



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

Located at State Street and B Avenue

# Tie-Binder

400 State Street— West Columbia, SC 29169 --  
West Columbia, SC 29171)

- (Mailing: P O Box 4898,

December 15, 2008

## *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

*by Mark Bryner  
and Susan Naylor Callaway*



*Presented by  
the Sanctuary Choir*



*Young Musicians,  
Children's and Adult Drama Group  
Sunday, December 21 5:00 p.m.*

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## *A Service of Carols, Candles and Communion*

*Wednesday,  
December 24  
5:30 p.m.*

*Beautiful Music      Candlelight Lord's Supper  
Christmas Story read by Dr. Lonnie Shull  
Carols on the front steps*

*Join together with the  
First Family in this  
great Christmas Eve tradition.*

### Sunday

9:30 am Library open  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
5:30 pm Library open  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
Discipleship Training

### Wednesday

4:30 pm Piece Makers  
5:30 pm Supper Line opens  
6:00 pm Library open  
LIGHTHOUSE  
Children's Choirs  
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:45 pm RA's, GA's,  
Mission Friends  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



Christmas reminds us again this year that God loved us so much that He gave His Best gift of Christ Our Lord.

In this 2009 we need to give our best. Our nation and world are in need of a gift of integrity, truth, hope, care for the hurting. As the angel told Mary in Luke 1:35, 37: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...For nothing is impossible with God."

We can give these precious gifts to persons we meet, one on one, with the power of the Holy Spirit, for truly as Christians we know nothing is impossible for our world with God's help.

Go tell it on the mountain and may peace and joy go with you this week,

Don Bishop

**Sunday, December 21**

A.M. "Mary and Joseph's Story"  
Matthew 1:8-15; Luke 1:26-38

P.M. "Do You Hear What I Hear"  
presented by Sanctuary Choir



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
for International Missions**

**First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000**

**Received to Date: \$ 9,685.13**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

We have surpassed our goal with two Sundays left in December. Thanks you, First Family, for your generosity and your commitment to the cause of missions around our world.



If you placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, you may take it home with you after either service on Sunday, December 21 or after the Christmas Eve Service.



**THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND  
THEIR LEADERS FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL  
PRESENTATION ON SUNDAY EVENING!!**

Christmas is always better when you can hear our children sing the story. Thanks for sharing with us! THANKS also to our terrific Kitchen Team for putting together our Christmas Fellowship!

Children's Choirs and Mission Activities will resume on January 7.

SANCTUARY CHOIR has been hard at work, too on our presentation of "Do You Hear What I Hear?". Join us Sunday at 5:30 for this presentation. SANCTUARY CHOIR (and children in the drama), remember our rehearsal Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 p.m. We will be finished before noon.



**Thursday, December 18  
11:00 a.m.**

**Guest: Christmas Music  
With Levon Stack**

It's always a blessing to have Levon Stack to sing for us. This will be a special time as he comes to share music of the Christmas season. Come join us!



**CHRISTMAS LIGHT LOOKING!  
Monday, December 22 Depart at 5:30 p.m.**

We will ride around the area and out to "Holiday Lights on the River" looking at lights and end up at the Bozard house for some goodies. Bring something to share. Cost is \$5. Sign up at BYC or contact the church office.

*Sallie and I would like to thank you for your kind words, gifts, and words of appreciation expressed to us during this season. We wish for you a blessed Christmas celebration, and a few moments of peace to reflect upon the greatest gift of the season - our eternal life through the gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We love you all! Merry Christmas!*

*Charlton*

**Pray daily for our Pastor Search Team**

Bobby Horton, Chairman	
Allan Murray, vice-chair	Debra Gauden, sec.
Clyde Blackburn	Amelia Schafer
Billy Hayes	Greg Shepherd



Let's talk about Christmas in our Sunday School classes! Some of us may have heard this message many times over the years, but there are many who have never read it. Let's not cheat those who have never heard simply because we have heard

and know it well. We read the Christmas story to our teens last week and only 2 of 16 said they had ever read it for themselves. Our world is changing and we must be heralds of the world to come. May all we encounter hear about the birth of Christ.

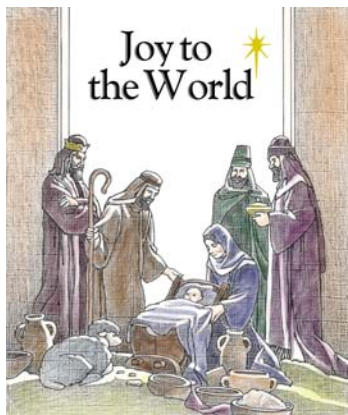
Hope Bridge Adult Day Care and Activity Center for those with special needs THANKS YOU for your Angel Tree gifts! All the names were taken in record time. Please bring your gifts by Friday at 1pm to the church office! May God continue to use us to shine the light of His love into other's lives. FBC West Columbia has always been a church willing to do whatever asked of them when needs arise. You respond so well to those less fortunate.

I am very thankful to God and appreciative to all of you for allowing my family to be here at FBC West Columbia. There is no place we would rather be this holiday season.

*Jody*

*From the Stewardship Committee*

The proposed Church Budget for 2009 was distributed at the close of morning worship last Sunday, December 14 and discussed in church conference on Wednesday, December 17. We will vote on the budget without discussion on Sunday morning, December 21.



*Your church staff wishes you and your family a most joyous Christmas and thanks you for your kind expressions of the season.*

*Don Bishop*

*Jody Ratcliffe*

*Charlton Bozard*

*Trish Perkins*

*Janet Watters*

*Becky Murray*

*Karen Rollison*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**Lighthouse Student Ministries  
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation**

**Jesus Super Play Dec. 20, 2008 5-8:30pm**

We only get one chance a year to see this one.

From those who have been, it is one epic event.

We get to see the life of Jesus LIVE right before our eyes. Eat before you come and get ready to be blown away. Parents are welcomed to attend with us and need to sign up as well. Event is free of charge.

Let's all pray for Josh Meador. He is also known as "Erskine" to our youth. He is a pharmacy graduate student at USC and has been helping us with our College and Singles Ministry. He will be traveling to Peru on mission this Christmas with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry of USC. Let's pray for him and his team to be effective in sharing the good news of Christ to the lost tribes. We will see him in a month and allow him to share with us about his endeavor. Josh, we are thankful for your servant's heart and your humility! GO and TELL the story of Jesus!

*In Loving Memory  
Sarah Cooley Shealy  
January 15, 1924 - December 11, 2008*

*The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our Christian love and sympathy to...*

*...Maggie Dreher and Evelyn Shull in the death of their sister, Sarah Shealy; and to Mrs. Shealy's family.*

*...Mortimer and Elaine Smith in the death of her brother, Dr. Hasel Ross.*



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE  
December 21, 2008 - January 3, 2009**

Sunday, December 21

9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening  
9:30 a.m. Library Open  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
4:15 p.m. Choirs meet  
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
"A Shepherd's Song"

Monday, December 22

5:30 p.m. Sr. Adult Christmas Lights

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time  
9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Wednesday, December 24

4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir meets  
5:30 p.m. A Service of Carols, Candles  
and Communion

Thursday, December 25



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Friday, December 26

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Sunday, December 28

9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening  
9:30 a.m. Library Open  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
12:00 p.m. **Un-decorate the sanctuary**  
No Evening Activities

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time  
9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Wednesday, December 31

No Church Activities

Thursday, January 1



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**TAKE NOTE!!!!**

The Church office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and January 1, No p.m. activities on Dec, 28 or 31. There will be no Tie Binder next week (December 21). This Tie Binder contains two weeks of calendar and information.

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
December 21, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

Babies and Ones

Wanda Gunter, Betty Noell

Twos and Threes

Laura Rose, Katie Gaulden

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

Dorothy Thompson, Ruby Clamp

**Burriss Building**

**Front Lower Level**

Andrew and Collette Hutto

**December 28, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

Babies and Ones

Debra Williams, Dorothy Thompson

Twos and Threes

Jannas and Hannah Matthews

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

William Fallaw

**Burriss Building**

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

**Front Lower Level**

Boyd and Azalee Anderson



Pray for These Hospitalized Members:  
As of Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2008

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Tom Hook

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DATED  
MATERIAL  
DO NOT  
DELAY!



The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and on Friday from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. The financial secretary is not available on Wednesday; the church secretary is not available on Friday.



**NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
DEC. 24 or 31.**

Suppers resume on January 7

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

All contributions for the end of 2008 **must** be submitted no later than Sunday, December 28th. Contributions received after 12/28/08 will be counted for the 2009 tax year.

