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Monday, January 25, 2016

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Attendance Report

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Sunday, Dec 20, 2015

Sunday School-76

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Sunday, Dec 13, 2015

Sunday School-76

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Sunday, Dec 27, 2015

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Serving on Sunday, Jan 3, 2016

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Serving on Sunday, Jan 10, 2016

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Serving on Sunday, Jan 17, 2016

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Serving on Sunday, Jan 24, 2016

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Steve McIver

Children's Church: Bobby Sue Ormsby

Serving on Sunday, Jan 31, 2016

Nursery: Bobby Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Inell Allen & Mandy Allen

Children's Church: Corinne Watson



In Genesis 4:26 we find these words: “At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord!”

It's always good to call on the name of the Lord, especially at the beginning of a new year. The poet Louise Fletcher Terkington spoke for most of us when she said: “I wish that there were some wonderful place called the Land of Beginning Again, where all our mistakes and all of our heartaches and all of our poor, selfish grief could be dropped like a shabby coat at the door, and never put on again.” Surely our desire as children of God is to do better in the future than we have in the past, and calling on the name of the Lord daily in prayer is always a good thing to do.

As 2016 begins we should voice a prayer...

1. of gratitude. We can rejoice and be thankful that we are still among the living, that we can still render loving service to our Lord, our family and our fellow brothers and sisters, that we can still give praise to God for his blessings and seek to be a blessing to others.

2. for forgiveness and forgetfulness. It would be beneficial to begin the new year with a clean conscience and unhindered fellowship with God. We also need to forgive ourselves and to forget the failures of the past so that they do not become a stumbling block to potential progress. And, yes, we should ask God for grace to forgive others lest the seed of bitterness fills our hearts.

3. for faith and wisdom ... to follow the path of righteousness and navigate the dangerous, unknown stretches of road which we will travel this year. Remember the counsel of Proverbs 3:5-6 ... Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

4. for help. “And I am with you all the way. I will never leave you or forsake you. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.” Those are the words of Jesus. And Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Divine help is available. We do not walk alone!

While not every day of 2016 will be a fantastic wonderful and delightful day filled with laughter and happiness, if we are faithful and regular in calling on the name of the Lord, I believe the year 2016 will bring us blessings, growth and joy in the Lord.

From the musical “Godspell” let us remember the prayer of Richard of Chichester...

“Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray,
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more
nearly,
day by day.”



By no means am I a *Star Wars* guru. I have friends and family who are, but I certainly don't claim that title. However, over the years I have come to love *Star Wars*. The Force, the struggle between good and evil, the unique characters and character development...I enjoy it all! Given my fascination with and appreciation for these films, I recently went to Southern Pines to see the newest addition to the *Star Wars* saga: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Realizing that many of you may not have seen it yet and are planning to go, I will not include any spoilers here, I promise! I just want to share with you a simple quote that has been tumbling around in my head since I saw it. One of the characters, Maz Kanata says this when talking with the lead female character: "The belonging you seek is not behind you, it is ahead." Maybe it was something about the way she said it - her tone of voice or facial expression - but something about those words resonated deeply with me. "The belonging you seek is not behind you, it is ahead." As we look towards a New Year, with all that it holds, my prayer for each of us is that we will find a greater sense of belonging, for I believe belonging is a fundamental desire and *need* of every person. Basing our sense of belonging on the present and future and not solely upon the past can be challenging, but I believe it is a worthy endeavor. I am excited about 2016 and all that it holds! Blessings to each of you as a new year begins! Patricia



I would like to thank the choir members for their hard work to make our Christmas program a success. The children and choir both did a wonderful job. Also, a special thanks goes to Twyla Nelson for working with us in directing most of our carols. She was a big part of making everything run smoothly. We also appreciate Myra Deane, Michael Beale, Abram Buckner and all of the stars and angels who memorized their parts which added so much to the program. We want to also thank Erin Gregory, Taron Melvin, Kyndal Eubanks, Steve McIver and Dennis Holloway for your part in the program. Hal Shuler, Kenny Melvin and Lloyd Hinson made up the technical crew, and we certainly couldn't have done the program without them. May good health and joy be yours in the new year!

Happy Birthday!

1/1 Peggy Harris	1/2 Fumiko Davis	1/3 Louise Ervin
1/3 Michael Beale	1/4 Del Lucas	1/5 Betty Stogner
1/5 John Dawkins	1/13 Vivian Hilton	1/15 Sarah Featherston
1/15 "Dicky" Smith	1/16 Judy Marks	1/16 Jerry Garris
1/17 Mark Cockerton	1/20 Laura Cox	1/28 Laurene Ennis
1/30 Susan Brown	1/31 Corey Davis	

Happy Anniversary!

January 15
Charles and Bobbie Harrill
66 Years

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Nov 2015	Dec 6, 13, 20, 2015
Gen. Fund	27,335	18,802
Chall. to Maint.	50	50
Memorials & Honor	1,750	360
Radio Ministry	400	
Poinsettia	96	12
Missions	50	1,750
Baptist Men/ Wheelchair Fund	100	100
Samaritan's Purse/OCC	257	
Military Bible Sticks	200	
Wed Fellowship Meals	503	280
Total Gifts	30,238	21,074
Budget req. to date	380,668	
Gifts to date	335,226	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(45,442)	
% giving to req.	88%	

Foreign Missions...



Continue to pray and give.
Offering goal and receipts are as follows:

Mission goal - \$2,500
Given to date: \$1,829

You may designate your gift to the Global Mission offering of the CBF or the Lottie Moon Christmas offering of the SBC.

Sympathy for the family of ...

Mrs. Ann Jones
Mother of Del Lucas
passed on December 5th



Mrs. Margaret Smith
A longtime church member
passed on December 10th

The Pulpit Ministry for January

January 3 "Heavenly Blessings" ... Ephesians 1:3-14
As God's children we are spiritually rich, but are we sharing our "wealth" with others?

January 10 "Following the Light" ... Matthew 2:1-12
As the star guided the magi to the Christ child, the light of Jesus guides us safely through the darkness to discover great treasures.

January 17 "The Baptism of Christ : Standing with us" ... Luke 3:15-22
Through baptism Jesus identifies himself with those he came to save. Do we do the same?

January 24 "Gifted For Service" ... 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Christ not only saves us but he also calls us and "gifts" us for service.
How are we using our gifts?

January 31 "Developing a Health Body" ... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
What is a healthy church? How can we reach the goal of spiritual health?
Make a New Years commitment. Be in worship with your church family every Sunday!

Let Me Dedicate All This Year To Thee

Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state
Thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain, or care,
Freedom dare I claim:
This alone shall be my prayer:
Glorify Thy name.

Can a child presume to choose
Where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
Than the best can claim.
Nor withholdest aught that may
Glorify Thy name.

If on life, serene and fair,
Brighter rays may shine;
If in mercy Thou wilt spare
Joys that yet are mine;
Let my glad heart, while it sings,
Thee in all proclaim,
And what're the future brings,
Glorify Thy name.

- Lawrence Tuttiett

Poinsettias given in Memory Of

Sybil Easterling - Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cadieu
Genie Alice Coen - Gene and Janice Coen
Ruby Lunceford - Jerry and Elaine Davis
Henrietta M. Bryant - William Bryant
Ernest Evans - Baraca II Class
Kitty Maddrey - Charles and Bobbie Harrill
Elizabeth Webb - Charles and Bobbie Harrill
Clark Cox - Helen, Candice, Tom, Hannah Grace, Hailey, RJ

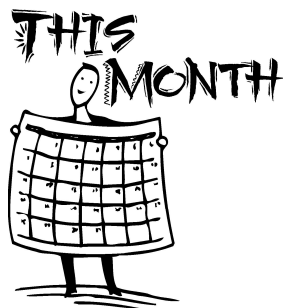
Tom and Junita Yates - Cathy Hill and the Children
Raymond and Alice Goodman - Gene and Janice Coen
Betty Garris - Debbie, Steve, Jerry and the Grandkids
W. Jeff Aiken Jr. - Flo Aiken
Ernest Evans - Charles and Bobbie Harrill
Lucille Smith - Charles and Bobbie Harrill
Ruby Lunceford - Charles and Bobbie Harrill



Poinsettias given in Honor Of

FBC Senior Adults - Gene and Janice Coen
Twyla Nelson - Flo Aiken

Rev. Patricia Greene - Charles and Myra Deane
Nurturing Faith Class - Flo Aiken



January 1 - New Years Day

January 9 - Children's Council Meeting, 12 Noon at Smithfield's Chicken & BBQ

January 10 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am

January 18 - Deacon's Meeting, 6:30 pm

January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 29 - Youth Ski Trip to WinterPlace Ski Resort

January 31 - Baptist Men's Day



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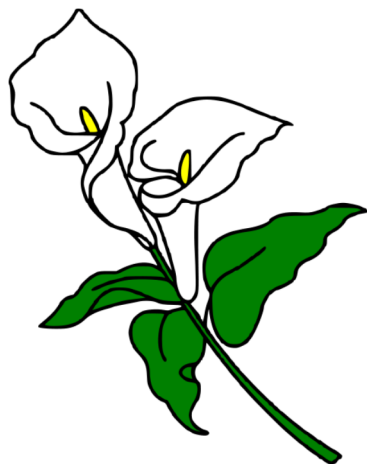
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