



DECEMBER 2020



The Wait is Over!

One of my favorite Christmas characters is Simeon. It is said of him in Luke 2:25ff. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

We do not know precisely how long Simeon had to wait before he personally got to see and hold baby Jesus, but we do know from this passage in Luke 2 that his long wait was well worth it.

Whatever we are waiting on in prayer this time of year we can know that the Lord has provided all we need through the gift of His Son. And for that we can rejoice!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING





What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially.

This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).



The global need for missions is more urgent than ever.

154,937 people are dying daily without christ.

Global Impact

BY THE NUMBERS*

**YOUR GENEROSITY
MAKES IT POSSIBLE.**

All of the proceeds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go toward supporting missionaries, from entry through exit to partnership.



827

People groups engaged by IMB



535,325

Heard the gospel message



47,929

Baptized

SEE HOW YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS LIVES

12,368
New churches started

33,068
Received advanced theological training

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

*Figures come from the field, reporting on 2019 work.



Transform lives around the world.

GIVE NOW

DAVE RAMSEY +



Special Offer for TBBA Churches

Get 50-to-90-percent off all of Dave Ramsey's financial tools and curriculum

Thanks to a very generous donor, the TBBA has partnered with the Dave Ramsey organization to make this offer available to the first 100 Churches to respond and register.

[Click here or on the image above to watch the November Zoom meeting archive and learn more about this incredible offer](#)

Participating TBBA churches already include:
Chapel @ Baylife Citrus Park Harbor Idewild
Relevant Seaglass Wiregrass Westshore

In these days of economic downturn for both families and churches, it is good to know of opportunities that can bless others in financial ways. Due to a generous local donor, Ramsey Ministries is offering their site license at a greatly reduced cost, which allows a church to provide access to Dave Ramsey content for one year.

This includes 5 classes (Financial Peace University, Legacy Journey, Smart Money Smart Kids, the Jump Start Course, a new Budgeting course), the Everydollar+ budgeting tool, and a host of other resources. The Ramsey ministry has a team dedicated to help your church involve as many families as possible throughout the year.

Your entire church family can take advantage of the Ramsey offerings with the following reduced prices for Tampa Bay Baptist Association churches. This is all digitally offered.

The price you pay - for your whole church to be able to use all of the Ramsey programs mentioned above - is based on your church's attendance numbers (Pre-COVID)

Attendance of 250 or less - Your total cost is \$250

Attendance from 251 to 500 - Your total cost is from \$250 to \$481

Attendance of 501 or more - Your cost is a 50 percent reduction

FPU can be offered in Small groups or self- study format.

There are four additional requirements to the investment above:

1. Buy-in of the Senior Pastor
2. TBBA pursues getting multiple churches involved
3. Willingness of each church to connect to a local Middle School or High School to offer FPU for free to teachers, administrators, etc.
4. One church leader/member who will contact one lead person in the school to assist them in offering Ramsey resources for free.

Get all the details in the Zoom archive video ([available here](#)), and if after watching that meeting you want to pursue this opportunity, you should call Joshua Fitzmorris directly at (615) 850-1504 or email him at joshua.fitzmorris@daveramsey.com.

FOLLOW UP - Hillsborough County Funding COVID 19

Did your church recently receive Hillsborough County Funding due to COVID 19? We want to know.

We sent an email in November as a last call for available funding from Hillsborough County that needed to be given away to eligible non- profits, including churches, before the end of the year. So far, we have heard back from one church that applied and received a pretty large amount of funding.

If you applied, would you please let us know what happened with your application? Thanks for calling Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 or emailing us [here](#). Thank you.

FEBRUARY EVENT



TBBA Prayer Summit Scheduled for February 8-10, 2021

We are excited to announce our next TBBA Pastor's Prayer Summit happening February 8-10, 2021. Join evangelical pastors and leaders for this incredible time of worship, repentance, renewal, and transformation.

This is a very special Monday-thru-Wednesday event, which promises to be a powerful time for pastors and leaders to come together for the sole purpose of praying together.

A number of our pastors have been blessed and encouraged by attending the 2020 Prayer Summit and we are excited to offer it again.

EVENT DETAILS

Last year we had a wonderful Prayer Summit under the leadership of Dennis Fuqua (director of International Renewal Ministries). We are pleased to have Dennis returning to lead another Prayer Summit with us:

- Dates: Monday through Wednesday, February 8-10, 2021.
- Cost: \$200, covers lodging and meals.

Location:

DaySpring in Ellenton, FL.
8411 25th Street E.
Parrish FL 34219

Last Year's Schedule (we expect something very similar):

Monday

11:30 AM - Arrival
12:00 PM - Lunch
1:30 PM - Afternoon Prayer
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Evening Prayer

Tuesday

8:30 AM - Breakfast
9:30 AM - Morning Prayer
1:00 PM - Lunch
2:30 PM - Afternoon Prayer
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Evening Prayer

Wednesday

8:30 AM - Breakfast & Room Check Out
9:30 AM - Morning Prayer
1:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM - Departure

What to Bring:

Bible

Optional: Swimsuit and Pool Towel (heated pool)
YOU DON'T NEED bedding and towels - all provided

Call Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 for more info | Registration Info Coming Soon

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Belmont Baptist Church

- Belmont will host its annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come for an awesome evening of worship and singing praises to our God. Come expecting a mighty outpouring of God's anointing and blessing. We look forward to seeing you there. Belmont Baptist Church is located at 7830 N. 56th Street in Tampa, FL. We ask that you call our church office at (813) 988-1501 to let us know that you will be attending and to receive additional information.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Carrollwood Baptist

- Carrollwood Baptist Church is seeking a part-time nursery worker for a minimum of

5 hours per week on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Main duties include care and playtime of infants through preschool age. Pay starts at \$12.00 per hour. Salary negotiable with relevant experience. Interested individuals may contact Rhonda Alain at salt2light85@gmail.com to apply for this position.

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist Church located in South Tampa, is looking for an experienced pianist. The part-time pianist will be paid \$100 per week. The applicant must be willing to work Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings for choir rehearsal. Applicants can contact their Worship Leader, Peter Jensen at the church at 813-831-1951 for more information.

Exciting Central Baptist

- Exciting Central is seeking a full time Executive Assistant. Job summary is to facilitate the effective ministry of ECTBC by serving the senior pastor, pastoral team, and ECTBC community in excellence. This position reports directly to the Senior Pastor. Interested individuals may contact Deacon Rashad Hines at (813) 924-2374.

West Broad Street Baptist

- West Broad is seeking to fill two positions. (1) Youth Leader - Working with youth in Christian studies and (2) Worship / Choir Leader - Leading music for choir and congregation. Contact Pastor Roger Bunner at the church to discuss the qualifications and salary (813) 886-4022.

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