

Children

TEACHER POSITIONS NEEDED IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT -

8:00am - 0-24 Months (odd and even months worker)
2 Teachers in the special needs ministry - should have special education background or nursing/medical background due to the needs of the children. **Please see Pastor Greg if you can help.**

Children's Choir - Though Children's Choir is over until January, there will still be class for them tonight and next week, Dec. 17th. We will be watching some Christian Christmas movies both nights and playing some fun games. On Dec. 24th at 5pm, everyone will gather in the sanctuary for a family worship service for Christmas Eve. Children's Choir will resume on January 7th.

Music & Worship

TONIGHT! Adult Christmas musical "You Light the World" 6:00p Full choir and Orchestra singing and playing some amazing Christmas songs. Make it your annual Christmas calendar event!

The Christmas story begins with a tree, but not the kind of Christmas tree with brightly colored lights or ornaments. The Christmas story begins with a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, in the Garden of Eden.

God had given Adam and Eve only one restriction in that literal paradise: stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But before long, that's just where we find them. Of course, we know the rest of the story. They listened to the serpent and ate the forbidden fruit. And once that happened, they lost their sweet fellowship with God. Jesus Christ became human without ceasing to be God. He did not become identical to us, but He became identified with us. The real message of Christmas is that God came to this earth. The real message of Christmas is Immanuel, God is with us.

55 And Uppers



Sylvia Timmons is our 2017 Christmas Queen!

Christmas Baskets for our shut-ins - Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10am, in the fellowship hall. I will have all the "stuff" needed to construct the baskets. Please, make your plans to come and help to make and deliver the baskets to our homebound members. The sign-up list is on **THE BOARD**.

Monthly Luncheon - Tuesday, January 2 at 11am in the fellowship hall. This is our regular monthly covered dish luncheon. Hope you can come as we begin the New Year!!!

Life Groups/Discipleship

◆ **No CONNECT** today and through the Holidays. CONNECT will resume on January 7, 2018 in the Conference room at 9:30.

◆ Join us in LifeGroup as we explore the Book of Acts. Information concerning our LifeGroup ministry can be found on our website at www.lancastersbc.org.

◆ Check out the books that have impacted our Youth Pastor's walk with Jesus. Stop by the church library and look for **Brandon's Books!**

Youth/College/Recreation

- No Small Groups tonight due to the Adult Christmas Program.
- **IGNITION** and **ENOUGH** will join together for a night of PJ's, Cookies, and Milk in The GC at 6pm. Brice Harbin will be putting the SBC Cookie Eating Championship on the line.
- **DNOW** 2018 registration is now open on the church website. The cost is \$50 per person, but there is an early bird discount of \$5 for those that register in December.

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Glory of God

Life Groups
every Sunday
morning @
8:00, 9:30
& 11:00AM

No Youth Small
Groups

Sunday @ 6PM

ENOUGH
and
IGNITION
Wednesday @
6:00 PM

Bible Study-
Wednesday @
6:00 PM

Kid's & WEE
Worship
Today
9:30 & 11:00

Celebrate
Recovery
Thursday
@ 6PM

6:00 PM

"You Light The World"

today: December 10, 2017

Media Team Schedule: Sam Steele, Michael Greene, Joy Deese, Wendell Bowers

Worship Greeters:

8AM: Steve & Donna Harper, *main*
Salena Hudson, *FMC*
Diane Gay, *back*
Dave & Kristi Hegler, *preschool*

9:30AM Tommy & Mary Lee Barton, *main*
Jerry & Sharon Buchanan, *FMC Lobby*
Jim & Carolyn Taylor, *back*
Jeff & Tonya Horton, *preschool*

11AM: Regina Dobson, *main*
Jan Hicks, *FMC Lobby*
Jerry & Jennifer Wright, *back*
Kevin & Sharon Stilwell, *preschool*

this week: Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday Morning Church.....10:00AM
Evening Bible Study.....6:00PM
Praise Team/Praise Band Rehearsal.....6:30PM
Choir Practice.....7:30PM

Welcome Desk Rotation:

9-9:30AM: Diane Gay
Before & after 11AM worship: Eva McMillan

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Chick-fil-a Sandwich, Potato Chips, Cookie & Tea

Supper is served from 4:45-5:45pm.

(Please remember to sign up for supper.)

Deacon of the Week: Tony Rollings

Shut-In of the Week: Rosemary Whitlock - 628 Baker Place Rd.

BIRTHDAYS - December 10 - December 16

- 10- Kelsey Carter Carnes, McKenzie Denkins, Cameron Edwards, Diane Gay, Chandra Gladden, Brett Horton, Sylvia Marshall, Ann Tillman
11- Laura Bean, Tyler Bradley, Jennifer Brice, Delaney Cauthen, Juliana Quay, Chance Rousseau, Kellen Threatt, Shelley Threatt
12- Jonathan Eigner, Kristin England, Maddison Hunter, Elivea Jones, Hugh McCaskill, Harold Miller, Allana Phillips, Meagan Rollings, Natalie Teal, Harold Ward
13- Gloria Bills, Kevin Denkins, Josh Eudy, Gary Holland, Patty Miller, Jeffrey Ocker, Emiliano Rivas, Kendell Smith, Alyssa Thompson, Kim Threatt, Janice Wilson
14- Chuckey Deese, Logan Deese, Reecel Ellis, Robert Hough, Katie Miles, Cora Moore, Sybil Powers, Bliss Steele III, Hayden Williams
15- Christopher Baker, Julane Brandon, E.J. Cooper, Tracey Craig, Brittany Haigler, Christina Haley, Marci Morrow, Frances Mosely, Jake Vincent, Mary Beth Williamson
16- Laura Lynn Alvarez, Bristol Glenn, Dale Horton, Matthew Martin, Stan Morton, Billy Mosley, Andrew Porter, Shelley Robinson, Lois Taylor

Missions

There are some upcoming opportunities to serve at **The Connection...** December 10th, Christmas pictures and caroling, and December 16th, Connection tree party. If you can help with any of these events please contact Shanda Mackey at 803-235-5789.

ANGEL TREE

We have an Angel Tree located outside the sanctuary in the foyer area. This tree contains the names of local families that are in need of assistance. All items/gifts are due to be returned to the Lancaster Bowling Center **NO LATER than December 12th**. Thank you for helping our local families!

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

The Lottie Moon post office will remain open through December 24. At the post office, you can "mail" cards to SBC member for 25 cents per card. Be sure to pick up your cards at the post office as well! All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Other Ministry Opportunities

**God is working...
Lives are changing...**

Come & join us at Celebrate Recovery...**a safe place.**
A Christ centered recovery program for hurts, hang-ups & habits. We meet every Thursday, 6PM, room 101.

No child care provided.



Budget/Finance/Administration

Budget Report Update (12-03-17)

Budget Receipts.....	\$54,923.50	Weekly Budget Requirement.....	\$45,138.13
Imagine the Impact Building Fund	\$1,267.00	Budget Requirement to Date.....	\$2,211,768.47
Other Designation	\$10,218.40	Budget Received to Date.....	\$2,277,389.44
Deposit Adj.....	0	Budget Excess/Under.....	\$65,620.97
Total Tithes & Offering	\$66,408.90		

Building Fund Balance.....	\$49,028.29
Worship Center Debt Retirement Fund.....	\$154,016.10
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	\$9,970.00

Attendance	
Life Groups.....	690
Morning Worship.....	1030

Church Staff

Dr. Brian G. Saxon, Senior Pastor

Tony Neely, *Church Administrator*
Sharon Johnson, *Preschool Worship*
Richard Thompson, *Music & Worship*
Robin Helm, *Associate of Music*
Larry Helm, *Senior Adult*
Brandon Helms, *Youth*
David Falgout, *Associate Pastor and Pastor of Local Ministry & Missions*
Greg Gibson, *Preschool & Children*

Alora Broyles, *Preschool Coordinator*
Ryan Deese, *Audio/Media Director*
Pat Nobles, *Financial Min. Assistant*
Melanie Sanders, *Ministry Assistant*
Beth Center, *Ministry Assistant*
Tammy Gardner, *WEE School*
Garry Threatt, *Campus Manager*
Jim Taylor, *Campus Manager Asst.*

Miscellaneous

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

The church and staff would like to express our sincere sympathy to Rosalind Grier and family on the loss of her sister, Anne Laura Briggs; to Kim Hicks and family on the loss of her father, Dale Carson Horne; and to Sherry Baucom and family on the loss of her mother, Margaret Hinson.

CAROLINA FAITH RIDERS will meet Monday, December 11th, at 7:00pm in room 103.

The **Hattie Hardin Prayer Group** meets Tuesday, December 12th, at 10AM in room 206.

Holiday Schedule

December 9 & 10 - "You Light the World" Adult Choir Musical
December 17 - Steve Ladd in Concert-6pm in the Worship Center
December 20 - No Wednesday services/activities
December 24 - One Regular morning worship service at 11am only
December 24 - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5pm
December 25 & 26 - Church office closed
December 27 - No Wednesday services/activities
December 31 - Regular AM & PM services
January 1 - Church office closed

AWANA

December 13 - Regular Awana Night
December 20 - NO Awana Christmas Break
December 27 - NO Awana Christmas Break

New Books for parents and families are available in our church library. They deal with complex cultural issues such as childhood physical and sexual abuse, sexual identity, homosexuality, and other similar issues. You may also purchase a copy of these books for your own library from Pastor Greg.

I would like for you to think about a few things during this Christmas season. How many churches do you drive past on your way to work, the grocery store or church? How many professing Christians do you know at work or school? How many bibles do you own and have access too? How many Christian resources can you access (Christian bookstores, radio, and webpages)? The reason I ask these questions is because we tend to believe that everyone else lives like we do and has the same access that we do. CURRENT REALITY-best estimates according to joshuaproject.net are there are still approximately 3.16 BILLION people unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This means that if you are born among one of these peoples, you will likely be born, live your entire life, and die and NEVER meet a follower of Jesus Christ. Brothers and sister this is completely unacceptable! My challenge to all of us – let's change that! Let us prayerfully ask the Lord what He desires us to give to advance His glory among all the peoples of the world! One of the ways we can do that is through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I ask that you pray and ask the Lord what He would have you to give to help get the message of the Gospel out and you and your family give out of obedience. But let's not stop with a monetary donation, let's pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His harvest. Let's ask the Lord to use SBC as a Gospel catalyst among the nations. Let's pray and obey as He calls us to penetrate the darkness of this world with the glorious light of the Gospel. Let us Pray for the Lord to call out workers, let us give sacrificially with the goal of an eternal investment, and let us Go wherever our Lord may call us. May our lives and giving reflect that of our God and Father – Generous and sacrificial. Brothers and Sisters, let us celebrate and rejoice with how our Lord will use the Lottie Moon Christmas offering given through SBC to advance His name throughout the entire world! I leave you with one last quote by Oswald J. Smith, "We talk much about the second coming, half the world has never heard of the first".

Romans 10:12-17

David

The Glory of God Luke 2:14

What is God's Glory?

God is given glory for His person ("in the highest")

Worship and God's Glory

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Love God

Love People

Live the Mission