

# Tie - Binder

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**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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## *Christmas at First Baptist Church*

Christmas is always a WONDERFUL time of the year at First Baptist. Here are the special opportunities of worship coming your way during December. Mark your calendar, invite your family and bring your neighbors!



*Dawn Smith Jordan*

*Christmas Concert*

*Sunday, December 5 6:00 p.m.*

Join us for an evening with one of our area's  
finest Christian artists.

The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

## A CHRISTMAS *Alleluia!*



Sunday, December 12  
6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Celebration Concert featuring our  
Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choirs, Handbell Choir  
and guest brass players.

The program will be followed by a Churchwide  
Christmas Fellowship in Burriss Hall



### **Caroling on the Avenues**

Sunday, December 19 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church and disperse in groups to sing carols in  
our community. What a great way to minister in our neighborhood.

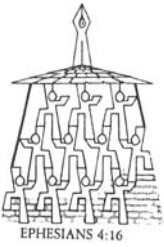
Hot chocolate will follow.



### **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!  
Bring the entire family and worship with us on this special night.



### THE PASTOR'S LINK

There is never a good time for bad financial news but the news of a depressing economy now moves us toward the Christmas season. Retailers have been waiting for this season all year. There are gifts to be given for office workers, family, friends, neighbors... How can we do this when money is tight? Don't worry I have a great idea. Christmas began as a birthday celebration. Traditions and customs have evolved over the years but what do we normally do at birthday celebrations? We give gifts to the one being celebrated. So, in a down economy why not give a gift to the one being celebrated? OK, "What do you give Jesus for his birthday?" Well, that is easier than the gift for grandpa. Jesus has already told you what he wants. 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 he wrote in verses 36 – 40 of chapter 22.

He told John to write in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of his book that we who follow him would be "one", meaning 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 year would be unity and harmony with everyone in his name. You can also do as we do in our house. Take some of your old clothes and give to those who need clothes. You can also give food or money for food to the hungry. You could visit those in prison. These are the gifts Jesus asked for also in Matthew's book, Chapter 25, and they don't cost any more in a down economy as they do in a prosperous time. I know times are hard and I am not a financial advisor but I do know Jesus and I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus by sharing his Love.

#### Coming Up on Sunday

**December 5 11 a.m.**  
**"Christmas Without Jesus?"**  
**John 1:1-4**

**6 p.m. Dawn Smith Jordan in Concert**

**December 12 11 a.m.**  
**"What Do You Want For Christmas?"**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**

**6 p.m. A Christmas Alleluia**

*Pray every day for  
 First Baptist Church!*



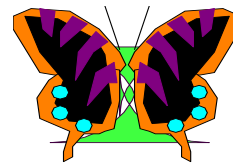
On the front of this issue of the Tie Binder, you see the special opportunities for worship and outreach prepared for the Christmas season. Please be in prayer for each person and each group participating. Pray that these events will be meaningful as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and that they can be an outreach to our community. That part is up to you. Go out of your way to invite someone to attend these services with you. Let's make this a truly meaningful season of worship.

**Sanctuary Choir, Music Makers and Young Musicians** will have a special dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. We need everyone to be present for this final run-through of our program. **Children will go directly from this rehearsal to their special Christmas activity.** (see below)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

**Monday, December 6 departing at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Destination: Columbiana Mall**

If you have any shopping or exchanging you would like to take care of at the mall, and HATE driving out there, come go with us. We will eat lunch at the Food Court before returning. Call me to sign up.



#### 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 MORE Christmas music!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT

On Saturday, December 11, all children are invited to meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. (Children's Choirs will already be here at 10 a.m. - see Charlton's column) We will have a story time in the library, followed by lunch and a trip to Fox Tree Farm. We will return to the church at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. Contact Sallie Bozard or Amelia Schafer with questions.

#### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Lounette Summer (birthday is Dec. 1)  
 1114 K Avenue  
 Cayce, SC 29033

Bryce Lever  
 5327 Sunset Blvd.  
 Lexington, SC 29072



During this time of the year, people turn their attention on Jesus Christ. They will be singing about Him and hearing His birth story everywhere. Without your personal touch in the lives of non-believers, these songs don't mean much and the story is one they have heard a lot. Your personal touch, your invitation to church, your personal concern for their salvation will make Christmas a time they can experience eternal life with Christ. This is the time to shine for Christ, to reach out with the message of Jesus, and to bring God glory by being used by Him to assist someone else into the kingdom.

Be fully informed about our December events at the church. Bring your non-churched friends to them all. Also, open up your home to your neighbors. Get together with someone who needs the love of Jesus. Share some hot cocoa and the gospel. Melanie and I are going to be hosting a Christmas social just for our street. We have 4 new residents on the street and we are going to use the "season" to share the love of Jesus with them. You may not want to have over your whole street, but you could have over one couple or just one person. Let's pray together for a great kingdom advancing season.



**Lighthouse Student Ministries**

We see the Holy Spirit at work around us. Several youth have made decisions to follow Christ in salvation and baptism. We will see the results of His work soon as these youth come forward with thier decisions. A few other teens are wrestling with salvation. You can see it in their eyes when the gospel is presented to them. They know the decision they need to make, but are counting the cost to follow Jesus. Pray for our teenagers to make bold decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

**"Mean Santa" Christmas Party  
December 15 6-9pm**

Teens, our next event is a very special one. Each year, we have a Christmas Party that tops off our whole year of activities. Although we are all in a continual progressive growth in our spirits, we will celebrate where we currently are in the Lord. We will talk about who God brought to us in 2010, how He changed lives in 2010, and where we are heading in 2011. It is a semi-formal dress requirement. This means shirts and ties for the guys and either dress pants or skirts for the girls. This is a major picture op for us. Bring \$10 for your meal. Bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less. We will leave at 6pm and return to the church at 9.

**2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**  
National Goal: \$175 Million

Week of Prayer for International Missions and International Mission Study  
November 28 - December 5

Our Church Goal:  
**\$10,000.00**  
Given to date: **\$1,055**

imb.org/offering

**INTERNATION MISSIONS EMPHASIS**

**Wednesday, December 15  
6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**

Mark and Lelanette Hathcox,

IMB Missionaries living in India and serving as Asia Member Care Consultants will be our guest speakers. Mark served as Pastor of Green Hill Baptist Church before their appointment three and a half years ago. Come and hear what God is doing in South Asia.

**FREE HEALTH SCREENING**

**Monday, December 6 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Burriss Hall**

**(12 hour fast required)**

**Call Janet for an appointment!**



*Welcome, New Member*

**Jennifer Blackhurst Taylor  
by statement of faith**

**Deacon: Jim Tindal**

**Thank You**



A **HUGE** Thank You to our Kitchen Committee and Crew who helped serve Thanksgiving Dinner to more than 200 people on Sunday, November 21. You folks are the **BEST!** Thanks also to all those who stayed around to help clean Burriss Hall and move all the tables out and back to their rooms. Any list we would try to print would leave someone off, so **THANK YOU ALL!!!**



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 DO NOT  
 DELAY!**

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

For Such a Time as This

In loving memory of:

**Miriam Brown**

by Cynthia Walker

Doug and Sandi Houghland,  
 Doris Harvey, Martin Brown

FBCWC

In loving memory of

**Harry Chalk**

by Connie Counts

**George Thompson**

by Jean Williams

**Robert "Bob" Fulton**

by Gerald and Linda Baker

**John David Stockman**

By The Boone Family

**Judy Martin**

By Legare and Joyce Gunter

IN HOME MINISTRY

In loving memory of

**Miriam Brown and Kathryn Ward**

by Miriam King

**Our Reports for Nov. 21, 2010**

Sunday School 178    Guests 13

**Off-Campus Ministries**

In-Home Ministry	31
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$ 10,784.94
Prison Packets	\$ 46.00
Back Packs	\$ 340.00
Lottie Moon	\$ 105.00
Evangelism/Missions	\$ 58.18
Other	\$ 312.00
Total Received	\$ 11,646.12



**Served every  
 Wednesday from  
 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
 in Burriss Hall**

**December 8**

BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans  
 Slaw, Dessert

**December 15**

Roast Beef, Rice and 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.

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Tie Binder is going to press early. Therefore, contribution and attendance records for November 28 will be in the next edition of the Tie Binder

**NEW FUND**

A new Designated Fund called the 'Sanctuary/Screen Projector Fund' has been established by an anonymous donation to raise funds for a future purchase of sanctuary projector and other equipment needed to project and present announcements, words of songs, sermon texts, notes, video and illustrations, etc. to further enhance our worship. Any gifts in addition to regular tithes and offerings contributed to this new fund should be designated 'Sanctuary/Screen Projector Fund.'

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to do all we can to improve our worship time together.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

**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.**

**TAKE NOTE**

**For the month of December  
 Deacons will meet on Sunday,  
 December 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Finance and Property Committees  
 will meet on Sunday, December 12  
 at 4:00 p.m.**

**December Church Conference  
 will be held on  
 Wednesday, December 8  
 at 6:30 p.m.**