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class Christmas Party*



Fox's Bowling Alley on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet at church at 10:30 AM to leave on the van.

We will return by 1:30 PM.

Please bring \$10 (covers shoes, bowling & lunch)

RSVP to Doug 843-614-7206 or Skyla 704-320-4276

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### **Lottie Moon Week of Prayer**

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**\*Ingathering**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**\*We will receive the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
throughout the month of December.**

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enable gospel transformation among the unreached all around the world.

# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

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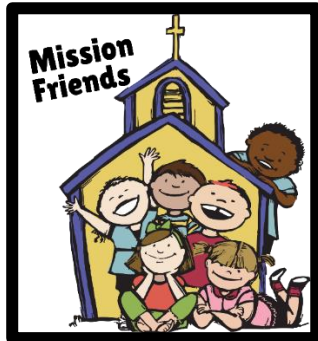
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<b>3 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer Christmas Cards due.</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Children's Play Practice <b>4:45 PM</b> Golden Age meet at church to ride van for Quincy's/Streets of Bethlehem trip. <b>5:00 -7:00 PM</b> AWANA Reindeer Games/Misfits FLC: Anderson	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM:</b> Children's Play Practice <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	<b>7</b> Men's Dinner at Jud's at 6:30 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Donna Pittman Toy Store at UBA          FLC: Goble
<b>10</b> <b>Blessing Bags due today.</b> Lottie Moon Ingathering <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship/Church Conference  <b>4:00 PM</b> Children's Play Practice  <b>5:00 -7:00 PM</b> AWANA	11	<b>12</b> <b>75 Plus Meeting at 11:00 AM in the FLC</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:00 PM:</b> Children's Play Practice <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	14	<b>15 Children-Play Practice Dress Rehearsal 5:30 PM</b>	<b>16</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SS Class Party-see newsletter for info.</b>

December 2023, continued

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
<b>17</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> Christmas Play & Fellowship in FLC afterwards.  No AWANA tonight.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ladies' Prayer Break- fast at Beth's Restau- rant 9:00 AM	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 10:30 AM</b> Choir Christmas Musical; No Sunday School. No evening activities.	<b>25</b> <i>Merry</i> <b>CHRIST</b> <i>mas!</i>  <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>26</b> No Deacons' Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>No evening</b> <b>activities.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship/ Communion  <b>No AWANA</b> <b>tonight</b>	<b>Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b>  Happy New Year!					





## Mission Friends

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** FLC-Lisa & Michelle; Snack-Lisa

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Lisa & Deana; Snack-Luisa Price

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:** "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party  
Lisa & Michelle; Snack-Lisa

**December 27<sup>th</sup>:** No Class. Enjoy your family 😊

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>:** FLC-Lisa & Deana; Snack-Deana



## Children's Church

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Lauren & Chris Davis

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Whitney Beard & Leigha Rollins

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** No Children's Church

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Ava Strawn & Jana Turner



## Nursery

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Mindy & Lindsey Jenkins

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Lisa Stutts & Jana Turner

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve – No Nursery

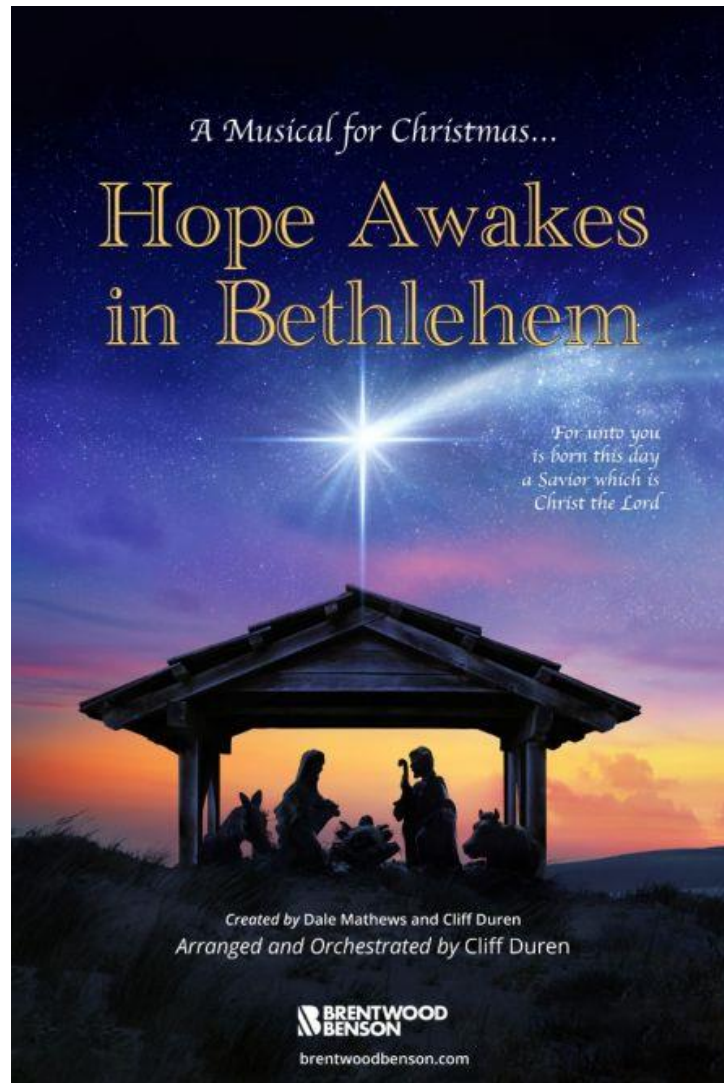
**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Lisa Stutts, Kelsi & Alyssa Brock

**January 7<sup>th</sup>:** Luisa Price & Skyla Anderson





*Adult Choir Christmas Musical*  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM



**Children's  
Christmas Play &  
Church Fellowship**  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM

Please bring your favorite Christmas goodie to share 😊!



## *Holiday Cooking?*

### **Happy Home Flavorings \$3.00 each**

Natural Lemon and Clear Imitation Vanilla available.

Flavorings located on desk in open area of basement level. Please use envelopes provided for payment.

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### **Blessing Bags**

We are collecting *Blessing Bags* for those in need. Please turn in bags by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Updated Blessing Bag items:** hand warmers, thermal/regular socks, gloves, wipes, snacks, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, chap stick, etc. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Rorie or Sherry Arant. Please drop off donations into the tote labeled “Blessing Bags Donations” in the vestibule. Thank you!

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**Children's Christmas Play Practice**  
**Children of all ages welcome to join us!**  
**We will practice in the sanctuary.**

### **Practice Dates:**

Sundays in December: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Wednesdays in December: 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

**Dress Rehearsal:** Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>; Time: 5:30 PM

**Christmas Play:** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>; Time: 6:00 PM

**Watch bulletins in case we have to make changes in dates and times. Contact Lauren Davis for more information.**

## LOTTIE MOON TEA CAKES RECIPE AS MADE BY LOTTIE MOON

### Plain Tea Cake

3 teacups of sugar  
1 teacup of butter  
1 teacup of sour milk  
4 pints of flour  
3 eggs, well beaten  
1/2 teaspoon of soda

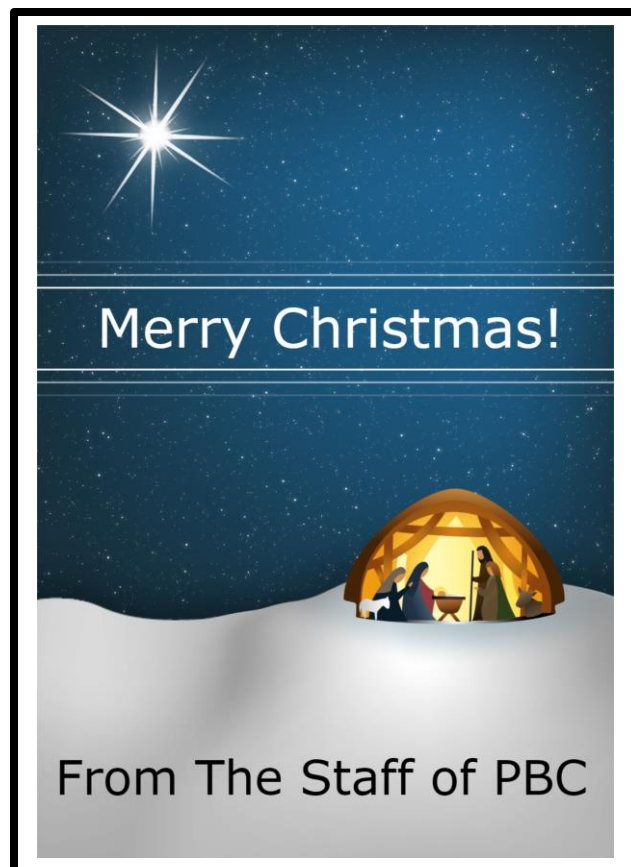
Flavor to taste. Roll thin. Bake in a quick oven.

### ADAPTED RECIPE FOR TODAY'S COOKS

### Plain Tea Cake

2 cups of flour  
1/2 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.



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 Belinda Goodman  
 Wyatt Helms  
 Cameron Knight  
 Timothy Pressley  
 Skylar Clay  
 Jack Ellison  
 Case Gouch  
 Shirley Rorie  
 Sherry Severt  
 Jake Taylor  
 Phillip Bowers  
 Darrell Jenkins  
 Kevin Ciucevich  
 Veronica Freytag  
 Bryar Gouch  
 Amelia Moore  
 Brian Moore  
 Sandra Davis  
 Hannah Freytag  
 Jan Howell  
 Lisa McClain  
 Nancy Glidewell  
 Lori Lee  
 Dale Weaver  
 Rebeka Weaver  
 Linda Day  
 Leejon Tadlock  
 Avery Gouch  
 Mindy Jenkins  
 Matt Tucker  
 Carla Bowers  
 Leah Clay  
 Kelsi Brock  
 Logan Helms  
 Tiffany Estelle  
 Nicky Lee  
 Cookie Helms  
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Jaleigh Sinclair	December 27
Billy Hendrick	December 28
Mason Langston	December 30
Ayda Turner	December 30
Sarah Bailey	December 31
Dawn Woodward	December 31

### First week in January Birthdays

Maggie Altman	January 1
David Autry	January 1
Ava Glidewell	January 1
Jeffrey Hunter	January 1
Todd Nash	January 1
Ona Ruth Smith	January 1
Olivia Gathings	January 3
Hannah Turner	January 3
Katie Weaver	January 3
Whitney Beard	January 4
Brittany Ciucevich	January 6
Coleston Langston	January 6
Eddie Wallace	January 6
Brian Benton	January 7
Mark Hinson	January 7
Brent Vaughn	January 7

Please contact  
 Sheri at the  
 church office to  
 update the  
 Birthday List.  
 Thank you.

