



South Main Baptist Church

Connecting People to God's Heart

1000 South Main Street, Greenwood, South Carolina - 864-223-4377

The Messenger

December 23, 2007

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 23

Worship Service will be at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
No Sunday School. Nursery provided for ages 2 and under.

\$ COMING IN JANUARY! \$



*A Six week guide
to Financial Peace God's Way*

"How to Handle Money God's Way."

Our goal is that every member of SMSBC have their personal finances shaped by Biblical principles. The Biblical view of money management is for Believers in Christ to be debt free, saving for the future and giving like never before, in other words Financial Peace. We'll be studying "Uncommon \$en\$e" in Sunday School and Biblical Principles of

Personal Money Management in our Sermon time together. On several Sunday nights we will offer seminars for practical helps. Come let's see what God has in store for us.

Seminar Topics include:

How to make a budget How to get out of debt
How to make a simple Will, Power of Attorney and Living Will
Spending, savings, wise use of credit, and investments
How to include your church in your estate planning

***Invite your
friends!***

SMSBC NEWS

Sympathy Is Extended to...

...Margie Culbertson and family in the death of her sister, Marsha Lane
 ...David McGill and family in the death of his mother, Evelyn McGill
 ...Glenda Fleming and family in the death of her father

Monday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service. 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 No nursery provided.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please remember: For 2007 tax credit all contributions must be in the office by 4:30 on 12/31/07 or post marked by 12/31/07 if mailing.
 Thank you.

Pastor Search Information

Please be in prayer for our Pastor Search Committee as they begin the task of finding the man that God has to serve as senior pastor at SMSBC. This committee consists of Lee Wimmer, Sonya Ridge, Jimmy Rollins, Linda Meadors, Wally Russ, Jack McDowell and Franchot Parnell.

THE LEARNING EXPRESS



"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO..."
 PROVERBS 22:6

Christmas has finally come for The Learning Express. We celebrated the birth of our Lord on Monday night as the children presented "What God Wants for Christmas." The sanctuary was filled

with parents, grandparents, other family and friends. We also had a surprise for everyone: missionaries Steve & Debbie Crittendon and their five children! Since the Crittendons came home from Southeast Asia for a few weeks, they were able to see their relatives, Anna and David Crittendon, in the program. Our last two Christmas projects have been to provide items their family cannot get in Southeast Asia. So far, the LE children have brought over 100 items to share with the Crittendons! Very few of us realize how much missionary families sacrifice when they leave America to share the gospel with others. Without Christ, there would be no Christmas to celebrate!

LE Christmas break began Thursday, Dec. 20. Classes resume Thursday, Jan. 3.

Attendance & Giving

for Sunday, Dec. 16

ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL REPORT	
Enrollment	1102	Budgeted Requirements	\$25,773
Total Attendance	544	Budgeted Receipts	\$26,094
New Members	0	Needed To Date	\$1,288,645
Visitors	24	Received To Date	\$1,070,214
Weekday Bible Studies	28	Designated	\$1,686
		Accept the Miracle Campaign	\$3,000
		Lottie Moon	\$2,800



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

South Main Street Baptist Church Goal: \$26,000
Received to Date: \$18,421

You Can Help! Urgent Need!

- * There are several families connected with South Main Street that have urgent needs.
- * As a church we would like to shower these families with gift cards to places where they may purchase clothes, food and other necessary items.
- * We will be collecting these gift cards (any amount!) this Sunday in the collection plate during the combined morning worship service.
- * **This is a wonderful opportunity for South Main Street to be Jesus to those in need!**

South Main Street Worship Services

Celebrative Service 8:30 a.m.

Classic Worship 11:00 a.m.



Preschool Worship Care

10 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE

Babies:

Janet Lindley, Wally Russ,
Gale Brightly, Louise Hull
Lib Spires

Toddlers 2-Year-Olds:

Angie Robertson,
Chelsea Robertson,
Dana & Lauren
Hammond

Morning Ushers

Dec. 8:30 a.m.

Bert Cothran, Mike Adams
Rick Sellars, Todd Whittington
Ralph Swygert
Chip Whitt
Stan Thrailkill

Morning Ushers

Dec. 11 a.m.

Russ Cothran, Taylor Riley, Bill Hilley
Rex Cassady, Ansel Spires,
Mack Baltzegar, Alvin Rankin,
Melvin Calliham, Ralph Bozard,
Paul Burdette, Kevin Dempsey

Deacon of the Week - Dec. 23-29

Martin Moore (223-0302)

No Wednesday Night Supper or Services Dec. 26

GREETER TEAM:

Dec. 23 Blue Team: Parking Lot Entrance: Richard Lee & Charles Davies; Parking Lot Inner Entrance: Jimmy Pinson & Jim Cook; Car Door Opener: Dusty Still, Leslie Leary & Martin Moore; Main Door Opener: Leslie Leary & Eva Leary; Greeter Room Table: Rosalie Cromer, Jill Oliver, Cynthia Cook, Judy Ross & Eva Leary.

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor.. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship(Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven(Col.1:14).I have been adopted as God's child(Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
who you are?

Here's what's happening!

Dec. 23-29

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Worship Center
NO EVENING SERVICES

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
NO NURSERY PROVIDED

TUESDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES

NOTICE:

**Wednesday children's activities resume
Jan. 9.**

Thank You...

I want to express my thankfulness for the many acts of kindness and love you have shown my family during the loss of our precious Phil. The financial support, food, cards, visits, flowers, and phone calls have carried us through this very difficult time. You have been a blessing to each of us as we have journeyed down this dark path of grief.

Many of you have asked what our plans are for the future. We are taking the advice of those who have walked this road before us and have decided not to make any major changes within the first year of Phil's absence in our lives. I ask that you continue to pray for us daily. We need the spiritual strength that comes from God's people praying on behalf of those in need.

South Main, I want you to know how much Phil loved you. Many nights I awoke to find him on his knees praying for you. He studied endlessly to bring the truth of God's Word to you on a fresh and deeper level. It was his joy to serve as your pastor. He loved seeing God move in our midst bringing us to a closer relationship to Jesus.

My children and I are standing firm in our faith knowing that Jesus is sovereign and in control. We are claiming his promise found in Psalm 68:5, "He is a father to the fatherless and a defender to the widow." We know He will meet our every need according to His riches in glory. Thank you again for your constant love and care and for allowing God to minister to my family through your service. We wish you a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

***Phyllis, Mark, Micah, Matthew & Mary Ann
McMinn***



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