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## Coming Soon!

Nov. 20

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 22

WMU Widow's Baskets  
Turkey Delivery, 10 a.m.  
Silver Ring Thing, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 23

Community Thanksgiving Service  
6 p.m.

Nov. 24

Men's Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Nov. 26

No Evening Activities

Nov. 27-28

Church offices closed!

Nov. 30

Men's Prayer B'fast, 7:30 a.m.

Dec. 7

Hanging of the Greens, 10:30 a.m.



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 6 P.M.

St. Davids Lutheran Church  
132 St. Davids Church Rd., West Columbia

This is a wonderful Thanksgiving Service and fellowship we share with neighboring churches each year. Bring the whole family and friends with you and give thanks to God for all His blessings.

### Regular Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday Morning

9:15 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship

#### Sunday Evening

5:15 P.M. Essence of Praise  
5:45 P.M. Children's Activities  
6:00 P.M. Youth  
6:00 P.M. Adult Discipleship

#### Wednesday Evening

5:45 P.M. Fellowship Supper  
6:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 P.M. Children's Activities  
6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study  
6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study

## SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING DECEMBER 7-14

**We exceeded our goal of \$10,000 last year.**

**Our goal this year is: \$11,000.**

**The Missions March will be December 14.**

## *From the Pastor:*

It is time to give thanks again! This is the one time of year where everyone takes time out, even if only for a moment, right before they dive into that great Thanksgiving meal, to give thanks for what they have. Even if someone has seemingly nothing to be thankful for, they go with the flow and say, "I have a lot to be thankful for," and at least play along for the day.

Do we really know what gratitude is all about? It is easy to give thanks when everything is moving along in a positive direction. It is easy to give thanks when our family is happy. It is easy to give thanks when Satan is not jumping from behind every bush. For me, it is easy to give thanks when our church is growing, when the tithe is coming in, when our staff is getting along, and when there is agreement with every decision we are making at church. Deep down though, how many of us can truly give a sincere, heartfelt thanks when we are going through the tough times?

It is in tough times that true character is revealed. From a purely human standpoint – reflected against scripture, you and I can never be content with our lives. The Apostle Paul said, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." In this life we will always have our individual thorns in the flesh, we will always have our past, but Christ is already in our future. Our assignment is clear; His sovereignty calls us to give thanks with a truthful spirit.

Truth, God, life sometimes hurts. I speak of the rejection, worry, fear, pain and anxiety. I really want to walk with you day by day.

Thank you, God, that the challenges I face are not in vain! In Your economy nothing is wasted. Thank you, God, for your unfailing love. Thank you, God, for loving me enough to send Jesus. Thank you, God, for making me just the way I am, quirks and all. Thank you, God, for giving me Linda! Thank you, God, for shining through me. Thank you, God, for using me for your purposes. Thank you, God, for making me an illustration of your love. Thank you God that you can write with a crooked stick!

(Living under grace, Roger)



**The thanksgiving food baskets will be delivered this Saturday, November 22.** Please bring your frozen turkeys to the church at 10 a.m. Other items needed are instant potatoes, (13 oz.), stove top stuffing mix in box, green beans in can, packet of turkey gravy, sweet potatoes or yams in can.

Also, the WMU ladies are looking for your recipes. We have a group that will be working on this project and would love for everyone to share your family's favorite dishes. For more information please contact Anna Deal.

## **SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON Thursday, November 20 12:00 Noon**

### **Christmas Packets for Prisoners**

We are partnering with the SC Baptist Convention to provide packets for prisoners. Items needed are 1 blue or black non retractable pen (no wire clip), 1 6 oz toothpaste, 1 adult sized toothbrush (factory sealed), 1 4-6 oz. bar of soap, 1 50 pg. 5&1/2-8 or larger writing tablet (100 pg. max., no wire binding), 5 first class stamp embossed envelopes (purchased at USPO), 2 rolls of Lifesavers or Mentos type candy, 1 gal. plastic bag. **The deadline to bring your packet is Monday, December 1.**



### **Health South**

Carolyn Cunningham

### **J.F. Hawkins Nursing Home**

W. O. Richardson

### **C. M. Tucker, Jr.**

### **Nursing Care Ctr.**

Lau Lee

### **Carroll Campbell Place**

Mildred Merritt

### **Veteran's Victory Home**

### **Nursing Home, Walterboro, SC**

Johnnie Holladay

### **Agape**

Lois Richardson

Mary Rogers

### **Generations**

Richard (Buddy) Stork

### **Children's Choir**

will begin rehearsing Oct. 26, at 5 –5:45 p.m., prior to the start of AWANA's, for the Christmas musical/drama & choreography. This is in addition to the regular rehearsals during AWANA's.

The program will be presented on Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. A full dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13, 1-3 p.m., following the adult rehearsal. A lunch will be provided for the children between the rehearsals.

### *Sympathy*

Our prayers and sympathy are expressed to Mildred Merritt and family at the passing of her husband, Harland B. Merritt, on Wednesday, November 12.

A memorial service for Harland will be held on Saturday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m.

# A NOTE FROM AVERY

Hello choir,

Below is a reminder of the rehearsals for this month. Please make a note of them and be sure to make as many as you possibly can. It will be of great value to you. I look forward to seeing you this week.



November

20- 6:30 p.m.—Choir Christmas Rehearsal

30- 4:30 p.m.—Choir Christmas Rehearsal

## Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no evening activities at Fellowship on Wednesday, November 26.

The church offices will be closed on November 27-28.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10:30 A.M.

## Memorials

Contributions to the Building Fund have been received in memory of Tommy Floyd, father of Shirley Floyd; and Carolyn Johnson, sister-in-law of Peggy White, from the Frances Willis Sunday School class.

In memory of Mildred Lowery, mother of Sue Ray, from Diane Campbell Bevel.



## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY: Worship KidStyle (10:30 a.m.)

AWANA: Sunday night at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Girls in Action (GA's) and Royal Ambassadors (RA's), 6:30 P.M.

## NATE'S COLUMN

**Christmas Angel Tree** - Beginning this Sunday we will start collecting money to buy Christmas presents for area families. Our goal is to adopt 24 children this Christmas. If you would like to adopt a child as a Sunday School class or as a family that is fine or you can make donations and the youth will do the shopping.

**Sleeping Bag Drive** - The youth are collecting sleeping bags to distribute at Finley park. The students were burdened by what they saw during the coat drive and wanted to do more. We will make a return trip early in December.

**Youth Fun Raisers (all proceeds go to 2009 trips)**

**Spaghetti Dinner** - November 23 following the morning Worship service. Cost is \$6 a plate and children 5 and under are free. See a youth to purchase your ticket. There will also be a silent auction for two tickets to the USC at Clemson game that will conclude after the meal.

**Calendars** - The youth are selling calendars again this year. These make great Christmas presents. Cost will be \$6 per calendar. See a youth to get yours today.



### RECIPE BOOK

The WMU Ladies are looking for your recipes. We have a group that will be working on this project and would love for everyone to share your Family's Favorite dishes. Contact Anna Deal.

## THE MAN GOD USES

Monday, nights through December 21.

**6:00-8:00 P.M.**

A seven week men's study will began November 10 at the home of Stan Suleski, 205 Hayfield Ln., Lexington. All men are invited to participate. For more information you may call Stan Suleski at 808-5398.



The GAs will be selling World Crafts as their project for this quarter.

Please stop by the GA room on Wednesday nights before 6:30 to browse the catalog and place an order. The catalog will also be available on Sunday mornings in the GA classroom. For more information please contact Deborah Gleaton.

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**Church Mission Statement**

It is the mission of Fellowship Baptist Church to glorify God by reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ, that they may come to know, worship, and serve God.

**Nov. 23, 2008**

**Sound System**

Chris Hutto

**Deacon of the Week**

Al Deal

**Counters**

Chuck Lundy/Al Deal/Todd Hughey

**Ushers, 10:30 a.m.**

Todd Hughey                      Steven Holladay  
Mike Ellisor                      Zach Hughey  
Ron Hall                              Mike Roth

**Crisis Team**

Bruce Breedlove/Jim Lovelace  
Dale Grosjean/Roy Presnell

**Flowers**

D. P. & Margaret Ready

**Minister on Call**

**Nov. 17-23:** Nate Brown  
Phone: 622-2214

**Nov. 24-30:** Avery Paris  
Home: 996-5393  
Cell: 413-7257

**Nov. 23, 2008**

**Worship KidStyle**

Angela Holladay/Sylvia Babb  
Jacob Strickland

**Nursery Helpers**

**Crib Babies**

Linda Jackson

**2's & 3's**

Gary & Susan Horton

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**Wednesday Fellowship Supper**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Reservations and cancellations  
must be made by 12 noon on Monday.**

**Adults, \$3**

**Children, age 10 & under, \$1.75  
(Family maximum, \$10.)**

**You may call the church office to make  
reservations or to cancel (794-1885).**