## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

102 North Park Drive Worship 9:00 AM December 8, 2024

Fellowship Time 10:00 - 10:30

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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 it goes <u>directly 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 *mail* it to:

Meadowbrook Baptist Church 2003 Lynn Ave Anderson, SC 29621

## DO YOU LOVE JESUS

"He who has been forgiven little, loves little." (Luke 7:47)

"You believed the message about Christ / Thank God for His gift, too wonderful for words." (2 Corinthians 9:13-15)

In Luke 7, a former prostitute, went, uninvited, to a dinner for Jesus in the home of Simon the Pharisee. Simon was not a Christian and did not want to be one. He invited Jesus so he could embarrass him or find something to charge him with. When Jesus arrived, he did not extend the common courtesy of having a servant rinse the dust and dirt from his feet.

The girl Jesus had forgiven and changed was heartbroken over how He was treated and walked over, uninvited, and wept. Her tears fell on Jesus' feet and she wiped them off.

A shock wave must have run through the crowd. The "good" people, who had not had the courtesy to see that Jesus' feet were washed; were no doubt thinking, "What is this piece of trash doing here?" She, however, showed her love, and without realizing it, performed the common courtesy to guests, which Simon did not do. Jesus said she went home "forgiven" and added, she "loved much because she was forgiven much". Simon saw no sins in himself, so he remained un-forgiven.

This lady had a hard life. No matter how bad things get, we should always have a sense of profound gratitude for our salvation. Charles Colson, up to his neck in the shame of Watergate, was found by Jesus Christ through a group of men who befriended him. He said for a year, he kept all the cartoonists in business making fun of him and his faith. He served his time in prison and established a ministry to prisoners. Then he bravely stood up to cancer after this conversion. In a speech before his death he said he looked back at his life and the