

Tie - Binder

**First Baptist Church
West Columbia**

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

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A Service of Carols, Candles and Communion

Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve with the First Family has become a great worship tradition of singing and sharing in the Lord's Supper, followed by a beautiful candlelight ceremony! Bring the entire family and worship with us on this special night.

Caroling on the Avenues

Sunday, December 19 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church for hot chocolate and a little practice. Then we will disperse in groups to sing carols in our community. We are inviting our community to join us for this event, so invite your friends and neighbors to come with you as we spread the Good News of Christmas in our community. This is a new Christmas outreach activity.

Come be part of the fun!



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

Bill Drees

Jody Ratcliffe

Charlton Bozard

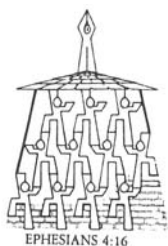
Irish Perkins

Janet Watters

Karen Rollison

Becky Murray





EPHESIANS 4:16

THE PASTOR'S LINK

I have often said that everyone should go on at least one mission trip in their life. I have never seen anything impact anyone on a spiritual level more than leaving one's own home to go to a strange land and learn to depend on God for EVERYTHING. I have had the privilege of leading or participating in mission trips on five of the seven continents. I have learned it does not matter whether it is in the shadows of the poverty stricken Appalachian regions or the sweltering rice patties of Cambodia; when you are out of your comfort zone and have to depend on God for things often taken for granted you develop a growing relationship with the Father that is unique in trust, freedom and devotion.

This is why I encourage people to pray about personal opportunities for missions. I want to share a couple of dates for you to place on your prayer calendar as well as your calendar for 2011 should God call you to be a part of one of these mission teams. We will be taking a mission team to Lynch, KY on these dates, June 27 – July 1. The cost will be \$130. We are open to take as many as God leads to minister in a variety of ways. We are taking a VBS and leadership training mission team to Trinidad on July 18-24. The cost will be \$1000. This team will be smaller and airplane seats are already being held for a certain number. I ask you to pray about your involvement in either of these mission trips and contact me with any questions or commitments ASAP. You will help change lives as your life is changed.

You may wonder why I am talking about the life changing impact and need of mission trips at Christmas. As always, Jesus leads the way. Christmas was actually the first stop on His mission trip from heaven to earth as He left his home & comfort zone in Heaven and came here, on mission, to make a difference in our lives. For more on the 'Greatest Mission Trip Ever Taken' join us at 11 Sunday morning.

Coming Up on Sunday

December 19 11 a.m.

"Is There Room in Your Inn?"

Luke 2:1-7

5 p.m. Caroling on the Avenues

December 26 10 a.m.

"'Twas the Day After Christmas"

Matthew 2

No Evening Service



THANKS to our Sanctuary Choir, Music Makers, Young Musicians and brass players for a wonderful experience of Christmas worship last Sunday evening. Your hard work and commitment came together for beautiful evening of music and worship! You are the BEST! THANKS also to our kitchen crew and all who brought goodies for our fellowship.

BEST YET TO COME

Thursday, December 16 11 a.m.

Music with Beth Greer



Join us for another great time of worship together as Beth Greer comes to sing for us. Beth is a well-known speaker and musician in our area. Her program will bless you. Come hear some beautiful Christmas music!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT LOOKING

Tuesday, December 21

We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. and ride around a while and drive through Saluda Shoals Park. We will end up at the Bozard House for whatever goodies you bring to eat! There are still some seats on the bus. Call me to sign up. Cost is \$5/person.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS and MISSION GROUPS will go caroling to Heartland of Lexington on Wednesday, December 22. We will leave at 6:00 p.m. No supper is served that night. Groups will NOT meet on Dec. 29

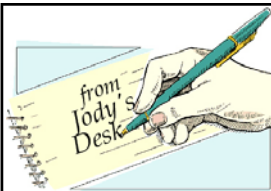
SPECIAL NOTICE!!!! We will be "un-decorating" the sanctuary following morning worship on **Sunday, January 2.** Your help in taking down our decorations would be greatly appreciated.

Sallie and I wish for you and your family the warmest of wishes for a great Christmas as you celebrate with your family. We both love and appreciate First Baptist Church and the honor to serve among this great church family. Merry Christmas from the Bozards!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Mary Branham (Birthday was Dec. 11)
1213 Jensen St.
West Columbia, SC 29169
794-5350

Nathell Hall (birthday is Dec. 24)
Agape Senior Community - Tree
2705 Leaphart Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29169



This Sunday evening should be great! We are going to try something new and Christmassy! At 5pm, we are encouraging you to meet at the front steps of our church for some outdoor singing.

We will have hot chocolate available to keep you warm, but dress cozy. Our choir members will be set up to lead us in carols and then anyone who wishes to go caroling on the Avenues will break up into small groups and take the songs of the season from home to home.

If you can, plan on joining us as we literally take the good news of Christ's birth door to door. I know there are many of you out there looking for ways to be missionaries. I say come and experience this and always keep your eyes and ears open for how you can do missionary work right from your congregation. Discover what's new at First Baptist!



**“Day After Christmas”
Breakfast and Worship
Sunday, December 26**

**Bring your family and
join us at 9 a.m. for
breakfast in Burriss Hall.
At 10:00 a.m., we will move
to the sanctuary for**

a time of worship.

**You are encouraged to dress comfortably and
casually on this day after Christmas.**

**In order to help with breakfast preparation,
please sign up in Sunday School this Sunday or
call Janet in the church office.**

**Pajama
Party**



Attention Parents!

**Children's Christmas
Pajama Party
Friday, Dec. 17th
from 6-8:30pm**

This event is for all of our children in grades 1-6 and their siblings who are at least 3 years old and up. We are encouraging them to wear their pajamas and bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows. They are watching a movie, having snacks, and listening to a Christmas story. There is no cost to this event, but please sign up by calling the church office.



Go to www.fbcwc.com to see pictures of our Christmas activities. You can also subscribe to receive the Tie Binder by email there.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

We are still collecting blankets for the homeless and needy. We would like to go out soon so please bring them in this week. We can take gently used blankets and new ones.

These will be handed out downtown in the love of Jesus Christ to our areas most needy. Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry.

In January, we will also be collecting blue jeans for homeless teenagers. There are more homeless teenagers than you or I realize. Often they blend in fine at school and do not tell anyone about their situation. We are partnering with Aeropostale and DoSomething.org to provide blue jeans to them. Every teen needs some good jeans! Last year the nationwide campaign collected 624,893 pairs. We collected about 100 pairs as a church. This is called Teens for Jeans and will begin January 19.

Parents, we are in the process of planning our Winter Retreat for February. We hope to go snowtubing this year in Maggie Valley and complete a new sexual purity campaign called Purposed Purity. I am seeking to make this trip as low cost as possible. I want every one of our teens to participate.

I want to wish all of our teens and their families a Merry Christmas from me and my family!



Welcome, New Member

Phil Reed
by transfer of letter

Deacon: Jim Shealy



**2010 Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**

National Goal: \$175 million

Church Goal: \$ 10,000.00

Received to date: \$5,731.00



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

Anne Jeffcoat

Linda Miles

Beatrice Roland

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Our Reports for Nov. 28, 2010

Sunday School	140	Guests	2
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			31
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24

Budget Receipts	\$	5,203.84
Prison Packets	\$	69.00
Back Packs	\$	115.00
Lottie Moon	\$	365.00
God's Helping Hands	\$	20.00
Other	\$	839.00
Total Received	\$	6,611.84

Our Reports for Dec. 5, 2010

Sunday School	158	Guests	4
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			31
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24

Budget Receipts	\$	13,180.95
FSATAT	\$	150.00
Back Packs	\$	20.00
Lottie Moon	\$	2,240.00
Connie Maxwell	\$	25.00
Other	\$	415.00
Total Received	\$	16,030.95

Our Reports for Dec. 12, 2010

Sunday School	147	Guests	2
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			31
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24

Budget Receipts	\$	7,445.32
FSATAT	\$	450.00
Back Packs	\$	125.00
Lottie Moon	\$	2,071.00
WMU/Pure Water	\$	50.00
World Hunger	\$	81.80
Other	\$	403.84
Total Received	\$	10,626.96



There will be no supper served on December 22 or 29. Suppers will resume on January 5, 2011.



As of Tuesday, December 14.

Lexington Medical Center
 Julie Barfield

SPECIAL NOTICES

All contributions for the end of year 2010 must be submitted no later than Sunday, December 26th. Contributions received after 12/26/10 will be counted for the 2011 tax year.

TIE BINDER

This is the last Tie Binder you will receive for 2010. Please keep and refer to this issue and your calendar your calendar for pertinent information. The next Tie Binder will be printed the week of January 3, 2011.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS

The church office will be closed Christmas Eve, Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28 for Christmas and on Friday, December 31 for New Year's.

All of our ministers will be available in case of emergency. Fell free to contact them if necessary.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!