

Paint Lick Baptist Church

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FRENCH REFLECTIONS

Rick Warren shares the secret of growth for churches during the Christmas Season.

Christmas attracts the community. You are well aware that many people who normally never come to church will come for Christmas services. In addition, your whole community is immersed in Christmas, and many people are more prepared to hear the Gospel than at other times of the year. Christmas encourages members to bring relatives and friends. Christmas is a perfect time to make a first impression. If your relatives wonder where you're going to church, you will bring them to the biggest Sunday of the year, they'll catch the excitement of the congregation. Christmas helps enlarge the vision of our church. This is the time of the year that you can help catch the vision of outreach and what it will mean to family and friends in becoming a part of God's family at Paint Lick. Christmas helps build morale within our congregation. People want to be a part of something big and exciting; it develops pride and unity among our flock. People who might not get involved with anything else will during Christmas. As you know it is hard to keep people constantly motivated, but at this time of year, it is easier to do so. Also, new volunteers joining the pool of workers, helps with involvement. This also increases our prospect list as well. So, as we enjoy our special season, look around to the person that you have not noticed before and let's make them especially welcome to our fellowship.

Also I would like to thank the Paint Lick Church for giving me the opportunity of service to each and every one of you during this past year. I want to personally wish you a very Merry Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year.

Bro Denny

Lottie Moon

Have you ever heard the name "Lottie Moon?" Every Christmas Southern Baptist churches across the United States takes up a special offering. All the money goes to many different needs that missionaries have in foreign countries. One year, money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering paid for a whole House in Africa. The house was for a little boy named Stratton and his family who are missionaries in Zimbabwe.

Did you know that Lottie Moon was a real person? Here is her story...

My name is Lottie Moon. Actually, my parents named me Charlotte Diggs Moon. But everyone called me Lottie. I was born on December 12, 1840 in a small town in Virginia. I have 6 brothers and sisters. My parents were wealthy, so we had a very nice life.

My mother was a good Christian. She held church services regularly in our home. But I was not interested in church. I wanted to be a teacher. So when I got older, I went to Virginia Female Seminary. After that I went to Albemarle Female Institute in Charlottesville. I used to play tricks on people. One April Fool's Day, I wrapped the school bells up so they wouldn't ring. Everyone was late to class. I'm afraid I got into trouble. One day when I was 18 years old, some of my school friends invited me to go to church to hear about missions. It didn't sound too interesting to me. But I liked being with my friends, so I went. That night I heard a wonderful sermon. The preacher told about God and Jesus. He talked about missions too. It was very interesting. I decided right then that I wanted to become a Christian and follow Jesus wherever He would me.

After I became a Christian, I finished college and started to teach. First I taught children at a school in Danville, Kentucky; then in Cartersville, Georgia. But I kept thinking about missions. I wanted to know about the other side of the world. Who was telling the people there about God and Jesus? Should I be a missionary I wondered?

Finally, in February, 1873, when I was 32 years old, I made up my mind, I would become a missionary. Six months later I was appointed to China. China!!! I was so excited! That's where my sister Edmonia was a missionary. In September I boarded a ship for China. I did not know at all what it would be like. But I knew I wanted the Chinese people to learn about God and Jesus. Living every day in China was very strange. Making friends was hard. The Chinese people seemed to be afraid of me. They did not trust a foreigner. I also did not know their customs. One thing I did notice was that the women and girls, even little ones, wore tight cloths on their feet so they would stay small! I thought that must really hurt because they walked very slowly. The one day I had an idea. I would bake cookies for the children. So I did. They smelled so good. At first the children would not eat them. Someone said the cookies would make them sick. I just kept on baking cookies anyway. Soon the children came to my house and began to eat them. They started to call me the "Cookie Lady." As they ate the cookies, I told them about Jesus.

I began to tell more people about God. But the job was huge! So many people wanted to hear. I wrote letters back to the states. I asked the people there to pray for the Chinese people. I asked them to send more money and more missionaries. At first I lived in the city of Tengchow. Then I decided that the people in rural areas might be friendlier. So I began to visit nearby villages. I soon realized that the Chinese girls also needed to go to school. So I started some schools just for girls.

I lived the rest of my life in China. I was happy there. I knew God wanted me in China to help the men and women, the boys and girls, know about Jesus.

In 1912, a terrible famine came to China. People everywhere were starving. Little children had nothing to eat. Lottie gave her food to the people. But soon she got sick. The doctor said she should go back to the United States to get well. So Lottie's friends put her on a ship for the states. But she never made it. She died on Christmas Eve, 1912 while still on the ship. Lottie Moon gave her life so the people in China could learn about God and Jesus.

Women on Missions

What a good time we had at the Carroll county nursing homes. Judy, Katie, Tony and I went to Green Valley and Carrollton Manor on December 3rd and gave gifts to the residents at each home. The residents are always most grateful and enjoy the time we have with them. Thanks for the many items you gave this year. They had a good selection of gifts to choose from and they especially liked the lap throws that you made. This day with these dear people at the nursing homes always begins my Christmas season the right way.

It seems too early to talk about January activities, but it will be here before I know it. Our Women on Missions meeting will be held on January 2nd at 7:00 PM at the church. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

We will be collecting individually wrapped food bars for the Blessings in the Backpack program at the Gallatin County Schools the first two Sundays of January. Conte Flowers, FRC coordinator, will be speaking at the January 10th Associational WMU meeting about this program. On that day we are to take 200 food bars. Each church is to bring something different and in the afternoon, we will put the food items in bags for the children and Conte will take them back to the school to be given out on Friday. So pick up a box of food bars for us and bring them to church either on January 1st or 8th. Thank you for your support of these projects. The associational meeting will be held at 10:30 at Glencoe. If you need a ride, contact one of us.

We are beginning a new program, mentoring the young girls who come to Kids Klub and to Sunday School. On Saturday, January 28th, we would like to meet at the church with a few of these girls and sew with them. We will be making dresses for the little girls of Africa. If you can sew and would like to help us, please let me know. If you have fabric, or notions that we can use, please donate them to us.

Thanks, ladies, please join us in doing missions in our community and around the world.

Pat Hendren Callan
WMU Director
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Welcome into the fellowship of our church by baptism: Elizabeth Spinks
Shelby Shields

Births:

Jason and Kara Hendren, son and daughter-in-law of Pat Hendren Callan, are the proud parents of their second daughter, Haegan Brooke Hendren, born on October 21, 2011. She joins a two year old sister, Kyah. Jason and family live in Milford Center, Ohio where he is a mechanical engineer with Honda. Kara is a civil engineer with a construction company in Columbus.

Jeremy and Becky Hendren, son and daughter-in-law of Pat Hendren Callan, are the proud parents of their second child, a boy, Zachary Parker Hendren, born on November 28, 2011. He joins a four year old sister, Tessa. Jeremy and family live in Chesterfield, Virginia where Jeremy and Becky are chemical engineers with Honeywell.

THOUGHTS FROM BOB

2011 is almost history and 2012 will soon be upon us. "GLORY BE TO GOD." Some folks will be glad to be shed of 2011, others have fond thoughts.

I think of those who found Jesus last year, for them 2011 was the best year of their lives for now and eternity. God bless those of you who had that experience.

God bless all the new members of our church family at Paint Lick. We hope you have found your new church to be what you expected and more. Join in and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

So many have of you have said, although your family you love so much, is so dear, your church family is always there through thick and thin. Learn to lean on them as you lean on God. Love one another as Christ loves you.

I was talking with a man the other day about his father who is gravely ill. I asked if he is ready for what's coming? YES! he said, but he just doesn't want it to happen. I can understand. This morning as I sit here writing this, I really understand what his father means. We can speak with conviction that we are 'right with the Lord' but very few of us want to face that appointed time.

It was brought home to me this past week about how quick your life can change and just how much God is in control without going into too many details. Basically, I was told after seeing my doctor, that my lingering cough I couldn't shake the past month or so was possibly one of only three things...lung cancer (you can imagine what thoughts that brought to my mind), COPD, just as gruesome asthma, no fun either, and x-rays were needed. Three days of much prayer later. No cancer, no COPD, no asthma. How about just pneumonia, I'll take it! Thank you Lord, thank you so much for just pneumonia. So you see it could be worse. Pneumonia killed both my grandfathers and one great grandfather.

Anyway, one of the tests you take checking out your lungs is when they put you in a sealed glass old time phone booth...you older folks have seen them and you breathe through a tube with a mouth piece. They put a clothes pin on your nose (you older folks have seen clothes pins too) have you breathe once or twice real big, then blow it all out, then they shut off the air tube and ask you to fake taking a big breath.

My last thought was not, this is OK, I'm saved and going to heaven. It was more like 'are they crazy?' Give me some air!! Ten seconds without oxygen intake is a lifetime. Thank you Heavenly Father for each breath you allow us to have on this earth.

MORAL: If you even think God doesn't love you and you don't need Him, put your hand over your mouth real tight. Pinch your nose closed and continue breathing as normal...20 or 30 seconds will do.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Bob

P.S. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

P.S.S. Like Grandpa used to say...I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

A clear conscience is a sign of a bad memory.

Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.

See you in church!

WEDNESDAYS – Meal at 5:30, Kids Klub 6:45 – 7:45, Prayer Meeting at 6:45.
NO Kids Klub on December 28th.

DEACON OF THE MONTH: December: Randy French
January: Wilson Maxwell

BUS DRIVERS are Bob Brashear (567.6557) and David Barnes (567.2514).

CHOIR PRACTICE: December 11th January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

WOMEN ON MISSION will meet December 5th at 7:00 at church.

DEACON'S MEETING is December 11th at 6:00.

BUSINESS MEETING is December 11th at 6:30.

OUTREACH: If you would like to come to OUTREACH, please see Carolyn Alexander for the schedule. If you would like for someone to receive a card from our church, please submit their name, address and type of concern (get well, sympathy, thinking of you, etc.). There is an outreach box and information slips on the table outside the pastor's office for this.

BUILDING FUND SUNDAY is December 18th.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH volunteer for December is Mandy Parker and for January it is Kaycee Thompson.

Christmas Day Services

No Sunday School Classes

Morning Worship 11:00

No Children's Church

No Nursery

No Evening Services to allow time to spend with family and friends

Breakfast Crew:

Dec 4 th	Ken & Katie Biddle
Dec 11 th	Kenny & Terri French
Dec 18 th	Carolyn Alexander & Tracy Miles
Dec 25 th	NO Breakfast
Jan 1 st	Judy Brashear & Kay Simpson
Jan 8 th	Pat, Joyce & Carolyn
Jan 15 th	Brenda Fiddler & Sharon Parker
Jan 22 nd	Doug Ingram & Judy Curry
Jan 29 th	Russ Perkins & Jamie Perkins

Nursery:

Dec 4 th	Kay Simpson & Linda Roberts
Dec 11 th	Ken & Katie Biddle
Dec 18 th	Kaycee Thompson & Judy Curry
Dec 25 th	No Nursery
Jan 1 st	Randy & Sharri French
Jan 8 th	Lynn & Heather Miles
Jan 15 th	Ben & Mandy Parker
Jan 22 nd	Kay Simpson & Linda Roberts
Jan 29 th	Ken & Katie Biddle

December Birthdays

2nd Kay Simpson
2nd Kelly French
2nd Cassie Skinner
2nd Jerry Allen
3rd Kourtnee Cavana
4th Jeff Brewer
5th Steve Widener
6th Nancy Bragg
6th Dave Estes
6th Jack Peace
6th Emma Noe
7th Desnel Locke
7th Hannah Macek
8th John Hornsby, Jr.
9th Terri French
9th Arnold Brewer
9th Rita Hicks
10th McKayla Remines
10th Randy French
11th Logan Barnes
12th Donna Biddle
13th Nancy House
13th Jeff Baird
13th Breanna Macek
14th Holly Reed
14th Dakota Townsend
15th Robin Romans
16th Katie Biddle
16th Doug Noe
18th Jake French
18th Julia Giles McEntire
19th Jeremy Attenweiler
22nd Roxann Booth
22nd Sue Taylor
23rd Rick Goldsberry
26th Monte Groves
27th Calvin Sims
27th Matt Greenlee
27th Savannah Vinson
27th Glenna Courtney
27th Amanda Buttlewerth
31st Paula Furnish

January Birthdays

2nd Ron Rickels
2nd Peggy Noe
4th Justin Gadd
4th Denny French
5th Rosa Saville
6th Ryan Morris
6th Rebecca French
6th Stacy Comer Dunn
7th James Baker
8th Roger Parker
8th Chad Clifton
11th Autumn Noel
12th Elizabeth Hon
14th Charlene Stamper
14th Jim Isaacs
14th Lynn Miles
18th Becky Moore
20th Jim Guthrie
20th Brian Romans
20th Brianna Romans
21st Mandy Parker
21st Norma Faye Sexton
21st Becky Burgett
21st John Matthews
22nd Buffy Wood
22nd Lolita Palmer
23rd Blaine Taylor
24th Linda Caldwell
24th Hazel Marksberry
25th Ben Parker
27th Brenda Noel
28th Karen Judy
31st MacKenzie Dunn

December Anniversaries

4th Jim & June Weiner
13th Brian & Robin Romans
15th Ken & Desnel Locke
22nd Ken & Katie Biddle
31st Eddie & Becky Burgett

January Anniversaries

7th Ronnie & Sandy Moore
8th James L & Aggie French
12th Ron & Glenna Courtney
13th Bob & Judy Brashear