

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

January 2012



January 1, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship

JANUARY USHERS

8:30 AM

**Bruce French (C)
John Boyd
Ed Curlee
Steve Moore**

11:00 AM

**Chester Abee (C)
Joe Dowling
Gary Livesay
Ronnie Norton**

**CHURCH COUNCIL
Monday, January 9
at 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Dear Surfside Church Family:

2012 is going to be _____! What will you write in that blank? What will the new year be like for you? If you could do and be anything you desired in 2012, what would the year ahead look like for you? While there are some realities that we all have to deal with, I believe our year 2012 could be a lot closer to what we just dreamed it could be than we think. That is, I am afraid that we are already putting limitations on ourselves that need not be.

Twenty-eight years ago I was struggling with my call to ministry. I was recently married and a junior at USC. I decided that the best way to determine if my calling was genuine or not was to work in a church. So, I went to Shandon UMC in Columbia and spoke with Dr. Bill Reid. He sent me to Trenholm Road UMC to see Rev. Bill Bouknight who hired me as the Youth Director for the church. I started around Thanksgiving in 1983. To be honest, I did not expect to be successful in the position. But, I trusted God enough to lay out my fleece to see what God would do. Amazingly, my ministry was well received and the congregation endorsed me for candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. Two years later we were off to Kentucky for Seminary.

There were many reasons for me to believe I would not be a success in ministry. I was unchurched most of my life. My scholastic aptitude was in mathematics. My lifestyle had not been conducive to being in ministry. I was completely unknowledgeable about church ministry. And, I was extremely afraid of public speaking. Yet somehow, in spite of questioning my call, I did not question the abilities of the God who called me. During that year and every year since, God has never failed me and I have been amazed by the things that God has done in and through me.

Thus, it is much easier for me to fill in that blank today than it was back in 1983. For many of you, the same is true. For some of you it is even an easier task. And, for others of you, it is still a difficult undertaking to dream and hope and believe it will happen for you. Yet, our God is capable of doing things in and through you that you may find hard to believe.

Will you trust God with 2012 to lead you to accomplish great things for Him? Maybe God will lead you to start a new business venture or return to school for another degree or to find that person God has picked out to be your spouse. Or perhaps God will lay it on your heart to do something unexpected for Him or for another person. Or just maybe, you will finally give in to God and live into God's plan for your life. It may be that God is calling you to serve in a soup kitchen or teach a Sunday school class or Bible study or even to serve in fulltime Christian mission.

Whatever those dreams for 2012 may be, I entreat you to not let the doubts defeat you. Don't let the naysayers hold you back. Don't let fear prevent you from living your life the way you know God is calling you to live. I can promise you one thing, whatever God is calling you to do in 2012 is better than anything else you could do on your own. Whoever God is calling you to be is better than anyone else you can be on your own. Let 2012 be the year you finally say, "Yes," to God and become the person God created you to be. May 2012 be the year that you are amazed by your success doing and being the person that you dreamed all along was the real you.

God bless you and our wonderful church family in 2012!

Scott H. Wachter

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2012	2013	2014
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Trustees Representative	Bill Gullede
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Lay Leader	Jeff Jewell
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2012	2013	2014
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2012	2013	2014
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2012	2013	2014
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2012	2013	2014
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2012	2013	2014
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 2013
 Gail Vereen

2012
 Doug Thornton

2014
 Ronnie Norton

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 Head Usher 8:30 A.M.
 Head Usher 11:00 A.M.
 Music (Choir President)
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2012
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2012

2013
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2014
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2012

2013
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2014
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A NOTE FROM THE PARISH PASTOR STARTING FROM SCRATCH

Sometimes, especially at the beginning of a New Year, we are compelled to start our lives over...."from scratch". Now, "starting from scratch" is a familiar saying, but do you know from whence it comes? Surprisingly, not from the kitchen, but from the rules of eighteenth century English horse racing, which permitted gentlemen to "fix" races so that, in theory, all the horses could cross the finish line together...with the winner only beating his competition by "a nose". Believe it or not, in order to perpetuate the illusion of a "jolly good show", the horse considered the finest was sent to the back and had to start the race from behind a line scratched in the turf or gravel! In modern horse racing, the champion doesn't start from behind, but is loaded down with heavy saddlebags in order to equalize the competition. Incredibly, the more races a horse wins, the more weight it has to carry! There are wonderful stories about Secretariat...arguably one of history's greatest thoroughbreds....leaving other horses with dust in their nostrils despite his being saddled with fourteen pounds of lead bars as he sped across the finish line...not by "a nose", but by thirty one lengths! After Secretariat died, an autopsy revealed that his heart was larger than those of other horses. Doctors were fascinated by this finding, and many hypothesized that the horse was born with this vital organ enlarged and had simply gone on to fulfill his natural promise. Others swore that the horse's will and determination to compete had strengthened his heart muscles to the point of enlargement. The truth? Who knows? In the final analysis, though, does it matter whether the champion was born with a large heart...or grew one to live up to his destiny? As you begin this New Year, 2012, maybe you feel like "starting from scratch" in your life.... Like one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in the Bible's Book of Revelation, maybe death or divorce or debt or disaster has galloped into your life this past year and changed everything about the life you once knew and loved. Maybe you've lost a partner.....maybe you've lost your job.....maybe you've lost your way..... As you consider "starting over" once again, take note, first, of the condition of your heart. And remember that the One who is within your heart...Emmanuel, God with us.....is constantly working to lift those burdens which are weighing you down, so that you can fully live up to the potential that God has in store for you. Happy racing!

Pastor Kim



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy New Year!

I love this time of year, because we can think about the successes of last year and plan the New Year ahead. Again, thank you for the baked goods that we sold for the cookie walk. We raised \$732.00 in just 3 hours. Not bad for a bunch of "Church Ladies."

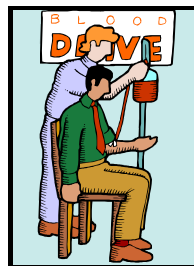
Looking ahead to 2012. We start the year with a General Meeting on Saturday, February 4. We will be voting on the Special Recognition Recipient, and discussing the upcoming events for the year. I plan to have a new booklet available for all, if I get all the updates.

With the New Year comes the time to collect our pledges. Please take time to prayerfully consider your monetary pledge AND a pledge of time. For some it is easy to write a check, but we need to remember that our time is needed also. Working the booths for the bake sale and cookie walks along with the Lenten lunches and general meeting attendance.

I challenge you to give an hour or two of your time and go to the local missions that the UMW supports. I will be contacting each mission leader and asking how we can serve them. I will keep you all informed of this as the year progresses.

God bless us everyone!
Sandy Wetter

UMW General Meeting
Saturday, February 4th
10:00 a.m.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, February 23
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Help us save lives.



HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program and devotion will be presented by Sarah Beck. Serving as hostesses for the afternoon will be Diane Stiles and Pat Stiles. Bring a sandwich and join us as we begin a new year of study and fellowship.

CARE CIRCLE

Care Circle had a wonderful time at Gini Abee's house for our annual Christmas party. Children's books were collected and donated to St. James student council to be distributed to local children in time for Christmas. Care Circle will meet again in March to plan for Salkehatchie kits. As always, Care Circle welcomes anyone who has yet to join a Circle and those who have taken some time off. We will now be meeting quarterly in March, June, September and December. If anyone would like to be added to the Care Circle email list please contact me. Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year. Julie Warner. Jwarnermb@gmail.com

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Hostess will be Gloria Frazier and Dee Fields will have Devotions. We will continue to study the Book of Psalms, starting with Psalm 23. Everyone welcome!

MARY BAKER CIRCLE

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Ruth Reckling will lead us in our Pledge Service. Hostesses will be Nancy Yongue and Judy Thomas. Bring a sandwich and join us as we start a new year.

FRIENDLY SENIORS

Friendly Seniors will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join us for good food and fellowship. Remember our book exchange.



On behalf of the SPRC of Surfside United Methodist Church, I would like to thank those of you who contributed to the love offering for our staff. All funds received through this special offering were divided among staff members. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness as well as your generosity. Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and prosperous 2012.

SPRC of Surfside Methodist



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME FOR JANUARY

- January 1 Betty Roberts
- January 8 Lois Denham
- January 15 Lynn Livesay
- January 22 Wayne/Carole Adkins
- January 29 Sr. High Sunday School Class

Thank you coffee hosts for your service during the past year and we look forward to next year. Many have grown to look forward to our social time and the volunteers make it what it is. Please call Lynn Livesay 238-1718, if you would like to join this fellowship ministry.

Thank You My family and I will never forget the delicious food you prepared for the "Celebration of John's Life." We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Your kind gesture will last a lifetime.

*May God bless you,
Margaret Phillips and Family*



*Dearest SUMC Bereavement Committee,
Our family would like to thank you for your act of kindness. Your heartfelt thoughts and prayers were with us during this difficult time. The food that you prepared was very comforting.*

*God Bless,
The Webb Family*

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING

Psalm 23 pictures life as deeply secure and richly blessed. It offers us a panorama of what life can be like when lived with an awareness of God's intimate love for us. This picture of life lived in God's care touches our deepest longings and speaks directly to our darkest fears. Perhaps that is why we return to this psalm over and over again. It is possible, however, that our frequent exposure to Psalm 23 may actually result in our becoming too familiar with this jewel. We may read Psalm 23 and not fully hear its sweet, strong message. We may miss the key it offers to a life well lived. The purpose of a new study which will be held every Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:00 a.m. is to help us look afresh at Psalm 23. This study will help us take time with the beauty and the wisdom contained within Psalm 23. And most importantly, this study will help us see God through the Psalmists eyes. We will have the opportunity to reflect deeply on the God who is our good Shepherd, so that our heart and mind will be nourished and our soul will be restored. Please join us beginning January 4th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Kim if you'd like more information.

WHAT DO YOU FEAR AS A WOMAN?

Did God really say you couldn't eat from any tree in the garden? This seed of doubt planted so long ago still bears the fruit of fear on some level every day...the idea that our actions could ruin something beautiful and God might not have control over things. In...."What Women Fear"....acclaimed writer and speaker Angie Smith says...."I truly believe every single one of us struggles with some type of fear, whether it's fear of flying or fear of being 'found out'. Maybe you're not afraid of dying, but you get absolutely terrified by the thought that you might fail at something!" Instead of suggesting that those who love the Lord would never fear, Smith blends her own experiences with those of men and women throughout Scripture to help us start dealing more effectively with the true, human emotion of fear. Through this new small group study, held every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor, participants will examine and discuss stories of those who have loved God and simultaneously struggled with faith. And, in the end, we will hopefully discover how to redeem this dichotomy as only God can....! "What Women Fear" begins January 3rd, 2012. Please talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

Spirit Light Dinner



January 4



Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Salad Bar
Sliced Peaches
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Drink

January 11



Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Apple Sauce
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Drink

January 18



Hamburger Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Peas
Fruit Cocktail
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Drink

January 25



Pork Loin/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Succotash
Sliced Peaches
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Drink

MOBILE MEALS

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to deliver Mobile Meals in 2011.

Sometimes we get desperate for help, so if you can give a few hours every few months, please call Sallie Crowley at 650-0181 or Nancy Yongue at 238-2958.



MISSIONS at SURFSIDE UMC

Blood Mobile	Sandy Wetter (843) 215-1334
Boys & Girls Club of Myrtle Beach	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Children's Ministries	Charlotte & Brian Ebaugh (843) 602-2588
Christmas Angel Tree	Children's Ministries
Community Kitchen	Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344
Correspond w/College Students	Trish Brunko (843) 651-1034 & Paulo Lopes (859) 327-5763
Correspond w/Service Personnel	Dave Brunko (843) 651-1034
Epworth Children's Center	Nancy Yongue (843) 238-2958
Foreign Missions Teams	Scott Wachter (843) 831-0174
Help 4 KIDS	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Host Missions Teams	Dave Brunko (843) 651-1034
Jason's House	Elaine Paige (843) 238-1320
Liason to a Missionary	
Mobile Meals	Nancy Yongue (843) 238-2958 & Sallie Crowley (843) 650-0181
Operation Christmas Child	Pam Zmeiske (518) 857-8969 & Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344
Salkehatchie	Bill Gullede (843) 215-2079
South Strand Helping Hand	Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344 & Judy Thomas (843) 650-4620
Super Bowl Caring	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Thanksgiving Dinner	
Upper Room Living Prayer Hotline	Art Chamberlain (843) 238-8448
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Children's Ministries
Winter Coat Drive	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888 & Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344

Winter Coat Drive - It's getting cold outside and time to clean out your winter closets again. If you have any Warm Winter Coats that you can no longer use, please consider donating them. You may put them in the Pod out on the Pumpkin Patch lot. The coats will be delivered to Help 4 Kids. We will be collecting through January 31. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Chris Conness 477-8888. Thank You!

Missions/Scents for Soldiers-Purpose: Supporting our wounded warriors, Walter Reed, Ft. Mead, Camp Lejeune. Created to bring much needed items to the wounded soldiers in Walter Reed Medical Center to provide a relaxing and warm environment for our wounded soldiers during their recovery by providing simple "Wish List" items. Our goal in the coming months is to collect wish list items to be delivered to Walter Reed. Stay tune for more details. For information contact Dave Brunko at 651-1034/scentsforsoldiers.org. Because freedom isn't free!

South Strand Helping Hand - Thank You to all who returned the Yellow GAMAM bags with non perishable food items to help stock the SSHH food pantry. They went a long way in adding meals during the holidays for many needy families in our area. We will continue to collect food items for SSHH on a monthly basis. You can find the suggested menu in the Newsletter, in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Yellow Bags we hand out. The first Sunday of the month will be Food Sunday, the day to bring your yellow bags in with your donations. You may leave them up against a wall in the Narthex. We will re-use the bags every month. Below is the menus for January and February.

GIVE A MEAL A MONTH ~ January's Menu ~

Chili
Canned Corn
Canned Pears
Crackers
Optional items: Bottle of Juice, Jar
Peanut Butter

Please return food and bag on
Sunday, January 1!

GIVE A MEAL A MONTH ~ February's Menu ~

Boxed "Baked" meal
Green Beans (canned)
Peaches (canned)
Cake Mix
Optional items: Bottle of Juice, pack-
age Toilet Paper

Please return food and bag on
Sunday, February 5!

The UMM want to express a thank you to all those who helped us provide the food for the Children's Ministry Dinner held December 16, 2011. Many thanks to Kelly Williams for her time and dedication to this annual worthwhile project.



The SC United Methodist Men Spiritual Life Retreat, "Homecoming 2012", will be held February 17-19, 2012, at The Springmaid Beach Resort. See info. posted on the UMM bulletin board at the parking lot entrance.

UMM are planning a Spaghetti dinner for February 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar. The proceeds of this event are to help the Cub Scout Troop of SUMC. The Cub Scouts are getting the tickets printed so they can distribute them to sell in January.

The next meeting of the UMM will be Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. I would like to personally invite all the men of SUMC to join us at this meeting for Christian fellowship and dinner.

Wayne Adkins
UMM President



YEARNING FOR GOD

Do you desire to learn more about God's presence in your life? Do you have specific questions you'd like to ask in order to help you grow in your relationship with God? Do you seek more of GOD'S guidance in your life? If any of these questions are applicable to your life and/or to your journey of faith, then you are invited to the small group experience entitled....Yearning for God: Reflections of Faithful Lives. "Yearning for God" invites participants to walk on holy ground...to listen, reflect and share stories of God's love, grace, forgiveness and hope. In addition, "Yearning for God" encourages participants to establish a consistent and powerful connection between faith and life. If you would like to be part of this challenging spiritual growth adventure, come to the Church Parlor every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., beginning January 5th, 2012. Questions? Just contact Pastor Kim.

EXERCISE CLASSES



You are invited to join any of our separate exercise classes offered at Surfside UMC.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, an Adult Fitness Class is offered in the FLC from 9:45-10:45 a.m. These classes consist of walking, stretching and strength conditioning exercises at a low impact rate. Weights and various other exercise equipment is provided. Both men and women are invited to participate. These classes are taught by Pat Messinger, An Active Older Fitness Instructor with over 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.

Hatha Yoga meets every Wednesday in Room 8/10 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. Both classes are identical and are FREE. All you need is to bring a mat or beach towel, water and wear comfortable clothes.. Now that the holidays are over why not come and join us to get back into shape. We learn poses, stretching and breathing exercises and deep relaxation. Hatha yoga is about Mind, Body, and Spirit working together to bring inner peace. If you are interested contact Mary Jo Doggett at 712-2932

Every Friday at 9:45 a.m. in Room 8/10, "Yoga Exercise with Pat." The class consists of Yoga poses geared for the Older Adult ("sitting and standing" only.) The Yoga breathing and poses will increase your balance, stretch your muscles in a gentle manner, you will feel more relaxed, enable you to sleep better and to cope with stress better. This class is taught by Pat Messinger, An Active Older Adult Fitness Instructor with over 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Dear Church Family,

I can't believe that the holidays are behind us already. My staff and I welcomed the much needed break and are ready to hit the ground running in the new year.

We continue to visit with Pastor Scott and Mr. Paulo for chapel and music. Stretch n Grow visits us monthly to keep us fit by exercising and teaching us how to eat healthy. Ms. Leigh comes to sing with us and helps with our special programs. The children enjoy telling all of our visitors their "important" news.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night will be on January 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Surfside. 10% of all sales will benefit our CDC. You can dine in or use the drive thru. January 16 and 17 school will be closed, however, the center will be open for child-care. The cost is \$25/day or \$45 for both days. Please call my office to register...238-2734 x106. The deadline is January 12.

Child Development Center registration will be coming up in February as well as summer camp information. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details.

As always thank you for your kind words, support, and prayers as we continue to Grow in Love at the SUMC Child Development Center!

Sincerely,
Stacey Cleveland



SPIRIT NIGHT STUDY FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Beginning Wednesday, January 4th, 2012, a new spiritual growth class will be offered during our Spirit Night activities. "New Again: Re-Thinking the Bible for Outreach Today"...is a challenging and insightful group study which takes a close, unflinching look at the relevance of the Bible in contemporary culture. In addition, "New Again" takes a probing look at how God brings His Word to life through evangelism. Do you desire a fresh insight into the spiritual search which is taking place in America today? Do you wish to glean a fresh understanding on how to present the Bible to others as a compelling story? If so, then this class is for you! "New Again" will meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please talk to Pastor Kim if you'd like more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOME!

Can you believe that the NEW renovations to the SUMC parsonage are almost a year old already? That's right! The parsonage repairs and refurbishment were completed in February, 2011! And tours are still available! If you would like to see YOUR SUMC parsonage, please contact Pastor Kim so we can arrange a convenient time. The parsonage is located only 3 blocks from the church, so scheduling a tour is both easy and convenient, especially if you are heading to or from the church for one of our many and varied activities! SUMC members, friends and Snowbirds are all invited!



PRAYER SHAWL GIFTS

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull a prayer close and feel its comfort and healing? Well, you can if that prayer comes as a gift in the form of a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls are simple gifts of grace from God that are prayerfully and lovingly stitched together as a reminder that God's promise is always with us. The SUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry is a compassionate way to nurture and care for other church members who are experiencing health challenges. A Prayer Shawl is a sign to show that our church loves and cares about others. We are always in need of Prayer Shawls. And, as well, we are always in search of individuals who would like to receive a Prayer Shawl. Please talk to Pastor Kim if you would like to be included in any way in our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Church Family,

First, I would like to commend the children on doing such a wonderful job singing in the Christmas musical! Thank you to everyone who helped make our musical so very special!

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity through the spirit of giving for our annual Angel Tree! In addition, I would like to thank everyone from the Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, the Methodist Men's Group, & all of the other volunteers who helped put together an astounding Christmas Dinner for the Boys & Girls Club, Youth Advocate Foster Children, & some of the children/families in our Horry County Schools. It was such a great blessing to watch so many of you serve and give to those that are less fortunate financially. The families were so thankful and the children's hearts were filled with great excitement.

With all of this being said, I feel a leading and great desire to expand our plan with the angel tree into more of a monthly mission for these children/families that are without food or clothing. It's wonderful to give to them during Christmas, but my heart aches wondering how they are surviving the remaining 11 months of the year. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could establish a plan to pray for them by name, or provide food when they may be without, and give them transportation to church when they don't have transportation, or encourage them through notes or phone calls, send them a birthday card, and the list could go on & on. Please join with me in seeking God's direction in a plan to "adopt" some of these angels, make connections with them and their families throughout the year, and share Christ's indescribable love with them so that they will desire to know our Savior more. What a beautiful opportunity God has set before us!

I would like to end my note to each of you with 2 Corinthians 9:12-15..."This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience and accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

Abundant Blessings,
Charlotte Ebaugh

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Child Youth Advocate Program and local families I just want to express my deepest gratitude for the outpour of generosity. This church family shared so much with our local families, child advocate children, and the Boys and Girls Club.

God's hand and spirit was evident in every aspect of the serving, dinner and gifts. I am so proud to be part of a loving and sharing family...all the food was delicious and plentiful. Thank you Men for all your hard work. Gratitude and smiles were on every face and in every comment. As a mother of 3 hugged my neck and cried she told me that she believed angels were singing above and without us her family would not have had any Christmas at all, I believe they were singing too!! "Emanuel" God with us! The true meaning of Christmas reflected in air and I'm sure the Lord was pleased to see our walk of faith. I wish you and your family a lifetime of blessings. Sincerest Thanks to all you faithful servants.

Love,
Kelly Williams



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: 8:30 AM Morning Worship
 9:30 AM Fellowship Time
 9:45 AM Church School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 5:30 PM AA Meeting

Monday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00 AM Art Class
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Huff and Buff Basketball
 7:00 PM Bell Choir
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 8:00 PM Parenting Teenagers Group

Tuesday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00 AM Craft Club
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Upper Room Living
 Prayer Hotline
 6:00-8:00 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Grand Strand
 Harmony Chorus

Wednesday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Hatha Yoga
 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 10:00 AM Bible Study-Psalm 23
 11:00 AM Hatha Yoga
 11:00 AM CDC Chapel

Wed. cont. 5:30 PM Spirit Night Dinner
 6:30 PM i-Praise Worship-Sanctuary
 6:45 PM Spirit Singers Rehearsal

Thursday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 4:00 PM Spiritual Development Group
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:30 PM Huff and Buff Basketball

Friday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 10:00 AM Adult Yoga w/Pat
 5:30 PM AA Meeting



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	2 Church Office Closed Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00	3 What Women Fear Group 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Upward Sports Practices 6:00-8:00	4 New Again Study 6:30	5 Hope Circle 12:00 Yearnings Grow Group 4:30 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00	6 Cub Scouts 6:00	7 Upward Games 8:00-3:00
8 UMGF 5:00-7:00 UMYF 5:00-7:00	9 South Strand Garden Club 1:00 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00 Boy Scout Troop 853 Committee 6:29 Church Council 7:00	10 Joy Circle 12:00 What Women Fear Group 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Upward Sports Practices 6:00-8:00	11 Mary Baker Circle 10:30 New Again Study 6:30	12 Yearnings Grow Group 4:30 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night for CDC 6:00-8:00 Pack Leaders Meeting 6:30	13 Cub Scouts 6:00	14
15 UMGF 5:00-7:00 UMYF 5:00-7:00	16 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00 Adult Family Council 7:00	17 Friendly Seniors 12:00 What Women Fear Group 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Upward Sports Practices 6:00-8:00	18 New Again Study 6:30	19 Yearnings Grow Group 4:30 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00 UMM 6:45	20 Cub Scouts 6:00	21 Republican Presidential Preference Primary 6:00 AM-7:30 PM Upward Games 8:00-3:00
22 Upward Sports Sunday UMGF 5:00-7:00 UMYF 5:00-7:00	23 Newsletter Articles Due! Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00	24 What Women Fear Group 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Upward Sports Practices 6:00-8:00	25 New Again Study 6:30	26 Yearnings Grow Group 4:30 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00	27 Cub Scouts 6:00	28 Upward Games 8:00-3:00
29 UMGF 5:00-7:00 UMYF 5:00-7:00	30 Upward Sports Practices 5:00-8:00	31 Collate Newsletter 9:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Upward Sports Practices 6:00-8:00				



Jan Buess	1
Allison Bustin	1
Jean DeMent	1
Rick Gutierrez	1
Sophie Neely	1
Ken Paige	1
Nancy Cochran	2
Curt Harper	2
Allen Snipes	2
LaNell Forrest	3
Paul Lamoree	3
Patti Magliette	3
Bob Stuber	3
Hazel Hudson	4
Denee Santacrocce	4
Larry Tuttle	4
Scott Wachter	4
Bre Willoughby	4
Freda Marold	5
Sandy McFarlane	5
Fred Parsons	5
Lizlynn Peters	5
Sandra Cashion	6
Cindy Ferguson	6
John Lattin	6
Blair Buckner	7
Kristen Gilbertson	7
Mary Gravatt	7
Sophia Lopes	7
Cheyenne McGowan	7
Sandy Wetter	7
Hank Dufresne	8
Eloise Causey	9
Peggy Ward	9
Stephane Tuck	10
Barbara Vanhorn	10
Owen Adams	11
Jennifer Babb	11
Mary Lynn Blair	11
Alexis Ellerbe	11
Alex St. Romain	11
Kelly Montague	13
Cindy Parrish	13
Sally Medrick	14
Mark Brunty	15

Luke Gaskins	15
Linda Matthews	15
Martha Quinn	15
Ashley Sowers	15
Mary Bitler	16
Paul Eubanks	16
Mike Flowe	16
John Hendrickson	16
Heather Ziegler	16
Strib Barton	17
Simone Daniel	17
Jessica Rushing	17
Bob Hollender	18
Bob Lang	18
Joe McAndrew	18
Tim Helms	19
Marie Hagan	20
Jackie Atwood	21
Shirley Brown	21
Linda DeNatale	21
Don Roy	21
Bud Barton	22
Victor Rogers	22
Pat Messinger	23
Jim Buckner	24
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Adam Gimbert	25
Matthew Gizzi	25
Michelle Gonska	25
Carolina Lopes	25
Hayden Stampfle	25
Jean Steiner	25
Perri Anne Boling	26
Patrick Burchell	26
Abigail Pendergrass	26
Sylvia Rogers	26
Juan Rodriguez	27
Nicholas Tabor	27
Maureen Windsor	27
Jason Gilbertson	28
Andy Ritter	28
Ed Curlee	29
Julie Fullwood	29
Meredith Kiser	29
Jes Lueck	29
Trinity Montague	29
Bob Barber	30
Anthony Cantrell	30
Morgan Hood	30
Louis McGowan	30
Ellyn Minette	30

Lauren Shepler	30
Trae Altman	31
Hattie Dalton	31
David Griffin	31
Charlotte Sandel	31

Anniversaries
to
Celebrate



Rod and Ann Smith	1
Stephen and Julie Frederick	2
Paulo and Juliana Lopes	6
Mike and Ann Vereen	11
Rob and Caren Brown	14
Bob and Carol Hollender	14
Joe and Robin Costanzo	17
Rhett and Nan Jones	21
Fred and Dolores Parsons	26
Jonnie and Gloria Frazier	27
Paul and Freda Marold	27



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If you are interested in additional Adult/Family Ministries within our church, and would like to serve on a council to assist in planning ways to meet needs with additional adult/family ministries within our congregation, please call Fonda Rist, (843)650-3971 or (843)450-9328. We will be meeting on January 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss plans for the year. Thanks, in advance, for your interest.

