

9-12:00 am Kindergarten
 6:45 pm Candlelight Service
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten
 9:00 am Prayer Time
 9-9:45 am Library Open
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:55 am Worship Service
Monday, Dec 24
 Church Office Closed
Tuesday, Dec 25



Celebrate the Savior

Wednesday, Dec 26
 Church Office Closed

Thursday, Dec 27
 Church Office Open
Friday, Dec 28
 Church Office Open
Sunday, Dec 30

9:00 am Prayer Time
 9-9:45 am Library Open
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:55 am Worship Service



Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a Mission Team Meeting Sunday evening, January 6, 2019, at 6:30 PM. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Mission Team is invited and encouraged to come to this meeting. We will discuss ideas for the summer mission's project, other mission opportunities, the first Wednesday night suppers, and the upcoming Boston Butt Sale. Plan to be here as we make plans for mission opportunities in 2019.

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FROM THE
STAFF

Charli Smith

Joyce McCormick

Matthew Pollard

Judi Edwards

Donald Fudge

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Dec 16 Sam Anderson -
 Bill Nixon -
 Dec 23 Gene Boyd -
 Eddie Nunnery -
 Dec 30 Ken Caldwell -
 Jason Owens -

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 25 Merry Christmas
 Dec 26 No Church Activities
 Jan 2 No Church Activities
 Jan 6 Deacon Ordination
 Finance Meeting @ 4:00
 Deacon's Meeting @ 5:00
 Mission Team Meeting @ 6:30
 Jan 7 Kindergarten Resumes
 Building & Grounds @ 5:30




Your church library is a friendly library (we don't charge late fees!) but there is still a return or due date when you check out a book. Someone may be on the waiting list to read that book. And if you never return the book, we have to use our limited resources to replace it. So do look at the date due slip in the back of the book to see when it is due. And if you haven't finished reading it, no problem---just stop by the library or call to renew it!



Celebrating

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YEARS OF MARRIAGE



JOIN US FOR AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
HONORING

Jim and Betty Wishert

Drop-in Saturday December 29th, 2018
First Baptist Church Great Falls, SC 29055
From 4pm till 7pm
*Couple request no gifts just happy thoughts and prayers

No Wednesday Night Activities or Services

There will be no Wednesday night activities or services on December 26, 2018 or January 2, 2019. Use this time to spend with family and friends. We will resume all the normal activities with school pick-ups, choirs, supper, and Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Boston Butt Sale

It is hard to believe that the annual Boston Butt Sale will soon be here. The Boston Butt Sale is Friday, February 1, and it will soon be time to begin selling Boston Butts. Flyers and order forms will be available the first week of January. Will you help sell Boston Butts to support the work of the Mission Team? Let's all work together and see how many Boston Butts we can sell.

Tithe & Offerings December 9

Worship Service	112
Sunday School Attendance	78
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	9,502.00
Thanksgiving Offering	100.00
Lottie Moon	2,535.00
Local Benevolence	300.00
Total	11,937.00
Lottie Moon Total	3,375.00

Memorials

Doris & George Whitesides

Honorariums

Clay & Staff

December 16

Worship Service	203
Sunday School Attendance	104
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	16,683.00
Building Fund	100.00
Music Fund	25.00
Security	40.00
Youth Special	100.00
Lottie Moon	2,030.00
Total	18,978.00
Lottie Moon Total	5,405.00

Memorials

George & Doris Whitesides	Carole Tindall
Miguel Dominguez	Carrie Dover
Jessie Anderson	Jim Bigham
Charles Kilpatrick	Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Kilpatrick
Myrtle Taylor	D. H. Wingate

Honorariums

Jimmy & Fred Stewart	Ruby Doolittle
Deanie & Glenda Reeves	

Deacon Ordination Service

During Morning Worship on Sunday, January 6, 2019, Adam Shannon and Kerry Stowe will be set apart by the church to serve as deacons. Show your support for these two individuals by being here for this ordination service. Please pray for these two new deacons and for all of the deacons as they serve as spiritual leaders for the church.



It seems like just yesterday we were gathering for our church-wide Thanksgiving dinner. The "Holiday Season" is flying by, and before we can take a breath, it will be 2019. I hope you have all had a great year, and I pray you have an even better year in 2019. Remember that following Jesus is the only way to achieve the goals and plans He has for you (which are way better than anything we can come up with ourselves), and take some time every day to talk with Him. Keep your focus on Him, and everything else will be more clear!

By the time you read this, it will be almost time for our Candlelight service (Dec. 19th @ 6:45 pm). We are tentatively scheduled to do some shopping for our adopted family on Friday (after the Chester schools half day, check our Facebook group page for updates). After that, we will only have Sunday School and Sunday morning services until January 9th, when we will resume our normal Wednesday/Sunday schedule. Merry Christmas! -David

Welcome to New Member
Sophia Owens



Prayer Walk

The next Prayer Walk at Chester High School is Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Come out and join with others as we pray for Chester High School. Also, the next Prayer Walk at the church is Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 5:00 PM. Come out and join with others and pray for the church. Will you be a part of one or both of these upcoming Prayer Walks?

Nativity Scene

The men will meet on Sunday afternoon, January 6, 2019, at 3:00 PM to take down the Nativity Scene and store it for the year. Thank you to all who participate in this project each year. The Nativity Scene is enjoyed by all.



Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. It is an opportunity for us to spend time with family and friends. The music of the season is beautiful. People are generally in a good mood and often speak words of kindness. Gifts are given and good food is enjoyed. There are opportunities to worship that remind us that we celebrate Christmas because of the coming of Jesus. His birth changes everything for us; it is through His coming that we have life and salvation.

And as wonderful as Christmas is, it can also be a time of heartache and hurt. There are those that we love who are no longer with us. Life might have changed for us since last Christmas, and the new normal is not what we had been planning. There are times that life is hard, and Christmas can remind us of the struggles that we face in life.

The good news is that the One whose birth we celebrate at Christmas is the One who can help us make it through the hard days that we face in life. It is because Jesus has been born that we find light in darkness, hope in despair, and peace in the midst of turmoil.

As Christmas comes, whatever our life situation, whether we are walking through good days or bad, let us focus on the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He is the Light of the World. May we find our hope in Him.

Kathy and I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas. We pray that you will find strength in God's love in this season and in the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we help to take the gospel to hard to reach areas. One of the ways areas are reached is through agricultural projects. Through the agricultural projects people in rural areas have a way to provide food for themselves and

others and develop a way to make a living. A gift of \$26.00 will buy gardening tools and supplies. A gift of \$230.00 will buy two sheep for a family to start animal husbandry. Also job training opportunities will help people learn new life skills for those who are trapped in poverty. A gift of \$36.00 will provide a sewing teacher for a class of 15, two times per week. A gift of \$80.00 will provide a sewing machine for a class. As we give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we are able to meet both physical and spiritual needs of people in places throughout the world.