## 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

#### Wednesday

TeamKid and Youth, 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

> Harold Ashcraft Music Minister

Denise Griffin Children/Youth Director

> Claire Pennington Church Administrator

"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him; to all who call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18



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# The Great Pursuit



When I hear "**THE GREAT PURSUIT**" and see those thick hiking boots headed to Asia, I say, "Not this chickadee. I'm on Medicare. I can't do all of that." I don't even feel guilty about it. Arthritis has a way of putting some "pursuits" in your rearview mirror. Did you just say "Amen?"

Like Moses at the burning bush, we're relieved when we can give God an outstanding excuse for why we

are not capable of carrying out His pursuits. We dare to limit the Creator of the entire universe. Lottie Moon was a 4'9" old maid when she accepted the Lord's Call to China. The culture might not accept her in a pulpit or a Buddhist temple, but when she set a plate of fresh-baked cookies on her front porch, the children came running to eat goodies and hear about the love of Jesus. Maybe your next Great Pursuit is baking cookies for your neighbor who doesn't know Christ. *Blessings, Ms. Claire* 

#### LOTTIE MOON'S TEA CAKE RECIPE (As made by Lottie Moon)

3 teacups of sugar

- 1 teacup of butter
- 1 teacup of sour milk
- 4 pints of flour
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon of soda

Flavor to taste. Roll thin. Bake in a quick oven.

#### **WMU'S TEA CAKE RECIPE** (Adapted recipe for today's cooks)

2 cups of flour 1/2 cup butter
1 heaping cup of sugar
1 well-beaten egg
1 tablespoon cream

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

#### **MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

#### In Memory of Their Mothers

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

In Memory of Bob and Karen Johnston By Mike Asher Budget

#### In Memory of Bob Johnston

By J. C. and Myrtis Kennedy George and Laverne Smith A.T. "Mike" Clingan Connect 1 Child Connect 1 Child Lottie Moon



Have you seen the vibrant new stripes on our church parking

lot? While we enjoy the enhanced colors of yellow, red and blue, we must all be aware of the black rubber filler in the cement cracks.Those black lines are slick when wet, so please be careful until the gloss finish wears away.

#### THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, December 13 Amos 3-4, Revelation 4 Saturday, December 14 Amos 5 – 7, Revelation 5 Sunday, December 15 Amos 8 – 9, Revelation 6 Monday, December 16 Obadiah, Revelation 7 Tuesday, December 17 Jonah 1 - 4, Revelation 8 Wednesday, December 18 Micah 1 - 2, Revelation 9 Thursday, December 19 Micah 3 - 4, Revelation 10 Friday, December 20 Amos 5 - 7, Revelation 11 Saturday, December 21 Nahum 1 - 3, Revelation 12 Sunday, December 22 Habakkuk 1 - 3, Revelation 13



In January, we will begin Reading the Bible through in Chronological Order. This will give us an opportunity to read events in the order in which they occurred. It Will Be So Exciting!



The Lottie Moon Post Office is OPEN! (Cards are addressed to Active members and your postage money goes to the Lottie Moon Offering.)

Adult 2 S.S. Party – Sat. Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM FLC

Adult Choir Cantata – Sunday Morning, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Lottie Moon Ingathering – Sun Morning, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Our EBC Goal is \$10,000.

Deacons' Meeting – Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM

Family Night at Christmas – Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM Please see Bro. Harold if you would like to participate. There will be a church-wide fellowship following the program. Bring your favorite finger foods, desserts and a joyful smile!

CREDO 10 and under Party – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM FH New Widow's Group – Wed, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM Business Meeting – Wednesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM Sunday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – No PM services Tuesday, Dec 24th – Candlelight Service



Lottie Moon Missions Offering Ingathering this Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> in the Morning Service

### A Wonderful Opportunity!

An organizational meeting for our new Widow's Group is being held next Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm before the Church Business Meeting. We will meet in the Friends Sunday School Classroom. Please join us and if you have questions, don't hesitate to call Brenda Waldrip (318-780-6849) or Lucy Johnson (318-464-2615).