

THE

MESSENGER

201 SOUTH BROADWAY
FOREST CITY, NC 28043
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Advent Schedule

December 8

First Light - LEC Gym
Salt and Light - Sanctuary
P.M. - Children's Choirs Present
An Out of the Box Christmas - Sanctuary

December 15

First Light and Salt and Light
Christmas in His Presence
Both services in the Sanctuary
P.M. - A.G.L.O.W. Christmas - LEC Gym

December 22

First Light - LEC Gym - Monologue
Joseph, The Carpenter
Salt and Light - Sanctuary - Monologue
Joseph, The Carpenter
P.M. - No Services

December 24

5:00 - Sanctuary - Christmas Eve
Communion and Candlelight

December 29

First Light - LEC Gym
Salt and Light - Sanctuary
P.M. - No Services



Jerry and Amy Williams, Transfer of Letters

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HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mary Lee Curtis - September 13th
Fair Haven Bostic
149 Fairhaven Dr. RM # 202 B
Bostic, NC 28018



Atrium / Cleveland -
Lucille Nanney

Spartanburg Rehabilitation
Institute - Cheryl Anderson



The Shirley Gee Family
The Clara (Tat) Morrow Family
The Randy Smith Family,
brother of Julie Winslow

PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

This past Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent 2019, and what a wonderful day of worship at Florence Baptist Church! The Youth Praise Band and Team played and sang at First Light and did a great job. We are so proud of these youth and their leaders.

At 11:00, we were blessed by the music of the bells. The Adult Handbell Choir played three selections, and our hearts were touched and moved! Thank you to Scott and this choir!

And then in the evening service, the carols of the season were the focus. Many participated through music and drama, and each one blessed our hearts. Thank you to Scott for putting this service of carols and drama together. It was truly a great day of worship and praise at Florence.

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. Our theme for 2019 is "Christmas Wrappings." Tonya got us started by unwrapping hope. David will continue by unwrapping peace. Please join us for First Light, Sunday School and Salt and Light as we unwrap these wonderful gifts from God.

And you will want to make sure you are present Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Our preschool and children's choirs will present *An Out of the Box Christmas*. This is always a special time as our children share the Christmas story through music and drama. We invite you to come and support our children and their leaders and be blessed by this special Christmas program.

We also hope you will make your reservations for dinner and join us on Wednesday nights in December. We have three Fellowship Suppers this month. This Wednesday night, December 4, during the Prayer Meeting time, we will have a Lottie Moon Emphasis led by David Cox and Jean Gordon. The Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is this week, December 1-8, so we ask you to pray, and we invite you to be present this Wednesday evening as we focus on sharing the Gospel with the entire world.

A note in closing! I am sure I say this every year, but have you ever seen Florence Church more beautiful than it is right now? We are blessed with beautiful and wonderful facilities that we enjoy every day, but the Christmas decorations add to the beauty and the wonder of it all. When you enter a building and are awed by what you see, that is absolutely amazing! No one has to say a word! Just come and worship! Come and allow God to speak to your heart!

Thank you to Martha Robinson for her leadership as the Chairperson of the Seasonal Committee in decorating the church! We are listing her committee and the host of volunteers in The Messenger. Thank you to Martha and all of you who worked that week before Thanksgiving, giving your time, talents and efforts to Florence Church.

Because of all of you, Sundays and Wednesdays will be extra special during December. But we also hasten to add that if you want to have some quiet time during the week and just want to spend some time in the Sanctuary, the LEC or the CGC, you are more than welcome. Please just enter and exit through the offices and let Teresa know that you are here.

Preacher B

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	325
General Fund	\$19,454.72
Lightshine/Bldg Fund	\$28,961.71
BackPack	\$138.00
Lottie Moon	\$3,225.65
Annie Armstrong	\$3,000.00
Upward Scholarships	\$691.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Shirley Gee

Martha Jean McFarland

Will McFarland, (Date of Birth December 7th)

Martha Jean McFarland

Clara (Tat) Morrow

Martha Jean McFarland

Joy SS Class

Everett & Grace Smith

James & Brenda Appleby (Their daughter)

Randy Smith (Brother of Julie Winslow)

Max & Connie Champion

Martha Jean McFarland

IN HONOR OF:

Mary Lee Curtis

Faith Friendship & Love SS Class

Amy Helton

Adult Choir



- 12/10 Samantha Emory, Jessica Robbins, Jennifer Shelton
- 12/11 Michael Buckner, Dale Mayse
- 12/12 Dot Culbertson, Richard Hodge, Marsha Means, Martha Robinson
- 12/13 Robert Carver, Shea Ledsoe, Wes Mayse, Justin Pintuff, Audrey White
- 12/14 Chloey Butler, Tony Helton, Emma Lovelace, Ann Melton



- 12/14 Kenny & Elizabeth Mace
Brannon & Rachel Suttle

Christmas Decorations - 2019

Committee Members: Martha Robinson
Karen Hamrick
Trudy Holland

Volunteers:

- Kay Brooks
- Connie Champion
- Haven Dufford
- Libby Fowler**
- Tom Hamrick**
- Gail Holland
- Bobby Key
- Linda Lovelace
- Tina Tarlton
- Tommy Wilson
- Bonnie Womick



Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 1 - 8

Lottie Moon Emphasis
Wednesday, December 4

Lottie Moon Offering Goal

\$10,000



Anchored Women's Bible Study

Anchored women's Bible study will meet December 12th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. We have a special guest speaker coming to share her heart and testimony and how she learned God as her Father. All women are invited to attend.



December 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Christmas Party. We will have our Youth Christmas Party at Chuck and Stephanie Hardin's house! We will have food, games, gift exchange and more! Students are asked to bring a \$5.00 or less gift for the gift exchange. Please drop off and pick up your student from the Hardin's home. If you have any questions, please contact David Cox.



RA / GA Post Office

RA/GA Post Office officially opened December 1st. You can mail cards to homebound and nursing/rest home members for free. All other cards will be 10 cents each.

Additional donations will be accepted. All money received will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (International Mission Board).

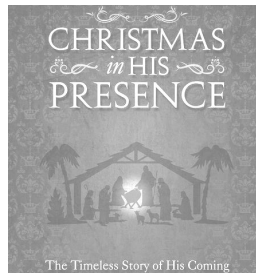
Florence Children's Choirs

Present



Sunday Evening, December 8, 6:00 P.M.

Church Sanctuary



The Florence Adult Choir

Presents

Christmas in His Presence

Sunday, December 15

First Light and Salt and Light Services



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Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Or Current Resident

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - December 8 - 14

SUNDAY:

8:45 - First Light (LEC Gym)
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 - G.L.O.W.
5:00 - Jr. G.L.O.W.
6:00 - Evening Worship
Florence Children's Choirs present:
An out-of-the-Box Christmas

MONDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
9:00 - Senior Adult Shopping Trip to Hamrick's and
lunch in Gaffney
3:00 - Deadline for Fellowship Supper Reservation

TUESDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
12:00 - Senior Adult Covered Dish Lunch (LEC)
6:00 Deacons' Christmas Dinner

WEDNESDAY:

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir
5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:30 - Choir Helpers Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time
6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool & Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer Meeting
6:30 Youth Discipleship
7:00 Children's Mission Groups
7:15- Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 - Adult Praise Band

THURSDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
6:30 - 8:00 - Anchored Bible Study

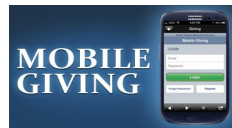
FRIDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

SATURDAY

10:00 - 2:00 - G.L.O.W. Rehearsal

Text Giving



TEXT **florencebc**
to **73256**
and give using
your smart phone!

Save the Date!

December 9 - Senior Adults Shopping Trip -
Hamrick's in Gaffney and lunch.

December 10 - Senior Adults Covered Dish Lunch

December 24 - Candlelight Service and
The Lord's Supper

NURSERY- Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 A.M. - Gina Greene, Trudy Holtzclaw,
Felicia Hamrick, Hollie Brackett, Brooklyn Smith

11:00 A.M. - Kim Bridges, Trudy Holtzclaw,
Felicia Hamrick, Hollie Brackett, Brooklyn Smith

6:00 P.M. - Kim Bridges, Kris Landry,
Barbara Blue and Assistant

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:45 A.M. - Tonya Garrison, Jean Gordon

11:00 A.M. - Tonya Garrison, Emily Garrison

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

6:15-7:00 P.M. - Alyson Mayse, Greg Mayse,
Brian and Vanessa Wiig

7:00-7:30 P.M. - Alyson Mayse, Greg Mayse,
Brian and Vanessa Wiig

