



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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A Christmas Musical
by Pam Andrews
presented by

Music Makers and Young Musicians of First Baptist Church
Sunday, December 14
5:00 p.m.



PRESCHOOLERS AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 12 NOON – 4:00 PM COST: \$5

Our annual Christmas outing for our children and preschoolers will take place on Saturday, December 13. All children are invited to meet at the church at noon to go to McDonald's for lunch and then to Fox Tree Farm for a fun time. We do ask that children three and under be accompanied by an adult.

All parents are welcome to go with us or take advantage of this an excellent opportunity to get in a little extra shopping or to have that special Christmas "date".

YOUNG MUSICIANS AND MUSIC MAKERS WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 10:30 ON THIS DATE TO REHEARSE FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION. They can remain at the church following rehearsal to take part in this event.

Contact Charlton Bozard or Amelia Schafer if you have questions.

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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



Luke 2:7 states that when Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph laid him in a manger as the family was forced to stay in a barn since all the rooms were filled in Bethlehem. The city was crowded with an influx of people reporting for census as ordered by Caesar Augustus.

There is no description of the birth place so we are left to wonder what it looked like. Luke 2:16 tells us that the shepherds traveled to a manger to see Jesus but it seems that the Wise Men did not arrive in time to visit Jesus in the manger nor did they meet the shepherds. Matthew 2:11 points out that they likely visited Jesus in a home where Mary and Joseph were staying with Jesus; this location is not described as the focus was always on Jesus.

From the Dark ages artists have carved nativity pieces for homes and churches; these being the first decorations known. In the year 1223 a church leader named St. Francis of Assisi constructed a nativity scene outside his church in Italy. Likely he used wood or even had sculptors work in clay and stone. It is believed that St. Francis used real people to play the principle characters and included the shepherds. He did not want this scene to become static but brought it alive to display the real spirit of Christmas.

Over the years, the nativity scene has become central in churches and many have become complex using live animals in the reenactment of the birth of Jesus. St. Francis would be proud with what he began as churches keep the star of Bethlehem shining over Jesus the Christ.

The opened-air birth of Jesus is symbolic of the openness of God's love to all mankind. What a Savior!

See you Sunday,

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

Sunday, December 14

A.M. "How Wise People Handle Christmas"
Matthew 2:1-12

P.M. "A Shepherd's Story"
presented by Music Makers and
Young Musicians

Pray daily for our Pastor Search Team

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



The College and Singles Group put together our last batch of food packets to feed the homeless and jobless in November. This is a small group, but they have been very busy lately. Thanks, guys!



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.

CHARLESTON CHRISTMAS TRIP
Friday, December 12 Depart at 1:00 p.m.

Forty-five folks from our church and community will be making this trip. The bus will be here by 12:30 p.m. to load. Don't be late!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no "Know and Tell" published this month.

**MUSIC MAKERS AND
YOUNG MUSICIANS REMINDER**

You will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. We will go directly to the Christmas Adventure following the rehearsal.

Contact me or Miss Amelia if you have questions.

Charlton



**Christmas
Worship
Services**

Christmas is a time for special worship times. Be sure to take advantage of these remaining services.

Sunday, December 21 5 p.m.
"Do You Hear What I Hear"
presented by Sanctuary Choir
(with some help from Young
Musicians and Music Makers)

Wednesday, December 24 5:30 p.m.
A Service of Carols, Candles,
and Communion

Take note of the times for these services and join the First Family as we celebrate our Lord's birth.



As we all look for a way to make Christmas a little more special to folks in need, look no farther than right outside the Chapel on the first floor. Our Annual Angel Tree is now available. You can pick an ornament and go buy a gift for one special person at Hope Bridge, a special needs adult day activity center. We have 20 or so more left. Please bring gifts by as soon as you purchase them. Deadline is Wednesday, December 17.

Be on the lookout for families you may be able to help this year. Those in need are closer than you think.

It has been such a joy to worship the Lord with you during our Advent Focus. The sanctuary is beautiful and you all are exhibiting such a spirit of love. Truly, there is no other place I would rather be than in the house of the Lord with you.

Parents, take advantage of our Christmas Adventure Day this Saturday. Your children will have a great time, I promise and they are well watched. You can use this time to get more shopping done or just rest at home.



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Hey, guys and gals, it is time to sign up for our December events.

Bad Santa Christmas Party Dec. 17, 2008 6-8:30pm

Remember, you need to bring a wrapped gift up to \$10 in value for our Bad Santa game. You will also need to bring money for supper (\$7-\$10). If you need a little help with these two items, have no fear and let Jody know. We want all youth to come and have a great time celebrating Jesus Christ's birth together. Dress Code: guys in ties and girls have more options but must dress nicely. We will be taking group pictures.

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.

2009 will be a year of developing small group Bible studies within our youth program. The youth will be in several different small groups throughout the year. Please pray for the Lord to provide me with vision so I may lead our adult leaders in administering these groups. I am so excited at what awaits us in 2009.



From the Stewardship Committee

The proposed Church Budget for 2009 will be distributed at the close of morning worship this Sunday, December 14. The church will meet to discuss it in Church Conference on Wednesday evening, December 17 in the chapel. We will then vote on the budget without discussion on Sunday morning, December 21. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions**
National Goal: \$170 million
First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000
Received to Date: \$6,802.63



The Tie Binder is published weekly except one week July and one week in December. There will be no Tie Binder published the week of December 22. Next week's edition will have two weeks of calendar and information.

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In Memory of Harvey Floyd
by The In Home Ministry

In Memory of Rodney Summers
by Jackie and Carroll Crawford
Mrs. Mabel Miller
Howard and Sandra Hughes

In Memory of Willard Neal
by Florina Neal

In Home Ministry

In loving memory of George Thompson
by Miriam King

Connie Maxwell Children's Home
In loving memory of George Thompson
Given by The In Home Ministry and
the Joy Sunday School class

HONORARIA

To Pure Love/Pure Water
In Honor of Joyce Crider
Given anonymously

To Connie Maxwell Children's Home
In Honor of Dorothy Thompson
Given by the Joy Sunday School Class

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 14 - 20, 2008**

Sunday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. College/Singles Breakfast
- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choirs meet
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"A Shepherd's Song"

Monday, December 15

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
Library opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
LIGHTHOUSE
Youth Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Church Conference for
Budget Discussion
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's,
Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Best yet to Come

Saturday, December 20

- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary and Children's
Choir rehearsal

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
December 14, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
Nick and Jill Zueger

Twos and Threes
Larry and Anne Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building
Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building
Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level
Jack and Virginia Hill

SOUND
James Franks

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**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:
As of Tuesday,
Dec.9, 2008**

Baptist Hospital
Mertie Lee



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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall
Deadline for reservations and cancellations
is noon Monday.



December 17
Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans, Slaw
Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$5.00 Children (5-9) \$3.00
Children 4 & under FREE



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.