

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 isciplineship Training II Tim 2:15



December

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Musical

Presented by

McCormick First Baptist
Church Choir and Soloists

Friday

December 12, 2014

7:00 PM

(followed by an Ice Cream Social)

and

Sunday

December 14, 2014

11:00 AM

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God has given us so many reasons to be thankful. We have family and friends and a very supportive church family. Let us continue to pray for each other and support one another.

We are thankful to the Koinonia Class and to all of those who helped in providing a Thanksgiving meal for so many. We are all called to love and serve others. The Koinonia Class has demonstrated that love and service. I know that many were blessed, but none more than those who helped with the preparation, serving, and delivery of the meal.

In December, we focus on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Christ lived and died for us that we might have forgiveness for our sins and eternal life. Surely, as Believers, we have many reasons to celebrate His coming. We are excited about our special musical programs. Dave and the choir will present a wonderful program of Christmas music that will reflect the Good News message of Christ's coming to earth. On Friday night, December 12, many, outside our own church community, will attend the Christmas musical. Let us pray for open hearts and minds to the message in song.

December 14, will be a very special day for our church. In the morning service, the adult choir will present the Christmas musical for the second time. At 5:30 PM, we will have our annual, church Christmas dinner, which will be followed by Christmas music from the children at 6:30 PM. Again this year, we will have a Christmas Eve service and a New Year's Eve service. I hope you will plan to attend all the services in December. Keep in mind, December is a great time to invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to attend worship.



Christmas truly is the most wonderful time of the year. One of the "Christmas Passages" we often overlook is found in Luke 1:67-80 which can be referred to as

"Zechariah's Song." I'm sure you remember the story. .. While Zechariah is performing his priestly duties, he is informed by an angel that he will soon be a father. He has some questions about the news. Then the angel renders him dumb because of his unbelief. After the birth of his son, John the Baptist, he delivers this wonderful song:

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days." Luke 1:68-75

One of the great points of this prophecy that resonates with me is that Zechariah's Song places the future coming of Jesus in the past tense. "He HAS come to redeem, He HAS raised up a horn of salvation." What confidence! John Piper writes, "For the mind of faith, a promised act of God is as good as done." This is so true, but do we always have the confidence that Zechariah exudes? What prevents us from taking God at his Word? We should hold to the promises of God as cold hard facts. I pray this Christmas season you will confidently proclaim God's redemption to others. Sing it out loud like the example Zechariah proclaims.

Pastor Gary

Pastor Jared



Women's Bible Study

Ladies Fall Bible Study
!!!WOW!!!

What involvement***What insight***What impact



As ladies from our community gathered to study First and Second Thessalonians within Beth Moore's study "Children of the DAY" we were challenged to face forward to the future coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to follow His Word, and to forever keep our work of faith, our labor of

love, and our steadfastness of hope at the forefront of our participation in what God is doing in the world around us so they too might be ready for His coming.

Faith in Christ is a game changer. We are not to be like everyone else. We have a place here on earth to emphasize the eternal things of the future. We are to be part of the Lord's message ringing out loud and clear. As we have received the gospel message, we are to now become messengers of the gospel. We have been entrusted with a great treasure and God is the one who will empower and equip us to walk well with Him, to walk worthy of Him, and to put our feet in action to show our conviction that no one is worthier than He is.

We will face opposition from within ourselves and from outside ourselves as we let our lives shine for Jesus, but thank God that greater is He that is in us than he that is in this world.

We do not have to be "hindered" by our "hindrances".

God's word teaches that we will have pressures and hindrances, but none of them need to be wasted. They will all work together for our good as we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. We will be rewarded for our perseverance. As we are taught by God and truly take His word to heart, we will not be tempted to give up. We all can be part of His mobilized ministry team.

We are to be "children of light" in a very darkening world. We are to shine our light and leave the light of His love so others might one day see what we see. We are not of the darkness, but we have to be very aware of the darkness around us. But in that truth, we can we awakened to the activity of God around us,

awake to the word of God that gives light and hope, awake to the needs of others around us.

Aware and awake, we can make a difference in lives today. We need to be "available"!!

Beth Moore states: Adventure awaits us, and Jesus is looking for people to share it.

"Whatever area of service you are called to fulfill, if it is fueled by fiery love for Jesus Christ, you'll be effervescent in the Spirit and effective."

We cannot follow the ways of the world and be deceived that the Day of the Lord is not near. Signs of lawlessness are evident everywhere.

We are not to become "trivial" in a superficial world. Jesus is the cure for a sick world.

Jesus is the Lord of Peace in this pervasiveness of darkness

We are to keep on praying, participating, and proclaiming.

We are to be part of the 1000 tongues that sing Our Great Redeemer" praise, the glories of Our God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Beth's last statement was: "We have our work cut out for us, you and me. We've been called to a hard world. If we turn our backs on it, we forfeit our assignments. Face out, Beloved. Be brave. Be bold. Love big. We won't be here long. Take the torch of the gospel to a land of souls and shadows."

"FOR YOU ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, CHILDREN OF THE DAY.

"No door is so dark and scandalous that Jesus is unwilling to enter to make Himself one person's exit. This fall's study showed us we cannot "fall back" on our responsibilities nor our privileges of being used by God for eternity's sake.

!!!WOW!!!

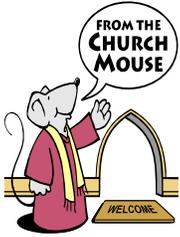
Thank you to everyone who journeyed with me.

Submitted by
Susan DeVos

Many thanks to **Susan DeVos** who just finished our Fall Ladies Bible Study "Children of the Day". She borrowed an antique school bell to call her chatty ladies to order. We are looking forward to the spring study!



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- Things are exciting at the **Long's** home. Daughter Julie just got engaged to Doug Rucker. Congratulations to Julie and Doug. Their children will soon make **George** and **Julia** empty nesters.

- Thanks to **Dave LeRow** for buying and installing the two new holders for The Chimes in the outside entry way to the Sanctuary. We want to make The Chimes available to our visitors and those who do not receive it on their computer.

- Over 90 women in McCormick and surrounding communities met on a Saturday morning at the Catholic Church to view an inspirational simulcast film featuring speaker, Charlotte Gambill. Thanks to **Donna Derks** part of the leadership group who brought this to McCormick and **Ceci Dittmar** for her participation. It was another great effort of the churches in McCormick all gathering together.

- I looked at the updated website for our church <http://www.mccormickfbc.org> and saw a full calendar. If you click on any of the entries, a box will appear telling you more about that certain event (like time and place). So if you see any event on the calendar and want to know more details just go to the web site and click on that event. So simple, even I can do it. Thanks to **Joy Roberts** who is urging all groups to let her know of their events so she can keep the calendar up to date.

- We hear that six of our Bible Study ladies travelled to NC to the Billy Graham Cove to hear in person Lisa Harper. She was one of the former Bible Study writers. **Mary Ann Currey** was the driver. I wish I was the mouse in that car, I'm sure lots of laughs and good fellowship for their overnight trip.

- Did you know **Mary Ann** and **Jim Currey** travelled to London during Thanksgiving to spend it with daughter Beth. Their son also came from California. What a great family reunion.

- A note was received from **Noreen Eichem** who went to Illinois to be with over 20 of her children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving. "While I love and appreciate my family and enjoy every opportunity to be with them, I also give praise to God for the church family he has given me here at MFBC. So many men and women have been so special to me during this time in my life. I keep praising God over and over as I sing (only for my own enjoyment) *I'm so glad I'm a Part of the Family of God.* You all mean so much in my life. Thank you, Noreen Eichem."

- Pathfinders Sunday School Class wishes to congratulate two of our extended class members on their recent graduations.

Megan Wood will graduate this month with a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education from North Carolina State University. Megan is the daughter-in-law of **Wallace** and **Susan Wood**. She is currently interviewing for a teaching position.

Eric Marks, son-in-law of **John** and **Mary Tabor**, graduated this past May from Georgia Tech with a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. Eric teaches at the University of Alabama.

Cracking the Egg

Isaiah 30:13 "This sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant. It will break in pieces like pottery."

Throughout the Bible, names of people and places held great meaning and significance. Who would imagine that same concept would be found in Mali with the Dunn people. The name Dunn translates as "egg." These people are happy about their name.

Lori, a missionary there in West Africa, tells that after months of working and talking together in the fields, one of the Dunn people revealed the significance of their name. One can tell an egg from the outside, but he has no idea what is inside until he cracks it. No one really knows what is hiding inside the shell. Lori says that the people seem friendly, but she still doesn't know what is in their hearts and minds.

Aren't we too like that? Ask God to show you the "egg" in your life. What are you trying to hide from the world or from God? Eggs were created to be cracked and used. Be used mightily for God.

Submitted by
Donna Derks

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank this church family and the many other residents who participated in the successful Thanksgiving dinner, serving, and preparation that took place this week. Without your donations and support this would not have been possible.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class



Ministry of Fellowship



Wednesday Night Supper
Plan to bring a dish and join us at 5:15 PM for a good time of food and fellowship.



December 12 - Adult Choir Christmas Musical
Celebrate Christmas, 7 PM
followed by an ice cream social

December 14 - Adult Choir Christmas Musical
Celebrate Christmas, 11 AM
Annual Christmas Dinner, 5:30 PM
Children's Choir Musical, 6:30 PM

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 PM
(No Sunday Evening Service, December 21)

December 31 - New Year's Eve Service, 5:30 PM
(No Sunday Evening Service, December 28)



Herbert Anderson, Jr.
LouAnn Barnett
George Gable
James Daniels
Glenna Grove
George McElhenny

Our Shut-ins:

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



December

2 *Wayne Adams*
Al Burns
3 *Kelly Coxe*
5 *Ben Combs*
6 *Denise Nicely*
9 *Reeves Browne*
10 *Charles Parnell, Jr.*
George Krohn
11 *Sherry Phillips*
12 *Jeanne Brooks*
14 *Clifton McKinney*
16 *Debbie Daniels*
17 *Laura Seigler*
18 *Tony McKee*
18 *Justin Hodges*
20 *Mandi Keown*
23 *Deborah Banks*
Chad Keown
24 *John Talbert*
29 *George Brown*
30 *Julia Long*

(Is your name missing from the birthday list this month?
Please stop by or call the office to update
your membership record.)



December

4 *Tim and Marie Harris*
9 *David and Donna Derks*
15 *Forrest and Peggy Gilmore*
27 *Tom and Beth Downtin*
Randy and Janis Lindsey
28 *Jack and Pat Fitch*
Tony and Gaye McKee

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am Men's Prayer Time 10:00am Choir Practice 3:00pm Good News Club 6:00pm Awana Clubs	2 6:30am Men's Prayer Time 9:00am Decoree Church 6:00pm Joyful Mixers Party	3 9:00am Visitation 5:15pm Wed. Supper 6:00pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00am Choir Practice	5 3:30pm Children's Choir	6 9:00am Choir Workshop
7 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship 6:00pm Evening Service 6:00pm Youth Activities	8 8:30am Men's Prayer Time 3:00pm Good News Club 6:45pm Choir Dress Rehearsal	9 6:30pm Men's Prayer Time	10 9:00am Visitation 5:15pm Wed. Supper 6:00pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Dress Rehearsal	11 6:00pm Genesis Party	12 3:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Carols Celebrate Christmas and Joe Cream Social	13 Ecclesians Party
14 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Carols 5:30pm Christmas Dinner 6:30pm Children's Choir Musical	15 8:30am Men's Prayer Time 6:00pm Awana Clubs	16 6:30am Men's Prayer Time	17 9:00am Visitation 5:15pm Wed. Supper 6:00pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 No Evening Services 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship 12:00pm New Horizon Lunch	22 8:30am Men's Prayer Time	23 6:30am Men's Prayer Time	24 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service 	25 	26	27
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Volunteer Schedule



December 7
 Audio - Lynn McMahon
 Projection - Sylvia Smith

December 14
 Audio - William Matheny
 Projection - Gaye McKee

December 21
 Audio - Len Daugherty
 Projection - Joan Prince

December 28
 Audio - Adam McCoy
 Projection - Megan Seigler

Nursery Volunteer Schedule		
December		
7	Patty Henderson pghenderson@wctel.net	391-3656
14	Diane Young markand_diane@wctel.net	391-5522
21	Susan DeVos edvos@wctel.net	391-2346
28	Gail Collier	



TBA
 (Front Door)
 (Back Door)

BUDGET REPORT

**Financial Summary
 October 2014**

<u>General Contributions</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget \$ 29,872	\$321,124
Actual \$ 31,304	\$371,459

<u>Expenses</u>	
Budget \$ 32,361	\$323,614
Actual \$ 37,428	\$361,042

<u>Church Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Ren/Cap Expansion	\$16,267
Mission Trip	18,655
Rebuild Unit/Equipment	4,923
Music	308

*Thank you for your
 continued contributions*

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.

We give thanks for the music from **Dave Becker**, **Rose Combs** and our volunteer pianists **Cathy McKinney** and **Roy Phillips**. We enjoy our praise and worship music.



Notes

To MFBC,
Thank you so very much for your kindness....
We could never name everyone who ministered to us during my mother's illness and passing, but God knows, and will bless each of you for your kindness to us. Every call, card, flower, visit, and especially your prayers meant more than you know. We were blessed when God led us to this church fellowship.
Love,
Cathy and Ben McKinney

MFBC,
Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and outpouring of love shown to George and me during this time of illness in my life. The beautiful cards, delicious food, the encouraging visits and calls, and most of all the heartfelt prayers have been very much appreciated. We have felt the prayers and God's love in a powerful way. George and I feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. Again, thank you for everything. We love you. In His love,
Cathy Patterson



**Fridays
3:00 PM**

Deadline for January Chimes is December 14. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.



Carolyn K. Baker
Forrest and Peggy Gilmore
Charles Baker
Kay Snodgrass

Frances Bolin
Catherine Gilbert
John Hyatt
Ron and Joy Lawrence
Little River Electric Company
M/M Roy Wells, Jr
M/M G. McGee
M/M Alton White
M/M Marion Henderson
M/M Forrest Gilmore
M/M Vann Cleveland
Larry Baker
Lucelle Mitchell
Mary Haney
Robert Hamlin

Nell Henderson
M/M Marion Henderson

Phillip Holloway
M/M Marion Henderson

Kay White
Rowena Nylund
George Dorn, Jr.

Sandra Young
M/M Marion Henderson



Paul Bollman	Jason Hodges
Edwin Combs(Bubba)	George McClain
David Derks	David Nawyn
Ed DeVos	Roy Phillips
Forrest Gilmore	John Tabor
Tommy Henderson	Mark Young

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH

Mark Young
John Tabor
Dave Nawyn
Bubba Combs