



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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A FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 20 6 p.m.

Come join us for a special time together as members of our church family share together in special Christmas music and readings that are meaningful to them. There may even be a few surprises thrown in along the way! Don't miss this opportunity to laugh and worship together as we celebrate together as a family!

If you want to share in the program, it's not too late. Contact Charlton Bozard to get your name on the list and for any help you may need.

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You are invited to

A Service of Carols, Candles, and Communion

*Thursday, December 24
5:30 p.m.*

Join us for this great Christmas tradition of great carol singing, beautiful music, sharing the Lord's Supper, and a candlelight service.

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

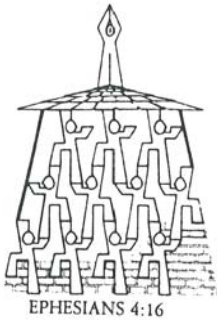
Wednesday

- 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



Christmas Office Closings

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed Friday and Monday, December 25 and 28 for Christmas Holidays.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

A few days ago I watched my youngest daughter walk across the stage to receive her Master's Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. Many thoughts raced across my mind as some 30 years ago I

walked across the same stage to receive my Master's from the same Southern Baptist seminary. I remember writing my first matriculation fee check for \$108. I realize that I am old and the fees have increased over time, but this was a fee for a Master's level education at the largest accredited protestant seminary in the world. Why was it so low? The majority of the fee was covered by the Cooperative Program because I was a member of a Southern Baptist Church. When you give to a Southern Baptist Church you are helping missions in many ways. So on behalf of my daughter, Southern Baptist seminary students around the world (and me) who received quality education because of your giving through Southern Baptist churches, **Thank You!**

It reminded me that after seminary I had the privilege to participate and lead mission teams sharing the love of Christ and seeing lives changed in places like Russia, Kenya, Cambodia, Romania, Venezuela and Trinidad. I had the privilege to work with missionaries who are the best equipped missionaries around the world because of the Cooperative Program. Your gifts to Southern Baptist Churches, especially Lottie Moon, make this and other work possible. So, on behalf of all of the work you assist around the world with giving through Southern Baptist churches, **Thank You!**

There are so many exciting things God is doing with and through us in Southern Baptist Churches and FBCWC; it is often fun to stop and be reminded to give thanks. Join us Sunday or call me if you want to know more. Until then keep up the good work!

Bill

Sunday, December 20, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "God Sends a Deliverer"
Exodus 1:15 - 2:10

PM "A First Family Christmas"

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Nathell Hall

Agape Senior Community - Tree
 2705 Leaphart Road
 West Columbia, SC 29169-3331



"Thanks" seems like such an inadequate word of appreciation for our music groups as they sang so beautifully on Sunday. Many of you commented about the powerful message of "Glorious Impossible" as well as the music. That was the point. Thank you, Sanctuary Choir, for your hard work and faithfulness.

Our children are also to be thanked for their delightful presentation of "The Promise of A King". Christmas through the eyes and voices of children is always special and I thank them (and their parents) for their hard work and faithfulness. Thank you all for making our Christmas fuller and brighter!



Thursday, December 17
11:00 a.m.

JUBILANT SINGERS

present

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

I hope you will join us for this special Christmas program. We will meet **IN THE SANCTUARY** for the program and then move to Burriss Hall for lunch. Don't miss this special time of music and worship!



HANDBELL CHOIR will play Sunday morning, December 20. Meet me in the sanctuary at 9:15 to rehearse.

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.

If you just want to join us for the fellowship, be at my house around 7 p.m.

Charlton



The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jack and Virginia Hill in the loss of his sister, Thelma Hill.

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.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS need to be returned to the church office by Sunday, December 20.

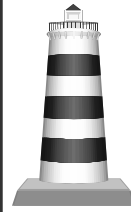


“Excellence in Everything”

is going to be our Educational/ Discipleship theme for 2010. From a recent survey conducted at our First Family Forum and Couples Forum, some of our people have

asked for more in-depth Bible study and more missions activities. I want to first focus our attention on our Sunday School classes. Teachers, your students are asking for more. They want to go deeper in the Word. They want to be challenged to live better and impact more lives. Recently, our teachers received a letter emphasizing the need to be on time and have the class environment ready for the students. Let's keep it up week in and week out.

The Pastoral Staff is in prayer about our future church-wide Bible studies. We are hoping to provide a learning experience very soon that will be for all the people and that will be unique and very challenging to our faith. The first of the year will be bringing to fruition many of the plans and ideas that you have expressed to us. Again, we want to lead you as you are inspired by the Holy Spirit. We will train you as you need to be trained. It is always going to be about God's agenda for us and not the other way around. All that said, I am looking forward to 2010!



Lighthouse Student Ministries

A Big Kick-Off

We officially started our new “missional” emphasis with our youth program this past Sunday. Together, we collected and purchased blankets, gloves, hats, socks, and food packs for the nearby homeless. We spent our entire Sunday afternoon searching for and ministering to these less fortunate folks. We looked at the Riverwalk, in the woods, and on park benches. Altogether there were 15 teenagers involved. They did great. We finally found a pocket of folks near the Public Library who were very blessed by our gifts and care. We will be featuring a Missions Event each month for our youth to participate in. This will help us be way more grateful for each other, for what we have, and for God's salvation that equips us to minister.

This is a pivotal moment for our teens and for our program. I want to ask you to pray for our unity and brotherly love. I believe the youth are growing closer as a family and they are growing more in love with their church as well. Pray for them to love Jesus and seek to impress Him with their faith and trust. Pray for the leaders to guide them with excellence and to make the wisest decisions possible for them. Ask God to bless us with new students, like the young man that joined Sunday, so we can share the love of Christ with those in need.

Jody

CALLING ALL KIDS
Lights Before Christmas

at Riverbanks Zoo

Tuesday, December 22 5:30-8:30 p.m.
K-5 through 6th grade

Cost: \$3 per child Pizza Supper included

Call the church office to sign up.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Andre Turner
by transfer of membership
and re-dedication

WHO'S MISSING?
WHOSE MISSION?

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal - \$75 million

FBCWC Goal - \$8000

Received to date - \$ 3,119.55

SPECIAL GIFTS TO FBCWC

In Honor

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In honor of Betty Noell and Janice Shealy
Given by the Joy Sunday School Class

In honor of Sharon Snyder
Given by The New Discovery Sunday School Class

In Honor of Charlton Bozard, Becky Murray
and Karen Rollison

Given by Legare and Joyce Gunter

In loving memory of Danny Lee
by William Sanders

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 20-26, 2009

Sunday, December 20

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 "A First Family Christmas"

Monday, December 21

- 5:30 p.m. Sr. Adult Christmas Light
 Looking followed by
 fellowship at the Bozards

Tuesday, December 22

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Children Depart for
 "Lights at the Zoo"

Wednesday, December 23

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir meets
- 5:30 p.m. A Service of Carols,
 Candles, and Communion

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

Church Office Closed



Merry Christmas!



as of Monday, December 14
Lexington Medical Center
 Martin Brown

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
December 20, 2009

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Debra Shepherd
 Betty Noell

Twos and Threes

Jannas and Hannah Matthews

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Kevin Barfield

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Cathy Drees

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Dorothy Thompson
 Ruby Clamp

Burriss Building
 Nick and Jill Zueger

Front Lower Level
 Andrew and Colette Hutto

SOUND

James Franks

SPECIAL GIFTS TO FBCWC
In Memory

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In loving memory of Doll Crapps
 by Mayo Bryant, Mildred Wood,
 Catherine Holladay

In loving memory of Reuben Dunlap
 by Paul and Jean Player

In loving memory of Nina Blanks
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull, Miriam King,
 Catherine Holladay, Joy S.S. Class

In loving memory of Joe Bryant
 by Paul and Jean Player

In loving memory of John Chapman and
Esther Mooneyhan
 by Eric and Doris Fowler

In loving memory of Mertie Lee
 by William Sanders

In Loving memory of Ann McKnight
 by Bill McKnight

In loving memory of Thelma Hill
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

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In loving memory of Nina Blanks
 Given by W. P. Blanks

In loving memory of Jean Ness
 Given by Consolidated Multiple
 Listing Service

In loving memory of James Still
 Given by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Sammeth, III,

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In loving memory of Doll Crapps
 by Becky Baston

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
There will be no supper served on
December 23 or 30. Suppers will
resume on January 6.