

The Current

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Keith's Korner

It's rare that I ever use newsletter articles or sermons to help promote a movie, but having just seen the new movie *Wonder* (with Renee and the 5th and 6th grade SS class she teaches), I feel I must. The movie is an adaptation from the best-selling novel by R.J. Palacio, *Wonder*. This movie tells an incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of a ten-year-old boy with a facial deformity who enters fifth grade at a mainstream school for the first time. With the support of his mother and father, he learns how to make friends and adjust to his new environment. Meanwhile, those around him learn not to judge a book by its cover. *Wonder* is filled with memorable moments and quotes:

"Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness."

"I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives."

"If they stare, let them stare. You can't blend in when you were born to stand out."

As we move into the Christmas season the story of Jesus' birth plays out a lot like a good movie. As we begin reading the different scriptures related to the coming of the Messiah, we hear the gospel writers encouraging us to **stay tuned** for what is to come. John the Baptist helps us in **setting the scene** for the birth of Jesus, the **plot twists** when Elizabeth and Mary see the possibilities of what God can do, and we end with a **cliffhanger** that invites us all to *wonder* how we are called to participate in the story.

As we move through the Advent season, the expectation and arrival of the Messiah is a grand, movie-like epic. Join us for worship in December and pray for me as I will be preaching a sermon series titled, **Coming Soon**. Also, pray for Candy and the choir as they prepare to lead us each week in song and as they prepare for the joint musical with FBC Shelby, *Peace Has Come* (December 17, with a 9AM performance at FBC Shelby and a Boiling Springs Baptist performance at 10:55AM).

A quick look at December Sunday services is below; note time change for Christmas Eve morning.

Love and blessings,
Keith



SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER:

- Dec 3** – **Sermon** - Stay Tuned, based on Mark 13:24-37
6PM - Hanging of the Greens service
- Dec 10** – **Sermon** - Setting the Scene, based on Mark 1:1-8
4PM – Christmas caroling, meet in sanctuary
- Dec 17** – **Christmas Cantata**, Peace Has Come
- Dec 24** – **10:30AM** – **Sermon** - Plot Twist, based on Luke 1:26-38
5PM – Christmas Eve, **Brief Sermon** - Cliffhanger based on Luke 2:1-20
- Dec 31** – **Sermon**: Back to the Future based on Isaiah 43:19 and selected texts



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:14

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday, December 3 6:00pm

"PEACE HAS COME"

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL by MARY McDONALD

Presented by

BSBC Sanctuary Choir &
First Baptist Church Choir
Sunday, December 17

9:00am at FBC, Shelby

10:55am at BSBC

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No Sunday School

Morning Worship 10:30am

**International Missions
Ingathering**

**Christmas Eve Service with
Lord's Supper** 5:00pm



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED PACK SHOEBOXES for Operation Christmas Child. We packed 2682 shoeboxes that were taken to Gastonia and then to Charlotte. Many children will be blessed. Thanks again!



Items for the GCCBA Toy Store are being collected now. Boxes are located at each end of Education building. Ruth Pace will take the toys to Shelby Mission Camp on December 4. Deadline for collection is December 3, 2017.

Tuesday, December 5 12:30pm

Fellowship Hall FREE Adult Luncheon catered by Harry McKee Doreen Wacaster, program RSVP was by Nov. 28 But call the church if interested

Annual Remembrance Dinner for All Widows & Widowers Sunday, December 10, 2017 12:00pm Luncheon Invitations have been sent out. Please RSVP by December 6.

Crest High School Choral Concert Tuesday, December 5 7:00pm Sanctuary

From our Associate Pastor for Music & Adults... Candy Wilson

As I am sure you know, December is a busy time of year--not only in our personal lives, but also at church. If you haven't already done so, I would suggest taking time now to plan for upcoming events and worship opportunities. Don't let being bombarded by all the things available in our community take you by surprise--be discriminate in what you plan for yourself and your family.

A good way to "kick off" the Advent/Christmas season is to plan to attend and participate in each Sunday's worship service during the month of December. Every Sunday in Advent has something special to offer in worship. The Young Musicians and the Sixth Grade Musicians will be leading in our morning worship on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. A great tradition at Boiling Springs is our annual "Hanging of the Greens" service on the first Sunday evening of Advent at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The Music Makers (age 4-grade 2) and the Sanctuary Choir will be leading that service. The Boiling Springs Handbells will lead in worship on the second Sunday of Advent, December 10.

This year we will join with the Music Ministry of First Baptist, Shelby to present *Peace Has Come* by Mary McDonald on the third Sunday of Advent, December 17. We will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra. There will be presentations at both churches: 9:00 am at First Baptist and 10:55 am at Boiling Springs.

It is always special when Christmas Eve or Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. What better time to come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior than on a Sunday! This year Christmas Eve will be on a Sunday. In order to encourage everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to spend time with families, there will be no Sunday School on Christmas Eve. Our morning worship service will begin at 10:30 am (note the time change). A traditional Christmas Eve service of "Carols, Candlelight, and Communion" will be held that evening at 5:00 pm. Please encourage your family to attend both services on this very special day.

Reminder: The Adult Ministry is sponsoring a special Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 5 at 12:30 pm. All adults are invited to attend. The meal will be catered by Harry McKee and Doreen Wacaster, Minister of Music and Children at Flint Hill Baptist Church, will present the program. There is no charge for this event.

May you and your family have a joyous Advent/Christmas season!
Candy



Preschool and Children...

The earth is filled with your love, O Lord. Psalm 119:64

This February the children are going to be working through a book titled, *How Full is Your Bucket?* This book and the study time will be dealing with kindness and love to others. Today, in church, I took time to reflect on our bucket here at church and how full it is. Our full bucket includes our awesome children, the choir, the music, and the faith that builds strong our church. God gives us so many good things. We can quickly fill our bucket! He gives us food, clothes, books, and toys. He gives us friends and family. God fills our lives with his love, all the way to the top of the bucket. We are fortunate to be blessed with a loving community, faithful church, and a forever God. Take time to look at your bucket and fill it full of things to be thankful for.

It is December and it is a busy month for everyone. The Hanging of the Greens is December 3 and the young children are singing. You will not want to miss this special time. On December 6, the Broughton patients, as well as Santa Claus, will be with us for a fun evening. I hope that all the children and their families will join us as we welcome our special guests. On December 13, the children will have their Christmas supper and Gingerbread House decorating event. Children are invited to join us in the fellowship hall from 5:30-7:00. Children's programs will resume on January 3 at regular time.

My wish for you this holiday season is that the Lord will fill your bucket to the top. His love and goodness never stops.

Miss Ellen

A Message from Our Youth Minister...

The month of December is truly a magical month of celebration and community. As a child, I can remember my dad saying something along the lines of, "My favorite part of Christmas is just spending time with my family." This might be something you have said before and as a child I thought my dad was crazy! Christmas was about one thing, and one thing only; presents! I have always loved Christmas because of the presents and I always thought to myself, as a child, "I love my family, but Christmas will always be about the presents! Only old people like Christmas because of time with family!"

Well, as much as I never thought it would happen, now my favorite part of Christmas, truly, is spending time with my family. I love that I am now married and get to spend Christmas with both my in-laws and my immediate family as we celebrate Christmas. Something I never understood growing up, but I am beginning to understand now, is that the entire holiday season just has a different feel to it than other times of the year. Church services, community services, traveling, the music, the movies, the parties and of course family is what makes this time so special. In one word; *community*.

If you are reading this, you have a community. Sadly, we are aware as a church that some may no longer have family or friends close by or even at all. We recognize that the holiday season can sometimes be difficult for some of you and our church wants you to know that you are a part of our church family. We recognize that we may not be able to entirely fill certain voids, but we want to do our best in whatever way we can. For many of us, this is a special and magical time where we get to enjoy family and friends. May those of us who are able, be willing to reach out and authentically love those in physical, emotional and spiritual need this holiday season. For those of you who do struggle with this time of year; you are loved. You are loved by the God who created the universe and you are loved deeply by your church family in Boiling Springs. We want to wish our sincerest 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy Holidays' in this time.

For our youth and youth families:

We hope you will join us Wednesday night, December 6 for our annual **Broughton Supper**. This is a truly special time for our church to reach out and love our friends from Broughton. The dinner begins at 6 PM and we hope all of you will be a part of this special night.

We will have **regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities** from 5:30-7 PM on December 13 and 20, but not on December 27. We will also **NOT have our normally scheduled prayer breakfast** on Thursday December 21 or December 28.

All of our youth and church members are invited to sign up for an hour or more to ring the **Salvation Army bell** outside of Ingles in Boiling Springs, on Friday, December 22. We need folks to sign up for any time between 8 AM-8 PM. If interested, please sign-up outside my office or call the church office.

Our **end of the year lock-in for the youth** will take place Friday, December 29! This is going to be an awesome time of celebration, fun and worship! Youth are encouraged to come at 6 PM and to bring a \$5 or less gift to play "Dirty Santa." The lock-in will end Saturday at 8 AM! Bring friends! Parents and others, we can always use volunteers for any part of the night!

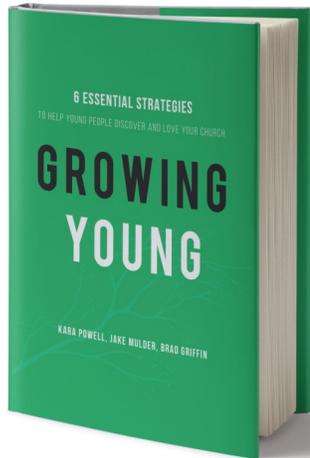
With love,
Mary and Alan Newcomb



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING
Goal: \$11,000
SBC – LOTTIE MOON
CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING
Emphasis during December
You may give your offering at any time during the month.
 Our missionaries depend on those of us at home for prayer and financial support.
SBC Lottie Moon Offering
 (Offering envelopes in your mail packets)
CBF Global Missions Offering
 (Envelopes located in the pew racks)
As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child, let's give generously to support those in foreign lands who have answered God's call to "Go and make disciples."
INGATHERING of OFFERINGS
Morning Worship December 24

Boiling Springs Baptist Church *presents a*
 Food Pantry Benefit *with*
Joseph Webb's JAZZ ERA REVUE
"A WORLD WAR II CHRISTMAS"
 Friday and Saturday
 December 8 and 9 at 7:30pm
 Boiling Springs Baptist Church
Please call church for Reservations
 Bring non-perishable food items or
 Monetary Donation to BSBC Food Pantry

All Churches Grow Old. Strategic Churches Grow Young.



High school students through older adults
are invited to be a part of this
January Spiritual Growth Emphasis
Sundays at 5PM in the Lighthouse room
Led by Pastor Keith

Groundbreaking research, conducted by the Fuller Youth Institute, helps us to understand how 250 congregations (different denominations and locations in the US) are having fruitful and effective ministries with 15-29 year-olds. These churches are seeing young people growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally and numerically.

Each Sunday afternoon will include some teaching and heavy discussion based around 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love church.

A Growing Young book is not essential for this emphasis, but would be helpful and informative. Order yours now for \$10 by December 10th, and begin reading this over Christmas (to order: e-mail Keith at keith@boilingspringsbaptist.org or call the church office 434-6244).



Coming February 2018

**FIRST EVER Spiritual Growth
Emphasis for couples**



Returning February 2018

**28 Days
of
Love**

Our Faithful Saints 2017

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1550 Charles Rd.
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113 Springs St.
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Gene & Billy Washburn
PO Box 1686
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Carolyn Wellmon
116 College Manor
Shelby, NC 28152



Join us for Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 10 4:00pm

*Christmas Cards are due morning of December 10
Boxes are located in elevator hallway*

Church News...

CONGRATULATIONS

to.. Evan & Summer Whitfield on the November 17 birth of a son, Major Makoa Whitfield. Congratulations to grandparents, Matt & Vickie Whitfield.

Thank you all for the prayers and support during my recovery and during the recent loss of my sister.
Love, Marie Webb

Dear Boiling Springs Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to our annual fund! We cannot thank you enough for supporting our mission and inspiring students like myself! We appreciate you!

Sincerely, Janice R. Williams, M. Div '20

We want to thank our church family for the love that has been shown to us in our recent storm. It's remarkable how much you all have meant to us—with cards, calls, texts, and prayers.

We love you so much!
 Joel & Heidi Dobbins

Wednesday, December 6 5:30-7:00pm Life Enrichment Center

BROUGHTON SUPPER

This is a tradition in our church that not only makes Christmas for the patients, but for everyone who attends.

Please bring generous amounts of food to share with our friends from Broughton.

Be sure to let Ellen know if your Sunday School is collecting bag items for our friends.

REMEMBER!

EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING/BIBLE STUDY 11:00am in the Kerygma classroom

Pastor Keith now offers a Prayer Meeting / Bible Study time for those of you who don't like to be out after dark!! And some folks go get lunch together afterward.

Homework Club for Disadvantaged Children

4th Monday Evening of each month

Resumes Jan. 22 and

each Fourth Monday thereafter

5:30-7:45 at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Shelby

Our church is helping CBF Missionary, Cecilia Beck.

We will provide a simple meal, then help with homework.

(about 12 children, grades 1-6)

Eight people from our church have volunteered, but we still need more.

If interested, call Kathryn Hamrick, 704-473-6390 or call the church.

NEW LIGHT BULBS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR HUBERT C. DIXON TREE!

This year we need new light bulbs for our outside tree that we light on the night of Hanging of the Greens. It's beauty is displayed throughout the holiday. If you would like to help with the expense of buying bulbs, it would be very appreciated. Thank you!

Younger GA (Grades 1-3) Project for Holidays

GA's are collecting **SIDE DISHES** to go with holiday meals for needy families. Please help these young ladies with this important learning opportunity.

There are boxes for collection at each end of the Education building.

Suggestions: Canned Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Rice, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Corn, Mac & Cheese, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit

Happy Birthday

TO OUR DECEMBER 80's AND OVER

- Laura Scruggs... ..Dec 09
- Annie Mae BridgesDec 11
- Bob Blackburn.....Dec 12
- Thirlen OsborneDec 21
- Margaret White.....Dec 22
- Mildred Arnold... ..Dec. 23
- Ruth Partain..... ..Dec. 29

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped decorate our church for the holiday season—inside and out!!

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to ...the families of Sophie Osborne

Lem Hipps
 Grandfather of Dawn Beason

Robert Spangler
 Grandfather of Jaime Beason

DECEMBER NURSERY DEC 3

Austin & Catie Stitzel
 Dixon & Elizabeth Crowder

DEC 10

Jason & Amy Hamrick

DEC 17

Justin & Stephanie Webb

Karen Costner

DEC 24

Bill & Julie Daves

DEC 31

Cliff & Gail Hamrick

Ben & Anna McDaniel

WELCOME COMMITTEE DECEMBER

Randy & Brenda Mull
(North side of building)
 Charles & Daphne Bridges
(South side of building)

Sanctuary Flowers DECEMBER

ADVENT– Poinsettias

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Attendance –November

Nov 5.....	188
Nov 12.....	161
Nov 19.....	201
Nov 26.....	174

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 5.....	\$12,108.00
Nov 12.....	\$ 8,713.00
Nov 19.....	\$10,620.11
Nov 26.....	\$ 8,571.00

Basic Weekly Budget Needs : \$11,823.32

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To receive information and/or
reminders through text,
text BSBC to 95577

Forms are available in
sanctuary vestibule and outside
church office to register to
receive emails and texts from
the church.

Keith
Candy
Ellen
Alan
The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in **His** 
presence
Roger
Betsy
Heidi
Dawn
Blessings from Your Church Staff

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REGULAR SUNDAY
(SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar)

8:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Prayer in Prayer Room
9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 Men's Bible Study
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Morning Worship

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

(SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar)

11:00 Pray.Mtg/Bible St. In Kerygma
5:00 Fellowship Meal
5:15 CARE Ministry
5:30 Children's Choirs
5:30-6:15 Threes & E
5:30-7:00 Youth Bible Study
6:00-7:00 Prayer Meeting in Lighthouse
6:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 Children's Missions
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

REGULAR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2017 MISSIONS EMPHASIS: SBC Lottie Moon AND CBF Global Missions Offerings Goal: \$11,000						
ACTIVITIES Listed in Sidebar to LEFT						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10-12NOON LEC Rsvd
3 Deadline for Toy Store Items 6:00 Hanging of the Greens – Music Makers (PreK-2gr) singing	4 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts in FH	5 12:30 Adult Lunch Doreen Wacaster 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Crest High Chorus Concert-Sanc.	6 Regular Activities 11:00 Daytime Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study in Kerygma 5:30-7:00 Broughton Supper 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7 6:45am Youth Prayer Breakfast 5:15 C Team - CARE	8 7:30 Joe Webb's Jazz Era Revue "World War II Christmas" in FH	9 7:30 Joe Webb's Jazz Era Revue "World War II Christmas" in FH
10 Christmas Cards for Faithful Saints Due 12:00 Remembrance Dinner 1:30-4:30 LEC Rsvd 4:00 Christmas Caroling	11 10:00 Dorothy Edwards Bible Study 6:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 Cub Scouts	12 1:00 Staff Meeting NO WMU Prayer Gr. 6:00 DAR in FH 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 Regular Activities NO Fellowship Meal 5:15 A Team -CARE 5:30 Gingerbread House Night w/ 'Mrs. Ellen' 6:00 Instrumental Dress Rehearsal 6:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal	14 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast	15	16 11:30-1:30 FH Rsvd GWU Graduation
17 9:00 Cantata at FBC, Shelby 10:55 Cantata here "Peace Has Come"	18 7:00 Cub Scouts	19 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts Court of Honor - FH	20 NO Fellowship Meal NO Children's Activities 5:15 R Team-CARE 5:30 Youth 6:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21 School Out NO Youth Brkfst	22 School Out 8:00am-8:00pm Ring Salvation Army Bell at Ingles	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE NO Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship Children-w/ Mrs. Ellen "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party in FH 5:00 Christmas Eve Service with Lord's Supper	25 CHRISTMAS DAY School Out All Week OFFICES CLOSED	26 HOLIDAY OFFICES CLOSED	27 NO Fellowship Meal NO Wednesday Activities 2:00 E Team-CARE NO Prayer Meeting NO Sanctuary Choir	28 NO Youth Brkfast	29 6:00pm Youth Lock In	30 8:00am Youth Lock In OVER