

# CREEDMOOR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**December 17, 2023** 

#### This Sunday at CRBC

What is the greatest announcement that you have ever received? Maybe you got the job, or your candidate won the election, or there's a new baby on the way. CRBC Pastor Danny Estave examines the angel's announcement to shepherds in Luke chapter 2, what made it so important, what it tells us about God, and what it tells us about ourselves.



Join us this Sunday at 11 AM for The Announcement (also on YouTube).

#### Socks for Souls Concludes this Sunday

Thank you for giving to our *Socks for Souls* ministry. The gift bag of socks for men and women are almost full, but we lack socks in children's sizes. A note with a spiritual message from CRBC will be included with each pair donated. Please bring your sock donations by this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Lottie Moon: From Sinfulness to Obedience

Some of you may remember from last year that Lottie Moon was far from being the perfect child. Lottie came into this world on December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. Her parents were religious and very wealthy, even keeping a tutor in the home for languages and classical literature studies. Lottie was not the least bit interested in religion as a child, expressing her feelings outwardly. She would often skip church on Sundays, instead returning home to fix her own lunch. She was considered a "devilish little girl," growing to become only 4'3" tall.



At the age of 14, Lottie was enrolled in the *Virginia Female Institute, and* proved to be a good student, especially in literature and foreign languages *(those tutors really paid off)*. However, she continued to skip chapel. Though she loved learning, she despised all sorts of religious instruction.

The good news in all of this was Lottie's conversion. Just before the Christmas of 1858, as she was pursuing vain things, God changed Lottie's heart. By his grace and the power of the Holy Spirt, Lottie was born again. It took a miracle of God to change her heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

## And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come — Matthew 24:14

Lottie soon joined her sister in China, who was serving as a missionary to the people there. Lottie traveled from house-to-house and village-to-village, sharing her food and the gospel to mostly women & children. Over the next 40 years, Lottie loved the Chinese people, and forsaking her pedigree for their benefit, endured innumerable hardships including sickness. On December 24, 1912, weighing less than 50 pounds and seeking medical treatment, Lottie died on board a ship headed for home.

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## <u>Birthdays</u>

19 - William Floyd 22 - Lee Elledge



Socks For Souls

Deadline
This
Sunday



During this season of missional giving, may we consider the many sacrifices of Lottie Moon and give to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO)* for our missionaries who are living out Lottie's legacy of faithfulness to the Great Commission. Remember, these brave men and women are going in our place. LMCO envelopes and prayer guides are in the pews. Your gifts to the LMCO will be accepted through the month of December.

#### The Numbers from Sunday

Last Sunday, there were 37 in worship. Giving to CRBC totaled \$1,110. Another \$150 was received for the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions* bring our current total to \$625.

## **Prayer Points**

- Thank God for the hope we have in Jesus as only He can fix the brokenness of hearts and lives.
- Pray for your neighbors and family, that their hope would be found only in Jesus.
- Ask God to show you the places where your hope is not in Christ.
- Pray for Socks for Souls, especially for the salvation of all those whose feet will be warmed by your gifts.
- Using your prayer guide, continue praying for our IMB missionaries and the people they reach with the gospel message.
- Pray concerning your financial support of these missionaries through your giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.





If you have prayer requests for next week's newsletter, please share them with CRBC Pastor Danny Estave or the church office. The contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter.



## This Week



## **Upcoming Weeks**



#### Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday for Socks for Souls 10:00am

The Gospel Project I Am with You Always:

People Are Restored

John 21

11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Advent 2023:

#### The Announcement

Luke 2:14

with Pastor Danny Estave (Also on YouTube)



## **This Saturday** December 16<sup>th</sup> 2 PM

## Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

11:00am Morning Worship Service 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

No Gospel Project this Sunday

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day



## Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

10:00am The Gospel Project 11:00am Morning Worship Service

> Monday, January 1 New Year's Day

### Sunday, January 7

10:00am The Gospel Project 11:00am Morning Worship Service