

## Children

### TEACHER POSITIONS NEEDED IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT -

8:00am - 0-24 Months (odd and even months worker)

2 Teachers in the special needs ministry - should have special education background or nursing/medical background due to the needs of the children. **Please see Pastor Greg if you can help.**

"Passport to Christmas" is a mission adventure for children ages 6-12 at the Jaars facility in Waxhaw on Saturday, December 9th. The children will depart the church at 8:15am and return by 1:15pm. The cost is free, but all attending should bring a small snack and water to eat during the event.

Children's Choir will practice at 5:30pm during all of November so that we can be ready for the Children's Christmas Program. We also need to know shirt sizes for your child.

## Music & Worship

We read that Jehoshaphat appointed people to sing to the Lord, praise the beauty of holiness, and go out in front of the army saying, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever" (2 Chronicles 20:21).

So that is exactly what they did. The Bible tells us that when they began to sing and praise, God sent an ambush against the enemy, and they were destroyed. God's people were able to go into this situation giving thanks, because He was in control.

In approaching God to ask for new blessings, we should never forget to thank Him for the blessings He has already given.

Have you recently come to God for help and He came through for you? Did you come back to say "thank you"? If we would stop and think how many of the prayers we have offered to God have been answered and how seldom we come back to God to thank Him, it just might amaze us. We should be just as deliberate in giving thanks to God as we are in asking for His help.

## 55 And Uppers



**Christmas Banquet** - Saturday, December 2 at 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

This will be a catered meal so make sure to sign-up on **THE BOARD**. I will need an accurate count for the food. We will enjoy a time of worship and celebration with Christopher Spence. Don't miss out!

## Life Groups/Discipleship

◆ **No CONNECT** today and through the Holidays. CONNECT will resume on January 7, 2018 in the Conference room at 9:30.

◆ Join us in LifeGroup as we study "Second Nature". Information concerning our LifeGroup ministry can be found on our website at [www.lancastersbc.org](http://www.lancastersbc.org).

◆ Check out the books that have impacted our Youth Pastor's walk with Jesus. Stop by the church library and look for **Brandon's Books!**

## Youth/College/Recreation

- Small Group Christmas Decorating tonight at 6pm. Everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Find your group and you will get your assignments there.
- IGNITION and ENOUGH will have a joint service in The GC at 6pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this week's service.
- DNOW registration will begin on December 1. Be on the lookout for more information to come!!!

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### Second Chances

Life Groups  
every Sunday  
morning @  
8:00, 9:30  
& 11:00AM

Youth Small  
Groups

Sunday @ 6PM

ENOUGH  
and  
IGNITION  
Wednesday @  
6:00 PM

Bible Study-  
Wednesday @  
6:00 PM

Kid's & WEE  
Worship  
Today  
9:30 & 11:00

Celebrate  
Recovery  
Thursday  
@ 6PM

6:00 PM

### Lord's Supper

today: **November 26, 2017**

**Media Team Schedule:** Chris Phillips, Ben Oswald, Wendell Bowers

#### Worship Greeters:

**8AM:** Chuck & Rhonda Loughry, *main*  
Don & Judy Archibald, *FMC*  
Steve Culp, *back*  
Dianne Belk, *preschool*

**9:30AM** Mickey & Karen Starnes, *main*  
Mike & Kay Hilton, *FMC Lobby*  
Richard & Barbara Whitaker, *back*  
Brian & Melanie Broughton, *preschool*

**11AM:** Rudy & Sandy Schmidt, *main*  
Bryon & Tamara Powers, *FMC Lobby*  
Ray & Amber Forrester, *back*  
Regina Dobson, *preschool*

this week: **Wednesday, November 29**

Wednesday Morning Church.....10:00AM  
Evening Bible Study.....6:00PM  
Praise Team/Praise Band Rehearsal.....6:30PM  
Choir Practice.....7:30PM

#### Welcome Desk Rotation:

9-9:30AM: Jane Roberts  
Before & after 11AM worship: Teresa Reynolds

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Hot Dogs, Chili, Slaw, Dessert & Tea  
Supper is served from 4:45-5:45pm.  
(Please remember to sign up for supper.)

**Deacon of the Week:** Bryon Powers  
**Shut-In of the Week:** Betty Rowell - 1105 University Drive

### BIRTHDAYS - November 26 - December 2

- 26- Rhonda Glock, Myron Stroud  
27- Dola Bivins, George Camp III, Virginia Faile, Bud Hamrick, Tim Jackson, Joshua Lilly, Jaimie Mullis, Thomas Richards  
28- Gavan Baucom, Sandra Holland, Rex Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Brady Kirk, Jill Madden, Paula Sinclair, Jenna Squier, Walter Steele, Glen Stein, Alicia Strothers, David Threatt  
29- Bert Chapman, David Falgout, Steven Jackson, Kristen Joyner, Heather Knight, Blakie Shute, Kim Ward  
30- Jeanne Bekemeier, Sue Bischoff, Mandy Eudy, Gary Evans, Bill Moody Jr., Jason Rudisill, Scott Wallace, Payton Williams  
01- Tara Anderson, Randy Craig, Luke Fesperman, Tammy Kirkley, Karla Roche Ramirez, Sylvia Timmons, Drew Viola, Erika Watts  
02- Betty Adams, Brian Broughton, Hanna Carlton, Ingrid Espinoza, Brett Hinson, Matthew Mize, Ella Starnes, Chrys Steele

## Missions

There are some upcoming opportunities to serve at **The Connection...** December 10th, Christmas pictures and caroling, and December 16th, Connection tree party. If you can help with any of these events please contact Shanda Mackey at 803-235-5789.

## Other Ministry Opportunities

God is working...  
Lives are changing...

Come & join us at Celebrate Recovery...a safe place.  
A Christ centered recovery program for hurts, hang-ups & habits. We meet every Thursday, 6PM, room 101.

No child care provided.



## Budget/Finance/Administration

### Budget Report Update (11-19-17)

Budget Receipts.....	\$34,345.01	Weekly Budget Requirement.....	\$45,138.13
Imagine the Impact Building Fund .....	\$565.00	Budget Requirement to Date.....	\$2,121,492.21
Other Designation .....	\$61,430.33	Budget Received to Date.....	\$2,191,158.25
Deposit Adj.....	0	Budget Excess/Under.....	\$69,666.04
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offering .....</b>	<b>\$96,340.34</b>		

Building Fund Balance.....\$54,103.32  
Worship Center Debt Retirement Fund.....\$153,966.10

Attendance	
Life Groups.....	699
Morning Worship.....	1048

## Church Staff

### Dr. Brian G. Saxon, Senior Pastor

Tony Neely, *Church Administrator*  
Sharon Johnson, *Preschool Worship*  
Richard Thompson, *Music & Worship*  
Robin Helm, *Associate of Music*  
Larry Helm, *Senior Adult*  
Brandon Helms, *Youth*  
David Falgout, *Associate Pastor and Pastor of Local Ministry & Missions*  
Greg Gibson, *Preschool & Children*

Alora Broyles, *Preschool Coordinator*  
Ryan Deese, *Audio/Media Director*  
Pat Nobles, *Financial Min. Assistant*  
Melanie Sanders, *Ministry Assistant*  
Beth Center, *Ministry Assistant*  
Tammy Gardner, *WEE School*  
Garry Threatt, *Campus Manager*  
Jim Taylor, *Campus Manager Asst.*

**Holiday Schedule**

November 26 - Lord's Supper in PM service  
December 3 - Children's Christmas service  
December 9 & 10 - "You Light the World" Adult Choir Musical  
December 20 - No Wednesday services/activities  
December 24 - One Regular morning worship service at 11am only  
December 24 - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5pm  
December 25 & 26 - Church office closed  
December 27 - No Wednesday services/activities  
December 31 - Regular AM & PM services  
January 1 - Church office closed

**AWANA**

November 29 - Regular Awana Night  
December 6 - Change for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
December 13 - Regular Awana Night  
December 20 - NO Awana Christmas Break  
December 27 - NO Awana Christmas Break

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SINGLE AGAIN MINISTRY**

Come join us on Monday, December 4th, on our trip to Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. We will be enjoying the entries of the 24th Annual Gingerbread House Competition and the Inn's Christmas decorations. Please be prepared to stop for lunch at the Moose Café following our tour. If you are interested in going please contact Betty Adams at 803-283-2661.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



"Walking in a Winter Wonderland" Christmas Gala  
December 7th at 6pm in the FMC  
Tickets available at the Welcome Center/cost is \$10

New Books for parents and families are available in our church library. They deal with complex cultural issues such as childhood physical and sexual abuse, sexual identity, homosexuality, and other similar issues. You may also purchase a copy of these books for your own library from Pastor Greg.

Second Chances

Do you need a second chance? Do you need to give someone a second chance? Do you seek or need forgiveness? If we are honest, we could all stand to extend forgiveness and ask for forgiveness more than we do. But why don't we? The heart of the problem is pride. We hate to admit we are wrong, that we messed up. Let me ask a simple question, what is more important, being right or your marriage relationship? According to Tyndale Bible Dictionary forgiveness is the restoration of broken relationships; ceasing to feel resentment for wrongs and offenses. Principally, forgiveness is an act of God, releasing sinners from judgment and freeing them from the divine penalty of their sin. Since only God is holy, only God can forgive sin. Because of Jesus, we have complete forgiveness as a result of His atoning sacrifice. But forgiveness is also a human act extended toward one another. It is a demonstration of one's realization and appropriation of God's forgiveness. As believers we should be the first to demonstrate forgiveness because we have experienced it. This week I want you to live with a spirit of forgiveness so that God will be glorified through your life.

*Pastor Brian*

**Second Chances**

1 Samuel 26:1-25

**Forgiveness Required (1 Samuel 26:1-12)**

**Forgiveness is not Forgetting (Ephesians 4:31-32; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17)**

**Decisions, Decisions (1 Samuel 26:13-25)**