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When Jesus Comes Knocking

The knock came at the door of the inn. It was late. We can imagine the innkeeper had been burning both ends of the candle. The census crowd had packed Bethlehem and he had finally locked the doors for the night.

Until the knock. He shuffled his feet through the dark and made his way to the door. Opening it with the slightest of cracks he peered out to see a young couple. Looking more closely he saw a young woman who was about to give birth to a child.

Rooms were full. It was late. And they didn't look very special. He had to decide whether he would find room for them or not.

And you will too. John's rendition of the birth of Christ comes in a few short words: "The Word [logos] became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Greek hearers understood the word "logos" as the representation of God. The essence of God was found in his Word.

Hebrew readers perked up to John's message too. John writes: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." He book ends the first sentence of his book with the phrase "in the beginning." They knew it as the words that began the first book of the Torah, or Genesis.

John writes about beginnings. John writes about God's very representation dwelling among us. And he writes to tell us that we have the same decision to make as the innkeeper. Will we find a place for Jesus in our lives or will we send him away?

Some send him away because he looks too plain. Nothing special about him. Don't make that mistake. He comes to common places like your home and common places like your heart.

Some send him away because life is crowded. Many demands and many deadlines. And you're not sure if you have room for him. But he only comes to give you what he has already done. He desires to give you forgiveness.

And some send him away because they think it's too late. They've already done too much that can't be forgiven. They've already gone too far away.

But it's never too late. Not with the one who comes and makes his dwelling among us. You need only to open the door.

Dr. Lynn Hardaway

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – all donations are used for Southern Baptists to send missionaries from their churches, through IMB, to go into the world making disciples in the name of Jesus. In that partnership, Southern Baptists provide the funding to send and support these missionaries and their ministries.



Who was Lottie Moon?

Lottie Moon - the namesake of the [international missions offering](#) - has become something of a legend to us. But in her time Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She was a hard-working, deep-loving Southern Baptist who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

Why was the offering named for this early missionary? Throughout her career, Lottie Moon wrote numerous letters home, urging Southern Baptists to greater missions involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists' first Christmas offering for international missions - enough to send three new missionaries to China.

Blackwater Baptist Church Lottie Moon support opportunities include:

Our traditional Christmas Card Mail Delivery Service
Breakfast with Santa
Honorary/Memorial Poinsettias to honor loved ones
Monetary Gifts - using designated offering envelopes.



Luta Tebault Circle



Breakfast with Santa

Sat. Dec. 13, 8-10:30
Cost \$5. Pancake breakfast served 8-9:30. Santa to arrive any time after 9:30 for pictures. Everyone Welcome.



Our traditional Christmas Card Mail Delivery Service

for BBC family and friends starts November 30. There will be a mailbox located on the hallway table for cards and postage (49¢ each), payable to: Blackwater Baptist Church, memo: Lottie Moon Postage. The cards will be separated and placed in the fellowship hall each Sunday for pick up.

Centennial/Jennie McClain Circle

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month @12:00 usually at Creeds Café - Date and location subject to change when there is a conflict with a member.

Thurs., December 4 – Meeting at 12:00 at Creeds Café

Officers: President - Helen Lane
Secretary and Treasurer - Sue Shirley
Program Chairman - Gail Slocum
Prayer Chairman - Lettie Dozier

We would love to have some new members, anyone interested please let us know!!!!

Ruth Walden Circle

The Ruth Walden Circle meets every fourth Tuesday of each month, during the day, at different restaurants. We have ten wonderful ladies in our circle. We would love to welcome some new members. You can call Pat Washington at 432-0427 for more information.

Dec. 16 – Christmas Luncheon at Diane Horsley's home at 12:30.

Crochet Club

Tis the season.... to start crocheting! Don't you just love when you're making a blanket & it keeps your lap so nice and warm while you work on it?! The Crochet Club is meeting Tuesdays at 6:30. We'll show you how if you want to learn!!

Currituck House Assisted Living home has requested hats, hand muffs and lap rugs and we really need more help making them.

All donations are appreciated, including yarn.

Linda recently donated hand muffs to Autumn Care.

GAs, RAs & Acteens

GAs & Acteens:

The GAs and Acteens delivered Halloween decorations to Virginia Beach Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center (Camelot Nursing Home) for their Halloween party.

GAs & RAs:

We had a Halloween party for the kids with a great turnout. The kids did crafts, played games, and had a nice lunch. (These pictures are on the BBC FB page but let me know if you need me to forward them to you.)



Upcoming event: Dec. 6 - Pizza and bowling

Our girls and boys are busy working towards their first badges. Stay tuned in December for a special badge ceremony during church service!

The GAs will be selling Christmas Ornaments at Breakfast with Santa for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The ornaments will be \$1.

Upcoming meeting dates and times:

Dec. 7 - Acteens - after church; GAs & RAs - 2pm

Dec. 28 - Acteens - after church; GAs & RAs - 2pm

Adults on Mission

Dec. 4 the Adults on Missions group is sponsoring a Christmas Caroling event at the Currituck House nursing home at 141 Moyock Landing Dr., Moyock, NC 27958. Singing starts @ 6:45pm. We will meet at church at 6:15 to caravan over. Afterwards, we will eat at Cracker Barrel on Hillcrest Pkwy. Everyone is invited to join & sing! Please wear a red shirt.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Store! These items were delivered to Burrows Memorial Baptist Church November 18. Thank you Linda for delivering.



On Veteran's Day, [Lynn Ball](#), Pat Ball and Linda Jordan visited the Currituck House nursing home in Moyock to



honor the 11 veterans there. Although it was a simple ceremony, there were tears in most eyes as they appreciated being remembered. Each veteran received a handmade, framed plaque with their name, A Great American Hero, and their branch of service.

His Needs Her Needs Study concluded with dinner and fellowship at Cracker Barrel at Edinburgh.



New Couples Group

We had such a great time of fun and fellowship with the His Needs Her Needs study that we decided we would like to start a new couples group to meet once a month for fun and fellowship. Please contact: Lynn Ball if you are interested. Our first tentative outing is scheduled for Dec. 5, a hayride through the Mount Pleasant Farms Orchard to view their new Christmas Light display (if it is up and running by then). If not, mark your calendar anyway because we are going to find something fun to do!



Back Packs for Appalachia – Grand Total 31 Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful first-time project! And a special thank you to Ashley for delivering them!

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR THE FOODBANK OF SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA

The items needed for the Winter Coat Drive include: winter coats, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves in new or good condition.

The Foodbank also accepts toiletries including: deodorant, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair brushes, and liquid soap.

There will be collection boxes in the hallway November 23 – December 7.



All donations are appreciated.



Alcoholics Victorious - 12 Step Recovery Program
See Nina for more information or
AV@blackwaterbaptist.comTech

REMINDERS

All BBC members are requested to help in supplying food for **funeral receptions**. This responsibility cannot fall solely on the Funeral Committee members. This shares the burden and helps everyone to be able to focus on the affected families during their time of loss. Please contact Nancy Daniels 421-2467 (you may leave a message), so you can be added to the contact list to be notified when the need arises.

Save your Labels for Education box tops! A small collection box is on the hall table for donations of Campbell's barcodes and box tops. Farm Fresh receipts also count so bring them too!

Christmas Play December 21 at 7 PM

Christmas Play practice Sundays 6-7pm.
Contact Debbie Keller for more info & to find out how you can help.

Join Us Sundays:

**Sunday School 9 a.m.
Service 10 a.m.**

The **Luta Tebault Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat** was a huge success. There was a great turn out and a lot of fun for everyone. There were games, a chili cook off (winner - Don Arth), costume contests, a very popular

cake walk, a pumpkin carving contest and of course great costumes. A huge box of canned goods was donated to Charity's food closet. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great success.



Lottie Moon Poinsettia Orders

In Honor / In Memory of

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Donated by: _____

_____ X \$12 = _____

Order Deadline: Dec. 7 – NO LATE ORDERS

Give orders to: Linda Jordan or Lynn Ball