

## Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

The family of Mr. James Osborne would like to thank each one of you for the food, cards, your kind words, and for the love offering given to us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers in this difficult time ahead.

Elise Osborne & Family

Dear Ladies of the WMU,

You WMU ladies are so gracious I was proud to be known as a Tabernacle "member"! The Hospice Tea was very elegant, and the food was delicious. It was wonderful being honored for the work and ministry we provide every day to so many unfortunate people. God blessed me with an awesome career, and I thank Him every day. He also blessed me with a wonderful church family.

In His Glory,  
Penny Adamo, Medi-Home Hospice, Union SC

To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fruit bag you gave us. It was sweet of you all to think of us in such a nice way. We miss our church and the people and wish we could come. Please remember us in your prayers as we have a way to go. I hope that each and everyone will have a Merry Christmas and that God will bless everyone.

Thanks again, Julian H. Ivey

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate the monetary Christmas gift. It is my pleasure to serve the Lord and the church through music. I love Tabernacle and hope for a better year in 2016.

Thankfully, Jean Young

Dear Church Family,

My appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the monetary Christmas gift. It is a blessing to be serving where God placed me. Praying always for God's guidance for our church. May you have a wonderful and Christ-filled 2016.

In Christ, Delores J. Morgan

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**Lottie Moon**  
**Christmas Offering**

**Our Goal: \$12,000**  
**Received to Date: \$9,863**  
**Needed to Reach Goal: \$2,137**

# THE LINK

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## Deacon of the Month (January)

Tommy McManus

## Inside Greeters January 10, 2016

Lucille Hooper  
Judy Graham

## Extended Session January 10, 2016

**Babies & Toddlers:** Karen Greer  
Penny Smith

**Sun. Night:** Brenda Smith  
Wendy McKeown

**Wed. Night:** Roger & Sara Wade

## Deacon of the Month (January)

Tommy McManus

## Inside Greeters January 17, 2016

Dot Stewart  
Mary Jane Long

## Extended Session January 17, 2016

**Babies & Toddlers:** Benjie & Becky  
Reynolds

**Sun. Night:** Sam & Kakie White  
**Wed. Night:** Rachel McManus

## For Your Information

Please pick up your January church calendar at the Welcome Center.

## Sunday School Update

The year of 2015 is now behind us, and our minds and hearts are focused on 2016. This new year holds a lot of opportunities for God to manifest his greatness, power, and grace through us. Twenty sixteen can be an exciting year as we begin to carry out the plans for 2016 and beyond. Plan two is praying that the lost will be saved and that lives will be transformed. The kind of praying we are talking about is travailing prayer. Listed below are some of the characteristics of travailing prayer:

1. Travailing prayer is a birthing prayer.
2. In travailing prayer there is a sense of urgency.
3. In travailing prayer there is a spirit of fervency.
4. In travailing prayer there can be a spirit of sacrifice.
5. In travailing prayer praying can last for days.
6. In travailing prayer there is a seeking of God's face before asking for God's hand.
7. In travailing prayer there is a total dependence upon God.

Let us join together in praying to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest field.

Tommy McManus  
Outreach Director

## Upcoming Events

**The Quarterly Business Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2016, has been changed to Sunday, January 10, 2016.** Messengers will be elected to the South Carolina Baptist Convention's special called business meeting at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia, SC, on Thursday, January 14, 2016, to elect a new Executive Director-Treasurer.

**“Vision 2016” Debt Reduction Committee**  
The “Vision 2016” Debt Reduction Committee will meet Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 4:45 pm in the Library.

AWANA® begins Sunday, January 10, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

The Lottie Moon Group & the Lydia Greene Group will meet Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 4:00 pm in the Library.

The Deacons will meet Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

The Pearl Johnson Group will meet Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Wed. Morning Women's Bible Study “War Room”**

*Written by Stephen Kendrick,  
Alex Kendrick & Nic Allen*

Explore the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and other areas of your life. *“But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”* Matthew 6:6. This Bible study begins Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall and will be led by Carol Smith.

## Upcoming Events

### **Monday Evening Women's Bible Study “Experiencing God”**

The 12 week Bible study “Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby will begin Monday, January 18, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will be led by Donna Chapman.

The Agape Women's Group will meet Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Additional information to be furnished later.

The Recycled Teens (Widows/Single Adult Ladies) will meet Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish. Hostesses are Mrs. Martha Shaw and Ms. Delores J. Morgan.

### **Life Line Screening**

There will be a Life Line Screening on Friday, January 22, 2016, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm sponsored by Greenville Health System Laurens County Memorial Hospital. All 5 tests (carotid artery/plaque screening; heart rhythm screening; abdominal aortic aneurysm screening; peripheral arterial disease screening; and osteoporosis risk assessment) are at a cost of \$149.00. To register your screening and receive a \$10 discount, please call: 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners). Appointments are limited.

### **“Band of Brothers” Meeting**

The Pastor will be attending the “Band of Brothers” meeting Monday, January 25, 2016 through Wednesday January 27, 2016 at White Oak Conference Center.

### **Church Council Meeting**

**The Church Council meeting has been changed to Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall due to the SC Baptist Convention Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## School Supplies

### **for Buffalo Elementary School**

To show our love and concern for our community, as a **WMU church wide project** we want to help with school supplies at Buffalo Elementary School. The items needed are pencils, pencil boxes, one inch small 3 ring binders, hand sanitizer, tissues, and marbled notebooks. You may also make a monetary donation instead of shopping for the needed school supplies. **Please leave your items in the box at the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 28, 2016.** If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Wendi Foster. Thank you for your support!

### **From the Transportation (Bus) Committee**

For anyone using the buses, the Transportation (Bus) Committee requests that you put the buses back in Buck's building that day or evening when your event is ended. That way the buses will not be out in the weather, not be subject to vandalism, and not be put up for an extended period of time. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation (Bus) Committee [William Smith, Curtis Plexico & Kevin Smith].

### **For Your Information**

Use of the Fellowship Hall, Family Life Center & Canteen now has to be approved for **members & non-members** by the Deacons and Property Committee. This action was approved July 19, 2015 at Quarterly Business Meeting. Please pick up your reservation request form in the church office if you do not have access to send an email request. You may email your reservation request to the church office: [tabernacle@tbcunion.com](mailto:tabernacle@tbcunion.com). **If you had an event reserved on this year's calendar (such as a reunion), you MUST fill out the reservation request form NOW insure your date is available and approved for your event this year.**

## From the Property Committee

The carpet has been cleaned in the sanctuary, main hallway and other rooms of the church. Just to remind you according to the Worship Area Policy of the By-Laws, no food or drink to be brought into the sanctuary. We're asking that you do your part in keeping the sanctuary clean and neat by following the policy. Remember this is the Lord's House. We have come to worship Him.

### **2016 Offering Envelopes**

Your 2016 Offering Envelopes can be picked up. They are in alphabetical order on the table across from the Welcome Center. **We are ordering less contribution envelopes now. If your envelope number was 326 through 374, we have assigned you a new number.** Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

### **Christian Sympathy**

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Vera Shropshire of Union, South Carolina, who passed away Saturday, December 26, 2015, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Linda Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Chad Monroe, \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Tony Hodge and their families and other family members in the loss of \*Mrs. Edythe Sanlin of Union, South Carolina who passed away Monday, December 28, 2015. (\*Mrs. Sanlin was Linda's mother and Brandi & Tony's grandmother.)

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Bud Broom & their family and other family members in the loss of Ms. Tousha Vinson Smith of Union, South Carolina, who passed away Friday, January 1, 2016, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.