

Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

Twenty-two Baptist churches
and two church plants
serving the Oldham-Trimble area

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REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

—from rick

Lottie Moon— Missions Innovator— Missionary Servant

Lottie Moon modeled for today's Christian several key characteristics we need in order to reach our world for Christ.

This 4 foot 3 inch woman was a dynamo of innovation. Fluent in 6 languages, she was one of the first women in the South to earn a Masters of Arts Degree.

In 1873 she arrived in China as a missionary and began a ministry of teaching. Feeling her gifts shackled in the classroom, she successfully lobbied the Baptist missions leaders to be allowed to engage in direct evangelism—a radical departure in missions strategy of the day.

Perspectives— On the World Christian Movement


Ready for a fresh perspective on the Kingdom of God and your place in it? If so, check out “www.perspectives.org” to find out details about a dynamic, comprehensive course on Christian missions. (From that home page, click on “My Class” to find out specific details of the Crestwood class.)

Be a part of the first Perspectives class offered in our vicinity and a part of one of the 200 classes offered across the U.S. in 2009. It will be hosted by Crestwood Baptist Church, on Sundays from 4:30-7:30 beginning Jan. 11 through May 3.

The cost is \$200 for a certificate or to audit. Undergraduates may receive college course credit at a cost of \$400.

A variety of missions leaders will help students understand ...

- ◆ biblical foundations of missions,
- ◆ the record of how Christianity has spread world-wide,
- ◆ the significance of strategizing for



GO TELL
the story of Jesus

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 30 - DEC. 7, 2008

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING***
National Goal: \$1.0 million

DOM Search Committee Named

In accord with the OTBA constitution, the Administrative Team has named a

engage in direct evangelism—a radical departure in missions strategy of the day.

She quickly saw the need to avoid imposing the trappings of her western culture on her new Eastern friends. In order to identify with the Chinese people, she took on the dress, hairstyle, and customs of the Chinese—a mission strategy that would not be broadly adapted for many decades.

She used her pen to bombard missions leaders with appeals to raise additional funds to send desperately-needed missionaries to share the gospel. It was she who first suggested a general missions offering at Christmas to this end.

Additionally, Lottie Moon exemplified sacrificial missions servanthood. With precious little of the support network modern missionaries enjoy, she served in China 39 years—with only 2 furloughs. Early on she was referred to as “Western devil” until she won the hearts of the Chinese people.

She poured her life into the rural regions despite the harsher lifestyle there. Returning from her last furlough she found China in the throes of famine. She gave her own food allotments to help others fend off starvation, though she was at the point of starving herself.

Her colleagues discovered her sick and weakened, weighing scarcely 50 pounds. In 1912, she was placed on a boat back to the US but did not survive the journey.

In order for us to meet the challenges of sharing Christ with a lost world, we will need to manifest a similar spirit of innovation and sacrificial servanthood.

Amen—Lord, let it be!

- ◆ the significance of strategizing for cross-cultural missions, and
- ◆ how they can invest their lives significantly in Kingdom work.

Avery Willis, former VP of the SBC’s International Missions Board, has said, “Perspectives provides Southern Baptists and other believers with the finest overview of God’s world-wide work available. I wholeheartedly recommend it for any committed disciple of Jesus.”

Register on the website above until Jan. 11, the day of the class orientation session.



*Like shepherds startled awake
to a life-changing joy,
may you have the joy of Christ
fill your life
and your Christmas.*

Love in Christ,

Rick and Lucy

Mary

In accord with the OTBA constitution, the Administrative Team has named a search committee to begin working to fill the vacant DOM position.

Search Com. members will be Don Wright, of Ballardsville (chair); Connie Burnett, Bedford; Lambert Franklin, Crestwood; Sharon Rowlett, Pleasant View; and Tom Starks, Milton.

Co-chairing a prayer team will be Dean Bowling, Milton and Harold Roberts, LaGrange. They will be developing a network of contact persons who can enlist the churches in specific prayer as the Search Committee continues its work.

The Search Committee is working through an orientation process under the leadership of Larry Baker, director of the KY Baptist Convention’s New Works and Associational Missions Dept.

Please pray faithfully for them in the weeks and months ahead.



Interim DOM Called

In the Vision Team meeting of Dec. 1, the Administration Team presented to the Vision Team the name of Rick Lucas to serve as interim DOM. He has agreed to serve for three months, Jan. 1—March 30.

Duties will call for an average of 20 hours per week for the interim position. Details of job description and remuneration are still in the process of being finalized by the Administration Team.

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**Treasurer's
 Report:
 November, 2008**

Sep. 1, 2008 – Dec. 2, 2008

***Church Income:**

Antioch -----	\$0.00
Ballardsville -----	1,439.25
Bedford -----	1,624.98
Beulah Land -----	100.00

**Church Leader
 Appreciation Dinner**

The OTBA Church Strengthening Team invites church leaders and their spouses to a recognition/encouragement dinner on Fri., Jan. 23, at LaGrange Baptist Church.

A special invitation is extended to all OTBA pastors, staff members, lay leaders and their spouses.

Guest speaker for the evening will be



**AMONG
 THE
 CHURCHES**

BALLARDSVILLE will present a live nativity on Sun., Jan. 21, 5-8 pm.

BEDFORD's adult choir will present "Noel: Night of Everlasting Love," on Fri., Dec. 19, at 7 pm and Sun., Dec. 21 at 11 am. On Dec. 7, 7 pm, they will have Amy Fisher, mission journeyman to

Bedford	1,624.98
Beulah Land	100.00
Buckner	784.70
Centerfield	0.00
Corn Creek	173.06
Covington	511.37
Crestwood	2,229.72
DeHaven	800.79
Eighteen Mile	144.01
Harrods Creek	335.40
LaGrange	5,290.40
LaGrange Heights	0.00
Liberty	70.00
Milton	2,075.00
Pleasant View	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00
Providence	304.50
Sligo	666.66
Union Grove	90.00
Westport	1,624.25
Total Church Income	18,264.09

<u>Undesignated Indiv. Gifts</u>	<u>178.80</u>
<u>Total Undes'd Receipts</u>	<u>18,442.89</u>

Designated Fund Balances

Tent Fund	700.00
B.M.C. Building Fund	1,274.60
New Equipment Fund	1,489.13
<u>Salazar Fund</u>	<u>933.30</u>
Total Designated Funds	4,397.03

Budget Expenditures

Expended to July 30, 2008	22,424.11
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Summary

Total Balance, 7/30/08	\$22,839.92
Designated Funds	4,397.03
Undesignated Balance	\$18,442.89

* - Reflects checks received & deposited by 12/02/08.

ers and their spouses.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Eric Allen, Dir. of the KBC's Mission Service and Ministries Dept.



Missional Renaissance *with Reggie McNeal*

The KBC is hosting nationally recognized author and consultant Reggie McNeal in a special forum on Jan. 22, from 10 am to 3 pm. Pastors, staff and lay leaders can gain insights for their own ministry and into the "missional church" movement.

As a special encouragement, the OTBA Church Strengthening Team will reimburse the \$8 registration fee. To register, visit www.kybaptist.org/forum; then call or email OTBA to let us know of your registration for the event.



Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

The Marriage Education and Resource Center (MERCY) is promoting to couples the above conference offered by FBC, Richmond on Feb. 27-28 and led by the hilarious Mark Gungor.

Cost is \$35 per person or \$69 for a couple. For more info (and a good laugh—video clips!!) go to www.laughyourway.com. To register, visit <https://register/laughyourway.com>.

at 11 am. On Dec. 7, 7 pm, they will have Amy Fisher, mission journeyman to Peru, talk about her experiences in Peru.

BUCKNER youth and adults will provide a live nativity at Light Up LaGrange on Dec. 5. The church had an excellent response as they provided a holiday banquet for community men and women who recently lost their spouse.

CRESTWOOD's living Christmas tree musical, "Not an Ordinary Baby," will be presented on Saturdays, Dec. 6 & 13 at 7:00 pm and Sundays, Dec. 7 & 14 at 3:30 and 7 pm. Tickets are available at www.crestwoodbaptist.org.

HARRODS CREEK will host "Bluegrass 101" in concert Sun., Dec. 7, 7 pm, presenting bluegrass/gospel music. A potluck dinner will precede at 6 pm.

LaGRANGE is holding a Christmas musical dessert theater, "A Festival of Carols," on Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm.

NEW DAWN/NUEVO AMANECER held a marriage conference on Nov. 15, led by Central Region Hispanic Ministry missionary Pete Rivera.

PROVIDENCE has begun a food pantry ministry which recently received a boost as the RAs led a food drive effort. The GAs worked hard on their Christmas Child Project, which resulted in 100 gift shoeboxes provided for children around the world.

WESTPORT had an excellent response to an Advent family night on Nov. 30, with activities for children and youth and workshops (music, an appearance by "Lottie Moon," ideas for family worship, and an Advent craft). The evening was capped by a candlelight communion service.