

THE

MESSENGER

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The star...
came to
rest over
the place
where the
child was. 

Matthew 2:9, ESV



Advent 2018 - Schedule

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 p.m., LEC Gym,
G.L.O.W. Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16, 8:45 and 11:00, LEC Gym,
The King Is Here, Adult Choir and Praise Band

Sunday, December 16, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary,
A Service of Carols

Sunday, December 23, 8:45 (LEC Gym) and 11:00
(Sanctuary), *The Wise Man's Story*
(A Christmas Monologue)

Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary,
Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight

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Hospitals

Atrium Health / Cleveland Regional
Rose Bass

In Sympathy

The Cromer Curtis Family

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Glenda Philbeck
Colonial Health Care
160 Health Care Drive
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PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Thank you to the Handbell Choir for a great job this past Sunday morning. The music of the bells is a great way to begin our Advent Worship.

Thank you to the Children's Choirs for *Star Search*. We had a great time Sunday evening! All of our children are stars in our book. And you pointed us to "that star" and most of all to "the Star!" We call Him Jesus! Thank you to our precious children, all the leaders and Mr. Scott! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for getting your children here on Wednesday evenings and involving them in our music and mission programs.

As we move toward the Second Sunday of Advent, we do so with much anticipation and excitement. David Cox will lead the candle lighting time this Sunday. Our 2018 theme is "Star Struck and Travel Ready." Tonya spoke to the subject of "Caught." David's key word is "Sought."

On Sunday evening, we invite you to be present for *A G.L.O.W. Christmas*. This will be held in the LEC Gym at 6:00 p.m. and is for everyone. Our youth and children will tell the story of Christmas using puppets and drama. It is always a special evening and a very special part of our Christmas at Florence. We surely hope you and your family will join us.

As we said this past Sunday, this is the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Will we join Southern Baptists the world over this week praying that the love of Christ will go to every corner of the globe? As we pray, will we also pray about what we might give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Our church goal is \$9,500.00!

Thank you for the way you have responded to the appeal for Toys for Tots during the past week. Once again, we need new, unwrapped toys to fill the tall, white boxes located in the LEC Lobby and CGC Lobby by December 15. Doug Jackson is our member contact, and these toys will be distributed locally. Thank you for your help on this!

Please remember the RA/GA Post Office is up and running. We can mail cards to church members for ten cents and to Homebound Members for free. Homebound Lists and People Lists are located at the Post Office in the CGC Welcome Center. Homebound Cards are due by this Sunday, December 9 and will be delivered on Wednesday, December 12.

A new Upward Season begins this week with practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Florence and Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Rutherford Opportunity Center. Let's pray for all of our players and cheerleaders, for all of our coaches and for Tonya as she leads this wonderful program!

Preacher B

SUNDAY, November 25, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	333
General Fund	\$17,167.07
Lightshine/Bldg Fund	\$4,478.50
BackPack Program	\$63.00
NC Baptist Men Dis. Relief	\$150.00
Youth Trips & Activities	\$150.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Will McFarland for his birthday December 7th
Mike and Mary Jane Hinkle & family
Martha Jean McFarland

Cromer Curtis
Martha Jean McFarland

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

IN MEMORY OF :

Robert Buckaloo
Joyce Buckaloo

GIFT TO THE RA & GA POST OFFICE

IN HONOR OF OUR FRIENDS AND FLORENCE FAMILY

Bill & Carolyn Hardin

RA & GA Post Office is OPEN for mail!



Deadline for mailing Homebound Cards will be Sunday, December 9th!
No charge to mail Homebound Cards.



- 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 Ledsome, Wes Mayse, Justin Pintuff, Audrey White
- 12/14 Chloey Butler, Tony Helton, Emma Lovelace, Ann Melton



- 12/14 Kenny & Elizabeth Mace, Brannon & Rachel Suttle
- 12/15 Larry & Susie Hartley

**Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering Goal
\$9,500.00**

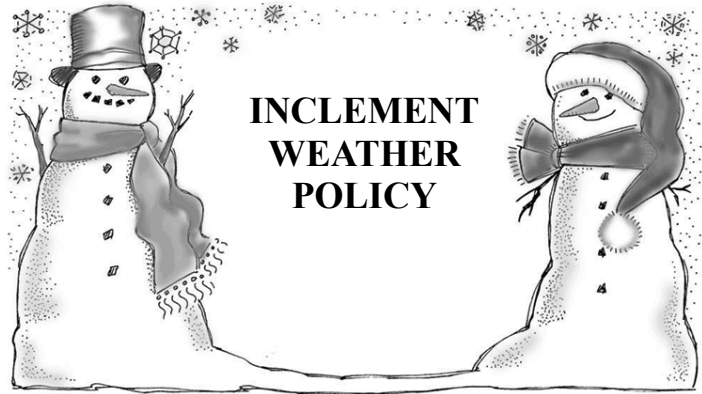
Directions Sunday School Class

Will be meeting weekly in
Room #202 AEC



No Youth Activities on Sunday Nights in December! We hope your families will enjoy our church-wide programs on Sunday Nights in December.

December 12th - Youth Christmas Party from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in The Loft. We will have food, games and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a funny gift of \$5.00 or less, and we will exchange them at the party.



In case of bad weather on Sunday, we will do everything possible to at least have 11:00 a.m. worship service. If we make any changes in our Sunday schedule because of bad weather, we will contact the local radio stations, and we will put an announcement on WBTV 3, WSPA 7 and WYFF 4. It will also be on the web site: www.florencechurch.net and on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY:

On Wednesday, if there is no school because of bad weather or school closes, we will NOT have our evening activities. (fellowship supper, prayer service, choirs, mission groups, etc.) In case of inclement weather on Tuesday or Wednesday, the menu may change without notice.

LEC:

If school is closed, the LEC will be closed for walkers.

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

If Rutherford County Schools cancel due to bad weather, then practices will be canceled on the same day. If a game is canceled due to bad weather, players will receive a call from their coach.

Church Notification System

Did you know that we have a Church Notification System? The system will send you a text with information about upcoming events and church scheduling for winter weather advisories. To sign up, just text @66kcd9d to 81010 and fill out the prompts for your name and then you're set!



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR - December 9-15

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 - Junior G.L.O.W.
6:00 - Evening Service, LEC Gym
A G.L.O.W. Christmas.

MONDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

TUESDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

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
6:00 - 7:30 - Youth Christmas Party in The Loft
6:15 - Children delivering Homebound Christmas Cards
6:15 - 7:00 Preschool Choirs
7:00 - 7:30 - Mission Friends
7:30 - Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 - Adult Praise Band

THURSDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

FRIDAY:

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

Save the Date!

December 12 - Youth Christmas Party

**December 16 - 8:45 and 11:00, LEC Gym,
The King Is Here, Adult Choir and Praise Band**

NURSERY - December 9, 2018

**8:30 A.M. - Rebekah Walker, Adam & Jordan Yelton,
Angela Dufford, Connie Champion**

**11:00 A.M. - Alyson Mayse, Jessica Robbins, Janice Robbins,
Susan Hunt, Janet Mason**

6:00 P.M. - Rae Hodge, Valerie Lail

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - December 9, 2018

8:45 A.M. - Tonya Garrison, Claudia Wilkins

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

POWERHOUSE - December 9, 2018

No Children's Activities

