

Weekly Newsletter—December 20-26



Love God. Love People. Serve the World.

## *Newsletter Article*

### **FAMILY LIFE/YOUTH PASTOR**

Greetings church family!

**The angel replied to her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

**“I am the Lord’s servant,” said Mary. “May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel left her.**

Every time I read Mary's response to the Angel's announcement and her explanation, I am awed: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me according to your word." Here is a teenager facing misunderstanding and rejection from her family, her husband-to-be, and her townspeople. And yet she agrees. **Mary affirms the foundational truth that defines our discipleship: "I am the Lord's servant."** After all is said and done, after we have explored all the possibilities, we must decide: am I a servant or a master? Is my allegiance to the Lord or to my own desires?

Sometimes it takes great turmoil in our lives to come to the place of submission, but we must come to that place. Even before Jesus was conceived, Mary was faced with the decision: Will I obey and make way for this King? Or will I take the easy way that avoids difficulty and pain? To her everlasting credit, Mary's response of faith is what our response must be: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me according to your word."

We have faced some pretty crazy stuff this year. Looking back to January, I know that none of us saw the challenges that we would be facing ahead. As you celebrate Christmas this year, even though it may look a little different, I pray that you will not only remember the birth of Christ, but also that He calls us to be the His servant, through the tough times and through the difficult times. .

In Christ,  
Brother Brian



LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®

## What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering by believers around the world to support international missions. All of the proceeds from the Lottie Moon offering go toward supporting missionaries, from entry through exit to partnership.

## What is the Global Impact by the numbers?

827 People groups engaged by the International Mission Board

535,325 heard the gospel message

47,929 were baptized

12,368 new churches started

33,068 received advanced theological training

214 People groups with self-sustaining ownership in the missionary work

(These are figures from the field, reporting on 2019 work)

Your generosity makes it all possible.

I am praying for God's richest blessings on you as you cheerfully give to this 175 year old ministry!

Mary Young

A Great *Multitude* + You  
Rev. 7:9

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**Receive To Date: \$1,430.00**



**DUE TO COVID-19  
ALL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL BE ONLINE  
FROM DECEMBER 20 THROUGH DECEMBER 27**

**SUNDAY, (DECEMBER 20)**

**10:30 AM—ONLINE SERVICE**

**TUESDAY—FRIDAY, (DECEMBER 22-25)**

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**THURSDAY, (DECEMBER 24)**

**6:00 PM—ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, (DECEMBER 25)**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

**SUNDAY, (DECEMBER 27)**

**10:30 AM—ONLINE SERVICE**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY, (DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 1, 2021)**

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, (JANUARY 1, 2021)**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



