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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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HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

Season of Prayer for International Missions
December 4-11



*Southern Baptist
I am missions*

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

National Goal: \$175 million

FBCWC Goal: \$9,000

Received to date: \$450.00

**Help us meet this
important goal!**

A WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Sunday, December 4 6:00 p.m.

During the Season Of Prayer for International Missions, we will be pleased to have Marcus Fletcher*, IMB missionary serving East Asian Peoples will be our special guest. Born and raised in Columbia, he is a graduate of Spring Valley High School and the University of South Carolina and the USC School of Law. He came to Christ through the ministry of First Baptist Church of Columbia, and was baptized and eventually licensed and ordained to the ministry by that church.

Dr. Fletcher holds a Masters and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, where he pastored his first church - a small, part time, volunteer ministry. He also pastored two churches in South Carolina and one in North Carolina before going overseas with IMB in 2006. He has completed one term of nearly four years in East Asia. He served the IMB for an additional year at the training campus in suburban Richmond, and now is on stateside assignment.

He and his wife, Sage* have four children and are currently living in a missionary residence in the St. Andrews/Irmo area. (*we are not using their real names for security reasons)



Two Special Offerings in December

The Finance Committee would like to ask you to prepare for two special Sundays of giving in December.

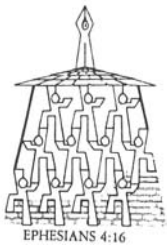
December 4 will be 'Catch Up Sunday' as we ask you to set aside funds to give a double offering on that day to celebrate God's blessings to us. See the Pastor's column for more details.

Then we will receive a **Love Offering for our Church Staff** to show appreciation for their service. This will be taken at morning and evening services on **December 11**.

Christmas Packets for Prisoners

The Christmas Packets for Prisoners Project began in 1976. The project is sponsored by the SCBC and SCWMU. Our church has given generously and faithfully to this ministry. Our goal this year is to provide 50 packets. These packets provide a gift of love and hope to the many inmates who receive them in December. Please consider providing a packet or a monetary donation of \$7.00 towards the purchase of the needed items. The deadline for contributions is **November 27**. See Brenda Hyatt for more information.

Men and women interested in delivering these packets on December 6, please contact the church office by December 1.



EPHESIANS 4:16

THE PASTOR'S LINK

It's been said that there are 3 kinds of people; those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what's happening. If you have been watching and wondering let me share some things that are happening at FBCWC. God has been working

through many people making things happen. We continue to see a growing spiritual movement in our midst. Groups have been faithfully studying and seeking ways to renew their walk with our Lord as God is using us to minister and draw others into His kingdom. We are blessed to help needy children at B.C. Grammar elementary school. Just a couple of years ago we stepped out in faith to provide food through our Backpack Ministry to 20 children. That number has now grown to 45. Faithful people have continued to in support giving designated gifts, packing food and delivering aid to allow this ministry to grow.

Our last business session approved a new designated bus fund. We elected a committee to explore options and give a report on the matter in February. We also elected a committee to explore best options for the purchase and use of projector(s) and screens to enhance our worship experience. A special designated fund has also been established for this matter. Both of these funds already have over \$1000 in each.

We approved a 2012 budget that reflects your growing giving and stewardship. Hat's off to our Finance Committee. They are continually working to best manage our gifts. We praise you in your obedient giving and support of what God is doing in our midst. We are seeing continual gains in our financial situation. This time last year we were running almost a month behind so we had a 'catch up' month but still finished slightly in the red. This year we are only a week behind in our receipts. We want to finish the year in the black. The Finance Committee has set December 4 as 'Catch Up' week to give a double gift while God continues to bless us as we follow Paul's instruction from I Corinthians 16: 2 and set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up on the first day of the week to give freely.

Let us continue to grow as the people who make things happen!

UPCOMING SERMONS BY OUR PASTOR

Sunday, November 27

"Take Off the Grave Clothes"
James 5:16

Sunday, December 4

"Finding Favor with God"
Luke 1:26-38



Mark these events on your calendar!

Glorious IMPOSSIBLE

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



presented by
The Music Makers
Sunday, December 11 6:00 p.m.
A Churchwide Christmas Fellowship
will follow the evening worship service.
Bring your favorite finger foods.

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)

BEST YET TO COME Thursday, December 17 11 a.m.
JUBILANT SINGERS
present "The Christmas Story"
We will sing in the sanctuary.

The Jubilant Singer will be singing 11 times during the Christmas season. Please remember us as we travel and minister in retirement and nursing facilities.

AN EVENING WITH MARK LOWRY AND FRIENDS

Tuesday, December 6 Depart at 10:30 a.m.
Contact me if you have questions or problems making the trip.



One key principle in discipleship is never being satisfied with where you are at the moment. I am speaking about a spiritual level, your point in your faith. I have learned that no matter how much I have learned

through struggles, trials, and blessings, I am not yet perfected and finished. You should always want more faith, more understanding, more effectiveness, and more Jesus in your day and your life. Give attention this week to how you stand before Christ. How do you match up with him in image and character? I personally want more faith, depending less and less on my abilities and plans.

On a personal note, please pray for me as I take my final examination toward my pending graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Passing this exam will mean I am finished and I anticipate the exam to be difficult. Hopefully very soon I will have a Degree to show off to you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO JODY RATCLIFFE

Jody will receive his Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on December 9.

At our Christmas Fellowship on December 11, we will honor Jody for this great achievement in his life and ministry.

Congratulations from your First Baptist Family!



Prayer Walk

IN WEST COLUMBIA/CAYCE

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 7th for the Lexington Baptist Association Prayer Walk/Ride in the West Columbia/Cayce Area. We will be meeting at our church at 9:00 a.m. We will pray at our local churches, schools, etc.

A sign up sheet on the bulletin board or just show up at 9:00 and join us. Everyone is invited!!!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Mary Branham (birthday is December 11)
1213 Jensen St.
West Columbia, SC 29169

Martha Leaphart
1104 D Ave
West Columbia, SC 29169



Lighthouse Student Ministries

As our teens prepare for the end of the year, you can pray for them in several ways. Pray for them academically. They will be taking final exams soon. Pray for them socially. They continually need to make wise decisions on who to spend their time with on-line, at school, and on the weekends. Pray for their home life. They need stability, support, and love for every adult in the home.

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.

Jody

CALLING ALL KIDS!

TWO SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN

FOX TREE FARM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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.

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. A letter will be mailed out soon with this information and more.



Don't forget to pick up your Christmas wish list for our friends at Hope Bridge. They are available in the sanctuary. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your support of this special ministry.

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Our Reports for November 13, 2011

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|------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|
| Sunday School | 144 | Guests | 3 |
| Off-Campus Ministries | | | |
| In-Home Ministry | | | 25 |
| Helping Hands | | | 98 |
| Hope Bridge/Helping Hands | | | 105 |
| National Health Care | | | 24 |

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| Budget Receipts | \$ | 8,241.18 |
| WMU/Pure Water | \$ | 50.00 |
| Back Pack s | \$ | 20.00 |
| Screen/Projector | \$ | 100.00 |
| Lottie Moon | \$ | 165.00 |
| Other | \$ | 627.00 |
| Total Received | \$ | 9,203.18 |

Our Reports for November 20, 2011

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|------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|
| Sunday School | 165 | Guests | 6 |
| Off-Campus Ministries | | | |
| In-Home Ministry | | | 26 |
| Helping Hands | | | 98 |
| Hope Bridge/Helping Hands | | | 105 |
| National Health Care | | | 24 |

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| Budget Receipts | \$ | 8,707.00 |
| Lottie Moon | \$ | 80.00 |
| Prison Packets | \$ | 75.00 |
| WMU/Pure Water | \$ | 112.00 |
| Back Pack Ministry | \$ | 50.00 |
| Bus FUND | \$ | 25.00 |
| Other | \$ | 388.00 |
| Total Received | \$ | 9,437.00 |

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

GIFTS IN MEMORY

BUS FUND

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Iris Wellborn

MUSIC MINISTRY

In loving memory of Jim Schafer
 by Eileen Rauschert

LOTTIE MOON MISSIONS

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Allene Hatfield

CONNIE MAXWELL HOME

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 By Jim and Theresa Bartley

FBCWC

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 Bill and Debbie Epling,
 Legare and Joyce Gunter
 Don and Kay Boyce

GIFTS IN HONOR

LOTTIE MOON MISSIONS

In Honor of Dorothy Thompson
 By Joy Sunday School Class

In honor of the In Home Ministry
 by Mildred Wood

PROJECTOR FUND

In honor of Phyllis and Wilbur Johnson
 by Allan and Becky Murray

Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, November 22

Palmetto Richland Hospital
 Bobby Horton



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

November 30

BBQ Pork, Rice and Hash
 Slaw and Green Beans
 Bread, Dessert and Drink

December 7

Chicken Tenders
 Mac & Cheese, Fried Okra
 Bread, Dessert, Tea

Reservations are necessary.
 Forms are available at sanctuary entrances and in registration booklets.
Deadline to sign up or cancel reservations is noon on Monday.

God's Helping Hands Food Pantry

Please help supply the food pantry with basic food items. Unfortunately donations have been low and the pantry is in dire need of food. Suggested items: canned meat, rice, dry beans, cereal, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, or crackers. See Brenda Hyatt for more information.