

November 4, 2021

GRATEFUL FOR THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It hardly seems possible but the holiday season is just ahead. What a joy it is to express our gratitude to God for His blessings at Thanksgiving and rejoice and celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

During the Christmas season we are reminded, in a special way, why Jesus came to Bethlehem for our salvation and to later commission us to take the gospel to the world.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been a special part of many of our lives at Christmas through the years. In 1888 a Christmas offering was given and three missionaries were sent to China. One of those was Lottie Moon. There was war and turbulence during those years and eventually a famine struck the land and Lottie Moon sacrificed much, including giving away her food as she shared the love of Jesus. She died on her way back to America weighing a mere 50 pounds. She was an incredible hero, like so many of our missionaries today. It is fitting that our Christmas offering for International missions be named for her.

Southern Baptists have given over 5 billion dollars to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

100% OF THE OFFERING GIFTS GOES DIRECTLY TO OUR MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD.

Pray for our missionaries, many are serving in dangerous places. Please pray about what God would have you give as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in the upcoming season.

Rick Ellison

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PIES FOR PRISONERS

We are unable to take pies to the Loxley Work Release Center this year, but want to encourage you to participate in an alternative. Please contact your local first responders to see if they would allow your ministry to bring pies to share with their families this year.



Church Safety & Security Ministry for Every Size Church This Saturday November 6, 2021

9:00 am to Noon
Fairhope Avenue Baptist Church
Presented by
Mark Wakefield
with the

Alabama State Board of Missions For more information Call 251-928-0890 Make Plans to Attend: CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP

Greg Love and
Kimberlee Norris
with Ministry Safe
(Sponsored by ALSBOM)
Fairhope First Baptist Church

Thursday, March 24, 2022
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
For All Pastors, Staff,
and those who work
with children and students
Cost \$20

(includes materials and Lunch)

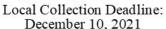
In Concert
Mark Trammell
Quartet
Fish River Baptist Church
Friday, November 12
7:00 PM
\$10.00 at door
love offering will be
received during the concert
For more info call:

In Concert
COMMON BOND

Magnolia Springs
Baptist Church
Sunday
November 7
1:30 pm

For more info call: 251-965-7799



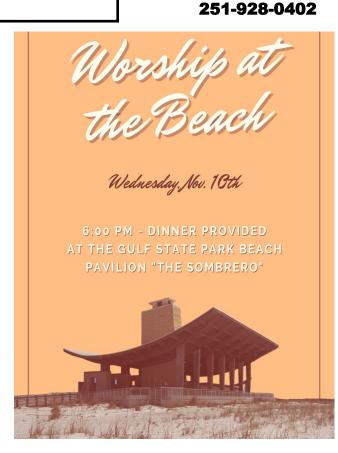




We are happy to announce we are partnering with Alabama WMU and the MS River Ministry to provide backpacks to children in the Golden Meadow, LA area, which was hard hit by hurricane Ida. If you would like to participate in the distribution on December 18, let us know.

Be in prayer as the children and their families are presented with the plan of salvation on that day.

Our hope is that each of our churches will fill just one backpack and bring to the office by December 10. If your church is able to pack one or more backpacks, contact Angie Estes at 251-945-5112 or office@baldwinbaptist.com with the gender and age group you have chosen. She will send you more information. This church specifically asked that a fleece blanket be included in each backpack.





Samaritan's Purse