

EAST MOUNTAIN GOOD NEWS

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Lottie Moon the Woman

Carole Dailey

“**W**hat is a pampered, privileged, and educated daughter of a wealthy plantation owner doing going to China,” people asked each other. Lottie Moon had just received her appointment to China as a missionary and was going to join her older sister who was already there.

Born Charlotte Diggs Moon, today we know her as Lottie Moon, the first single female Southern Baptist missionary to China. A precocious child, she was somewhat unruly and irreverent. Many prayed for her salvation, but she was a scoffer. Shortly after her eighteenth birthday and after a series of revival meetings, she received Jesus as her Savior.

Graduating with a both a BA and an MA in Education, Lottie showed her spirit of fierce determination by being the first woman to receive a Master's degree from a Southern university. She began teaching children and even became the principal of an exclusive girls' school, but the thought of people on the other side of the world not hearing about Jesus haunted her.

At the age of 32, Lottie received an appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to go to China.

Raised in a family of culture and means, Lottie at first thought of the Chinese as an inferior people, and insisted on wearing American

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clothes to maintain a degree of distance from these “heathen” people. But gradually she came to realize that the more she shed her westernized trappings and identified with the Chinese people, the more their simple curiosity about foreigners (and sometimes rejection) turned into genuine interest in the Gospel. She began wearing Chinese clothes, adopted Chinese customs, learned to be sensitive to Chinese culture. In turn she was deeply loved and revered by the Chinese people. As a way to earn (Continued on page 3)

Give to Reach

Ellen Prince

“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it”

—1 Corinthians 12:27

Jesus has commissioned us to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Through praying, giving and going, Southern Baptists have fulfilled this legacy for more than 160 years. There are still billions who remain lost, though. We must pray more purposefully and give more sacrificially than ever before. Our churches must take direct responsibility for helping reach the nearly 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups that missionaries may never be able to get to. If we don’t, then who will?

East Mountain Baptist Church has a heart for giving. It is reassuring to know that when we send money to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 100% is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the gospel overseas. Our goal at EMBC is \$7,000. Together, we can touch thousands of lives without leaving our homes. Please pray about the contribution that you can make.

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East Mountain Bluegrass Band Concert

The East Mountain Bluegrass Band will give their annual concert at EMBC on Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. The band has been playing annually on the first Sunday night in December at EMBC for many years.

East Mountain's Art Mauldin sings and plays guitar with the group he helped form in 1994. He also writes many of the songs they sing. They began their ministry at The Hiway 80 Rescue Mission in Longview and now, 17 years later, they continue to play at the Mission once a month. Band members are Art Mauldin, Mike Tucker, Julie Tucker, Randall Waldron, and Lynn Gray. Come hear their old time music played with acoustic instruments. You will be blessed!



Winter Retreat Registration

Registration for the 2012 Women's Winter Retreat has begun. Early registration will continue thru December 18 and saves you \$5.

EARLY REGISTRATION**

Register by December 18 and save \$5 per person

2 per room - \$53.00 per person

3 per room - \$43.00 per person

4 per room - \$37.00 per person

LATE REGISTRATION**

After Dec 18 - FINAL DAY FOR REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 4

2 per room - \$58.00 per person

3 per room - \$48.00 per person

4 per room - \$42.00 per person

****Includes room and two meals (breakfast and lunch on Saturday)**

Pick up your registration form in the foyer and reserve your place. Turn in completed forms with payment to Denise Hillman or Jodi Smith. Some scholarships are available. Just check on the form if a scholarship is needed.

**Scottsville Camp
Scottsville, TX**



EMBERS Plans Christmas Festivities

The East Mountain Baptist Early Retires and Seniors (EMBERS) has two great opportunities planned to celebrate Christmas with your Christian sisters and brothers. On Friday, December 9, EMBERS will go see The Sounds of the Season, presented by Mobberly Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra. Following the program, EMBERS will tour the lights of Longview, seeing the Gregg County Courthouse and other area light displays, ending with a stop for ice cream or some other treat.

EMBERS Coordinator, Sheri Pitman, says the concert and drama is free but tickets are required so you must sign up Sunday, December 4. There will be a sign-up in the foyer or you can call Sheri Pitman for your reservation. It is recommended that you ride the bus for convenience of being dropped off at the door but if you plan to take your car, please let Sheri know so you can get your ticket ahead of time. The Bus will leave the church at 6 p.m. If you are not an EMBER but would like to go, sign up and you will be included for this special evening of sights, sounds, lights and fellowship.

The annual EMBERS Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 12 in the gym. Festivities begin at noon. Please bring finger food.

EMBC Special Christmas Service Schedule Set

The best day of the week for Christmas is Sunday! How glorious to come sing carols of praise to the newborn King on Christmas Morning! Because it is a day of celebration with family also, a special schedule has been set for that day. There will be one service only starting at 10:45 a.m. with carols and a special Christmas sermon delivered by Gara Handorf. There will be no Sunday School. So open your gifts, then bring the family to celebrate the true reason for the season—the precious gift God delivered to a manger in Bethlehem—the gift of a Savior!



Lottie Moon *(continued from page 1)*

the trust of the people and show her goodwill, Lottie made tea cakes for the children in her village in China. Once the children ate the cookies, they would take Lottie to their homes where she would share the gospel with their mothers. The children began calling Lottie “the cookie lady” instead of “foreign devil.”

Lottie began her tenure as a missionary by teaching in a girls' school. But while accompanying some of the seasoned married women on “country visits” from village to village outside the bigger cities, she discovered her passion: direct evangelism. There were so many hungry, lost souls, and so few missionaries! For forty years she kept up her not-so-gentle pressure for the Southern Baptists to become giving, sending, missions-minded people.

The War with Japan (1894), the Boxer Rebellion (1900), and the Nationalist uprising (that overthrew the Qing Dynasty in 1911) all profoundly affected mission work. Famine and disease took their toll, as well. When Lottie returned to China from her second furlough in 1904, she agonized over the suffering of the people who were literally starving to death all around her. She begged for more money and more resources, but the mission board was heavily in debt and could send nothing. Missionary salaries were voluntarily cut. Unknown to

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her fellow missionaries, Lottie Moon—the Southern belle who was once described as “overindulged and under-disciplined”—shared her own meager money and food with any and everyone around her, severely affecting both her physical and mental health. In 1912, she only weighed fifty pounds. Alarmed, fellow missionaries arranged for her to be sent back home to the United States with a missionary companion, but she died on Christmas Eve on board ship in Kobe Harbor, Japan. Her body was cremated and the remains returned to loved ones in Virginia for burial.

Since her sacrificial death at the age of seventy-two, Lottie Moon has come to personify the missionary spirit for Southern Baptists and many other Christians, as well. In 1888, the first “Christmas Offering for Missions” raised over \$3000, enough to send three new missionaries to China. Later, in 1919, it was called the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering”, and then in 1926 it was renamed the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions”. The annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Missions has raised a total of \$1.5 billion for missions since 1888 and finances half the entire Southern Baptist missions budget every year.



Lottie Moon's Plain Tea Cake Recipe from the website www.wmu.com:

Plain Tea Cake

(As made by Lottie Moon)

Three teacups of sugar
One teacup of butter
One teacup of sour milk
Four pints flour
Three eggs, well beaten
Half a teaspoon of soda
Flavor to taste, roll thin, bake in a quick oven.

Adapted recipe:

1 heaping cup of sugar
½ cup butter
1 well-beaten egg
2 cups flour
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.

AWANA Christmas Party

Wednesday @ 5:50 p.m.
December 14



Lottie Moon Post Office

Open Now thru December 21

**Send a Christmas greeting to others
attending EMBC for just 10 cents a card!**

The Post Office is located in the Foyer—



Drop off your cards to be delivered and leave
money in can. Each week pick up your cards, but
leave the bag for more cards to be delivered!

Pick up your Christmas card list today!

All money goes to Lottie Moon Offering.
If you have any questions, see Nancie Darby.



DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 Joyful Traditions Set-Up	2 Joyful Traditions Set-Up	3 Joyful Traditions 6 p.m.	
4 <i>Sunday Schedule</i> East Mountain Bluegrass @ 6 p.m.	5	6 <i>Visitation</i> 7 p.m.	7 <i>Family Night</i>	8	9 EMBERS Sounds of the Season (Mobberly) & Light Tour Bus leaves @ 6 p.m.	10 <i>Ladies II</i> SS Class Party 10 a.m. — Gym	
11 <i>Sunday Schedule</i>	12 EMBERS <i>Christmas Party @ Noon</i>	13 <i>Visitation</i> 7 p.m.	14 <i>Family Night</i>	15	16 <i>Youth</i> <i>Christmas Party</i> 6 p.m. — Gym	17	
18 <i>Sunday Schedule</i>	19	20	21 Prayer Meeting Youth Movie Night 6:30 p.m. (No meal or AWANA)	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23	24 <i>Candlelight Service</i> 6 p.m. 	
25 <i>Christmas Morning Service</i> 	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28 Prayer Meeting Youth Activities 6:30 p.m. (No meal or AWANA)	29	30	31	
			Check out our website for AWANA themes Wednesday Menu and other event details www.eastmountainbaptist.org				

Christmas Word Search

S M H A I E Y D X E N G B A C
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Find these words:

JESUS	INN
MARY	ANGELS
JOSEPH	WISE MEN
CHRISTMAS	TIDINGS
NATIVITY	SHEPHERDS
FRANKENSCECE	CENSUS
MYRR	MESSIAH
GOLD	BABY
STABLE	MANGER
BETHLEHEM	DONKEY

Wise Man Trivia

Check out this trivia:

- December 25th was originally the date of a Roman festival.
True or False
- The Bible tells us that three kings riding on camels visited Jesus.
True or False
- The star led the wise men straight to Jesus.
True or False
- The wise men were present at the birth site of Jesus.
True or False
- The tradition of giving presents at Christmas did not come from the wise men presenting gifts.
True or False

Recipe of the Month

There's a chill in the air, crackling in the fireplace, stockings are hung, and glittering gifts sparkle beneath the tree. Christmas is coming and its time to start baking! Cookies are a favorite of any age and easy to bake and share, making them a traditional Christmas treat. Kerah's Super Soft Snickerdoodles stand true to their name. Maybe the secret is in their size—they truly are the lightest little puff of pleasure. But be careful—you will be headed back for another and another and soon there will be none left to share. Do you have a neighbor who needs some Christmas cheer? Tell them Merry Christmas with a plate of homemade cookies. While you are there, remember to share the hope that was delivered that first Christmas, 2000 years ago.

This recipe and many other holiday favorites can be found in *Our Daily Bread* – East Mountain Baptist's centennial cookbook. They are available for \$15 and make great gifts!

Kerah's Super Soft Snickerdoodles

from Kerah Smith

- ¾ c. Sugar
- ½ c. butter/margarine
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 1 ½ c. all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. cream of tarter
- 2 Tbsp. Sugar
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- shortening

Preheat oven to 375. In a large mixing bowl, cream the ¾ c. sugar and the butter/margarine with a spoon. Beat in the egg and vanilla. In a small bowl, stir together flour, salt, baking soda, and cream of tarter. Stir into the butter mixture until well mixed. In a small bowl, combine the 2 Tbsp. sugar with cinnamon.

Grease 1-2 baking sheets with shortening. Shape dough into 1 inch balls.; roll each in the sugar-cinnamon mixture. Place balls 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 -10 minutes. Remove from oven and place on cooling racks. Makes 36 cookies.

Answers to Wise Man Trivia

- TRUE-The original significance of 25th December is that it was a well-known festival day celebrating the annual return of the sun.
- FALSE-There were at least two as the word magi is plural, but there could have been many more. The Bible simply mentions three gifts.
- FALSE-The star led them first to King Herod, after which they saw the star again leading them to Jesus, but they were two separate sightings of the star and not continuous.
- FALSE-They met in a house and Jesus was a young child. It is possible that he was walking and talking by the time they reached him.
- TRUE-In pre-Christian Rome, the emperors compelled their most despised citizens to bring offerings and gifts during the Saturnalia festival (in December and Kalends (in January). Later, this ritual expanded to include gift-giving among the general populace. The Catholic Church gave this custom a Christian flavour by re-rooting it in the supposed gift-giving of Saint Nicholas.

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

Children's Church in the gym

5:00 am

Adult Choir Practice

6:00 pm

Evening Service

Children's Choir

WEDNESDAYS

3:30-5:30 pm

After-School Program
(K-6th grade during school year)

4:30 pm

Kids Meal

(Part of After-School Program)

5:30-6:30 pm

Adult & Student Meal

5:50-7:30 pm

AWANA

6:30-7:30 pm

Youth Service

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Like living stones, being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood. ~I Peter 2:5a