MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

102 North Park Drive Worship 9:00 AM December 15, 2024

Fellowship Time 10:00 - 10:30 Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

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DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Every December, Southern Baptists churches have a special offering to help our missionaries across the world. It is named the "Lottie Moon" offering in memory of one of our faithful missionaries.

In this offering, all of the money <u>directly</u> <u>to</u> the mission field to help our missionaries do some things outside of their ministry budget, they could not do without it. At Christmas we all spend a great deal of money on gifts for people we love. Mary Ann and I through the years have seen this as our <u>"Christmas Present for Jesus"</u> because we love Him. Will you do the same?

Figures
Total People Groups 12,019
New People Groups 207
Total Baptisms 102,0000
Mission Personnel 3,300

Please mark your check, for "Lottie Moon" or "World Missions" and drop it in our offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or <u>mail</u> it to:

Meadowbrook Baptist Church 2003 Lynn Ave Anderson, SC 29621

WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT

"In the fullness of time (When the time was just right) God sent His Son."

(Gal.4:4)

The story of Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem, it began in the unending recesses of eternity past, Before anything we know had come into existence. Revelation says Jesus was the "lamb slain from the foundation of the world". Before God created; becoming a human being and dying on a cross was already in His plans

In the 400 years between the Testaments, God had used the Romans to build roads all over the world and the Greeks to give the world one language. This meant First Century Christians could preach all over the Empire from England to India and be understood.

A "deist" believes history is like a train speeding down a track and what happens to it depends on what the engineer does or does not do. This is wrong – history is "his story" History is a train going exactly where God wants it to go. God, like a master craftsman He carefully places each piece in place at just the right time.

Today, with the leaders of Russia, North Korea and now Iran, warning us they are ready to begin a nuclear war, we are on the brink of something too horrible to imagine. I don't know if it will happen, but I do know, if it does, God let it happen for a reason and it is a *good* reason. How do I know? I don't. This is where faith comes in.

When godless nations and unholy systems seem to preach the gospel of chaos, we need to see, through the storm, the calm, confident face of God. Isaiah, who lived in stormy times, who watched the relentless approach of savage Assyrians, said,