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WEEK OF PRAY FOR LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING DECEMBER 2-9: CHURCH OFFERING GOAL: \$1,100.00

The Missions Team met last Wednesday and agreed upon the goal of \$1,100.00 for this year's Lottie Moon

goal of \$1,000 and gave over \$1,200.00 reaching the Cartersville Challenge Level for the second consecutive

giving above and beyond. Cartersville was the town that Lottie Moon lived in when she received her call to international missions and spent the rest of her life in China reaching people for Christ.

Each family in our church is asked to pray and seek what the Lord may lead us to do. If we but give a little over and above what we did last year, we will greatly exceed our goal.

The amount we gave last year fully supported a missionary family for 7 days in a foreign field. Multiply that by 45,000 SBC churches, and you can see the possibilities.

His Hands His Heart His Voice



Christmas Offering for International Missions. This is the largest goal in the last four years of this church. Last year the church had the

year. This challenge is based on per capita giving of our average Sunday Morning attendance and places us in a select group of churches who are committed to

FROM BAPTIST PRESS: SANDY MEAL COUNT TOPS 1.2M; NEXT: CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

EDISON, N.J. (BP) – Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers deployed after Hurricane Sandy had prepared more than 1.2 million meals as of Monday (Nov. 19) in New York, New

Jersey and, earlier, in West Virginia.

As more power is restored to homes in the hardest-hit areas, SBDR leaders said the need will diminish for meal

preparation by SBDR units deployed from numerous states.

Volunteers also have reported 56 individuals who have made

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Christmas Events

- Children's Christmas Program Dec. 4 at 6PM
- Adult Choir Presentation Sunday December 9 in the Morning Worship Service
- Candle Light Lord's Supper Service Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM



A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHUCK

I think at this time of the year we commonly have two driving emotions. One, we cannot figure out why this year has moved by so quickly. Two, we cannot see how we can squeeze in what we need to accomplish in the little bit of time we have left before the end of the year. It is a tiring yet exciting time of the year that seems to challenge us in many ways.

Church life seems to be the same. Programs, offerings, parties, and the regular services all pile up on top of us and can cause us to lose sight of what is truly important this year.

Let's take a few minutes together to catch our breath and remember why this season is so important to us. Let's not be like Martha and get so caught up in the work of this season that we forget the meaning of this season. Martha's

sister Mary turned aside from her busy work and took time to sit at the feet of Jesus and to express her love directly to Him.

The work will always be there. It is never ending and ever demanding on our time, patience, and even our



Christian witness. Long lines at Wal-Mart, trips to shop in the Metroplex, harried UPS drivers who are slower than normal to deliver

expected packages. Each of these things and others give us opportunity to respond either with the pressure of the season, or with the joy for the Reason for the Season. The choice is

ours and we will have multiple opportunities to make this choice during the month of December.

Pray with me and for me as I will pray with and for you that we will not lose site of why we do what we do in these harried days of Christmas. Let us view our worship services as islands of refuge and peace as we take time to come and together to sit at the feet of Jesus.

As we consider our missions offering, let us remember the more that 5,000 missionary families overseas who will not have the opportunity to be at home for Christmas. Let us give an offering in support of their commitment and sacrifice. Let us not forget them in our prayers.

CHOIR TO PERFORM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WRITTEN BY OUR OWN TANIS BLOUNT.

Sunday Morning December 9th the Choir will lead us in a Christmas Program written by our own Tanis Blount. This program will include many of our Christmas favorites performed by the Choir, by our Children, by different groups and solos as well as by the Congregation.

Our Youth have

worked very hard to produce a video to put each part of this service in modern context. Special thanks go to our great youth for their hard work on this project during the month of November.

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This service will be a perfect time for the church to invite their friends to come

and to participate in this annual tradition of our church. We have the additional special blessing of knowing that this service was planned and written by our beloved Tanis. Say a word of appreciation to her for all the work she put into this effort. Also special thanks goes to our Children's Team for pitching in so that our children could also be involved.

Merry Christmas FBC Coolidge!!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Larry took 38 gift boxes to Highland Baptist Church to be sent out to bring Christmas joy and a Christian witness to children somewhere around the world this Christmas



season. Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these you did for me." Your Christmas gifts for the children are Christmas

gifts to Jesus celebrating His coming as our Savior. Please remember to pray specifically for the children who will be receiving your boxes.



LADIES MINISTRIES

November was a time of reflection for our church. As Thanksgiving approached, our hearts were turned to God in thanksgiving for all He is to us and has done for us. We were reminded of how we can love one another with a servant's heart and so the Thanksgiving meal was planned. The ladies from both our Ladies Bible Study and the ladies from Iglesia Bautista La Fe enjoyed preparing the Thanksgiving meal for you. The fellowship we had as we planned and cooked the meal was sweeter than any of the desserts served! As we continue to meet and study together, we will continue to pour out our hearts in praise and thanksgiving, and ask God what He has for us to do for Him.

Starting in December, our ladies will take a day a week to go to the area nursing homes to sing Christmas songs.

This will be a blessing for us as well as for the people who live there. The date and time will be announced the Sunday before, or you can call Deborah at 626-0861.



The Ladies Christmas Party will be hosted by Bobbie McReynolds on December 9th at 2:00 p.m. Bring

your favorite snack food. Drinks will be provided. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift not to exceed \$10.00. At the party, there will be a canned food collection for the food bank for the families in our community. The party will be following a wonderful Christmas worship service held earlier that morning. Come and join us as we continue to celebrate Christ's birth.

In January, the Ladies Bible Study will move their meeting time to Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to devotionals brought to us by different ladies. After the January Bible Conference, which is the last weekend in January, the ladies will begin a study entitled, Loving God and Others: The Heart of True Faith. More of this study will be



STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

Season's Greetings! So much has gone on this year with the Youth that I hardly know where to start. We began the year getting to be present for Shelby's profession of faith and baptism, moved into taking 2 youth to the National VBS training, teaching at the Associational VBS trainings, attending the SENT evangelism conference, having a D-NOW at the Hullum's, leading out in our VBS, going to the UNASHAMED conference, seeing Jackie saved and baptized, helping to serve at the church with meals and the nursery, Trunk or Treat, and most recently seeing Daniel Bond accept Christ and be baptized. Whew! What a full year!

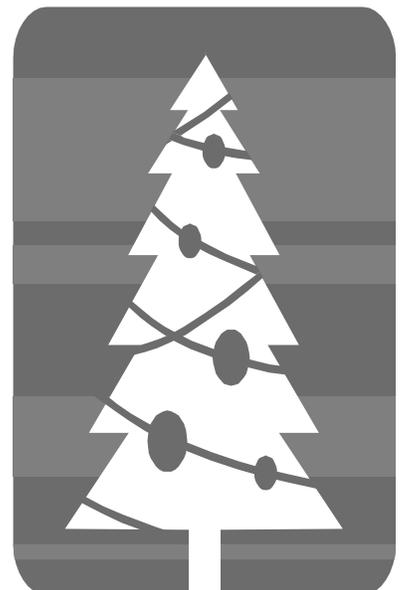
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We know we can be rowdy but also want you to know how much we love you. It is fun for us to come help you and be a part of your lives. We'd like to ask that you allow us more opportunities to do so. Tanis is running in lots of directions, so we want you to know that we'd like to help you. Please approach Tanis or any of the other Youth Team members and let us know what we can do to serve you!

Also, we have the opportunity to partner with FBC Mexia in a DNOW at the end of January. The cost per youth is \$25 before January and \$35 after. If you could help us defray the coast of

this incredible experience by sponsoring a youth, please contact Tanis or Glen.

Again, Merry Christmas!



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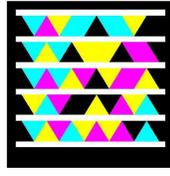
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We invite you to consider the offer of God's forgiveness and love, and come learn more about God with us.

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professions of faith in Christ as a result of SBDR ministry.

On the horizon: The North American Mission Board will coordinate both church-to-church partnerships in the region and the mobilization of student volunteers for long-term ministry and service in the Northeast.

"The church-to-church initiative in response to Sandy will be different in nature than that of the response to Hurricane Katrina," said Jerry Daniel, team leader for the North American Mission Board's LoveLoud emphasis.

While the church partnerships fostered in the wake of Katrina focused in large part on the physical rebuild and repair of church

infrastructure, the aftermath of Sandy will see a different ministry emphasis, Daniel said.

"There was not a lot of damage to church facilities, so the church-to-church aspect of Sandy will focus on churches partnering with churches in the affected area to do work in the community," Daniel said. "This will provide the local churches a platform with their neighbors. The assistance given by partnering churches will allow for an increased bandwidth of ministry by local churches in the Northeast."

Planning and logistics also continue for mobilizing college students to assist with cleanup operations over the winter break. Details for the volunteer opportunity for students

and the church-to-church initiative will be available soon, Daniel said.

In total, more than 1,200 SBDR volunteers from 34 states and Canada have responded to Sandy. Baptist convention volunteers have served from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas-Nebraska, Kentucky, Maryland/Delaware, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota/ Wisconsin, Mississippi, Missouri, New England, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania/South Jersey, Southern Baptists of Texas, Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, Baptist General Association of Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah/Idaho and West Virginia. Also responding are volunteers from North Carolina Baptist Men and Texas Baptist Men. (Reprinted by Permission from Baptist Press)