

THE TIDE



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What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Women's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially.

This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptist's 175 year history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).

Suggestions for a successful Lottie Moon Campaign:

PREPARE 8 WEEKS OUT

- * Recruit a team, pray together, plan your events and set your church goal.
- * Invite your missionary partner to speak.
- * Order resources for your church at www.imb.org/lmco

SHARE 4 WEEKS OUT

- * Cast the vision through your sermons, videos and other communication media.
- * Distribute the resources you've ordered for your church

PARTICIPATE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- * Lead your church to pray during the Week of Prayer using the daily guide.
- * Collect your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and send to your state convention or IMB by September 30, 2021.

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®



2020 National Goal ~ \$175 million

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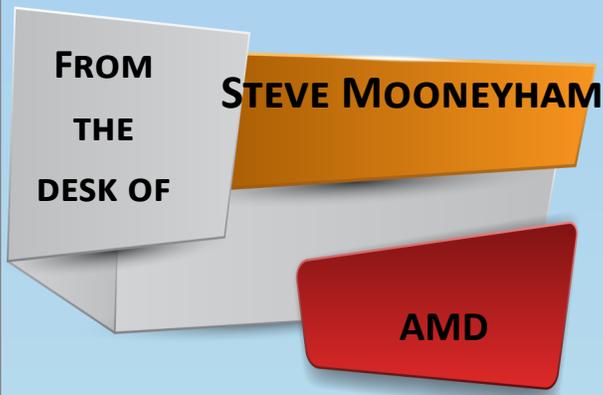
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Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your many prayers and acts of kindness over the last few weeks as we dealt with the home-going of my mom. Our Father was very gracious to her in calling her home. It was a very gentle moment as she took a slightly deeper breath and went to be with Jesus and her faith, at long last, became sight. We miss her but look forward to the day when we join her at the feet of our Savior.

On Monday, October 19 the Executive Team met to transact the necessary business in lieu of the customary Annual Meeting.

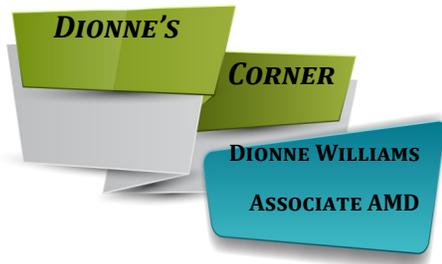
Among the matters approved were:

- ◇ the seating of Harvest Church as a cooperating church in the GCBA as a sponsored church of Parkway Baptist Church;
- ◇ the approval of the recommendation of Cornerstone Baptist that Connect Community Church be moved from sponsored status and be seated as a fully autonomous congregation of the GCBA;
- ◇ approved the request of First Baptist Saucier to withdraw fellowship from the GCBA;
- ◇ approved the nomination of Rev. Ray Duplessie to replace Rev. Robby Rikard as vice-moderator
- ◇ adopted the 2021 GCBA Calendar
- ◇ adopted the 2021 Ministry Budget

This has been an unusual year. Our churches have been faithful. God is blessing. This will be the last official newsletter for this year. Along with your association staff, I pray you and yours have blessed and joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Christ is born!

Dr. Steve



Let me tell you about my walking partner, Oscar. We try to walk together at least once a day, sometimes, we do morning and evening. If you think I am the friendly sort, you need to meet Oscar. He is happy to greet everyone and everybody knows him by name and because of Oscar, I have met all but one of the families in the three cul-de-sacs around my house. Oscar and I started our journey together in March of this year the Saturday before we were shutdown by coronavirus. Oscar

is my 50 pound Aussie Poo! (Australian Shepherd/Standard Poodle mix) Susie and I have been amazed how walking Oscar everyday has opened doors to build relationships with our neighbors and has provided opportunities to begin spiritual conversations with them. Please pray for us the first Sunday in December when we hope to host a Holiday Come & Go at our home for our new friends and that the doors will open wider for more in-depth conversations about the Lord. (To answer those who may ask why we do not call it a Christmas Come & Go, we are trying not to alienate our Jehovah's Witness neighbors.)

In this same way, Small groups or Sunday School classes can begin prayer walking ministries in the neighborhoods where their participants live. People are for the most part friendly and will respond to a greeting. Give a compliment on a yard or ask about a particular flower and the door will open to begin building a relationship. These relationships can lead to invitations to attend Bible studies, church, and share the gospel. Ministry is the key.

An older couple who attend church in Hancock County shared with me that they provided a cake to their new neighbor who was here ahead of his wife for military service. They also shared a cake with neighbors two houses down and received the cutest handcrafted thank you note from the elementary age children. Cake can open doors to building relationships.

Last year one of our churches used the GCBA activities trailer to do Christmas caroling in a targeted subdivision. Response was slow until Facebook lit up with the news of the carolers. By the end of the evening, people were standing outside their homes to hear the caroling. You can cover a big area moving in a trailer!

Just some ideas on how to begin to disciple disciples to minister.

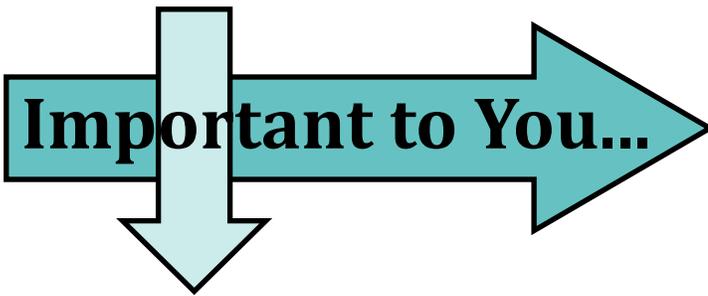
A couple of years ago, Dionne and Steve came up with an idea to reach Gulfport for Jesus. This was not their first idea and I am sure it will not be their last. Simply stated, large groups of people reside in *apartment* and *manufactured home* communities who rarely have interaction directly with churches in their same geographic regions. This prompted Dionne to launch an initiative called “Multi-family Housing” in which he encouraged churches to adopt *apartment* and *manufactured home* communities for the purpose of meeting their needs, bringing the Gospel to their homes, and building churches. In recent days, after months of preparation, several churches are picking up his idea and meeting their communities. One Gulfport church launched two weeks ago into their community taking a cross section of people ranging in age from 6 to 65. They are leaving the walls of the church and hitting the streets of their community (see photos).



Though ministering during COVID-19 has presented challenges, a new excitement about evangelism and missions has emerged for many churches and reaching our communities for Christ has become a topic of discussion again for most of us. Many times, we see churches stall in the area of evangelism and missions because we complicate the focus. We tend to think of all the things we do not have; sound systems, chairs, tables, curriculum, party supplies, food etc. However, to meet our community through Multi-family Housing emphasis, is really quite easy. Sure, having the things mentioned above is helpful, but the truth is all your church needs is willing hearts – people who are willing to leave the comfort of church to share the Gospel with their community.

Here is an idea for your first attempt at reaching your community for Jesus though Multi-family Housing outreach. Take a few of your people from last year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) and scale down the week-long event into 5 small manageable segments. Tell the same stories, sing the same songs, and do the same crafts. Don’t go into the communities for a one-week blitz like VBS, but spread your resources over 5 Sunday afternoons, or other days in the week that work for your church members. Have 5 specific areas covered: 1. Bible Story time 2. Worship Music time 3. Fun and Game time 4. Arts and Craft time 5. Snack time. Here are some other things to think about. After getting approval from the apartment manager, be sure to make flyers to hang on resident’s doors or get permission to go door-to-door to let the residents know when you will be there. Check and see if you can get on their community Facebook page to make announcements. Make sure to get names and addresses for the children so your follow-up team can do a good job of connecting with people throughout the week. And, last but definitely not least, pray a lot. Pray for entry into the apartment community. Pray for God to raise up a resident that will help introduce you to the people of their community. Pray for the salvation of the people you encounter.

Reaching our communities for Jesus can look different in every community. It is not necessary to do the same thing in each community. And, each community will have its own rules and regulations. If you meet one community with difficulty and setbacks, try another community. We cannot stop telling people about Jesus, and Multi-family Housing is just one way your church can leave the walls of the church and hit the streets of your community for Jesus. Contact Dionne at GCBA if you have more questions.



Please remember Dr. Steve Mooneyham and family with the passing of his mother, Loree Lancaster Knight Rice on Friday, October 16, 2020. Loree spent a lifetime (almost 80 years) serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as she became a Christian at 11 years old. Services were held in Calhoun City on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

Please help us out

In response to a request, we would like to know if your church is involved in a jail or prison ministry, please email the following information to the GCBA Office robin@gulfcoastba.com:

1. Church name
2. Where you minister and how often
3. Name of person who leads the ministry

ONLINE GIVING

Check out the new **Online Giving** feature on our website www.gulfcoastba.com. You can use this option for Associational Missions giving or any other special offerings; such as Disaster Relief, Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions, Margaret Lackey, Lottie Moon, etc.



Piano Supply

If you are in need of a pianist please contact Wanza McGuffie at 601-754-5000 or by email wanzamcuffie@gmail.com. You may also reach her by Facebook as Wanza McGuffie.

With the change of the season, you may have staff changes that need to be updated with your state convention. The Mississippi Baptist Convention is working diligently at updating church information. Give them a helping hand and click on this link to be sure your church's information is up to date.

<https://www.mbc.org/church-staff-update/>

Contributions for September 2020

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$842.15
Bay St Louis	\$2,043.66	\$11,629.06
Bay Vista	\$219.20	\$2,814.43
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$225.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,499.94
Bayside	\$25.00	\$225.00
Bel Aire	\$1,452.00	\$12,881.03
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$10,647.00
Big Ridge	\$395.26	\$3,686.27
Biloxi FBC	\$714.41	\$6,170.81
Bond	\$751.20	\$6,458.33
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$648.58
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$60.00	\$625.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$200.00
Crosspoint	\$111.27	\$1,188.47
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$99.36	\$891.58
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$200.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$300.00
Faithview	\$487.06	\$4,660.85
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,280.00
Grace Chapel	\$238.10	\$2,192.00
Grace Memorial	\$583.77	\$6,828.65
Grace Temple	\$100.00	\$2,000.00
GracePoint Church	\$100.00	\$420.67
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,567.81	\$27,812.80
Handsboro	\$682.20	\$5,769.01
Harbor City	\$0.00	\$535.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$435.83
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$44.87
Jacob's Well	\$1,113.93	\$10,196.17
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$200.00
Lizana FBC	\$471.00	\$2,454.37
Long Beach FBC	\$1,795.20	\$16,098.97
Lyman FBC	\$231.00	\$1,932.00
McHenry FBC	\$180.50	\$1,604.02
Michael Memorial	\$1,421.76	\$14,197.85
MS Korean	\$455.23	\$1,673.91
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,038.65	\$11,220.95
North Hills	\$581.65	\$581.65
North Long Beach	\$168.76	\$1,001.61
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$527.19	\$4,652.95
Pass Christian FBC	\$43.83	\$438.00
Peace	\$50.00	\$450.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$401.56	\$930.52
Perkinston	\$231.00	\$1,288.92
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$184.98
Riverside	\$66.00	\$512.00
Robinwood	\$744.33	\$5,202.49
Saucier FBC	\$0.00	\$100.00
Shoreline Park	\$200.00	\$800.00
Success	\$0.00	\$616.14
The Church at Windance	\$208.64	\$1,421.45
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$153.90	\$1,373.93
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$87.30	\$810.84
Wiggins FBC	\$2,857.00	\$26,012.00
Woolmarket	\$1,261.15	\$16,158.32

CHURCH *News*

Please check our Group Page on **Facebook**

for additional church news:

Mississippi Gulf Coast

Baptist Association

BIG RIDGE would like to announce they have a part-time position available for Finance Secretary. Contact the church office for more information at 228-392-4387.

BIG RIDGE is also in search of a part-time Children's Minister. Please submit resumes to Dr. Raymond Grabert. Email: brbcpastor@cablone.net or call the church office for more information 228-392-4387.

CONNECT COMMUNITY is in search of a part-time Worship Pastor 15 hours per week with salary. Please contact Pastor Steven Simon by email or phone: steven@connectcommunitygc.org or 228-209-7779.

FBC BAY ST. LOUIS is in search of a part-time Financial Administrative Assistant. Compensation is based on experience with retirement benefits provided. Please see this link for more details. <http://www.sbc.net/jobs/20766/financial-administrative-assistant>

GRACE CHAPEL would like to announce that Rev. Stan Proctor will be retiring as their pastor at the end of this year. Please join them in praying for Rev. Proctor and his wife Dianne during this time of transition. We wish them all the best!

GRACE CHAPEL has a 2003 Ford F-350 20 passenger bus for sale. For more information contact Pastor Stan Proctor at 228-493-0709. See the GCBA Facebook page for details.



Be in prayer as these churches seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in calling a pastor:

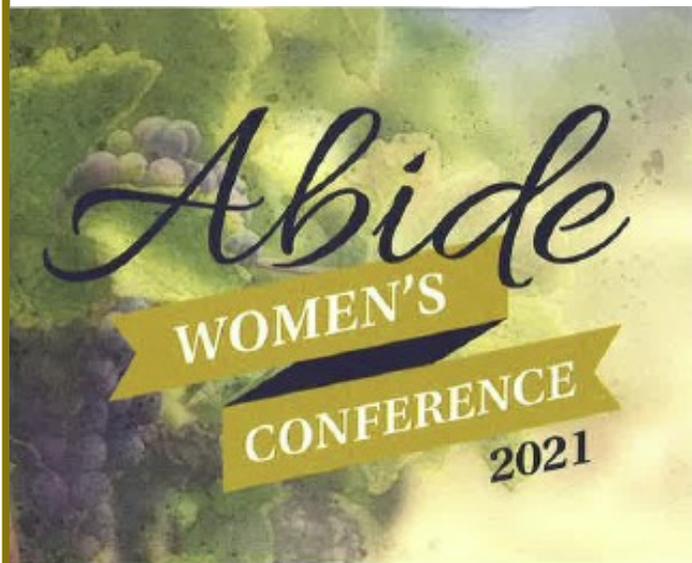
**Emmanuel
Greater Mount Rest
North Hills
North Long Beach
Robinwood
Trinity
FBC Wiggins**

We're excited to pass along this personal invitation for you and your ladies to join in the annual

Abide Women's Conference at NOBTS, February 19-20, 2021.

This year's plenary speaker is Jen Wilkin, a notable and beloved teacher of God's Word. The conference is titled, *Women of the Word*, and there will also be 12 additional breakout sessions all centered on various aspects of God's Word.

Check out all the details at PrepareHer.com/abide.



FEBRUARY 19-20, 2021

Women of the Word



Featuring
Bible Teacher & Author Jen Wilkin

We are monitoring COVID-19 closely and are moving forward with plans to have a safe conference. Should the conference need to be cancelled, you will receive a *full refund* of your money (minus a 5% registration transaction fee).

Abide
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
2021

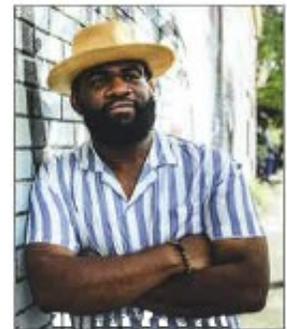
FRIDAY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 19, 2021
6:30 - 9:30 PM

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20, 2021
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Through rich Bible teaching, practical breakout sessions, and sweet times of fellowship, we hope you will leave this conference with a deeper sense of knowing how to abide with God by being a woman of His word.

NEW THIS YEAR

Spanish translation for main sessions and special Spanish breakout sessions



WORSHIP WITH
Mark-Anthony Thomas
& the Vintage Church Band

All of the breakout sessions will encourage you to know and love the word of God. Some topics include **Building your Women's Ministry on the Word, Trusting the Bible as God's Word, Communicating God's Word, Praying God's Word, Memorizing God's Word, and more.**

\$35
STUDENTS
\$20

Early-bird Pricing

September 1 - 30, 2020

Group registration discounts available.

Regular Registration \$50
October 1, 2020 - February 5, 2021



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.PREPAREHER.COM/ABIDE



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Basic Accounting

- Bookkeeping for all operating funds
- Financial reporting — balance sheet, income statement with budget vs. actual comparisons
- Accounts payable processing and check generation
- Bank reconciliations



Contribution Tracking

- Tracking all tithes and offerings
- Offering quarterly and/or annual contribution statements



Payroll

- Coordinate through a third-party payroll service full and part-time payroll functions
- Coordinate quarterly IRS 941 filings
- Coordinate all required W-2 and W-3 reporting



Safeguards

- Separation of duties within bookkeeping operations ensures accountability

Are you familiar with the Greyhound Bus Company? Greyhound has been widely recognized across North America as a leader in transportation for over 100 years. For over four decades, this iconic brand had a memorable slogan that encouraged travelers to *“Go, Greyhound...and leave the driving to us.”*

Since 1943, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation has served alongside churches and other ministries as “laborers together with God.” With that goal as our continued focus, we would like to introduce you to the Foundation’s Ministry Accounting Service available to churches and associations. Prayerfully, outsourcing this task to the Foundation will allow you to address other ministry opportunities and needs. In this way, you can *“Go, make disciples...and leave the accounting to us!”* In other words, we will focus on the accounting while you focus on what really counts!

More information is available on our website:

www.msbaptistfoundation.org.

*Go, make disciples...
and leave the accounting to us.*

MINISTRY. UNENCUMBERED.

**MINISTRY
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e-RACE-ing our past
Emb-RACE-ing our future

• • • • • **5K RUN**
RACE TO EMBRACE

SATURDAY
November 7th

7am check in
Race starts at 8am
at East Rec Pool, Diamondhead, MS

EARLY ENTRY FEE \$20

RACE DAY ENTRY FEE \$25

Name _____ Sex: M F

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ DOB _____

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Email _____

** Race Waiver to be acknowledged and signed by participants prior to picking up bib assignments.

Mail checks to GCCWJC-Magdalene House
P.O. Box 6023, Diamondhead, MS 39525

- Awards will be given to winners in each age division.
- There will be refreshments during the race and post race.
- There will be tshirts for all preregistered runners, and for day of race registrants while supplies last.

Proceeds will benefit:

**Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps /
Magdalene House**

www.womenscommunitysupport.org

Register on line at:

www.raceroster.com

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