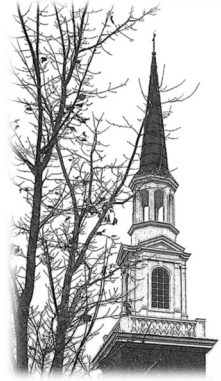


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Keith's Korner

When it comes to Christmas, we have certain expectations. We expect certain foods during the season. We expect to gather with friends and family, and we expect gifts.

But Christmas had an unexpected beginning. The Hebrew people anticipated a Savior. They had waited for centuries for this one who would announce peace, deliverance and good news. Even Mary knew the prophecies and that the long awaited one would be born of a virgin. Mary never expected that virgin would be her. Mary found herself overcome by a mystery. "How can this be?" she asks in Luke 1:34. The unexpected had come.

Most of us do not deal well with the unexpected. All too often we are faced with things we didn't see coming - things that leave us with questions and doubts. Following a short dialogue between Gabriel and Mary we read the words spoken by Mary in Luke 1:38, "may it be done to me according to your word."

To Mary, the unexpected had come and was now taking up residence in her body. In the last several weeks, what has caught you most off-guard in your life? Where is God daring you to trust Him right now? When the unexpected catches us off-guard, are we able to respond like Mary and in faith say in essence, "God, let it happen as you say?"

It is my hope and prayer that you and your family are blessed with a very Merry Christmas. May you know that amid the unexpected, God is present and will give you the strength and direction you need for your journey ahead.

You are loved,
Keith

Join me in giving to our offering for International missions during our Ingathering on December 16, or any time during the month. Thanks for your gifts that enabled this new addition to our church to be possible.

Guatemala 2019

A mission team will be headed back to Guatemala, August 3-10, 2019, to assist in the construction of a planned second cottage for older children, and a small ministry director's house (Missions Committee unanimously blessed this effort in their September meeting). Both are located on the site of the beautiful Good Shepherd Center, where teams will be housed and fed. Teams will have supervision and work with Guatemalans on-site. A variety of construction skills are needed. Construction teams will have the opportunity for two of their female members to reside and serve for 48-hour stretches at the Good Shepherd Children's Home to give the Guatemalan staff members some much needed time off.



Please be in prayer regarding your possible participation on this mission trip. Two informational meetings will take place on Sunday, December 9, at 9AM and another at 3PM, both in the Kerygma room (you would only need to attend one). Ideal team size is 8-13 individuals, with the limit being 13, due to transportation while in Guatemala.



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From our Associate Pastor for Music & Adults...

See below for information regarding special events and opportunities in December and January. I know your time is precious and that you must plan judiciously; but, please consider attending worship each Sunday in December and especially on December 16th not only to support our choir and instrumental musicians that have worked so diligently to prepare but also to receive a blessing by worshiping through the music they will present. Please also consider participating in the Baptist study during the month of January. Your participation will help the study to be more meaningful for all of us!

In the meantime, I wish you a joy-filled and peaceful Christmas season and a blessed 2019! Thank you for the gift of serving with you in ministry!

Tuesday, December 4 Christmas Celebration Luncheon

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 pm. Our program will feature music by Ken Turner, winner of five Grammy Awards and ten Dove Awards. Ken is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. He sang bass with the Blackwood Brothers Quartet for many years and remains one of the most beloved bass singers in Gospel Music, as well as one of the funniest. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Reservations are now closed.

Sunday, December 16 Christmas Music Service of Worship

Night of the Father's Love by Pepper Choplin will be presented in worship by the sanctuary choir, narrators, and chamber orchestra on Sunday, December 16th during the 10:55 morning worship service. Choplin says that during the composition of this work he focused on the words "worship, mystery, and beauty." His desire was "not to be on the cutting edge, but to create a fresh telling of the Christmas story that was worshipful and beautiful." And that he did! It will be a joy to present this music in worship. Make your plans now to attend this very special service of worship.

Sundays in January at 5:00 pm

WHAT KINDS OF BAPTISTS ARE WE (BECOMING)?

Over 45 years ago Baptist historian Walter Shurden wrote that Baptists were having an "identity crisis." Does it seem like we still are? What might it mean to be a Baptist now? What might it mean to become a Baptist?

Everyone is invited to a time of presentation and conversation about Baptist history and Baptist identity facilitated by Dick Wilson. Bring who you are to the discussions, be who you are in the conversations, and perhaps we will become better informed through each other about the "challenge of being Baptist" where we are!

If you have any questions about Adult Ministry or the Music Ministry, do not hesitate to contact me.

In God's service with you,
Candy

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A Message from Our Youth Minister...

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone! We hope that this holiday season is a time full of rest, family, joy and celebration. We also sincerely pray for those this holiday season who are grieving or hurt; we pray for peace and that this season would bring comfort amidst pain.

On **Friday, December 21** our church has the opportunity to help raise money for the Salvation Army to help our local community. From **8 AM-8 PM**, outside of Ingles in Boiling Springs, our church is responsible for ringing the bell and collecting money. There is a sign-up sheet outside of Roger and Alan's office. You may sign up for an hour slot and you are encouraged to do this with your family, friends or other church members. If we can get enough volunteers, more than one person or family can certainly work together for an hour. This is a fun and easy way to help our local community through the services of Salvation Army. If you would like to help us out with bell ringing, please sign-up outside of the office or contact Alan (704-418-8925).

A few dates for our students and families to be aware of in December are below:

Wednesday, December 5 we will not have our regularly scheduled Bible Study, Worship and Life Groups due to the Broughton supper. We hope our students and families will attend this special evening as we welcome others into our church.

Wednesday, December 12 we will be joining the Children's ministry in making gingerbread houses for Christmas. We will meet at **6 PM** in the LEC and we will have a fun night together decorating them.

Wednesday, December 19 will be our final Wednesday meeting of 2018. We will meet at **5:30** in the Youth Room for a Christmas party. This will be a fun way to end our year and celebrate together!

Thursday, December 27-Saturday, December 29 we have 8 students and 4 adults who are going to the Xtreme Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. This is an awesome retreat for our students and a great time to build relationships and worship together. For our families of students attending, the final balance for this trip is due

Wednesday, December 12 AND there will be a brief informational meeting on that night as well, at **7:30**, following our activities.

We hope that your Christmas and holiday season is filled with joy, community and love. Merry Christmas!

With love,
Mary and Alan Newcomb

Preschool and Children...

She will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus.

Matthew 1:20-23



"Can you smell Christmas coming? What is the smell of Christmas at your house? Take a good sniff! What were the smells of the first Christmas? Pretend you are in the stable with Mary and Joseph. Can you smell the animals, the hay, the warmth?"

The smells of our Christmas celebration are different from the smells of the first Christmas. But there's something that is still the same: Christmas is still Jesus' birthday.

Christmas will always be Jesus' birthday." [Little Visits with Jesus](#)

Christmas is coming, and our children are preparing for the coming of the baby Jesus. We need to help them understand the true meaning of this holiday season. They shared their love of Jesus and his birth as they portrayed the birth through the wonderful drama on Sunday. Take time to come to the fellowship hall and see the children's Christmas tree. Ornaments were made by the children so that the tree could be touched and enjoyed by them.

As we enter this busy time the children will have several opportunities to participate in Christmas traditions at our church. On **Dec. 5** we have our annual **Broughton supper** and Santa comes to bring gifts for the patients and the children. We welcome the children to come enjoy being a part of Santa's arrival and gift giving. On **December 12** the children will have their Christmas party and **Gingerbread House Extravaganza from 5:30-7:00**. Families are invited to come and enjoy this fun family time of designing a special gingerbread house.

The children would like to thank those who helped them fill their community children shoeboxes. We gave out and delivered over 75 boxes to children through the food pantry and Boiling Springs Elementary School. Faces of little children throughout our community will shine because they have a stocking full of fun goodies.

As we enter the new year let me take this opportunity to say Thank You to each of you for a wonderful year of sharing and loving on your children. Thank you for all the encouraging thoughts and words you have shared this year.

Merry Christmas!
Ellen

Church News...

*Church Family,
Thanks so much for your prayers and concerns while I have my cancer treatments. I have enjoyed all my beautiful cards, visits, food and calls. I have a port now and my treatment should go much easier. Please continue your prayers for me. God Bless You. Betty Bridges*

*To BSBC Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. A special thanks to those who provided transportation to and from Charlotte for my heart ablation.*

God Bless You!! Ruth Pace

*Dear Church Family,
Words cannot properly express our appreciation for the incredible amount of attention all of us have received from the church. We will always be grateful for the gracious outpouring of love.
Sincerely, Eugene Washburn Family*

REMEMBRANCE DINNER

for Widows & Widowers
Sunday, December 9 in Fellowship Hall
following Morning Worship
Please RSVP by Dec. 4

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:

As I decided which videos to share with the congregation as we pray for and give to missions during the Christmas season, I noticed that we have missionaries now in Macedonia.

Wow! It has been almost two thousand years since the New Testament tells us that the Apostle Paul and his companions felt they should cross over into Macedonia in the west rather than going back east with the gospel message. In a dream Paul had seen a man standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Later the churches they established in Philippi and other cities in the region were very generous in giving an offering to help the Christians in the "mother church" in Jerusalem when they faced persecution.

What a wonderful cycle. Here we are again helping Christians to reach others in Macedonia. Who knows when they may be the ones helping us again?

I pray that you will be generous and exceed the offerings last year.



**CHILDREN'S
GINGERBREAD
EXTRAVAGANZA**
All Ages Children
Families Invited

Wednesday, Dec. 12
5:30-7:00pm in LEC

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NOV 2018

Nov 4	\$ 14,835.80
Nov 11	\$ 7,773.89
Nov 18	\$ 9,720.00
Nov 25	\$ 9,602.00

**Basic Weekly Budget
Needs: 11,823.32**

Joe Webb's Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 6 7:00pm
in the LEC

**ONE NIGHT ONLY
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED**

Admission:
Food Items or Monetary Contribution
for the Food Pantry

Broughton Supper - Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 5
5:30 to 7:00pm in the LEC

*Please have your covered-dishes in
the FH by 5:30pm.*

Patient/Family Helpers will meet in
the Sanctuary at 5:30 to greet and
guide everyone to the party!

Bags for patients need to be placed in
the Lighthouse room, marked
'Broughton Supper.'

*Thank you for sharing and helping
those from Broughton have a
brighter Christmas!*

Night of the Father's Love

by Pepper Choplin

presented by

The Sanctuary Choir,
Narrators & Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, December 16, 2018
10:55am during AM Worship

*Join us for a
very special service!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Attendance in Nov 2018

Nov 4	181
Nov 11	165
Nov 18	154
Nov 25	157

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to

...the family and friends of

Lucy Mae Johnson
Sister of Linda Bryson

Eugene Washburn
Thirlen Osborne

Lunette Bridges
Grandmother of
Brandy Truelove

DECEMBER NURSERY

DEC 2

Sam & Darlene Hamrick
Jason & Amy Hamrick

DEC 9

Jamie & Sherwin Washburn
Need helpers

DEC 16

Austin & Catie Stitzel
Need helpers

DEC 23

Dickie & Joanne Crowder
Matt & Dakota Hendrick

DEC 30

Justin & Stephanie Webb
Russell & Heather Voyles

DECEMBER WELCOME COMMITTEE

Bonnie Doughtie
(North side of building)
Diane Rabon
(South side of building)

Happy Birthday

TO OUR DECEMBER 80's AND OVER

Laura Scruggs	09
Annie Mae Bridges	11
Bob Blackburn	12
Margaret White	22
Mildred Arnold	23
Ruth Partain	29

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

SBC Lottie Moon
CBF Global Missions

Goal: \$ 10,000

**Ingathering on
December 16, 2018**
During Morning Worship

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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.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

7:45 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 Men's Bible Study
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Morning Worship

Tuesday

2:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday

11:00 AM Prayer Meeting /
Bible Study
5:00-5:30 PM C.A.R.E. Teams
5:00-5:30 Take Out Meals in FH
5:30-6:15 Fellowship Meal
6:00-6:15 Intergenerational Prayer
Time in Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:30 Youth Bible Study
6:15-7:30 Pre-K & K Missions
6:15-6:50 Children's Choirs
6:15-7:30 Adult Bible Studies
6:50-7:30 Children's Missions
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday

6:45AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
5:00PM C Team CARE
(first Thurs. after first Wed.)

Remember

***Your Monthly Food Closet
Donations!! Thank you for helping
feed the hungry! Our shelves run
low each week!***

Continuous Needs: Cereals,
Peanut Butter & Jelly

***We are helping to pack 25 food
backpacks for children at Boiling
Springs Elementary each week.***

December Items: Rice crispy treats,
Cookie cups, Cheez-its

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Newsletter Information

All information for this publication needs
to be submitted by the **20th of each
month** so it can be mailed before the first
day of the upcoming month.

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REGULAR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

(SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar)

7:45 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Prayer in Prayer Rm
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 Prayer/Bible Study
5-5:30 CARE
5-5:30 Take-out Meals
5:30-6:15 Fellowship Meal
6-6:15 Intergenerational Prayer time in FH
6-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:50 Children's Choirs
6:15-7:30 Pre-K & K Missions
6:15-7:30 Adult Bible Studies
6:50-7:30 Children's Missions
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

<div> <div>PLEASE SEE REGULAR SUN & WED ACTIVITIES Listed in Sidebar to LEFT</div> <div>DECEMBER 2018</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN DECEMBER			1
2 FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT <i>Regular Activities (see left sidebar)</i> 10:55 AM Worship Children's Program "Just A Little Christmas" 4:00 Youth Handbells 6:00 Hanging of the Green	3 3:00-6:00 Youth Study Hall in Kerygma 6:00-8:30 Light House Rsvd 6:00-9:00 Scouts-LEC	4 12:30 Adult Christmas Luncheon (Catered)(\$5.00) Program, Ken Turner 2:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Crest Middle School Choral Concert	5 NO Regular Activities 11:00 Prayer & Bible Study 5:30 Broughton Supper 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6 6:45 Youth Prayer Brkfst at Bojangles 2:00 C Team – CARE 7:00 Joseph Webb's Jazz Era Revue in LEC NO Reservations Required	7	8
9 SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT <i>Regular Activities</i> 9:00 Guatemala Mtg. AM Worship Handbells ringing 12:00 Remembrance Dinner in FH 2:00 Instrumental Rehearsal 3:00 Guatemala Mtg.	10 10:00 Dorothy Edwards Bible Study 3:00-6:00 Youth Study Hall in K 6:30 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Deacons' Christmas Dinner-FH 7:00 Scouts	11 2:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 DAR in FH 7:00 Scouts	12 <i>Regular Activities</i> 11:00 Prayer & Bible Study 5:00 A Team – CARE 5:30-7:00 Children's Gingerbread Extravaganza ALL Ages - Families 6:15 Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 Cantata Dress Rehearsal 7:30 Yth Info Mtg	13 6:45 Youth Prayer Brkfst at Bojangles 7:00 Crest High School Choral Concert	14 6:00 Kerygma Sunday School Class Party in Kerygma	15
16 THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT <i>Regular Activities</i> AM Worship Cantata International Missions Ingathering 4:00 Christmas Caroling	17 3:00-6:00 Youth Study Hall in Kerygma 7:00 Scouts	18 2:00 WMU Prayer Gr. 2:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Scouts Court of Honor in LH	19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 Prayer & Bible Study 5:00 R Team – CARE NO Children's Activities 5:30 Youth WILL meet 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	20 ALL Current Newsletter Articles Due NO Youth Prayer Brk.	21 8:00-8:00 Ring Salvation Army Bell at Ingles	22
23 FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT <i>Regular Activities</i> Church Conference	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICES CLOSED 5:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICES CLOSED	26 NO Activities	27 Youth Winter Retreat through Dec. 29	28	29 Youth return from Youth Retreat
30 <i>Regular Activities</i> 10:55 AM Worship Children's Church (4's,5's)	31					