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**Week of Prayer for International Missions
November 30-December 7**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal: \$170 million

First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000

Received to Date: \$4,592.63



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Christmas Worship Services

**BE SURE TO PUT THESE
SPECIAL SERVICES ON
YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 14 5 p.m.

“A Shepherd’s Story”

presented by Music Makers and
Young Musicians

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 for these great times together.**

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



December is a great month to check out our priorities. Could you believe that early shoppers valued a bargain over the safety of a store clerk and became angry when the store shut down over the clerk's death? I wonder what was more important than the life of a human being. In India we watched as innocent persons were gunned down for just being in the wrong place at the right time. What was the point of all of this?

Surely we would never trample a store clerk for \$100 off a TV and surely we would never become a terrorist but what about those little acts of anger and selfishness. Do we let persons at driveways into a busy lane? Do we allow those that seem in need to get in front of us in the checkout line? Is our priority to be first or to be sensitive? Sometimes, somewhere, somebody is going to have to stop this rat race and display a little Christian spirit; what about you and me?

Please welcome my friend and cousin, Bill Bishop, as he comes to preach this Sunday morning. Bill is a retired pastor and convention servant and he will bring a fresh Christmas message. Dale and I will be at the Saluda Baptist Church as they observe their 40th birthday. I served the Saluda Church as pastor for ten years. Hope to see you Sunday night.

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

Sunday, December 7

A.M. The Birth Announcement: "It's a Boy"
Matthew 1:18-25
 Dr. William F. Bishop will be our guest speaker
 for morning worship

P.M. Christmas: God Up Close
John 1:1-18

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Church Family is invited to meet with the Pastor Search Team on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in response to the motion passed in the Nov. 12 Church conference. We will meet in Burriss Hall.

Pray daily for our Pastor Search Team

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



Thank you for your generosity in providing items for prison packets. We were able to provide 73 packets for the associational office to distribute. This is always a Christmas blessing for the prisoners. God bless you. Brenda Hyatt, WMU Director



The Fourth Annual Carol and Tree Lighting at West Columbia City Hall will be on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Members of our choir will be joining with other choirs from across our area to sing. There will also be a Community Handbell Choir. A great reception will follow. Come join us!

JUBILANT SINGERS begin our annual Christmas trek this week. This group, composed of Sr. Adults from 15 area churches will present "Christmas is a Birthday" 11 times over three weeks. Pray for our ministry and our stamina!!

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. (see article below).

Contact me if you have questions.

Charlton



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 under three 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.

In Loving Memory

Harvey Floyd

April 1, 1915 - November 25, 2008



I am super excited to hear from our IMB Missionaries, Chris and Patty Hix, this Wednesday. We will get a first hand look into how God is moving in North Africa, an amazing place. I am sure God is doing some amazing things there. This will be a church -wide event for all children, youth, and adults, beginning at 6:30pm in the main sanctuary. Let's come and show our overwhelming support of missions and our dear missionaries! Let's all give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. These funds increase the effectiveness of missionaries worldwide. I remember our one team in Russia getting \$1,000 for university work from your giving one year. From that one gift, we were able to meet over 500 new students. I promise every penny of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to overseas needs. Let's go beyond our goal this year!

Our newly formed Singles and College Ministry will hold a special study breakfast on Monday, December 8th from 9pm-12am in Burriss Hall. The food is free and available all night long. We want to be a continual outreach to USC students so pray for the ministry team and all its assistants. We will join with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry of USC to make this event open to everyone.



The church family and staff extends our Christian love and sympathy to...

...the family of Mr. Harvey Floyd.

...Jim Schafer in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Jessamine Schafer.

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

God Has Given You a Gift
2 Corinthians 8:9

- "Do we have to buy her a present? Him too?"
- "You don't need to get him/her a real expensive gift."
- "Well, they gave me a gift last year."

Have you heard any of those comments during the Christmas season? Our motives for buying some gifts may be based on courtesy, duty, or tradition – all of which may not be bad but certainly fall short of motives such as love or "because I want to." Sometimes we may not be sure what our motives are; we just think we have to give a gift.

The Bible makes clear that Christ's motive for giving Himself to and for us was that we "might become rich." The gift has been given – verified in history, recorded clearly by all Gospel writers, and experienced by multitudes of believers. God gave His Son, who willingly gave Himself for us. His motive: that we might become rich – rich in faith, rich in Christ, rich in hope, rich in eternal life, and rich in love. There is only one explanation for such giving: grace, unearned and undeserved love of God for us.

What a gift!!!



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.

The Festival of Trees to benefit The Children's Hospital was held last week. The Lighthouse-sponsored tree was sold for \$475.00. The youth contributed great outreach ideas and we thank Debbie Gauden for leading this outreach of our youth for the Lord's glory. Hundreds of people saw our tree and its theme "It All Began with Christ."



Café Connection

Ladies, would you like to have a little more time just for you? Would you like to connect better with women like yourself?

Join us at the church on Saturday, December 6 at 6pm to go to Dina Taylor's home for supper and fellowship. Please bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament for a great game. Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor if you have questions and to sign up to come. Hope to see you there!

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In loving memory of Rodney Summers

Given by: David Rish, Marcia P. Wadford, Mayo Bryant and Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church

In loving memory of Evelyn & Rodney Summers

Given by: Geneva J. Hutchinson and Ann & Mickey Bell

In loving memory of Naomi Corley Snyder

Given by Lower Authority Appeals of SCESC, Mary Jo Epps, Dr. & Mrs. D.L. Pennington, Evan & Margaret Flynn and Mayo Bryant

In loving memory of Roy Faulk

Given by: Bernard & Betty Bourne

In loving memory of George Thompson

Given by Ruby Clamp

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 7 –13, 2008**

Sunday, December 7

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Adult 6 Christmas Dinner in Burriss Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, December 8

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team
- 9:00 p.m. College Late Night Study Breakfast

Tuesday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Group
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, December 10

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team meeting with Congregation in Burriss Hall
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 11

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

Friday, December 12

- 1:00 p.m. Sr. Adults depart for Charleston

Saturday, December 13

- 10:30 a.m. Children's Choirs rehearse
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Adventure

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
December 7, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Frances Watson

Debra Shepherd

Twos and Threes

Richard and Dawn Kimura

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

James Franks

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**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:**
As of Tuesday,
Dec.2, 2008

Baptist Hospital

Mertie Lee

Lexington Medical Center

Beatrice Roland and Sarah Shealy will soon be moved to National Health Care.



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 10
Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Green Beans
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.