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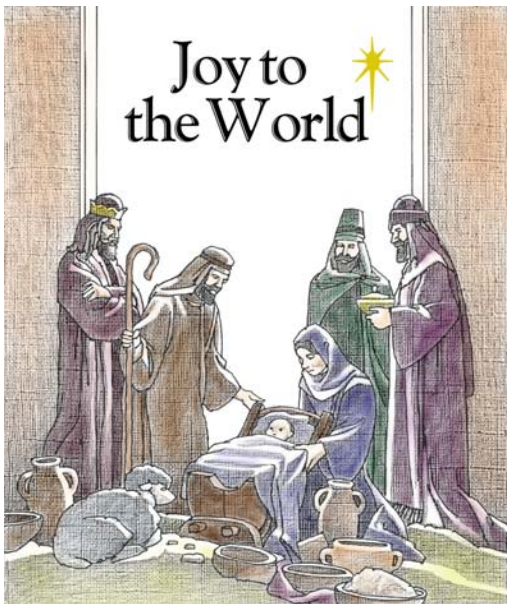
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**Joy to
the World**

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

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

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
- Youth Worship
- 7:00 pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday

- 5:30 pm Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 pm Library open
- Children's Choirs
- LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- Young Professionals
- 6:45 pm Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

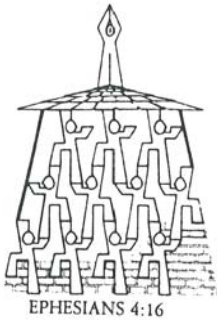
**WHO'S MISSING?
WHOSE MISSING?
MISSION?**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

FBCWC Goal - \$8000

Received to date - \$ 8,724.47

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



THE PASTOR'S LINK

As we celebrate our first Christmas season together it has been our joy to add and participate in new traditions. Communities, churches and individual families, as well, all have some similar and then some very distinctive traditions. Many traditions and customs have evolved over the years. Most traditions involve giving gifts. Depending on the time you read this some of you may still be buying last minute gifts or some may have already exchanged gifts. Usually we celebrate a birthday by giving gifts to the one being celebrated. Christmas, of course, is the birthday celebration of Jesus. Why not give a gift to the one being celebrated?

The next question then is, "What do you give Jesus for His birthday?" Well, that is easier than the gift for grandpa or whoever that person may be on your list who is always the one most difficult to find the right gift. Jesus has already told you what He wants. In fact, He had some of His earliest followers write it down. He told a follower named Matthew to write that He wanted us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. You can look it up in the book Matthew wrote in verses 36 – 40 of 22nd chapter.

He told John to write in the 17th chapter of his book that we who follow Him would be "one", being united in such a supernatural way that even when we have differences we are not divided or divisive because God sent Him as the Prince of Peace. So a great gift to give Him this coming year would be unity and harmony between everyone with His name so others without His name would know the Father sent Him and they would be drawn into His Kingdom.

Cathy and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season!

Sunday, December 27, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "Jesus Was Born, Now What?"
Matthew 2:17-20

PM No Evening Service

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Evelyn Shull (birthday is January 8)
 Chester Nursing Home Room 50A
 1 Medical Park Drive
 Chester, SC 29706-0700



Just a last word of thanks to all who participated in our music programs. All our groups did a wonderful job of leading in worship during this special season of worship. Your kind remarks have been greatly appreciated.

Sallie and I wish for you and your family a truly blessed time of celebration with your families during this season. We are grateful for your being our church family and loving us. God bless you all, especially at Christmas.

NEWS FROM THE WMU

Sincere appreciation to our Church Family for your generous support in contributing to the Christmas prisoner packets. It was a big success.

COMING UP IN JANUARY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 AT THE USC CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTER

Our Church has been invited to participate in this event, which is designed to foster fellowship between the international students, faculty members and the greater Columbia community. Approximately 140 students are expected to attend. As a co-host, we have been asked to provide the following:

15 dozen whole sandwiches (chicken, tuna or egg salad, roast beef, ham, turkey, vegetables with cream cheese or pimento cheese, homemade only. (NO PEANUT BUTTER.)

15 doz. cookies, any kind 2 jumbo bags potato chips
 1 large vegetable tray with dip
 50 pcs of whole fruit, especially bananas

Items should be brought to the Church no later than 10 a.m., Friday, January 22nd.

Those who are willing to assist should contact Grace Shepherd.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

All contributions for the end of year 2009 must be submitted no later than Sunday, December 27, 2009. Contributions received after 12/27/2009 will be counted for the 2010 tax year.



The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mattie Boone and Sherri Bouknight in the loss of her son-in-law and father-in-law, Walter Bouknight.



I want to publically commend you on your hard work to improve Sunday School. We can always improve but I see you are improving at this very moment. Remember, our theme for 2010 is "Excellence in Everything". Let us continue to operate with this in mind. We are seeing an emergence in Sunday School of students who want to be on time, adults who are prepared to learn and teach, and a seriousness all around that it is time to be the best we can be. Remain faithful during these growing times. Make Sundays a priority in your week. Help others around you to make them special also. Always be thinking about who is not in class and do not let anyone slip away. I am looking forward to a new attitude and a new spirit within our Sunday School for 2010.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

We had a wonderful Christmas Party to round out the year 2009. We had 21 students all dressed up for the event. You can check my Facebook for pictures. We celebrated God's blessing on our youth group. In 2009, we have seen 9 youth join the body of Christ. Most were first time commitments to Jesus Christ. For those already saved, we have seen a dramatic rise in friendships and a feeling of family emerge. We are not an elite club by any means, but we want to feel close and connected to one another. The group experienced deep spiritual challenges throughout the year with summer being one of my spiritually challenging times of all. God has given us students who are not perfect, but who are learning to love perfectly. It is a very unique group of teenagers and God has greater plans for them in 2010! From this group we will see future ministers, teachers, deacons, and public servants. We will see successful moms and dads! Keep up your prayers for them as we enter the New Year.

Jody

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY
Stories for Life**

**Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew
Led by Pastor Bill Drees
Wednesday evenings in the chapel
at 6:30 p.m.
beginning January 6.**

The 2010 January Bible Study will lead adults to have a better understanding of the kingdom of God as well as of the parables in the Gospel of Matthew that focus on the kingdom. In addition, the study will show adults how to enter and live in the kingdom as well as how to await its consummation. **COME JOIN US!**



Earlier this fall, our Children's Sunday School partnered with A,T&T to collect shoes for needy people. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect 122 pairs of shoes. Thank you, First Family!



A BIG THANK YOU
to our **Kitchen Committee** for going above and beyond to make all our Christmas fellowship times special:

Paul Bessinger, Evelyn Dunlap, Gary Lee, Terri Lee, Gina Harmon, Faye Hutto, Mark Inabinet, and Carolyn Williams.

THANK YOU FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!!



**Check our website
www.fbcwc.com
for pictures from
Christmas worship
services and special
events.**



Christmas Holiday Information

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed Friday and Monday, December 25 and 28 for Christmas Holidays. We will also close on Friday, January 1. There will not be a Tie Binder published the week of December 28. This Tie Binder contains two week's information as well as the January calendar.

There will be no evening activities on Wednesday, December 23. Prayer Service and Lighthouse will meet on December 30. Fellowship Supper and Children's Activities resume on January 6.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 27, 2009—January 8, 2010**

Sunday, December 27

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

Monday, December 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 29

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

Wednesday, December 30

6:00 p.m. Youth LIGHTHOUSE
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Friday, January 1 *New Year's Day*

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 Happy New Year!**

Sunday, January 3

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. Church Council
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study

Wednesday, January 6

10:00 a.m. In Home Ministry Workers
 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
 Youth Lighthouse
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
 Young Professionals
 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

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**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
 December 27, 2009
 HEALTH MINISTRY**

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Watson and Carol McKay

Twos and Threes

Amy Hudson and Debra Williams

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Clyde Blackburn

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Melanie Ratcliffe

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building

Legare Gunter

Front Lower Level

Boyd and Azalee Anderson

SOUND

James Franks

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 January 3, 2010
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EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams, Dorothy Thompson

Twos and Threes

Kati Gaulden, Debra Shepherd

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Bernard Bourne

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Amelia Schafer

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

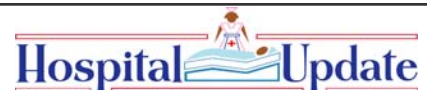
Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

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James Franks



as of Monday, December 14
 there were no members
 known to be hospitalized.
 Greg Shepherd is recovering from foot
 surgery. Martin Brown is recuperating
 at home.