



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:

Lordship of Christ Mt 22:37

Ongoing Stewardship Mal 3:10

Reaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20

Disciplineship Training II Tim 2:15



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Singing Valentines for McCormick Children's Home

Friday, February 14

The Huguenotes Quartet will be
delivering

Singing Valentines

to raise money for the McCormick Children's Home. For a donation to the Children's home, the quartet will go wherever you wish and present the recipient with a lovely rose bouquet, a personal card, and a couple of love songs, all from you. Call 391-2045 for more details and to get on the schedule for this fun, memorable, and charitable experience!



The weather has been chilly throughout the month of January, but the fellowship has been warm at McCormick First Baptist Church. Those who visit our services usually comment on the friendliness of our people. Many people want to be a part of a friendly church that loves God and loves people. Let us continue to make others feel at home.

During January, Sylvia Smith started the children on a new musical that will be presented sometime before Easter. We want to keep Sylvia, and the volunteer staff, and all the children in our prayers. In January, we welcomed Cody Cann back with us to serve as an interim part-time youth director. We are so pleased to have both Sylvia and Cody to help with the children and youth.

We have several occasions to look forward to in the next couple of months. February 1, there will be a men's breakfast. Perhaps the good numbers of men coming to the breakfast has to do with a good speaker, as well as having Bubba and Rose to cook helps. We are thankful to David Derks, our Baptist Men's director for his leadership in planning the meeting. The ladies will begin their winter Bible study the first Tuesday in February. More and more ladies are attending these Bible studies and are being blessed. We are thankful to Susan DeVos for planning, organizing, and leading the study.

In March, we will have a church revival, the first one in many years. The planned dates are Sunday March 9 through Wednesday, March 12. More information will be forthcoming, but I pray we will begin now to ask God to prepare our own hearts for revival. As we continue to serve through the ministries of our local church, let us encourage each other in the work the Lord has entrusted to us. Continue to pray for our deacons, Sunday school leadership and all the Sunday school teachers, our committees and ministry teams, and all those who are working behind the scenes in service to God and His people.

God has blessed us as a fellowship of believers and has given us a wonderful Good News message to share. Let us always be ready to tell others about Jesus.

Pastor Gary

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary December 2013

<u>General Contributions</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget \$37,293	\$387,848
Actual \$37,601	\$403,483
<u>Expenses</u>	
Budget \$32,607	\$390,853
Actual \$20,918*	\$436,632*
* Total include non-budgeted expenses.	

<u>Church Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Ren/Cap Expansion	\$ 9,367
Mission Trip	18,430
Rebuild Unit/Equipment	4,923
Music	19

*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.

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Christian Education

Koinonia Class

Our class really knows how to dig deep into the Bible studies prepared by our leaders. This session we are delving into the study theme “Real Questions People Ask” such as: “What About People Who’ve Never Heard About Jesus?” and “If God Is Good, Why Is There Suffering?” and “How Can I Be Sure God Exists?” These are thought provoking topics which always generate serious and lively discussions in our group of knowledgeable and opinionated class members. They are also questions that non-believers regularly ask when trying to “trip-up” defenders-of-the-faith. As such, we need to have those answers ready. Even as mature Christians, review is essential to ensure that we are always ready when called upon to do our part to spread the Word.

That said, we are also a group of close-knit followers of Christ who know how to work a lot of fellowship into our group. We have regular fellowship activities planned throughout the year which are always enjoyable like parties, dinners and an excursion or two. This month, we will have one of our semi-annual “game nights” where we gather at the church’s fellowship hall for food and fun while playing a number of board games like Mexican Train, Trivial Pursuit, and Sequence, just to name a few, before we gather for the finale of men vs. women in Pictionary or Charades. This has always proven to be one of our most favorite activities.

So please, feel free to come by and join our class any Sunday. We love visitors! You will find us to be one of the most friendly groups around.

Sherry Phillips

The Joint Heir’s Sunday School class will enjoy a Valentine’s brunch on Sunday, February 16, following the morning worship service, cars will be seen heading to The Belmont Inn of Abbeville for a fellowship brunch. This class also had a wonderful “Christmas in July” dinner at Mary Ann Beckwith’s house and a Christmas dinner at Fannie Kate’s. Maybe our New Year’s resolution will be to cut down a little on the food and “beef up” the games portion of our parties. Don’t hold your breath and tighten you belt yet though.

Joint Heirs Valentine Brunch –
February 16 at 1 PM
Belmont Inn of Historic Abbeville



Actions speak loudly Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Valentine’s Humor

Go ahead and chuckle at these Christian pick-up lines – just don’t expect them to be very effective!

- Now I know why Solomon had 700 wives ... because he never met you.
- For you, I would slay two Goliaths.
- The Word says, “Give drink to the thirsty, and feed the hungry”; how about dinner?
- Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead.
- I believe one of my ribs belongs to you.
- How many times do I have to walk around you to make you fall for me?
- You really float my ark.
- Me. You. Song of Songs: The Remix.
- How would you like to join my purpose-driven life?

Ministry of Missions/Evangelism

The Long Range Planning Committee wishes you a bountiful 2014 in your spiritual growth and maturity. May God's grace, peace and love be with you.

Jesus gave his Great Commission to be the eleven disciples (and to all future believers) when he said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19 NIV) In Acts 1:8 Jesus said to his disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (NIV) There are many other scripture texts stating believers are given the responsibilities to take the Good News throughout the land. How can we do this? We can be this with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that dwells in all Christians. Where is our Jerusalem? It is McCormick and the surrounding communities.

In September 2012 many of you signed and committed through the Ask One/Bring One program to invite one new person or family to our church each month. Some of you that didn't sign the commitment card, for various reasons, still felt compelled to invite people to our church. There are new members in our sanctuary today as a result of you asking them to come. Praise God!

We are asking everyone once again to reach out and invite friends and neighbors who don't already have a church to join us each Sunday morning for Sunday school and Worship service. The future existence of our church and bringing lost souls to Christ depends on each of us doing our part for His Kingdom.

As Mark Young sang in a recent song, "There are many people around God's table but no one harvesting the fields." Let's all work in the fields this year.

Long Range Planning Committee

Martha's Ministries

Have you visited the Martha Ministries Craft Room lately? If you do not see that particular item that you are looking for, please let **Ellen Muller** know. We will do our best to fill your order. Please take the time to sign out items you take so that we can keep our records in order. All monies go to Missions.

We now have new MFBC totes available for purchase. See them in the Martha Ministry room and contact Mary in the Church Office if you would like to make a purchase.



The ABCs of love

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

Accepts
Behaves
Comforts
Defends
Empowers
Forgives
Grows
Helps
Invests
Joins
Kneels
Listens
Mentors
Notices
Overlooks
Provides
Quiets
Rejoices
Supports
Tries
Understands
Volunteers
Welcomes
eXpects
Yields
adds **Z**est to life

(from newsletternewsletter)

February Volunteer Schedule



February 2-9

Audio - Len Daugherty
Projection - Kelly Coxe

February 16-23

Audio - William Matheny
Projection - Joan Prince



Tommy Henderson
Luther and Judie
Warrick

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

February

2	Patsy Lee	852-2644
9	Ashley Keown	852-9382
16	Katherine McElhenny	391-3290
23	Diane Shaffer	391-4103

March

2	Andrea Mann	852-6210
9		
16	Patty Henderson	391-3656
23	Diane Young	391-5529
30	Susan DeVos	391-2346



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February

1	Fran Becker
4	Cody McCarter
5	Julie Henderson
7	Gary DeBerry
10	Sharon Popovnak
12	Amy McCoy Julie Long
14	Ira Jones John Tabor
16	Sandy Longshore Jonathan Watkins
18	Belton Goff Charlie Edmunds
20	Bernice Daugherty
21	SuEllen DeBerry
22	Jan Brown
23	Larry Brown
25	JoAnna (Annie) Clark Sue Krohn
26	Mary Ann Beckwith
27	Eunice Dorn

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



February

Belton and Judi Goff 14

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

—Robert Heinlein

Youth/Children

7 Reasons to Serve in the Church Nursery

Too often serving in the church nursery can seem like a thankless job. One of the key tasks for children's ministry leaders is to help volunteers understand their importance. With that in mind, I offer these following 7 reasons why serving in the church nursery is important.

1. **God is there.** This may come as a shock, but the Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name. Read more about God in the church nursery.
2. **It helps others.** Your service in the church nursery allows church goers to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children. In a way, your ministry makes it possible for the pastor to fulfill his ministry.
3. **Baby's first impressions.** The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery department. A positive experience in the church nursery is essential.
4. **The most special assignment.** When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us. You must be someone special to have a job that is so important.
5. **Your own growth.** Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a growing Christian is always a serving Christian. Jesus was known for putting others first, when you serve in the church nursery you are walking in his example.
6. **Visitors first impressions.** The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for your church. If they don't feel like their children are safe, they will not return - and rightly so.
7. **Front-line prayers.** Your service in the church nursery is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every nursery worker would spend several minutes praying over the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation. There is no better way to create an environment of spiritual nurture than to pray while you serve in the nursery.

Remember that God blesses those who serve his children. (Reprinted from Ministry-To-Children,)

WEEKLY EVENTS:



**THE ARMORY
SUNDAY EVENINGS
6:00PM-7:15PM**



**D-GROUPS
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5:45PM-7:15PM**

McCormick First Baptist



**Fridays
3:30 PM**

Poets Corner

Are We There Yet

As we come to this time of year
And evaluate the things that we hold dear
Were the things we did a great success
Or could they be called a complete mess

It is good to look at what we did
And shine the light and keep nothing hid
To see if we did everything we wanted to do
And now should we start something very new

Did we show our love for each other
And realize that everyone is our brother
Were we alert to harken to God's call
To get out and spread His love to one and all

Are we making a difference wherever we go
And do we spread God's love here below
Did we do what we have been called to be
And live a life for others to continually see

Did we give God our absolute best
And for Him were we a complete success
Do we know whom we serve or did we forget
Because if we did we may think we are there yet

What do we see when we look around
Do we see lost and hurt in our small town
We know that there are needs for us out there
And people waiting for us for God's love to share

We may think that going to them is such a fuss
But who will do it if it is not being done by us
We see a world that is without God but completely lost
Never knowing or caring the way home is by the cross

We may say that we can't do this on our own
This was never His plan as He has continually shown
He wants us to be available so He can work through us
Because today this is not a maybe but a resounding must

More than ever we must keep our heart and our eyes
On Jesus who came to be our most precious prize
He came, bled and died to pay our debt
And we know for sure that we are not there yet

Clifford E Bell (12/2013)

Music Moment

HARMONIZING FOR GOOD HEALTH

It's been said that music heals the heart. but can it promote healthy aging?

To find out, cognitive neuroscientist Julene K. Johnson is studying health changes in choir members at 12 senior centers in San Francisco. The professor at the University of California in San Francisco had already studied choruses in Finland and found an improved quality of life among older choir members. Another study at Georgetown University concluded that older adults who sang in a chorus for one year had fewer falls, fewer doctor visits and less loneliness than those in a control group. Choral singing, Johnson says, allows people "to use their bodies and minds while creating something beautiful." (Eleanor Gilman) Do you want to be more healthy as you age? Join the Choir and sing for the Lord!

Dave Becker

(From the January 2014 AARP Bulletin)



A Prayer for our Children

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;**

**As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.**

**O teach me, Lord that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart,**

**And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart,**

**O fill me with thy fullness Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow**

**In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.**

Frances R. Havergal

**To have God's words inscribed on your heart
is to be armed for all the world's battles.**

"Sweet Pea".

Notes

I want to thank you, my church family, for your prayers, visits, cards, food and love for all you have done for Susan and me, since my accident in October. I am still a long way off of getting back to near normal, Physical Therapy has given me some limited use of my left arm. I still covet your prayers as I move to gain more movement of my left arm and improve my stability on my feet. God is so good and we are so fortunate to have the friendship of so many wonderful church families.

Blessings to all.

Bob Everett

To My Church Family,

I want to thank you for all you did for John during his illness. Your cards, visits, food, and prayers meant so much to him. He loved his church and church family.

Your support to me has helped me so much to get through these hard times.

Pastor Gary has lifted me up so much with his visits, calls and prayers. We are very fortunate to have him as our Minister.

God has always blessed me and given me guidance. My greatest blessing is having a church family like you.

Thank you for your kindness.

Miriam Azevedo

McCormick First Baptist Church

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Staff and Children of the McCormick Children's Home, Inc., I wish to acknowledge that it is appropriate and customary to thank Pastor Gary DeBerry, and an extraordinary congregation for their personal commitment, in providing the magnificent gifts, expressed through the McCormick First Baptist Angel Tree'. The children had a WONDERFUL Christmas. Scott, Laura and Megan Seigler are truly amazing Christians to have the beautiful spirit to see this project through fruition.

"When a man or a woman has the conviction that he or she is doing the work that God gave them to do, there is a zeal and courage in their soul that all the forces in this world cannot destroy."

Your generosity is the reason we can do so much for our children. It is good to know that there are people like you who care about the plight of our children.

God Bless.

Irena L. Webster

Volunteer Coordinator, MCH



In memory of ...

B.R. Henderson
M/M Marion Henderson

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH
WALLACE WOOD
VERN ADAMS
TOMMY HENDERSON
GEORGE PATTERSON

Deadline for March Chimes is February 9. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 2, 2014
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2014
- Presidents Day, February 17, 2014