



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



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Mary Goens, Editor





What a wonderful season we have experienced at McCormick First Baptist. Our adult Christmas musical was so special. Dave and the choir used their musical talents to proclaim so well the message of Christ's coming. We will remember this musical with fondness. We again enjoyed our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. What a special time for us to come together as a church family to hear the Christmas story from God's word. We were blessed by the special music and the candle light presentation. I am so glad the rain stopped so we could conclude the service outside.

Looking back over this last year, we can't help but feel blessed. We are thankful to the Building and Grounds Committee for helping us to complete the paved parking lot in front of the church and for helping us to get our elevator reworked. We are so grateful to have an elevator that now works so well.

We are indeed grateful to Louise Sanders for donating her McCormick house to the church. The church will be able to use the Sanders house as a parsonage and free up our current parsonage for other purposes. It would make a great professional building for our church offices. By moving our church offices into our current parsonage, we will create more needed space in the church.

Many new folks joined our fellowship this past year and we are grateful. We continue to be thankful to everyone in our fellowship who works and uses their talents to serve the Lord through the ministries of McCormick First Baptist Church.

God is still working through His faithful servants, and as we give Him our best, He blesses our efforts. If we keep our focus on God and His will and purpose, McCormick First Baptist Church will continue to bear fruit for God's honor and glory.

Pastor Gary



Mark Your Calendar

Retirement of Mary Goens



Our beloved church Administration Assistant, Mary Goens is retiring after 10 years of faithful service. The church and the job has grown considerably in the past ten years. She has worked for two Senior Pastors, Multiple Youth Interns, we the congregation and especially the Lord. We will be having a Reception for Mary on Sunday, January 4, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. We invite the entire church family to come out to honor Mary that day. Mary retired once and moved to Savannah Lakes Village where she "flunked retirement" and took on the job of Church Administration Assistant. Now after 10 years she is retiring a second time. Won't you join us on January 4th.

Personnel Committee

**LADIES WINTER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
FEBRUARY 3**

PRISCILLA SHIRER
"BREATHE"

****MAKING ROOM FOR SABBATH****

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop and cease from all the activities and busyness and just "breathe".

We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitedless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us.

We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. Its time for us to breath and build margin into our lives for God. In the Old Testament, God instituted principles and laws that would transform the Israelites' mindset. He didn't just want them legally free; He wanted them to walk in the freedom and enjoy it. So God gave them many gifts, including boundaries in which to enjoy those gifts. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Susan DeVos

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

by Noreen Eichem

Elizabeth (Liz) and Phil McLaughlin have



been familiar people in our midst for sometime now. Most people just knew them as George and Frances Bolin's daughter and son-in-law. They moved from North Huntingdon, PA. in 2011 to Plum Branch, SC. They have faithfully served as Caregivers for the Bolins until they moved into Forest View Manor. They still bring George out to Church most Sundays.

Both have accepted Christ as their Saviour many years ago. Phil served in his church as an Elder and Sunday school Teacher, while Liz was a greeter and kitchen helper. In her downtime Liz loves gardening, flowers, fishing, bowling, puzzles and cross words. That's enough to take up all those retirement hours while Phil prefers to read novels by Clancy and Gresham.

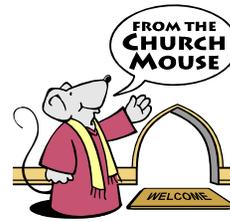
When I asked them to share something about themselves, Liz says she loves to shop at Second Hand Stores. Phil says he can't carry a tune. (Not a good candidate for the choir Dave!)

Welcome Phil and Liz, we love having you with us.



"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

—Maya Angelou



- Congratulations to Pastor Jarad and April on the birth of their new baby boy named Jacob.
- Congratulations also to Joy Roberts on the birth of her second grandchild, a girl named Lauren Renee.
- Many of our people enjoyed the party Mary Hurt planned for the Joyful Mixers. Hope you didn't miss it.
- David Derks Sunday School class enjoyed their Christmas Party at the good old home cooking at Georgetta's. I was told you had to clean your plate if you wanted dessert.
- The Koinonia Class enjoyed their Christmas Party at the home of June and Dave Lerow. Lots of food and a rousing game of Chrades with a twist led by Dave Becker. They also filled June White's trunk with items they brought for Hospice House.
- The Kitchen Angels once again out did themselves with the delicious Christmas Dinner. Lots of new faces among the Angels, even a younger one named Joy. Thanks for your work and service.
- Many people traveling these next two week to CA., AZ., OH., IL., GA., PA., MI., TN. and other points of these United State. We pray travel mercies for them all. If you're in town don't forget the New Year's Eve Service, Invite someone to come with you.

REMEMBER - Keep those notes coming.



Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach

I enjoy the book of Psalms. One of my favorite is Psalm 1. It's a wonderful passage to examine as we launch into a brand new year. In this Psalm we see two men, who make two choices, that have two different results.

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor
stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Notice in these verses that the blessed man is careful with whom he chooses to associate. He doesn't spend time with the wicked, sinners or scoffers. He does, however, spend time in God's Word. The new year is always a great time make fresh commitments. I pray that one of your commitments is to spend more time with God. There are many different Bible reading plans, devotionals and apps that can help you 'meditate day and night' on God's Word. These tools cannot only help you individually, but they can also apply to your entire family. What new habits or traditions would bring your family deeper into the Word of God?

Look at the result of spending time with God, found in the third verse. The word picture is one of a flourishing, fruitful tree. In contrast, the person that is not mindful of his peers or of the Word of God is like worthless chaff (wasted and useless). I pray this is not you or your family in the new year.

I hope you have a great year as you endeavor to make God's Word a priority.

Martha Ministries

Welcome Bags Available

The Welcome Bag Ministry began by our Martha's Ministry offers an excellent opportunity for us to be the first on the scene when new people move into our neighborhoods. By making this contact you will open a door for building a new relationship and you will let them know that our church is interested in them. You may pick up these welcome bags in the Martha Ministries Room off the fellowship hall, or you can call **Ellen Muller**, if you have questions.

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 proceeds go to Missions.



Fulfilling the mission

Jim Elliot was one of five Christian missionaries killed in Ecuador in 1956 while trying to tell the Huaorani people about Jesus. Despite that tragedy, the mission didn't end. Elliot's widow, Elisabeth, later spent two years as a missionary to those same tribe members.

She described returning to the jungle, now as the single parent of a 10-month-old baby: "You can imagine how tempted I was to just plunk myself down and say, 'There's no way I can do this.' I wanted to sink into despair and helplessness. Then I remembered an old Saxon [saying]: 'Do the next thing.'"

Elliot also remembered Isaiah 50:7, which she'd read before leaving for Ecuador: "The Lord GOD will help me; therefore, shall I not be confounded. Therefore, have I set my face like a flint and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (KJV).

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.



Herbert Anderson, Jr.
George Gable
James Daniels
Helena Faulkner
Glenna Grove
George McElhenny

Our Shut-ins:

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



January

- 1 Dot Bell
- 2 Jared Walley
- 3 Kenny Bladon
- 6 Louella Thomas
- 7 Marshall Pearson
- 10 Catherine J. Gilbert
- 13 Wanda White
- 15 Anna Patterson Morgan
- 16 TJ Sevin*
- 17 Charles Lewis
- 23 Helen Thornton
Donalyn Wright
- 27 Corey Patterson**
- 28 James Tennant
- 29 Cody Cann
- 30 Beth Owen
Wallace Wood
- 31 Steve Edmunds
Caleb Wheary*

*Child
**Teen

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



January

- 7 Vann and Carol Cleveland
- 16 Charles and Marian Parnell
- 24 William and Cyndy Matheny
- 31 Wayne and Maureen Sumi

Christian Education

News from the Joint Heirs Sunday School Class

The New Horizons class has graciously included the Joint Heirs class to join in their carry-in dinner Christmas party to be held on December 21st. It sounds like a lot of desserts (guess that is why dessert has double ss in the middle of the word - which is right where it hits us, in the middle).

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” John 20:21. In our five week study of The Great Omission, we are investigating the reasons so few Christians attempt to carry the message of Christ to the many who never heard of Him. After all, isn't world evangelization the expressed will of God? The salvation of lost men is that human event which brings the greatest glory to God. Our class had a “soul searching” discussion about the need for us to have a better understanding of what missionaries do and how we should be more involved. This is not the end of our lesson, but may be the beginning of planning more missions awareness at MFBC.

Donna Derks for the Joint Heirs class

You Are Invited to a New Class !!!

Who

Adults with children still at home

What

A New Bible Study Class lead by Associate Pastor Jared Walley

When

Starting Sunday, January 4 at 9:45 AM

Where

The Pastor's house next to the church

Why

We all need Bible Study, fellowship and accountability as we grow in our Christian walk. We hope you will join us.



Preschool
Grade 1-3
Grade 4-6
Youth

6 Pathfinders

New Horizon
Genesis
Koinonia
Joint Heirs

Deborah
New Seekers
New Beginning
Jesus Seekers



Dare to Be simulcast presented on November 8th

Many people get lost in the journey of following Jesus.



They get lost or stuck in the “middle” of life. If so, you need to “break through.” This is the challenge that dynamic speaker, Charlotte Gambill, gave to the women who attended the “Dare to Be” simulcast on November 8 at the Good Shepherd Catholic

Church Parish Life Center.

The almost 100 ladies from in and around McCormick County (represented by at least 12 different churches), were united by a common interest to take a step closer to the heart of God, to be willing to go where we are uncomfortable, to trust the Lord, and not look backward.

Ceci Dittmar blessed the ladies with the song, *Go Light Your World*. Additionally, she shared a testimony about how she tried to ignore the voice of God but was encouraged to step-out of her comfort zone and “Dare to Be.”

This event was a joint sponsorship between the Lutheran Church by the Lake, United Methodist, Good Shepherd Catholic Church and McCormick First Baptist Church. For our benediction, all the ladies gathered in a circle and sang, “I am deciding to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.”

Submitted by Donna Derks, organizer for MFBC



Proverbs 15:13 (NRSV) says, “A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance.” Your presence at worship brings gladness and cheerfulness to everyone present.

Volunteer Schedule



January 4

Audio Larry Baker
Projection Gaye McKee

January 11

Audio Lynn McMahon
Projection Joan Prince

January 18

Audio Adam McCoy
Projection Megan Seigler

January 25

Audio William Matheny
Projection Sylvia Smith

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

January

4	Ashley Keown ashleykeown@gmail.com	852-9387
11	Judy Brown lbrown002@earthlink.net	391-3706
18	Joy Roberts odetojoy30075@yahoo.com	391-3625
25	Melissa Gable	443-5705



Carol Cleveland



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Financial Summary November 2014

General Contributions	Y-T-D
Budget \$ 37,340	\$358,464
Actual \$ 41,816	\$413,275

Expenses	
Budget \$ 32,361	\$355,976
Actual \$ 37,428	\$378,259

Church Funds	Balance
Ren/Cap Expansion	\$16,667
Mission Trip	18,680
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.



**Glenn and Donalyn Wright
December 7, 2014**

Notes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my brothers and sisters at McCormick First Baptist Church.

I love you,
Lee Wilson



Raymond and Nell Henderson
M/M Marion Henderson

JT Dillashaw
M/M Marion Henderson

*The MFBC Staff
says
Thank You!*

We thank you for Christmas bonuses and gifts each of us received. Your generosity is much appreciated.
Happy New Year!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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



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

Deadline for February Chimes is January 11. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.

Special dates

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2015
- Epiphany, January 6, 2015
- Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2015
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 19, 2015



2015

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

Ed DeVos
TOMMY HENDERSON
JASON HODGES
PAUL BOLLMAN