

December 2025/January 2026

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The Communicator



Mission Night

6:00pm~December 10 and 17

6:00pm~January 14 and 28

Mission Friends (ages 3-5)

Children In Action (grades 1-6)

Youth (grades 7-12)



Bless Every Home Outreach

We are looking for members in every neighborhood of Monroe City and the surrounding area to become a “Light” using the technology of the Bless Every Home app. Check out this amazing tool at blesseveryhome.com and join our next meeting.

We equip you to become a beacon of Christ’s love in your neighborhood with the BLESS practices. It’s free and confidential.

Join an ever-growing community of Christ followers who are dedicated to being a Light in their neighborhoods by adoption these practices: **B**egin with prayer, **L**isten, **E**at, **S**erve, **S**hare your **S**tory.

We provide all the tools you need to get to know your neighbors by name, helping you build genuine relationships with them. Use your dashboard to track your interactions and spiritual journey with each neighbor.

Optionally, receive daily reminder emails or app notifications with a prompt to take simple steps to bless five neighbors each day.

Our next meeting is December 10 @ 6:00 pm~Join Us!



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

Monday, December 1 @ 9:00am
Everyone is welcome to come and help!

Church-wide Christmas Program—Our Church-wide Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:30pm. There will be a Fellowship Meal of soup/sandwiches/Christmas cookies held after the program for everyone. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.



Christmas
CANDLE LIGHT
S E R V I C E
December 24 @ 5:30pm
First Baptist Church—221 North Main Street—Monroe City, MO

WMU Meeting

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Date: December 15

Place: Carry-in @ Phyllis Olson's Home

Time: 6:00pm

Hostess: Phyllis Olson

Program: Phyllis Olson

Date: January 26

Place: First Baptist Church

Time: 6:00pm

Hostess: Alice Porter

Program: Phyllis Olson



Who Is Lottie Moon?

Charlotte Digges Moon was born to a wealthy family in Virginia. After attending Albermarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia, she worked as a schoolteacher before becoming a missionary at age 32. A single woman her entire life, she turned down marriage proposals and left everything behind to dedicate her life to spreading the gospel in China. She served there for 39 years, ministering to the people and sharing in their culture. She identified with them, adopting their customs, language, and dress. Lottie died in 1912 at age 72 while en route to the United States.

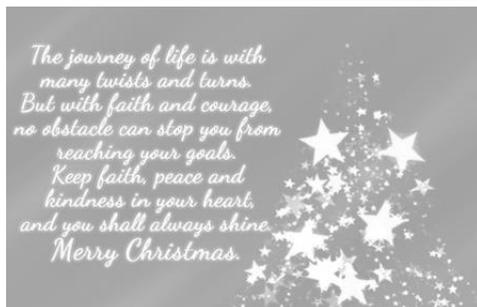
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Church Goal: \$3,000



Office Hours during the
Holidays:

Closed: December
24, 25, 26, 31

Closed: January
1, 2



Lottie Moon's Tea Cake Recipe

Plain Tea Cake

(As made by Lottie Moon)

3 teacups of sugar

1 teacup butter

1 teacup sour milk

4 pints flour

3 eggs, well beaten

½ teaspoon soda

Instructions:

Flavor to taste, roll thin, and
bake in a quick oven.

Adapted Recipe

(Modernized)

1 heaping cup of sugar

½ cup butter

1 well beaten egg

2 cups flour

1 tablespoon cream

Instructions:

Cream the butter and sugar. Add
The egg and mix well. Roll the
dough very thin. Cut cookies with
a round cookie cutter. Place on a
buttered or nonstick cookie sheet.
Bake @ 475 degrees for about
5 minutes.

Operation

Christmas

Child

Thank you to all who supported the Shoebox Ministry through the donations of items and monetary gifts for items/shipping and to those who donated their time in so many ways! Thanks to everyone who helped get ready throughout the year and to the youth for bringing everything upstairs for us! Thanks to those who helped set up for the packing party and for those who came to help pack boxes. You are all appreciated! We packed 240 boxes this year. Thanks for making a difference in the life of a child!

Prayer Chain

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rdpenn6@gmail.com
or 573-248-7710

Deacons of the Month

Bill Beaver, Ray McCurdy

December Birthdays

Brittany Johnson—December 10
Jeremy Moss—December 12
Bill Beaver - December 13
Dennis Carson - December 16
Carrie Beaver - December 19
Stephen Hawker - December 19
James Eckman—December 19
Angel Vollrath - December 20
Cullen Hawker—December 21
Phyllis Olson - December 22
Wayne Williams - December 22
Bret Gosney - December 24
Mary House - December 24
Isabelle Russell—December 29
Nikki Franklin—December 30

Date	Nursery	Children's Church	Sound Tech	Media Tech	Live Stream	Hospitality Team
Dec. 7	Sunday School — Amanda Shuck AM —Georgia Rothweiler, Bailee Bock, Hannah Studer	Lisa Russell, Hannah Wilkerson, Isabelle Russell	Jeremy Moss	Jane Anne Olson	Nikki Franklin	Zach & Nikki Franklin
Dec. 14	Sunday School — Doris Mehrer & Amanda McNeill AM —Beth Franklin, Lilly Franklin	Abbigail Smith, Barb Smith, Ashley Studer	Richard Harrison	Jane Anne Olson	Joe McNeill	Tracy Shively & Ashley Osborn
Dec. 21	Sunday School — Brenda Maloney, Lisa Russell AM — Megan Moss, Alyssa Long, Anna Russell	No Children's Church	Allen Mehrer	Amanda McNeill	Jeremy Moss	Creighton & Amanda Shuck
Dec. 28	Sunday School — Hannah Wilkerson, Carol Taylor AM — Ashley Osborn	Angel Vollrath, Phyllis Olson, Makenzie Chapman	Greg Cooper	Brittany Johnson	Carter McNeill	Joe & Amanda McNeill

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Deacons of the Month

Dennis Carson, Jim Dorsey

January Birthdays

Terry Critten - January 2
Ruth Russell—January 2
Phillip Potterfield - January 7
Paula Coleman - January 9
Tom Bock - January 11
Alan Coupland—January 18
Hannah Studer—January 21
Creighton Shuck—January 24
Lori Shuck—January 27
Alex Edris—January 29
Brock Edris—January 31

Date	Nursery	Children's Church	Sound Tech	Media Tech	Live Stream	Hospitality Team
Jan. 4	Sunday School — Amanda Shuck AM —Georgia Rothweiler, Bailee Bock, Hannah Studer	Lisa Russell, Hannah Wilkerson, Isabelle Russell	Jeremy Moss	Jane Anne Olson	Nikki Franklin	Zach & Nikki Franklin
Jan. 11	Sunday School — Doris Mehrer & Amanda McNeill AM —Beth Franklin, Lilly Franklin	Abbigail Smith, Barb Smith, Ashley Studer	Richard Harrison	Jane Anne Olson	Joe McNeill	Bill & Beth Franklin
Jan. 18	Sunday School — Brenda Maloney, Lisa Russell AM —Ashley Osborn	No Children's Church	Allen Mehrer	Brittany Johnson	Jeremy Moss	Creighton & Amanda Shuck
Jan. 25	Sunday School — Hannah Wilkerson, Carol Taylor AM — Megan Moss, Alyssa Long, Anna Russell	Angel Vollrath, Phyllis Olson, Makenzie Chapman	Greg Cooper	Amanda McNeill	Carter McNeill	Joe & Amanda McNeill

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Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is located down the hallway towards the church office this year. This is one of the ways that has been chosen to help us toward our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. What you do is place your Christmas cards for fellow church members and use the corresponding cost for postage to help us reach our goal. So, if you give 10 cards at .78 cents a card then you would give \$7.80 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. You will write Lottie Moon on your check or use one of the envelopes provided in the offering plate and then place your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary. Please help us this season. This offering goes entirely to help support our almost 5,000 foreign missionaries. Our church goal is \$3,000.