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The Link

Building Faith and Family Through Love

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**God is
still in
control!**



Do You Long for Peace This Christmas? (Devotion by the late Dr. Billy Graham)

Once again the world celebrates Christmas. With all that is happening people fervently pray that the Spirit of Christmas will pervade the entire world. Everyone is preparing for the holiday season.

Yet, in the midst of this preparation, millions of people miss the real meaning of Christmas. In the midst of the Christmas rush, Christ is oftentimes left out as we forget that it is His birthday we are celebrating. The precise meaning of that first Christmas is clear: God came to earth in human form. The impact of His birth was so great that calendars were torn up, prejudices were laid aside and people began to walk in newness of life.

Nearly 2,000 years ago the angel revealed to the wondering and trembling shepherds the glorious news that in the city of David "a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11, NIV). The angel had already announced to Joseph the character of Christ's Saviorhood: "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21, NIV).

The Christmas message is this: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:19, NIV). Christmas emphasizes the glorious truth that salvation is provided apart from us, that into this sin-cursed world came One whose supreme mission is to save sinners.

Many long for peace in their own hearts this Christmas. You can meet God at the foot of the cross and find the peace that you have sought for so long. You ask, "What do I have to do?" Repent of your sins. By faith receive Christ as your Savior and Lord and Master. Commit your life to Him. He will come into your heart, and this Christmas you can know the Christ of Christmas.

Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior TODAY. This can be your most meaningful Christmas ever!



Join us Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center for our Christmas Eve Service. We will have a guest speaker. The Lord's Supper will be observed during the service.

As Information (Update on David Wells)
David Wells is at the Burn Center in Augusta, GA due to a terrible reaction to medication. Angie is with him and can visit him daily. David & Angie thank you for your continued prayers for complete healing! Angie is making a basket for David's cards. If you wish to send him a card, please send it to: Mr. David Wells, 893 W. O. Ezell Blvd, Spartanburg SC 29301.

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to *Rev. & *Mrs. Todd (Amy) Davis & their family and other family members in the loss of *Todd's sister, *Mrs. Linda Ledford of Union, South Carolina who passed away Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to *Mr. & *Mrs. Rick Jeffcoat & their family and other family members in the loss of *Rick's brother, *Mr. Mark Jeffcoat of Union, South Carolina, who passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020.



We would like to wish Mrs. Frances Greer a very Happy 90th Birthday today (Wednesday, December 16th). If you wish to send her a card, the address is 202 Bennett Street, Union, SC 29379.

We would like to wish Mr. Tom Coffer a very Happy 91st Birthday today (Wednesday, December 16th). If you wish to send him a card, the address is Heartland Health Care of Union, 709 Rice Ave, Room 819B, Union, SC 29379. God's blessings as you celebrate your birthday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLC Worship Service Sunday Dec. 20th & Dec. 27th-10:30 am

Dr. Tim Driggers will be the guest speaker for the FLC Worship Services on Sunday, December 20, 2020, and Sunday, December 27, 2020 at 10:30 am. Praise Team will lead the music.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Senior Adult Assembly Room.

"252" Clubhouse

"252" Clubhouse will not meet for the remaining Sundays in December. "252" Clubhouse will resume meeting on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Youth

The Youth meet on Sunday at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. Youth please check with Alison for your Sunday December schedule.

GA's, RA's & Mission Friends

The GA's, RA's & Mission Friends will not meet Wednesday, December 23rd & Wednesday, December 30th. They will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Youth

The Youth meet on Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. Youth please check with Alison for your Wednesday December schedule.

January Sunday Worship Services

Our Sunday worship services will be held in the Sanctuary beginning in January at 10:30 am. Social distancing will be practiced in the Sanctuary.

Quarterly Business Meeting

The Quarterly Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2021.

For Your Information

The church office will be closed Monday, December 21, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021 as Delores will be out of the office. If a church member passes away, please contact James Coffey, Chairman of Deacons (426-6167) and Jo Carol Smith, Bereavement Committee Chairman (426-5936). If a member is hospitalized, please contact James Coffey, Chairman of Deacons (426-6167) and Donna Anthony (email prayer list) 427-4113.

As Information

"The Link" is not published the week of Christmas.

Deacon of the Month (December)

Gerald Graham

Deacon of the Month (January)

Jan Gunter

For Your Information

Each Wednesday we will send a Prayer Update on the Calling Post message service (such as those who are in the hospital, having tests or surgeries, death of a church member, etc). If you have not signed up for the Calling Post messages and wish to be added to the phone, text or email messages, please call the church office.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Our Goal: \$12,000

Received to Date: \$1,865

"Why should we not...do something that will prove that we are really in earnest in claiming to be followers of Him who, though He was rich, for our sake became poor?" (Lottie Moon, September 15, 1887, Tungchow, China)

Every church.

Every nation.

Every church, regardless of size or resources, has a role to play in reaching every nation. Your generosity through *praying* and *giving* are the lifeblood of Southern Baptist missions. **100% of the proceeds** from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached (lost) peoples they serve.



God has given us the incredible privilege of being a part of His work through our prayers. When we pray, God hears and answers. In 1 John 5:13-15, we find these words, "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (NASB) Please remember our missionaries in your prayers.

Read the Bible Through

Obadiah

Revelation 7

John wrote throughout his epistles that being "born of God" involves an inward transformation and cleansing of the heart.



FLC Sunday Worship Service Attendance

Dec. 6 - 80 Dec. 13 - 90

Financial Giving Report December 6, 2020

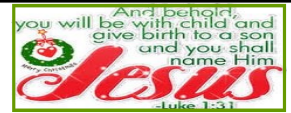
Total.....	\$14,356.00
Regular Offering.....	11,629.00
Building Fund.....	2,027.00
Building Fund Memorials.....	35.00
Mrs. Grace Poole	
Ms. Bobbie Moore	
General Fund Memorials.....	50.00
Mrs. Betty Martin, Mr. Bobby Helms	
Mr. Jim Cantrell	
Mr. Wayne Trantham	
Mr. Mike Sumner	
Lottie Moon Honorariums.....	195.00
Mrs. Evelyn Tucker	
Mr. & Mrs. David Wells	
Mrs. Tweedie Mills	
Mr. Skee Nichols	
Lottie Moon Memorials.....	400.00
Mrs. Ruth Parks, Mrs. Rita V. Hines	
Mrs. Sara Berry, Mrs. Molly Faucett	
Mrs. Kakie White, Mr. Bubba Nichols	
Mr. Jim Nichols, Sr	
Mr. Ernest Anthony	
Mr. Ellis Langley	
Annie Armstrong Memorial.....	20.00
Mrs. Mary Jane Wells	

Financial Giving Report December 13, 2020

Total.....	\$4,701.00
Regular Offering.....	3,219.00
Building Fund.....	417.00
Shepherd's Rest.....	10.00
(Ric & Amy Kosonavic)	
Lottie Moon Offering.....	240.00
Lottie Moon Memorials.....	735.00
Mrs. Violet Ivey, Mrs. Mertice Austin	
Mr. Gene Edwards	
Mr. Bob Edwards	
Mr. Jim "Pop Pop" Nichols	
Mr. Wallace Lanier	
General Fund Memorials.....	80.00
Mr. Wayne Gregory	
Mr. J. W. McAbee	
Mrs. Diane Williams	
Mr. Ronnie Ingle	

You will be notified if the location for the Sunday Worship Service changes and will be provided an updated calendar.

DECEMBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30-7:30 pm Youth (youth room)	3	4	5 All Day-FSH (reserved by Kayla Bishop) (family event)
6 10:30 am FLC Worship Service 6 pm-7 pm "252" Clubhouse-FLC Upstairs (old youth room) 6 pm Youth (youth room) All Day-FSH (reserved by Kayla Bishop) (family event)	7	8	9 6 pm-7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's-FLC 6:30-7:30 pm Youth (youth room)	10	11	12
13 10:30 am FLC Worship Service "252" Clubhouse <u>will not meet</u> tonight. 6 pm Youth (youth room) All Day-FSH (reserved by Brooke Smith) (family event)	14	15	16 6 pm-7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's-FLC 6:30-7:30 pm Youth (youth room)	17	18	19
20 10:30 am FLC Worship Service "252" Clubhouse <u>will not meet</u> tonight. Youth (check with Alison for youth activity)	21	22 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting-Senior Adult Assembly Room	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>  6 pm Christmas Eve Service-FLC (Guest Speaker) (The Lord's Supper will be observed.) (The church office will be closed Christmas Eve.)	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>  (The church office will be closed Christmas Day.)	26
27 10:30 am FLC Worship Service "252" Clubhouse <u>will not meet</u> tonight. Youth (check with Alison for youth activity)	28	29	30	31 Youth (check with Alison for youth activity)	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Our Goal: \$12,000 Received to Date: \$1,865 (as of 12/13/20) A Great <i>Multitude</i> + YOU	

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day (Church office closed for New Year's Day)	2 Noon-2 pm-FLC (reserved by Katy Beth Seaburg) (Libby Kate's second birthday party)
3 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service "252" Clubhouse will <u>not meet tonight</u> . 6 pm Youth (youth room)	4	5	6 6 pm-7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's-FLC 6:30-7:30 pm Youth (youth room)	7	8	9
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