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Christmas Services & Events

Sunday, December 11 at 6 PM
ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS
COVERED DISH DINNER

followed by

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

presented by

JASMINE LEE, EVIE MORRIS,
AND GEORGE HALTIWANGER
(MORE INFO INSIDE)

Saturday, December 24 at 8 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE
LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

Sunday, December 25 at 11 AM
ONE JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE
No Sunday School

Saturday, December 17 at 3 PM
ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
presented by

BRIAN SHEPHERD AND FRIENDS
Free tickets for this event are required
due to limited seating. See Joan Wells or
George Haltiwanger to get yours!

There will be no Prayer Meeting on
Wednesday, December 21.

There will be no Wednesday evening
activities on Wednesday, December 28.

Holiday Church Office Closures
Friday, December 23 -
Friday, December 30

December Sermon Series



**12/4—To Destroy the
Works of the Devil**

12/11—To Reveal the Father

12/18—To Take Away Sins

**12/25—To Prepare for
His Coming Again**

GROUNDING
... in God



GROWING
... in Christ



GIVING
... to others

FROM THE PASTOR

Random Ramblings.

- The biggest problem with doing nothing is not knowing when you are finished.
- Are you merely a fan of Jesus or a committed follower?
- If everyone loved your church as much as you love your church, what kind of church would it be?
- What did you do last month to make a difference for the Kingdom? (God's Kingdom)
- When was the last time you cried for an unbeliever?
- Was thanking God for blessing you with all spiritual blessings part of your thanksgiving this year?
- Do you get up everyday thanking God for who you are in Christ?

- When was the last time you shared who you are in Christ with someone?
- How's your prayer life? emerson@fbcmcsc.org
- Have you stopped asking God for the things He has already done for you?
- Who do you know that doesn't know Jesus? Will you introduce Him to them?



YOUR PASTOR AND STILL
LOVING IT,

Emerson
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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Thanksgiving Offering totals are in and we collected \$73,646.80 during the month of November. This will help us restore funding to all of our missions giving for the year and we will be fully funding our Benevolence ministries for the holidays. Thank you for your support of our church during these days.

The Stewardship Committee has been working on next year's budget and will make that presentation to the church on Wednesday, December 14 at 6 PM. Copies of the proposed budget will be available this Sunday at the Welcome Center. A letter attached to the budget will give further explanation. Because of a reduction in offerings, we have prayerfully examined all opportunities to reduce spending while minimizing effects to our church mission. We believe this is the best plan that we can present at this time. Please know our cash flow (or available cash) is in very good shape. We will end the year in the black with some extra to put aside for future needs.

You have probably heard that Frances Moss will be retiring from her position as Financial Secretary in January. Patricia Fleury, the Pastor's secretary, will be retiring (again) at the end of the year. The service that these two ladies have given our church is remarkable. We will be planning the appropriate response to these faithful workers for our church, but don't let this stop you from expressing your gratitude.



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December is a busy month.

See you around!

BY GEORGE

Once again, we have come to that time of the year when most people around the world will celebrate Christmas. Many will get the 'Christmas spirit' and experience a momentary good feeling or two. Many others will stumble through yet another reminder of their loneliness and loss—a time to reflect on what might have been. And some will enjoy every moment of the season that celebrates the gracious gift of a loving God—Jesus.



This year you will hear our choirs and congregation sing about a special *silent night* or hear us proclaim *joy to the world* with piano, organ, praise band or bells. We will do everything we can to wish everyone a *Merry Christmas* and bring them love, peace, and joy with every note. As God's singers and musicians, we will try to bring them what they really need—HOPE!

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The prophets promised He would arrive. They proclaimed the benefits of His kingdom and His promised arrival year after year. And people inside and outside our churches today are still waiting. They need a friend—they need some help—they need a break.

It's Christmastime once again, and we will stand and proclaim the very thing, the very One they (and maybe even you) need to hear. Hope has come. He is here. His name is Jesus. He has healed the broken hearted, opened wide the prison door. He has delivered and is able to deliver. He is our Hope.

There is the promise of Hope, this Christmas, this year. All the abuses and reproaches of this world have fallen on Him. I know what it's like to endure when it seems that all is lost. And so do you. But I also know what it's like to hang on—to hope against hope—and see the mercy of the Lord change my circumstances.

*For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have **Hope**.* (Rom 15:4)

Hope

Hope has come! He is here. His name is Jesus. The promise has been fulfilled. That is what we are proclaiming every year during this season. Christmas is not about a warm fuzzy or a lonely desperation. It is about HOPE. Hope came down at Christmas. The Light of the world has come. Emmanuel. Let's celebrate and invite everyone to join in!

We will have our annual First Family covered-dish supper at 6 PM on December 11 followed at 7 PM by a special hour-long concert by Jasmine Lee and Evie Morris of Cayce, SC with George Haltiwanger. Our *One Heart* Ensemble will also be presenting several Christmas selections. It promises to be a wonderful evening of family, friends, and familiar carols of the season.

Jasmine is a graduate of Charleston Southern University and has her Masters of Church Music from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She has served as full-time Minister of Music of Broadacres Baptist Church in Cayce since 1998. Many of our folk have met her at Children's Music Camps. As a Consultant with SC Baptist Convention, running those camps is one of her many responsibilities during the summer.

Evie is a graduate of Samford University and also has her Masters of Church Music from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She serves as pianist at Broadacres Baptist Church and is Choral Director at Pelion Middle School.

One Heart is undisputedly the area's leading exponent of religious choral music. *One Heart* has been featured many times at town and area festivals and celebrations as well as many churches.




Holiday Benevolence. If your family or class would like to sponsor a family for Christmas, contact the church office for more information.

We would like to collect some “holiday meal” type items for our food pantry (stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy mixes, etc.) to distribute around the holidays. We can also distribute turkeys and hams. So if your preferred grocery store is having a promotion, collect those stickers and consider donating them to the church to help the needy

this Christmas.

A big Thank You to the students and faculty of St. John’s Christian Academy who made a large donation of pantry items to our food pantry this week!



Senior Adult Ministry!
Those who are interested in leading our senior adults in ministry are meeting **Monday, December 5 at 5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will share what information we’ve gathered and make plans for 2012. Please attend or let George Haltiwanger know that you are interested in helping.

Our youth will be Christmas Caroling this season and we continue to make plans to form a music ensemble and band. We’ll be meeting on Sunday Nights at 5:45 PM. Join us if you are interested or share your ideas with us.



Operation Christmas Child REPORT

Thanks to all of those who supported our Operation Christmas Child this season and all year long! Our church packed 156 boxes at our annual packing party!

The goal we had set for our church for this year was 500 boxes. As of this writing we have collected 468 from our church. Praise the Lord! (Last year we collected 366.)

We have a team going to the processing center in Boone, NC in a few days and we expect a few more boxes to come in before then. I’ll keep you posted.

Our Moncks Corner Collection Center here at our church collected 1,856 and all our Charleston Area Centers together collected 25,520. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

FIRST BAPTIST SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00 PM Senior Adult Ministry
Organizational Meeting
6:30 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00 PM Widows Support Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:45 PM Singles Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 PM Family Christmas Dinner /
Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00 PM Business Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM CEDC K-4
Christmas Program

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

3:00 PM St. John's
Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Lord's
Supper Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:00 AM Joint Service
(No Sunday School)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26—

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Church Offices Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

11:00 AM Joint Service
(No Sunday School)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Traditional Worship 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Contemporary Worship ... 11:00 AM
Children's Choirs 5:30 PM

Tuesdays

Senior Adult Aerobics..... 10:00 AM
Children's Beginner Bells .. 3:30 PM
Children's Handbells 4:30 PM
Youth/Adult Handbells 5:30 PM

Wednesdays

Main Street Kids 6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM
Worship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Thursdays

WWJ 9:00 AM
Senior Adult Aerobics..... 10:00 AM
Ladies Lunchtime Study . 11:30 AM
Singles' Dinner Out. 6:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diane Sartain
Art Nichols
Bill McCall

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Mrs. Cookie Parsons and family in
the passing of her father,
Rev. Julius Kirkland.

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE (averages for the month)

FBC Worship	251
St. John's Worship	43
Total Worship	294

FINANCIALS

Total Budget Offering	73,646.80
Offering To Date	669,864.55
World Missions	2,537.00
WMO To Date	28,596.75
Budget Receipts to Date	669,864.55
Budget Needs to Date	863,076.48