

**Sundays- See Christmas schedule on front page**

- 8:30 Traditional Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship
- 6:00 An Extraordinary Evening in December (Dec 11)

**Wednesdays- no activities Dec 21 & 28**

- 5:15-6:15 Wednesday Night Meal
- 6:30 - 7:30 Prayer Gathering (parlor)  
Unemployed Prayer Group  
Students  
HIS kids
- 6:30 - 7:50 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:50 - 9:15 Contemporary Worship Team

Sunday's Sermons are available online at [www.greerfbc.org/sermons](http://www.greerfbc.org/sermons)

*Check Sunday Bulletin and website for updates and other calendar-related events.*

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*Everyday...making a difference*

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Passionately devoted to HONORING GOD, IMPACTING PEOPLE, and SHARING CHRIST... Everyday.

**CHRISTMAS IN GREER**

<p><b>DECEMBER 4 @ 3:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>DECEMBER 11 @ 6:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>DECEMBER 23 @ 7:00 PM</b> OR <b>DECEMBER 25 @ 11:00 AM</b></p>	<p><b>GREER CHRISTMAS PARADE</b> THE BEST SEAT IS AT GREER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE, POPCORN, AND A LIVE PLAY-BY-PLAY OF THE PARADE. THIS IS THE PERFORMANCE &amp; JUDGING AREA FOR THE PARADE.</p> <p><b>AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING IN DECEMBER</b> A MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY THE GREER FIRST BAPTIST CHOIR</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP</b> FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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**Sermon Series through December 25**

In the Old Testament God often showed up in a fire, a cloud, a whirlwind, or a whisper. For the next several weeks, the sermon series, "Now Appearing: God" will examine some rather dramatic "coincidences" where real people encountered the real God. In these messages you will hear from God, see how He works, and be challenged to follow His path. Each week you will hear God communicating His message to you.

- Dec 4: **When God Wakes You Up**
- Dec 11: **When God Interrupts Your Silence**
- Dec 18: **When God Can't Be Explained**
- Dec 25: **When God Shows Up Unexpectedly**

**End-Of-Year Giving**

In order for members and friends to receive giving credit for 2011, all end-of-year gifts to the church must be received or postmarked by December 31. Online and electronic giving must be date-stamped by December 31, as well. Checks may be placed in the drop box on the east side of the office building.



**Thursday, December 8**  
**11:50 am - 12:50 pm**  
**Greer FBC Family Life Center**

A gathering of community, business and civic leaders who share a meal, network together, and participate in a brief program of music and inspiration/motivation led by Pastor Rick Ezell. Cost: \$7 per person. RSVP by noon on Tuesday prior to the luncheon at 877.4253 or carolemmorris@greerfbc.org.

**Christmas Schedule**

- Wednesday, Dec 21, No Church Activities
- Thursday, Dec 22, Friday, Dec 23, Church Office Closed
- Friday, Dec 23, 7:00 pm, Christmas Worship  
OR  
Sunday, Dec 25, 11:00 am, Christmas Worship (No Sunday School)
- Monday, Dec 26, Church Office Closed
- Wednesday, Dec 28, No Church Activities

**2012**

- Sunday, Jan 1, Sunday School 9:45 am, One Worship Service 11:00 am
- Monday, Jan 2, Church Office Closed



Luke 2:1-14  
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into

his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

# THE FRIENDLY NEWS

for Senior Adults...everyday making a difference.

## December Activities

### Bible Study

Monday, December 5, 9:30 am, room 402, Family Life Center. After Dec 5, we will not meet again until January.

### Friendly Neighbors Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 13, 11:00 am, parlor. Mrs. Robin Crusco will be our guest musician, singing several Christmas selections. Robin is Dan and Martha Ray's daughter. Blood pressure taken at 10:30 am. This will be a catered meal. Cost is \$6.00.

Dot Owens will play the piano and Martha Ray will lead.

Group Two Servers: Mamie L. Smith, Lucile Campbell, Jean Norris

### Game Day in the Parlor

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2:00-4:00 pm

## Upcoming Events



### Christmas Open House at The Woodlands at Furman

Thursday, December 15, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We will

visit The Woodlands at Furman to view their Christmas decorations, including 30 Christmas trees and a lot more. There will be hors d'oeuvres, singing, etc. We plan to leave the church parking lot at 3:15 pm. Cindy Johnson has invited us to come. She was at our Health and Safety Fair. Sign-up for this as soon as possible.

### The Silent Star presented by

The Academy of Arts in Taylors.

Saturday, Dec 17, 2:00 pm, cost is \$15.

### Celtic Sounds Concert presented by

The Academy of Arts in Taylors. Saturday, Feb 18, 2:00 pm, cost is \$10.

### Anderson Senior Follies

Saturday, March 17, 12:30 pm performance. The theme this year is FORGET ME NOT. Bud Moon already purchased our tickets and we have good seats. You need to sign-up now and hand in your money. Cost \$18.00. We have 41 tickets.

### Springmaid Senior Adult Retreat at

Myrtle Beach will be Sept 10-14. Please put this date on your calendar. Will let you know more about it later.

## Service Evangelism

### Our Service Evangelism for December

Present the plan of salvation to someone, bring someone to our Worship Services and/or our Christmas programs to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Our ongoing project is to pray for our Fire Department. Pray for them every day. When you hear the sirens, pray especially for their safety and protection and for the emergency that beckons them. The firefighters are most appreciative of the prayers, letters, cards and prayer-grams. Maybe you would like to send Christmas cards to Chief Chris Harvey to share with the department. If you bring them by the office I will deliver them for you. Keep up the good work.

We are furnishing snacks and bottled water to the ER at Greer Memorial for those who cannot get away when they have someone in the ER for several hours.

We will start collecting blankets for the homeless and those in need of a warm blanket for the winter. Bring blankets to the church office. Jenny Taylor and the girls basketball team at Riverside are helping with this project.

## From the Pen of Ken

### The Splendor of Christmas

Everyone loves a festival. There are so many of them, the Christmas season being one of the most famous. The lights, the sparkle in a child's eye, the unending list of songs and carols. We see wreaths, trees and candles bright in homes and shops. We gather with friends and family to celebrate. The pageantry is unending.

If one takes a look at the word Christmas, there are dozens of definitions, depending on who you are and where your history comes from.

Take a look at the songs we sing and see if we are celebrating anything or just enjoying the merriment. Look at those that have endured, like Silent Night

and O Little Town of Bethlehem and ask yourself two things: are they lasting for a reason and are they celebrating anything in your life. They are classic and perhaps they have lasted all these years because we Christians realize their message and worship with the use of them.

There are other things too numerous to mention in this short space that keep the Christ in Christmas!

Let us not forget the true celebration here in 2011. Let us keep the Christ in Christmas and in our hearts!

A Merry Christmas to one and all!



## From the Heart of Dottie

How great it was to see Blaine and Marilyn Nuckolls again. Blaine is so spirit filled and it comes out in his life and his speech. We all were blest by what he had to say to us. Larry Roberts brought us a thoughtful devotional. We are here for a purpose and need to realize that we should serve the Lord with thankful hearts.

Christmas is not just a day; it can be a way of life. Folks at this time of year appear to have more compassion for others. Christmas means a time when warmth overcomes cold, light overwhelms darkness, love conquers hate, peace finds its home in our hearts and the hearts of nations.

But Christmas would not be, had not God sent his only Son into the world to be the Savior of the world. He died on a cruel cross, bore our sins and was resurrected and then ascended into heaven to prepare a place for all who believe in Him. What a price He paid for all of us. What a beautiful time of the year for us to lead someone to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Have a Merry Christmas and remember it is Jesus' birthday!

## Potpourri

### CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, looked upon the sinful world and realized its need for help. In council with the Father it was agreed that He would give up His high and exalted place and bring to sinful men Redemption. He would go to earth in person and through the miracle of birth would become the Incarnation of God in human flesh. He would be born of a virgin with God as His Father, and enter into the sinful world as its Saviour. His holiness, His exemplary life, His sinlessness, His plan of redemption, His death, and His resurrection would bring to earth the great Transformation needed by all mankind. So He came, as decided in the councils of eternity, and through His coming He brought the Melody of heaven to earth. A Babe in swaddling clothes, divine, whose birth was announced by the singing of angels on high was to bring Assurance to all mankind that God cared enough to send His only begotten Son that all who believe in Him might have Salvation and eternal life. Only through personal acceptance of Him; God's great gift to man, can there be real Christmas in the human heart. W. Hines Sims

### THE CHRISTMAS HEART

The Christmas heart is a gentle heart; malice and envy have no part. Coldness and bitterness cannot stay where the spirit of Christmas holds full sway. Joy will enter and grief depart when Christmas candles light the heart.

### WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS?

The Creator made Christmas possible. Friends make Christmas beautiful. Music makes Christmas festive. Giving makes Christmas joyous. Love makes Christmas complete.

### CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas presents remind you of God's greatest gift—His only begotten Son. May the Christmas candles remind you of Him who is the light of the world. May the Christmas tree remind you of another tree on which He died for you. May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who said, "Be of good cheer." May the Christmas feast remind you of Him who is the bread of life. May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ. May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth. May the Christmas carols remind you of His glad tiding which we are to proclaim to all mankind. May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Light of the world so clear and bright, enter our homes on Christmas night; relight our souls so tenderly that we may grow to be like Thee.

*I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never  
walk in darkness, but will have  
the light of life. John 8:12 NIV*

## VISIT, SEND A CARD, OR MAKE A CALL:

Mrs. Mary Alice Collins, Emeritus at Greenville (formerly Brighton Gardens), 1306 Pelham Rd, room 270, Greenville, SC 29615

Mrs. Polly McElrath, Hawthorne Inn, 20 Hawthorne Park Ct, room 214, Greenville, SC 29615

Benjamin Green, Doris Green, Homewood Residence at Cleveland Park, 12 Boyce Ave, Greenville, SC 29601

Mrs. Dot Walker, Magnolia Manor, 411 Ansel St, Greenville, SC 29601

## HOMEBOUND

Sue Paris, Avo Smith, Hal Tooley, Mildred VanPatton, Paul and Harriett Wade

## CEREAL CLUSTERS

6 cups Corn Chex, 3 cups miniature twist pretzels, 16 oz jar dry roasted peanuts, 14 oz pkg milk chocolate M & M's, 1 cup raisins, 2-12 oz bags white chocolate chips, melted.

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients except for the candy coating. Pour white chocolate over the cereal mixture and stir until coated. Spread onto wax paper-lined cookie sheets. Refrigerate at least 15 minutes or until set. Break into pieces and put in small zipper-closing bags. Yield: Approx 4 1/2 lbs.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE THRILLS

1 1/4 lb. almond bark; 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows, 1 1/2 cups peanut butter cereal, 1 1/2 cups crisp rice cereal, 1 1/2 cups mixed nuts, 1/2 cup mini-chocolate chips

Melt almond bark in saucepan over low heat and stir occasionally. Put marshmallows, cereals, nuts, and chocolate chips in large bowl and stir. Pour melted bark over mixture, stirring to coat. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. Allow to set. Yield: 5 dozen

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5:15 - 6:15 pm

Adults: \$5.00, ages 7-12: \$3.00, ages 6 and under free  
*Children's meal is a smaller portion of the adult meal.*

Dec 7: Chicken casserole, green beans, creamed potatoes & gravy, roll, dessert

Dec 14: Pork tenderloin, broccoli casserole, rice & gravy, roll, dessert

Dec 21 & 28: No meal (no church activities)

**Reservations must be made or cancelled by noon on Tuesdays.**