



THE CHIMES

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to:

- Glorify** and Praise God
- Grow** and develop disciples
- Go** into our community and bring people to Christ

OUR GOAL

We are Committed to:

- L**ordship of Christ Mt 22:37
- O**ngoing Stewardship Mal 3:10
- R**eaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20
- D**iscipleship Training II Tim 2:15

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BELIEVE



Presented by:

MCCORMICK FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Michael Allen, Pastor
Jared Walley, Associate Pastor
David Becker, Minister of Music

Friday, December 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream Social to follow)

-and-

Sunday, December 13, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.



Dear Church Family,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. This is a busy time of year for many of us with Christmas coming up: all the gift buying and wrapping, parties, traveling, and relatives visiting. Christmas can also be a stressful time. It can be a difficult time of year for some of you who have lost loved ones or who must spend Christmas away from the people you love.

But no matter what the situation is in your life, Jesus has promised that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age. Jesus loves you and will meet all your needs. As you navigate this Christmas season, I want to encourage you to spend some time alone with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The wise men came to Bethlehem from the east, looking for the one who was born king of the Jews. Like these wise men, we too need to seek Jesus. And also like these wise men, we need to bow down and worship Him. There is no better way to spend any time of year than praising and worshipping Jesus.

I hope you have a fantastic Christmas season. Look forward to seeing you here at church.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael

On Thanksgiving Day 2015, the Koinonia Sunday School Class sponsored a Thanksgiving meal for the community as well as church members who may not have been with family this year. Approximately 300 meals were delivered to needy families and individuals in the county who had been identified by either DSS or the housing complexes. One hundred meals were served at the church. A meal of turkey, dressing/gravy, sweet potato casserole, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit salad and an assortment of cakes and pies were supplied by many donors.

The class would like to thank all who donated money, time, turkeys, food and carry-out trays and especially the willingness to be a part of this ministry. God truly was in control as everything ran very smoothly and plenty of food was provided. A true blessing was received by all involved and we look forward to our 6th year in 2016.

**Ministry of
Evangelism and Outreach**

I love the Christmas season. It is a time filled with joy, family and traditions. One of the books that I'm reading during this season is, "Good News of Great Joy." In this book there is a great statement: "Christmas is an indictment before it becomes a delight. It will not have its intended effect until we feel desperately the need for a Savior." Reflect on that for a moment. We celebrate at Christmas time because the Rescuer has come. We rejoice because we are a sinful people in need of salvation. We tell the good news of Jesus with those who need to hear. We worship Him as we remember what He has done! Christmas is not a single day. It is a season, a lifestyle, a daily expression of our gratitude. One of the well-loved carols states, "Joy to the world! The Lord has come!" Isaac Watts wrote these words in 1719 with his inspiration coming from Psalm 98:7-9 which states:

- 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
8 Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
9 Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

Even the earth is celebrating! This season do not let the sea, rivers and mountains out-worship you. Celebrate the savior!

Associate Pastor Jared

**McCormick Children's Home
&
Local Families Christmas Assistance**

It has become an annual tradition to provide assistance to the McCormick Children's Home and local families during Christmas, and your generosity and support have been remarkable. We hope you will help us continue this tradition of reaching out and supporting the children in our own community.

A Christmas tree has been placed in the church foyer and the tree has tags with necessity items as well as gifts for the children currently at the home. Gift tags for the children at the children's home are printed in red and necessity items for the children's home are printed in black. Gift tags for the local families are printed in green. If you would like to help, please review the tags and remove any you would like to provide. Gifts should be placed by the tree on or before the morning of December 20, 2015 and should NOT be wrapped.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Seigler at 706-513-5016 or lmseigler@aol.com
Thanks in advance for your support.

Christmas Worship Schedule

*December 11 - Adult Choir Christmas Musical
"Believe", 7:00 PM
followed by an ice cream social*

*December 13 - Adult Choir Christmas Musical
"Believe", 11:00 AM*

*Church Christmas Dinner, 5:30 PM
Children's Choir (sanctuary), 6:30 PM*

December 23 - No Wednesday Evening Service

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 PM

December 27 - No Sunday Evening Service

December 30 - No Wednesday Evening Service

December 31 - New Year's Eve Service, 5:30 PM

Small packages, big things!

Remember that candy commercial declaring, "Big things come in small packages"? The prophet's message to tiny Bethlehem is similar: "Though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel" (Micah 5:2, NIV).

We've all felt too small for a certain role: too little to play with the big kids ... too skinny to make the football team ... short on the skills needed for a choice assignment. Perhaps we fear our gift of money is too little to make a difference, or the small amount of time we can volunteer isn't even worth it.

But God brings big things out of "small packages." From a newborn baby – merely six to eight pounds of helplessness – God brought salvation for the whole world. Rest assured, he'll do big things through you, too.

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SuEllen DeBerry
Glenda Lewis

Our Shut-ins:

George Bolin
Lillian Brown
Margie Bussey
Sandra Gordon
Marvin Hammond
Dessie Jennings
John Talbert



December

- 2 Al Burns
Wayne Adams
- 9 George Elmore
- 10 George Krohn
Charles Parnell
- 11 Sherry Phillips
- 12 Jeanne Brooks
- 15 Michelle Allen
- 16 Debbie Daniels
- 17 Laura Seigler
- 18 Tony McKee
Justin Hodges
- 23 Deborah Banks
Chad Keown
- 24 John Talbert
- 29 George Brown
- 30 Julia Long

Missions

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts reach those who have never heard Who God Is. Your offering sends God's missionary people to share the only hope for this broken world.

One hundred percent of the money collected will go to international missions with a total goal of \$175 million. The goal for McCormick First Baptist this year is \$5,000. Offering will be taken during the entire month of December.

Check out the December issue of The Courier, "Because of Who He Is". Also, you may learn more about the Lottie Moon offering at imb.org/offering.

Mark Your Calendar

McCormick First Baptist will host
Christmas Across America
at Dorn Cotton Gin
Saturday, December 19
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
For children ages 5 - 12
For questions please call
Jayne McMahon at 391.3779

M-Fuge 2016

MFBC Youth are scheduled to attend camp in June at North Greenville University in Greenville, SC

"M-Fuge is designed to give students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have to serve in their own communities, learning to live every day life on mission!"

Deposit for the trip is required by Sunday, January 24, 2016. Total cost of the trip is \$299. Watch for fundraising events in the coming month.

Christian Education

Koinonia Class

Hats off and God's blessings to our class leaders who have served for many years.

Charles Parnell is our main teacher (he leads every other week), applying his Bible knowledge, faith and teaching experience to our lessons. He has been committed to our class in this role for 24 years! The teachers that rotate for the other weeks are: Dave Becker, George McClain, Sherry Phillips, Luther Warrick, and Mark Young. We appreciate their dedication in study and preparation to present the Word and study lessons. They have each volunteered for years in this capacity.

Fran Becker, our class secretary, brings the class to order, keeps us on track documenting announcements, praises and prayer requests and emails them promptly to all of us. She also helps organize special class outings. Fran has been serving in this role for over eight years.

Thank you all for your dedication and the love you show our class.

December 5th, Dave and Fran will host our class Christmas party in their home. They will be collecting funds for the McCormick County Backpack Ministry, as a donation from our class.

Joint Heirs

The Joint Heirs class had a fall afternoon of food and fellowship recently in the fellowship hall following morning worship. There were four different soups (and a nice rainy day for that), delicious tossed salad, many breads and crackers and of course, desserts. Beside our regular class members we were honored to have Pastor Michael and Michelle, Pastor Jared, April and family, Ryan Ekland (former interim pastor) as well as Barbara Kaemmer who was invited by Katherine McElhenny and Chuck and Charlotte Seiger who were visiting and were invited by Ed and Sue Devos. After the great meal, everyone shared their favorite scripture. A good time was had by all.



A Bit Of History

McCormick Baptist Church was the first church to be built in the town of McCormick after McCormick became a county in 1916.

Submitted by the History Committee

Volunteer Schedule



December 6

Audio Larry Baker
 Projection Joan Prince

December 13

Audio William Matheny
 Projection Gaye McKee

December 20

Audio Adam McCoy
 Projection Diane Shaffer

December 27

Audio Adam McCoy
 Projection Joan Prince

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
 October 2015

Contributions YTD
 Budget \$ 340,775
 Actual \$ 353,973

Expenses YTD
 Budget \$ 340,775
 Actual \$ 326,783

Funds
 Missions \$ 1,728
 Rebuild 4,923
 Mission Trip 17,605
 Special Purpose 16,035
 Misc. 1,632



December
 Bryant Hurt

January
 Roy Brooks



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Every Sunday we record the entire 11:00AM Service on CD. These are mailed weekly to our shut-ins. If you know of someone who should or would like to receive one of these, please let us know so that we can put them on the distribution list. We usually have a couple extra that we are now putting in a basket in the foyer on the table. Please feel free to take these.



If there is a particular Sunday you wish to have a CD for, contact Mary she has the master to make you a copy. We keep the recordings on file for several months.

Also, the sermon is posted on our website and left there, you can access it by going to the "resources tab" and selecting "sermons", then pick the date you want to hear. The sermon notes are listed with the audio to follow along with.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule		
December		
December 6	P. Henderson	391-3656
December 13	Diane Young	391-5522
December 20	Susan DeVos	391-2346
December 27	Gail Collier	443-2681

*Our Christian sympathy and love is
extended to:*

*Marshall and Annie Pearson
in the passing of Marshall's father
in Michigan*



Annie Clark

William and Nancy Richert
Michael and Nancy Mineo
Mary Ann Beckwith
Elaine Loeschner
Lynn and Jayne McMahan

Don Neal

Marion and Patty Henderson

Alton White

Reid and Donna Creswell
Helen Thompson
Connie Robinson
Lee's Inlet Apothecary
James and Gladys Wise
Thomas and Jessica Flynn
Jake and Carolyn Trantham
Jeffrey and Sharon Molinari
Roy and Barbara Keller
Karla Storey
Covar and Company P.C.
Jimmy and Gail Collier
Jeffery and Peggie Robertson

Dear Friends,
Glenna and I were so blessed by all the beautiful cards we received from our friends in McCormick for our 65th wedding anniversary. Both of us thank you for your love and prayers. We miss you all so much. You are a very special and unique body of Christ. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and send our love. Keep on keeping on for the Lord.
Jack and Glenna Grove

A Christmas Greeting:
Wishing all my southern family the Lord's peace and comfort. To all my brothers and sisters that have lost loved ones, the Lord's comfort. My love is there with you this Christmas season.
Much love in Christ,
Lee Wilson

