

# Emmanuel Baptist Church

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM  
Children's Church  
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM, FLC

### Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:30 AM  
Church Luncheon, Noon

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM  
TeamKid, 6:00PM  
Student IMPACT, 6:00 PM  
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. . .And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city." Luke 2:1-3*

*Harold Ashcraft  
Music Minister*

*Denise Griffin  
Children/Youth Director*

*Claire Pennington  
Church Administrator*



**FORERUNNER**

November 30, 2023

If you've ever read about Charlotte Digges "Lottie" Moon, you know that three things come to mind when you hear her name;

### **Commitment, Cookies and Christmas.**

Lottie Moon was one of seven children born on a tobacco plantation in Virginia. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1858 and helped her family maintain their estate throughout the Civil War. She attended Virginia Seminary and later received a Master of Arts degree in 1861 in Charlottesville, Virginia. They say she was only 4 feet, 4 inches tall, and mastered Latin, Greek, French, Italian and Spanish. She could read Hebrew and later became an expert in the Chinese language.

Lottie's **commitment** to missions was unwavering and she was appointed as a missionary to China in 1873 at the age of thirty-two. By 1885, she had transformed her teaching ministry into full time evangelism and her converts numbered in the hundreds. She wrote in a letter home, "As you wind your way from village to village, you feel it is no idle fancy that the Master walks beside you and you hear His voice saying gently, 'Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end.'"

She often made **cookies** for the children of China and became known as the "Cookie Lady." She told the children about Jesus as they ate her delicious treats. To avoid suspicion, Lottie made a practice of acting and dressing as the Chinese did, waiting to be sought out by the locals by setting a plate of cookies in her doorway to attract the neighborhood residents.

In 1887, Lottie wrote home and proposed the week before **Christmas** be established as a time of praying for and giving to missions. Her vision became reality and the Christmas Mission Offering was eventually named after her. Throughout her missionary career, Lottie faced plague, famine, revolution and war. Unknown to her fellow missionaries, Moon shared her personal finances and food with the children in need around her, severely affecting her physical health. They arranged for her to return to the United States, but she died en route on December 24, 1912 in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. She was 72 years old. In China, a monument to Lottie Moon was erected bearing her name, saying she was an American missionary, and the words, "How she loved us."



A huge EBC Thank You to Jerry Gilcrease and his family for the delicious turkey we enjoyed at our Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19<sup>th</sup>. And his Banana Pudding and Mandarin Dish were AMAZING, as always. Thank you, Mr. Jerry, family and friends for your contribution to our wonderful time of thanksgiving.

*A special thanks to all of you who helped me with a down payment for another car. I am so very grateful and surprised by your gift of two thousand dollars. My children and I can never thank you enough for giving us hope during this difficult time. May God bless your church. Bridget Deal*

*To a Special Person,*

*Thank you so very much for your gift of a walker. It was just what I needed and has been such a help to me. I've been praying for you and know God will bless you for your generosity.*

*My sincere thanks, Mary George Sorrell*

*Thank you all for your continual love and prayers during my recent surgery and time of recovery. Emmanuel has a special place in my heart.*

*James Lester*

## MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

### **In Memory of Rita Whitfield Stevens**

By Denise Palmer                      Bereavement  
Gene Taylor                              Together We Build

### **In Honor of The Faith Sunday School Class**

By Martha Morgan                      Budget

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

### **Friday, December 1**

*Daniel 5 -6, 2 Peter 3*

### **Saturday, December 2**

*Daniel 7 - 8, 1 John 1*

### **Sunday, December 3**

*Daniel 9, 1 John 2*

### **Monday, December 4**

*Daniel 10 - 12, 1 John 3*

### **Tuesday, December 5**

*Hosea 1 - 3, 1 John 4*

### **Wednesday, December 6**

*Hosea 4 - 6, 1 John 5*

### **Thursday, December 7**

*Hosea 7 - 8, 2 John*

### **Friday, December 8**

*Hosea 9 - 10, 3 John*

### **Saturday, December 9**

*Hosea 11 - 12, Jude*

### **Sunday, December 10**

*Hosea 13 - 14, Revelation 1*



## **THERE'S A LOT TO DO AT EBC!**

**Deacon's Widow's Banquet, Sat. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon, FLC**

**Lottie Moon Post Office is Open for Business!**

**Prime Time Singers, Tuesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

**Monthly Luncheon, Tuesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon, FLC**

**TeamKid Lottie Moon Cookies, Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Jefferson Tour of Homes, Thurs, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:45PM**

**Adult 2 Christmas Party, Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM, FLC**

**Adult 3 & 5 Party, Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00PM, FLC**

**Family Night at Christmas, Sun, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM**

**Church Wide Fellowship, Sun, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Ladies Bible Study, Mon, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM**

**Prime Time Singers, Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM**

**Singing at The Guest House, 10:30AM**

**TeamKid Lottie Moon Cookies, Wed, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Adult 4 Ladies Luncheon, Thurs, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM**

**Lottie Moon Ingathering, Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:45AM**

**Deacon's Meeting, Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM**

**Cantata & Candlelighting Service, Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM**

**Church Wide Fellowship, Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Prime Time Singers, Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM**

**Singing at The Glen, 10:30AM**

**Business Meeting, Wednesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM**

**TeamKid Lottie Moon Cookies, Wed, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Christmas Eve Service and the Lord's Supper, Sunday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:45AM**

The kids in Team Kid have been learning about Lottie Moon and how she witnessed to the children of China through her cookie ministry. Our Team Kids will have cookies available after prayer meeting each Wednesday in December. They will be accepting donations which will go to our church Lottie Moon Offering.

