

Dear Youth,

The Youth Christmas Party is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

Don't forget no youth activities on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Youth activities will resume Sunday night, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A reminder...Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.


This is a very busy time of year, but don't forget the real meaning of Christmas which is Christ's birth. Because of His birth coming in the form of man, we can be saved and freed from our sins.


Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Love,  
Cycle & Alison

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**Jean Young, Pianist**  
**Ann Kimbrell, Organist**  
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**Don Raye Shetley, Part Time Maintenance Worker**



 *Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year*

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# The Link

**Deacon of the Week**  
**December 20 - December 26**  
Kevin Smith

**Inside Greeters**  
**December 20, 2009**  
Fran Belk  
Frances Greer

**Parking Lot Greeters**  
**December 20, 2009**  
William Smith  
Graham Williams  
Henry Vaughan

**Sunday School Attendance**  
**December 6, 2009 - 208**  
**December 13, 2009 - 224**

**Extended Session**  
**December 20, 2009**

**Babies:** Todd & Amy Davis  
**Toddlers (1's & 2's):** Steve & Suzanne Byrd

**Children's Worship (3's, 4's & 5's):** Nancy & Maurice Bevis

**Sun. Night:** David & Ollie Vaughan  
**Wed. Night:** No service tonight

**Deacon of the Week**  
**December 27 - January 2**  
Ricky Smith

**Inside Greeters**  
**December 27, 2009**  
Lucille Hooper  
Margaret Winchester

**Parking Lot Greeters**  
**December 27, 2009**  
Gene Gregory  
Hazel Howell

**Extended Session**  
**December 27, 2009**

**Babies:** Perry & Kim Crocker  
**Toddlers (1's & 2's):** Frank & Candee Humphries

**Children's Worship (3's, 4's & 5's):** Kakie & Josie White

**Sun. Night:** Jeff & Maxine Craft  
**Wed. Night:** Roger & Sara Wade

**Deacon of the Week**  
**January 3 - January 9**  
Jason Spencer

**Inside Greeters**  
**January 3, 2010**  
Judy Graham  
Jo Ann Millwood

**Parking Lot Greeters**  
**January 3, 2010**  
Wayne Burgess  
Elease Osborne

**Extended Session**  
**January 3, 2010**

**Babies:** Ann Alexander, Laura Wade  
**Toddlers (1's & 2's):** Scott & Melanie Barnett  
**Children's Worship (3's, 4's & 5's):** Jay & Dawn Childers

**Sun. Night:** Peggy Vaughan,  
Judy Graham  
**Wed. Night:** Mary Alice Stevenson,  
Annie Mae Gibbs

**WHO'S  
WHOSE MISSING?  
MISSION?**

**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering**

*Our Goal \$20,000.00  
Received to Date \$3,928.00*



**We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

*Robert, Donna, Joey & Caleb Chapman  
Delores J. Morgan  
Ann Lancaster  
Don Raye Shetley  
Alison & Cycle Coker  
David Wells  
Ann Kimbrell  
Jean Young*

### Boxes of Love

With a desire to involve our entire church in an on going ministry project, we are continuing **Boxes of Love**. The following is a list of items requested:

**December** - Mini meals such as macaroni & cheese, canned chili beans or beef stew & rice or spaghetti sauce & noodles plus a can of vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots, etc.)

**January** - bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste

Thanks, Your WMU Leadership Team

### Janie Chapman State Mission Offering

*Our Goal \$4,500.00*

*Received to Date \$1,987.00*



### Upcoming Events

The Adult Choir Cantata will be presented Sunday evening, December 20, 2009, during the Evening Worship Service.

We will not have a monthly business celebration (meeting) in December. The next meeting will be January 17, 2010.

No services or activities on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas Eve Service will be Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The Church Council will meet Sunday, January 3, 2010, at 5 pm in the Library.

The Keenagers will meet Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at Noon in the FSH. Mrs. Catherine Williamson is in charge of the program.

### For Your Information

**Please pick up your 2010 contribution envelopes on the table across from the Welcome Center. If you cannot find your envelopes, please call the church office.**

**All workers 18 years old and up must be certified in the "Reducing the Risk" Training for Vacation Bible School next year. Classroom training is approximately 2 hours. A background check is required. All paperwork and expenses will be covered by the church. Please sign up for "Reducing the Risk" Training at the Welcome Center. (No exceptions! Church Policy!)**

The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 22, 2009, through Friday, December 25, 2009, in observance of Christmas, and on Friday, January 1, 2010, in observance of New Years Day. We will not publish *The Link* Christmas or New Year's.

### Christian Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wendy Fowler and family members in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Susie Bridges, who passed away November 11, 2009.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Hyder and family members in the loss of Maurice's brother, Mr. Donald Hyder, who passed away November 11, 2009.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Joe Gibbs and family members in the loss of Eveline's sister, Mrs. Margaret Jones, who passed away November 24, 2009.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Nan Howell who passed away December 4, 2009.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Comer, Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Lawson and family members in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Juanita Comer, who passed away December 6, 2009.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to \*Mrs. Sharon Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Greer III, \*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Greer II and family members in the loss of \*Mr. John Smith who passed away December 13, 2009. Mr. Smith was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Doug Smith of Union, SC.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Katy Beth Robinson who graduated Magna Cum Laude from USC Upstate with an Education Degree in Early Childhood Education. Katy Beth is the daughter of Mrs. Beth Smith and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Al Smith.

### Financial Giving Report December 6, 2009

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,373.00</b>
Regular Offering.....	8,497.00
Building Fund.....	1,332.00
Envelopes.....	1.00
Debt Retirement.....	291.00
Love Gift.....	500.00
J. M. Smith Foundation.....	1,410.00
Janie Chapman Offering.....	20.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	172.00
Lottie Moon Memorial.....	150.00
(Mr. Jim Nichols, Mrs. Molly Faucett, Mrs. Sara Berry)	

### Financial Giving Report December 13, 2009

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,047.91</b>
Regular Offering.....	5,932.50
Building Fund.....	1,140.75
Envelopes.....	4.00
Adult Choir Fellowship Meal.....	660.00
"A Time for Christmas" Tickets..	5,667.00
Meals for Bereaved Refund.....	7.66
Hunger Fund.....	10.00
Poinsettias.....	30.00
Arthur State Bank Contribution.	100.00
Debt Retirement.....	90.00
Debt Retirement Memorials.....	200.00
(Mr. John Blalock, Mrs. Juanita Comer, Mrs. Nan Howell)	
Debt Retirement Memorial.....	25.00
(Mr. John Blalock by Fellowship Sunday School Class)	
Lottie Moon Offering.....	2,081.00
Lottie Moon Offering.....	200.00
(By Tomi Vaughn's Sunday School Class)	
Lottie Moon Memorials.....	715.00
(Mr. Ernest A. Anthony, Mrs. Juanita Comer, Mr. John Blalock, Mrs. Betty Lou Mallett, Mr. Jim Nichols, Mrs. Nan Howell)	
Lottie Moon Honorarium.....	100.00
(Gray & Brandy Gainer & Family)	
Lottie Moon Honorarium.....	10.00
(Mr. Eddie Hines by Wilbur Smith's Sunday School Class)	
Janie Chapman Honorarium.....	50.00
(Brown & Judy Fant)	
General Fund Memorial.....	25.00
(Mrs. Juanita Comer)	