



PASTOR'S PEN By Pastor Doug Crowder

What a year this has been! Firestorm defines more than flames of Butte County. So many of you have done so much! The Fernley Flood Rebuild and the Butte County Fire Clean-up have monopolized a huge chunk of time and energy and yet there has been so much more: senior activities, youth activities, camp, Vacation Bible School, surgery, Migrant Ministry, school, revivals, funerals, etc. I praise God for you all and your willingness to serve.

Someone said that next year should be calmer. Maybe, if you consider full-out construction on the new building calm.



attention on those of our congregation who have been ignored. Many by whom you normally sit on Sunday morning are among the missing. Please make a call, send a card, or offer an encouraging word at every opportunity. Some may have been crushed by a crisis in their life and we may not even know it.

So, this is the season for being thankful. The calm between the storms. A time of healing, rejoicing, and reflection. A Savior has been born (and is coming again). Rejoice, and again I say rejoice!

In the course of all the activity, many situations—and even people—have been lost in the shuffle. We need to focus our

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FOR MISSION OFFERING By Cathy Page

Friday, December 5 at 6 pm

- Set aside some items to donate for the auction.
- Look for treasures in your home to be “invested” in missions.
- Bring items with you on December 5th, placing them on the auction tables. Competing buyers will write down bids on the items.
- At the evening’s close the treasures will be awarded to the highest bidder. All

- proceeds will go toward our church’s Lottie Moon Offering (Goal: \$2000).
- Items should be in great condition and usable – some will be marked with a minimum bid.
- Items that sell include knick-knacks, collectibles, books, decorations, seasonal and holiday items, homemade or hand-made items and arts, including specialty baked items.
- Bring finger foods and snacks to share.

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Who is Lottie Moon?

Born into privilege on a Virginia estate, Charlotte Diggs Moon was a smart, forceful woman who could have achieved most any goal. But God's call focused "Lottie" Moon's life on sharing Christ's love with China's lost masses. For 37 years she endured hardship and danger in a land oppressed by famine, disease and war. In the end, she loved the Chinese more than life itself, giving her own food to starving neighbors – eventually dying of starvation herself.

Why is the Southern Baptists' international missions 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, excerpted below, triggered Southern Baptists' first offering for international missions in 1888 – enough to send three more missionaries to China.

"How many there are... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God."

--Lottie Moon,

Tengchow, China, Sept. 15, 1887



Lottie Moon

2008 Church Goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church's goal for international missions this year is \$2,000. Last year we gave over \$2100 to this offering, so we hope to surpass our goal again this year. The offering is received all through the month of December each year.

How much does it cost to support a missionary? (Support includes housing, food, children's education, medical care, retirement and more.) These figures are those of August, 2008.

Per year	\$41,258.77
Per month	3,438.23
Per week	793.44

Per day	\$113.04
Per hour	4.71
Per minute	.08

By reaching our goal this year, we will contribute enough to support one missionary for almost 17 days. Let's exceed our goal, to encourage missionaries around the world! Pray now, asking God what He would have you give to support His work and how that can be achieved. Then keep an eye out for the Missionary Support Calendar that will monitor progress toward our goal.

Ideas for Supporting the Lottie Moon Mission

2008 National Goal: \$170 Million

Magalia Pines Goal: \$2000

PRAY – pray for the missionaries and their work; pray about your gift to this offering this year. Use the Week of Prayer brochure you will receive to pray for missionaries November 30 – December 6.

GIVE – prayerfully plan now for your part of our church goal of \$2000.

ATTEND – take part in the Annual Auction for Mission Offering on Friday, December 5, 6pm. This has been a fun tradition at MPBC for several years now. See the article on first page for details.



Going, Telling and Giving

What will it take to ensure that every tribe, tongue and nation hears the story of Jesus?

For more than 150 years, Southern Baptist missionaries have labored to carry the Gospel to the lost. But despite their sacrifice – and that of generations of Southern Baptists who've given faithfully to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – our Great Commission task is not yet complete.

More than 3,340 of the world's nearly 11,500 people groups continue to live and die in spiritual darkness. Among these least-reached people there are few, if any, evangelical Christians, and no one is working to plant new churches.

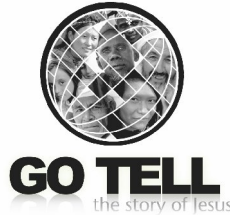
Closing this gap will require a growing missionary force partnering with stateside churches, national Baptists and other Great Commission Christian groups.

That's not all. Sending an unprecedented number of mission-

aries will also require extraordinary giving on behalf of Southern Baptists.

Our national Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$170 million. The task is doable; God has given us the resources.

Will we be found faithful?



Thanksgiving Dinner at our Church and Thanksgiving Baskets

Church Thanksgiving dinner:

Sunday, November 23, will feature Thanksgiving Potluck at 5 pm at church. Turkey will be provided. Please bring all the "fixins". We have much for which to be thankful in the midst of a year of turmoil. Invite someone who needs a blessing.

Thanksgiving baskets:

This year baskets for folks in need will be assembled on Friday, November 21. Please bring items for the baskets

soon. Dry goods may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary and frozen goods may be deposited in the kitchen. (Please notify the office if you drop off frozen items.) This ministry is extremely important to those who are in need at this special time of year.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Concow Fire Victims

On Friday, November 21, Magalia Pines will host a Thanksgiving Dinner for the families we assisted with fire cleanup in Concow this summer and fall. All those who worked on the project at Concow are also invited.

The dinner will be prepared by volunteers from the church, and served at the Concow Grange from 6-8 pm. Tasks: Preparing food, serving, setting up tables and chairs, clean-up. Any workers who have yellow Disaster Relief shirts should wear them that day.

If you would like to get involved, call Pat Page at 873-9206.



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Youth Update

Hello! If you haven't noticed by the cold, the rain, the wind, the extra layers, and the heating bill, summer is over! Where did it go? It has gone into the history books as probably one of the busiest summers Magalia Pines Baptist Church has ever had. Not sure what kind of history books those are, but regardless it is time to look ahead. So...take a breath...here we go!

Things are lively in the student ministries department. We have seen some new faces in various services and youth events. One of the most enjoyable times we have had was in the middle of a corn maze in Orland last month with our group and the youth group of First Baptist Paradise. There's nothing like fun, fellowship, allergies and screaming teenagers. Thank you, Jesus!

Coming up on Friday, November 14th at 7 pm is our next combined youth group in Paradise. Moving this event to Fridays has been a blessing as we have not had to rush the event because of school the next day. Combined youth group is programmed for students in grades 6-12. We have music, games, and food, and open the Word together.

Also on the youth calendar for November is our 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl at the Paradise Elementary School beginning at 9 am on Thanksgiving morning. What would Thanksgiving be without a little football? Last year's game between the MPBC and FBC Paradise youth groups and workers was pretty intense as goals were scored, shoes and knees were covered in mud, climaxing to when a Chihuahua stormed the field distracting the players and officially derailing the game for about 10 seconds. Ok, so it's not that intense, but it is

really fun and a great chance to get to know some youth while playing along or just cheering them on.

Then in December is SYC. First, let me say "thank you" to all of you that had anything to do with our Italian Dinner on the 7th. Either by buying tickets, making or serving food, or just laughing at my silly jokes you helped make the night a success. Thank you for taking part in God's blessing! This year's State Youth Conference will be held in San Jose December 29th-31st. SYC is a meeting of thousands of youth and youth workers where they will have the opportunity to learn more about and to worship our great God. They will also have a great chance to serve God and the community of San Jose through various service projects. Thousands of decisions for Christ have been made at SYC as well as many decisions to enter the ministry. As one last fundraiser we will be having a Spud Luncher (get it?) after Church on a Sunday in December. Last year we had a great time with plenty of food and puns about potatoes so be sure not to be a couch potato and come to the Spud Luncher!

If you would like to get involved in any of these or other youth events or activities, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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