

Tie - Binder



**First Baptist Church
West Columbia**

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever
you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

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Sunday, December 11 **A Day Filled with Music**

Glorious **IMPOSSIBLE**

Featuring the songs and carols of Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Michael W. Smith, Stuart Townsend and Babbie Mason

presented by
The Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, December 11 11:00 a.m.

Once Upon A Night!

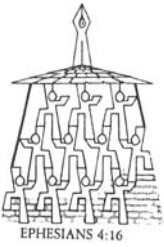
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA FOR CHILDREN'S VOICES

BOOK/LYRICS • **BILL F. LEACH**
MUSIC • **VICKI HANCOCK**

presented by
The Music Makers
Sunday, December 11 6:00 p.m.
Our Preschool Choir will also be singing!!

A **Churchwide Christmas Fellowship** will follow the evening worship service.
We will also honor Jody Ratcliffe on his graduation from Southern Seminary.
Bring your favorite finger foods.

Bring your entire family for this special day of worship!



EPHESIANS 4:16

THE PASTOR'S LINK

We are in the midst of an important season of remembrance. A few months ago, on September 11, we remembered the 10th anniversary of the most deadly terrorist attack on our nation. That attack changed our nation and began what was dubbed as 'the War on Terror'. December 7, 1941 is a "a date which will live in infamy" as President Roosevelt used that phrase in the first line of his speech to the nation on the day after the Japanese attack on the naval base in Pearl Harbor. As you know, that enemy attack led to our involvement in World War II. Both of these dates will be remembered for the savage attack from an enemy that provoked a response that changed our world. Proper remembrance of these days is vital to move forward in appreciation for the sacrifice and response that allows us to remain free today and tomorrow.

We don't often think of December 25 in the same manner but our reaction to that day of remembrance may be the most important response to the greatest terror attack from the greatest enemy or terrorist of all time. Satan is the enemy of all that is good and all that is of God. If he cannot win a victory over God or God's children he will continually seek to rein terror and fear on our lives to keep us from experiencing the joy of abundant life that Jesus came to give us. Jesus makes all this clear in the familiar scripture of John 10:10 where he tells us, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Christmas is a season of giving, a season of joy, a season of celebration with friends and family but let us not forget that Christmas is a season of remembrance of our only hope against the greatest enemy and terrorist of all time. Without Christmas, the Word becoming flesh as Jesus entered history, we have no hope of overcoming the fear and terror of sin. Proper remembrance of this day is vital to move forward in appreciation for the sacrifice and response that allows us to remain free today, tomorrow and in eternity. Let us remember the "reason for the season".

Bill

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AY FBCWC

Sunday, December 11

AM "Glorious Impossible" - Sanctuary Choir
PM "Once Upon a Night" - Music Makers

Sunday, December 18 Jody Ratcliffe preaching
 "Why God Came in Flesh"
 Isaiah 53:4-7



I hope you will take note of all the events listed on the front of the Tie Binder and make plans to attend them all. Our music groups have worked long and hard preparing these worship experiences and hope they will be a blessing to you during this season. Please join us!

BONUS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10

SANCTUARY CHOIR

will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

MUSIC MAKERS

will meet at 10:30 and then have lunch and go to Fox Tree Farm (see article on next page)



Thursday, December 15 11 a.m.

JUBILANT SINGERS

present "The Christmas Story"
 We will sing in the sanctuary.



CAROLING

Sunday, December 18
5:30 p.m.

Come help us spread a little Christmas cheer to some folks who would really appreciate it.


We will meet at the church and divide into groups to sing at Heartland of Lexington, Lexington Gardens and National Health Care. Your presence is more important than your ability to sing! All ages are welcome!

Come be a blessing to someone during this season!




A Service of
Carols, Candles
and Communion
Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your family and join us for this special
First Baptist Church tradition!



As I anticipate my graduation from Southern Seminary this week, I look back to the last three years of completing my degree and can witness to learning deep personal spiritual things from the Lord. I know from scripture and life that we grow the most in trials and the times we are pushed beyond comfort and ease. My last three years have been lived in study and I am happy to begin living with more focus, time, and energy. My family and the ministry will benefit from this completion. Pray for me to utilize my time, mind, and spirit in fresh ways. Never stop learning, reading, and growing! Life is slippery and doing these three things helps us get a grip on it day in and day out.



Remember!!! Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your support of this special ministry.

Hope Bridge
Angel Tree

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
 National Goal : \$75 million
 First Baptist Church Goal: \$9,000
 Received to date: \$2,738.00



On Christmas morning, we will meet to worship together at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or other activities.

Christmas Day Service


Church Staff Christmas Offering

We will receive a **Love Offering for our Church Staff** to show appreciation for their service. This will be taken as an exit offering at morning and evening services on **December 11**.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Cora Derrick
 2705 Leaphart Rd.
 West Columbia, SC 29169

Walter "Doc" Hardeman
 Oakleaf Village Apt. 308
 800 North Lake Dr.
 Lexington, SC 29072



Lighthouse Student Ministries
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday, December 21

If you would like to sponsor a teen for this year's Christmas Party, you may donate \$15.00 to the youth fund. This will cover the cost of their meal. Our final event of the year is one of the most special ones. We will have a formal meal, dress formally, and formally praise God for 2011. The event is December 21 from 6-9pm. I look forward to sharing with you in summary of how God has blessed us in 2011.

At times I see God moving the most among our teens, I have asked the church family to pray. Wednesday night we witnessed the Spirit move in our lives in new ways. Please pray for students specifically that they would "go deeper" in understanding where they are spiritual and what their real spiritual needs are. Some teens have never even thought about this before and they need you to support them and encourage them. I am so excited to see them study the Bible and there are breakthroughs in this area as well.

Jody



CALLING ALL KIDS!

TWO SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN

FOX TREE FARM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

All children are invited to meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. on this day. (Music Makers will already be here rehearsing.) We will eat lunch at the church and then visit the farm. We will return by 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

Contact Sallie Bozard if you have questions about this trip.

CHRISTMAS ZOO TRIP
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 5 - 8:30 p.m.

If you have a child in Grades 1-5, please plan on attending our trip to Riverbanks Zoo. Total cost will be \$2.00 per child.

If the parents have a younger child who would like to attend, the parent must attend also. The parent will be responsible for their own ticket cost.

The sibling will be \$2.00. Supper will be served at the church before departing for the Zoo.

Contact Eunice Lee or Jody Ratcliffe if you have questions about this trip.

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 DO NOT
 DELAY!**

Our Reports for November 27, 2011

Sunday School	129	Guests	2
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			25
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	4,477.02	
Prison Packets	\$	34.00	
Back Pack s	\$	25.00	
Lottie Moon	\$	205.00	
Other	\$	855.00	
Total Received	\$	5,596.02	

Our Reports for December 4, 2011

Sunday School	160	Guests	3
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			26
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	15,708.94	
Lottie Moon	\$	2,733.00	
Back Pack s	\$	75.00	
FSATAT	\$	100.00	
Family Crisis	\$	500.00	
Projector Fund	\$	500.00	
Other	\$	375.00	
Total Received	\$	19,341.94	

Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, December 6
Palmetto Baptist Hospital Rehab
 Lonnie Shull

MUSC Charleston
 Julie Barfield

From the Finance Office

All contributions for the end of year 2011 must be submitted no later than Sunday, December 25th. Contributions received after 12/25/2011 will be counted for the 2012 tax year.

**SPECIAL GIFTS
 LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

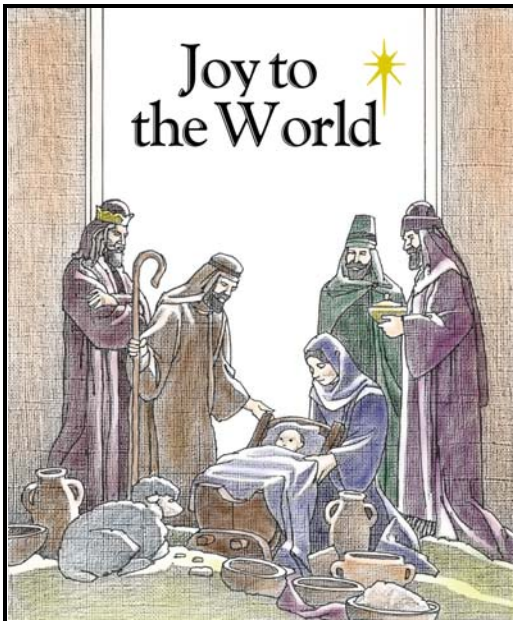
In honor of Phyllis Johnson and
 Cheryl Simpson
 by Naomi's Faithful Class

In honor of Joyce Crider
 by Iris Wellborn

in honor of Sara Frances Watson
 by Iris Wellborn

BENEVELENT FUND
In honor of Theresa Bartley
 by Genevieve Shampy

PROJECTOR FUND
In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Genevieve Shampy



**Served every
 Wednesday from
 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 in Burriss Hall**

December 14
 Ham, Potato Salad,
 Lima Beans, Rolls
 Strawberry Shortcake

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NOTICE
On Wednesday, December 14,
 activities will be held as usual.

On Wednesday, December 21,
 there will be no supper
 or children's music and
 mission activities.
 Prayer Service and
 Sanctuary Choir will meet.

On Wednesday, December 28,
 there will be no activities
 at the church.

All activities will resume
 normal schedules
 on January 4, 2012