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Thanksgiving

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Full of honor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures for ever.

He has caused His wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear Him;
He is ever mindful of His covenant.

He has shown His people the power of His works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy,
they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant for ever.

Holy and terrible is His name!
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all those who practice it.
His praise endures for ever!

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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



Thanksgiving
Dinner

Tuesday, November 24 6 p.m.

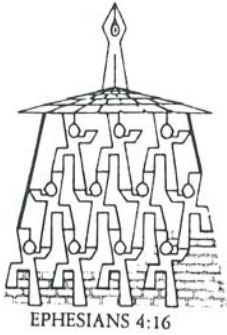
Adult - \$6 Children - \$3.50

Reservations required by November 22

Call the church office or use a regular supper reservation form.

*WMCU invites you to bring a canned good to be donated
to God's Helping Hands.*

Cereal, juice, grits, rice, sugar, flour, are needed as well.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Last week the South Carolina Baptist Convention held their annual meeting in Columbia. It is always fun to reconnect with fellow pastors around the state and encourage one another. It is also interesting to see how our convention is changing. Denominations are struggling in every corner of the map. Ours is no exception. 80% of our churches are just hanging on to what they had last year or they are declining. One sad factor of that statistic comes from the way we measure church growth. If a church has a split and some families join a sister church we count that as growth. All we have done is move people around; we have not grown the Kingdom and reached lost people or made new disciples.

We struggle with ways to reverse the trends. There needs to be more interest, involvement and openness to see what God would have us do. Only 924 messengers were registered from over 2000 churches. That is less than 1/2 messenger per church to decide on budget issues, committees, as well as other items and many left before electing the next president of the SCBC. There are some good things going on in the SBC, but we need to heed some important wake up calls in our convention and churches. The first message I preached to the FBCWC search committee had these letters IYADWYAD YWAG-WYAG! That means, IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DID YOU WILL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU ALWAYS GOT! We live in a world that is changing faster than anytime in history. While the culture is changing two things never change; the Gospel and people's need for that good news! It is our task as believers to do whatever we can to reach this changing culture with the unchanging life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Then we will see the Kingdom grow in our midst!

Bill

Sunday, November 22, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "Be Thankful to God"
Psalm 103
Parent/Child Dedication

PM Building Better Disciples Series
"Witnessing Celebration"



BEST YET TO COME

Thursday, November 19
11:00 a.m.

Program: SHOW AND TELL

This is always one of my favorite programs. Bring something from home that is special to you and has an interesting story behind it to share with the group. Come join us for great fellowship, food, and fun!

Time certainly flies this time of year! I can't believe the Advent and Christmas season start up in just two weeks. Be in prayer for our music groups as we continue to prepare our musical celebrations of the season. Sanctuary Choir and our Children's Choirs will both present musical on December 13 (Sanctuary Choir in the morning and children in the evening). Handbell Choir is also preparing the holiday season. And Jubilant Singer will soon start our "Christmas rush". We will be singing in 12 retirement/nursing facilities and for 3 seniors adult groups.

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. Don't miss it!

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday, November 23
6:30 p.m.



Our sanctuary is always beautiful at Christmas time. Come help us as we decorate trees and hang garlands to prepare for our celebration of the Christmas season!

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Willie Mae West
 139 Deliesseline Rd.
 Cayce, SC 29033
 796-6977

WHO'S MISSING? WHOSE MISSION?

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal - \$8000



Now that many of you have been equipped to share your faith using the New Testament, I want you to know that I am praying for you. I am also out, like you, this week looking for someone to share my New Testament with. We are in this together. Some of you will experience rejection as those you love do not want to hear of their sins and our Savior. Some of you will experience your loved one committing their life to Christ! We know that when we go out and share, God is always at work in His Word. When you share that Word, it does not come back without results. This coming Sunday evening will be a night of stories! We want to hear how your witnessing experience went. We want to hear lots of stories. They will all be unique, I am sure. I will have my own to share.

We are moving toward our final night of Building Better Disciples. We will have our First Family Forum on November 29 at 5:30pm. This is when your staff wants to hear from you! We look forward to talking about where we are as a church, where we need to be going as a church, and what things are working or not working at the present time. Our calling in life is to hear how God is inspiring you and lead you in that way!



Christmas Packets for Prisoners

It's time to prepare the Prisoner Packets for distribution to South Carolina prisoners over the Christmas Season. Items, or cash donations, shall be accepted until Wednesday, November 25. A list of approved items is on the bulletin board near the church office and in previous Tie Binder. For further information, contact Grace Shepherd.

Men 18 yrs. old and older!

We will be delivering Prison Packets to the Broad River Correctional Institute on Dec. 8 in the evening and need men with the love of Jesus in their hearts to help us hand deliver them to the prisoners. **If you are interested in taking part, you must give your name and driver's license number to the church office by November 29.** Contact Pastor Bill or Jody.



Each year we are asked to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the special youth and adults at Hope Bridge. It is an Adult Day Care for the mentally challenged. Wish lists will be available this Sunday outside the chapel area. Come by and pick a name. This ministry is sponsored by our Youth Department.



The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend our heartfelt love and Christian sympathy to David Ness in the loss of his mother, Jean Ness.



**Lighthouse Student Ministries
Blankets for the Homeless
Saturday, November 21 12 noon**

This is our first event in our "Missional" shift for our youth program. This is what is called "servant evangelism" where we lay aside our time to meet the real needs of the community. We would like to ask you to donate blankets to the Lighthouse this week. You may also donate new socks, gloves, or hats. You may join us if you would like. We will meet at 12 to put together food packets. The event is over at 4pm.

Along with this new shift in our youth program, we are moving into a very personal time of Bible study with our teens. We are having spiritual check-ups each week to determine how much spiritual fruit we have in our lives. I want to create a passionate youth group who wants nothing from the world, but all of Jesus Christ. Pray that my own passion can increase and I can lead by example. None of us have seen what we are truly capable of, but I want our teens to live to the extreme and to their maximum for Christ in this life. May God be glorified and increase our number because we have increased our desire to give our lives away!

Jody

DEACON MINISTRY NEWS

The deacons have been considering ways to improve support of our church families. We believe that the formation of "Family Ministry Teams" would be a good start. This will involve enlisting of one or more church members who are not deacons to pray with, support, and assist an assigned deacon as needed. No one would be assigned direct responsibilities, but rather be asked to share in various family ministry needs as they occur.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you to serve, contact me at 796-3238 or any other deacon..

In the Spirit,
Allan Murray, Deacon Chairman



We are now taking orders for poinsettias to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 6. Forms are available in the church office, at sanctuary entrances, and in previous Tie Binders. **Please return your form with \$13.00 in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 22.** Poinsettias may be picked up after worship on Sunday, December 20.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

November 22-28, 2009

Sunday, November 22

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers
- 6:00 p.m. "Building Better Disciples"
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Monday, November 23

- 6:30 p.m. Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

Tuesday, November 24

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 25

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

MEMORIALS

FSATAT

In loving memory of Jim Still

Given by the Michael Family, Art & Debbie Southerlin, Myrtle Bull, Harvey Watford, Joe Watford, Bill & Lianna Watford, Doug & Betsy Painter, Jerome & Marjorie Norton, Rev. Jim & Kathy Ann Johnston, Tom & Patsy Austell, Robert & Glenda Metts, Dwight & Julie Williams, Bernard & Betty Bourne

In loving memory of Otis Strickland

Given by Sara Frances Watson, Lonnie & Hazel Shull, Bernard & Betty Bourne

In loving memory of Esther Mooneyhan

Given by Bernard & Betty Bourne

In loving memory of John Chapman

Given by The Wilbur Rogers Sunday School Class of Mt. Horeb UMC, Iris Wellborn, Donald T. Martin, Bernard & Betty Bourne

In loving memory of Stephen (Steve) Day

Given by Boyd & Azalee Anderson

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

In loving memory of Jim Still

Given by Jack & Virginia Hill

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

November 22, 2009

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Betty Noell, Wanda Gunter

Twos and Threes

Nick & Jill Zueger

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Greg Shepherd

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Jack Hill

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building

Legare Gunter

Front Lower Level

Boyd & Azalee Anderson

SOUND

James Franks

"TEST ME IN THIS"



**November Stewardship
Emphasis**

**The church office will be closed
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27.
There will be no activities at the
church on Wednesday, Nov. 25.**



as of Monday, November 16

Lexington Medical Center

Kathryn Ward

Rubye Smith has moved to
National Health Care