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WHO'S WHOSE MISSING? MISSION?

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal - \$175 million
First Baptist Church Goal - \$8000
Received - \$1,387.55

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH!!!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Sanctuary Choir will present
"Glorious Impossible"
during morning worship.

Children's Choirs will present
"The Promise of a King"
in evening worship.

A Churchwide Christmas Fellowship will follow.
Bring your favorite finger food and join us!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
"A FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS"
Come hear our church family share Christmas!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Our traditional service
"Carols, Candles, and Communion"
will be held at 5:30 p.m.

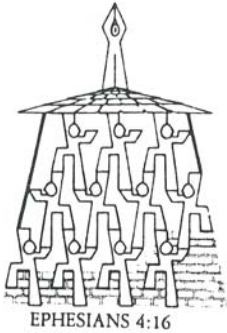
REGULAR SCHEDULE

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



THE PASTOR'S LINK

As we move into our first Christmas season together as well as the start of a new calendar year together for the first time as pastor and church family I want to review some things we have been sharing as a church family. We have been focusing on Spiritual movement in recent months.

God has been and will continue to bless people who follow and are led by the Spirit. In our recent Sunday School leadership meetings, Sunday evening focus on Building Better Disciples and most recent First Family Forum we have discussed seeking to be **Excellent in Everything**. I Corinthians 10:31 commands us to do all with excellence for God's glory, **"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."** We are seeking to follow this command as a body of Christ in all we do.

As ordained staff and deacons I have asked us to set the example in leadership as servants of our Lord that whatever we do, we do it for the glory of God. Ordained ministers and deacons are not better than anyone else. We are all sinners in need of the same grace but once ordained, we are set aside as public leaders and should be public examples for God's glory. We have asked that we also set the example by being in our Sunday School rooms at 9:45 ready make the most of the time for God's glory. Teachers should be in the room before 9:45 to welcome people. Whenever we have opportunities to pray, serve or minister we should all do it for the glory of God. Christmas is about God giving his greatest gift. Jesus gave His all for us. Whatever we do, we should do it all for his glory!

Bill

Sunday, December 6, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "A Day to Remember"
Luke 2:1-20

PM "The Original Sign of Christmas"
Matthew 1:22-23: Isaiah 7:14



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board:

Gina Harmon

*Connie Maxwell Children's Home
 Soles for Souls Campaign*



See the front for news about our upcoming Christmas presentations. Adults and children will present their programs on December 13th. I hope you will plan to worship with us!

FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

By popular demand, we will once again enjoy this special tradition. Sunday, December 20 at 6 p.m. is the date. You are invited to share a song, play an instrument, or tell a special Christmas story. If you are interested in taking part, or need some help picking out that special song or reading, let me know.

Two Trips For Your Attention!

Charleston Day Trip Holiday Festival of Lights
Saturday, December 12

If you are interested in this day trip sponsored by Teilah Shirley of **Faith Based Vacations**, let me know. Cost of \$60 includes bus ride, dinner at Ryan's, and admission to the park. Departure time is 2 p.m.

This group is also planning a one day trip to **Myrtle Beach on Saturday, December 19**. Cost is \$100 and includes bus, seafood dinner buffet, and admission to the show. Let me know quickly if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT LOOKING

Monday, December 21

We will make our annual run to see what's pretty this year and wind up at the Bozard house for goodies.

We will leave at 5:30. Contact me to sign up.

Charlton



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.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Cora Sribnick (birthday is December 10)

NHC Room 110-B

2993 Sunset Blvd.

West Columbia, SC 29169

If you have recently provided food for bereavement meals, please check the kitchen for your dishes.



First Family Forum is Sunday

2009 Class Profile

Sunday, your class will be given a very short survey to fill out as you arrive. This will help me create a

personalized profile of your class' strengths and growth areas. All teachers are receiving a letter this week concerning excellence in the class room and important expectations to make Sunday School the place of spiritual growth it is supposed to be. I am enthusiastic about where we can be within our classes, but there is always room to improve. We must be doing our best in our positions or the entire church will suffer for it. The church is the bride of Christ and we must do all we can to make her beautiful for Him. I hope to compile the results from your surveys soon and give each class a profile by the beginning of the New Year.

We have wrapped up our Discipleship and Evangelism emphasis. Many of you have been made aware of lostness around you. Please continue to make an impact. Remember, people want to talk about their spiritual beliefs. They know there is more to this life and are desperate to find out what it is. They may not display that desperation, but it is inside them. You open the door to the conversation and watch God work through you!

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In loving memory of Jim Still

Given by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wall II,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gibson, Helen Phipps

In loving memory of Jean Ness

Given by Larry & Reida Baines

In loving memory of John Chapman

Given by Larry Shealy

In loving memory of Otis Strickland

Given by Gerald & Linda Baker

In loving memory of Ethel (Doll) Crapps

Given by In Home Ministry, Gerald & Linda Baker,
Jim & Janice Shealy, The Sanctuary Choir,
Roger and Betty Thompson

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In loving memory of Ethel (Doll) Crapps

Given by Gertrude Ross Bible Study Group,
Miriam King

In loving memory of Richard Tucker

Given by Brenda Brown

In loving memory of George D. Hutto

Given by Cornelia Hutto



Lighthouse Student Ministries

As the end draws near, and no I am not talking about 2012, we are planning a few last events for 2009. Parents, please note these and participate with us as you are led.

December 13

We are going to be sharing our faith out in the community and giving out blankets and meal packets to the homeless nearby. This will be from 12-4pm. Please bring money for lunch and any donation towards blankets you wish. We will be going in chaperoned teams to share the gospel with the needy right near our church grounds.

December 16

We celebrate our unity and our Savior with our Christmas Party. We will leave at 6pm from the church and arrive back at 9pm. We will be eating at the Olive Garden and the cost per youth is \$5.00. Your child must bring a wrapped gift with no more than a \$10.00 value. Do not feel the need to spend big.

To Be Announced

During the student's Christmas break, we will be painting the Youth Sunday School Room. I will let them know time and date soon. We had another record number in Sunday School. The tables could not hold them all!

God is moving in our youth ministry and we can say that because students are becoming believers and sold out Christians almost regularly. We welcome Hannah Matthews into the Kingdom of God. The angels are throwing a PARTY for you HANNAH! We praise God for showing you what real faith is.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

**Hannah Matthews
by Profession of Faith
for Baptism**

"I was in prison and you came to visit me"...

Jesus

Matthew 25:36

**Prison Kit Delivery at
Broad River Correction Institute**

Tuesday, December 8 Departing at 4:45 pm

All men eighteen years and older are invited to join us in this mission opportunity to share the love of Christ as we deliver Christmas packets.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 6-12, 2009

Sunday, December 6

- 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. Adult 6 Christmas Dinner
- 4:00 p.m. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Tuesday, December 7

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Group
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 4:45 p.m. Depart for Prison
- 6:30 p.m. **ESTHER** Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, December 9

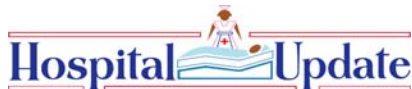
- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group

Saturday, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Choirs Rehearsal
- 12-4 p.m. Parents Afternoon Out



as of Monday, November 30
 There are no members known
 to be in the hospital.



This week, there are pictures from decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and the Thanksgiving

Dinner, as well as a link to Pastor Bill Drees' blog. Check it out at

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 DELAY!**

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
December 6, 2009

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Dorothy Thompson
 Carolyn Williams

Twos and Threes
 Kati Gaulden, Laura Rose

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Jim Tindal

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
 Andrew Hutto

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building
 Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level
 Clyde & Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND
 James Franks

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



December 9
 Roast Beef
 Rice & Gravy
 Green Beans
 Rolls & Dessert

Adults (10 & up) \$5.00
Children (5-9) \$3.00

Children 4 & under FREE
Reservations are necessary.

**Forms are available at sanctuary entrances
 and in registration booklets.
 Deadline to sign up or cancel
 reservations is noon on Monday.**



*Hope Bridge
 Angel Tree*

A few wish lists remain on the table for our friends at Hope Bridge. Pick yours up Sunday! Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 20.