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*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

*From Your CSBC Staff
We love each of you!*

- Ken Reid*
- Ray Conway*
- Tim Shaw*
- Gordon Corbett*
- Jolene Corbett*
- Vanessa Conway*
- Betty Stephens*
- Linda Waters*
- Ruth C. Smith*

**WALHALLA CIVIC CHORALE PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS CHORALE CONCERT - SATURDAY, 12-21-13
8:00 P.M. - WALHALLA CIVIC AUDITORIUM**

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - SUNDAY, 12-22-13 AT 10:15 A.M.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER
SUNDAY, 12-22-13 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DISMANTLE & STORE CHRISTMAS DÉCOR AT CSBC
MONDAY, 12-23-13
BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.
A FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT
FATZ CAFÉ IN SENECA, SC**



Music Notes



- Ray Conway, Minister of Worship

MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

December 22, 2013

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Mike Oakley, Sr.
6:00 p.m. - Mike Bonham

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Casey Wilkie (AH/PT)
6:00 p.m. - Joe Rukat (Solos)

December 29, 2013

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Randy McManmay
NO PM SERVICE

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Jeremy Tichenor (Solo)
NO PM SERVICE

January 5, 2014

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Mike Bonham
NO PM SERVICE

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Michael Oakley, Sr. (WEns)
NO PM SERVICE

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, December 22 - ADVENT 4
8:00 AM - Adult Handbells rehearse
9:00 AM - PraiseTeam rehearsal
10:10 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal
5:30 PM - PraiseTeam rehearsal
6:00 PM - Candlelight Lord's Supper Service
- Wednesday, December 25 -
MERRY CHRISTMAS! (No rehearsals)
- Sunday, December 29 -
8:00 AM - Praise and Worship rehearsal -
Brad Poore leads
- Wednesday, January 1 -
HAPPY NEW YEAR! (No rehearsals)
- Sunday, January 5 -
STUDENT-LED WORSHIP
- Wednesday, January 8 -
6:15 PM - Children's Choirs meet
7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal
8:30 PM - WorshipTeam rehearsal



WALHALLA CIVIC CHORALE CONCERT

The Walhalla Civic Chorale will present a Community Christmas Chorale Concert on Saturday, December 21, at 8:00 PM at the Civic Auditorium. All are welcome!

EXTENDED TEACHING CARE

December 22, 2013
Christi Mason

December 29, 2013
Brandy Wilkie

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING

The Golden Fellowship Club will meet January 2, 2014 at 12 noon in the FLC. All Seniors are invited to attend. We will have soup and cornbread and members can bring side dishes/desserts to go with soup. Justin Ward with the Oconee County Sheriff Department will present a program on Identity Theft. He will share some valuable information for all Seniors and anyone interested. For further information, please call Joyce Morgan at 638-2390.

2013 WELCOME DESK/GREETER SCHEDULE

DATE	9:00-9:15 GREETERS	10:00-10:20 WELCOME DESK	10:00-10:20 GREETERS	11:30-11:40 WELCOME DESK
Dec 22	Jayne Watson & Greg Tichenor	Jamia Oakley	Clarence & Carolyn Blankenship	Linda Quarles
Dec 29	Paula Kirkland & Elaine Hiler	Jeanette Stroud	Allan Addis	Gladys Thrift

Children & Youth Ministries

- Tim Shaw, Minister of Students

I remember a Christmas from years ago when I was a little boy living in Princeton, WV. I had a best friend across the street, and we were showing each other our presents.

I received a musket rifle like Davy Crockett had. It even had "Old Betsy" engraved on the patch box of the stock! I was happy with what I got until I saw what he got -- a coonskin cap! I'd never seen anything like it. It felt real and I thought it was the coolest thing ever. Was it really better than the toy I had? No. But he had it and I didn't. And *he* wanted what *I* had!

I know it sounds childish, but do we really outgrow that attitude?

- ◆ My neighbors are doing a room addition.
- ◆ My friend got a raise.
- ◆ That couple I see on Facebook are always going somewhere wonderful.
- ◆ My fellow pastor's ministry is booming. That church is growing by leaps and bounds.

It's been said that envy shoots at another and wounds itself. The only person you hurt when you allow envy into your heart is yourself. I hate to break it to you, but the person you are envying probably has no idea how you feel, and most likely could care less. It's really all about you suffering because of a bad attitude.

I heard about a crab fisherman who would carry the crabs he had caught in an open bucket. Someone said, "Why don't you put a lid on that bucket? Aren't you afraid your crabs will get out?" "No," he replied. "The moment one of them climbs out the other ones reach up and pull him back down."

Don't we do that sometimes? How dare you succeed? How dare you do well? You come back down here with the rest of us where you belong!

We would all do well to heed what the Bible says about this:

"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

I quickly came to realize that that Christmas gift from my parents was pretty cool and I didn't deserve it. I had never seen anything like *it* either. My friend and I would share and take turns with what we had. We had fun and I loved and played with that musket for many years. What a wonderful gift!

God's Gift is beyond awesome!! There is nothing like it. God's Gift came to us not in beautiful, ornate wrapping, but in a dirty manger found in a cold cave in a little-known town called Bethlehem. That's the beauty of the Christmas event. As much as we do not deserve it (Rom. 5:8) and despite who we are, the amazing truth of Christmas is that Jesus took His place in a manger so that we might have a home in heaven (John 3:16).

Let's have fun together and love Him and joyously share His Gift!

Merry Christmas!

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,

Timothy Shaw
Minister of Students
College Street Baptist Church
Walhalla, South Carolina

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENUS

JANUARY 8, 2014

Menu

Assorted Soups,
Bread, Dessert & Drinks

Host: Nickie King/Tracy Haney Group

JANUARY 15, 2014

Menu

Pork, Broccoli Casserole, Baked
Sweet Potatoes, Corn Muffins,
Dessert & Drinks

Host: Ann Yelton Group

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION UPDATE

Beginning 2014, we plan to change our publication dates for The Beacon newsletter. We will publish the newsletter only once per month following the month of January 2014. It will be published on the third Wednesday of each month and mailed out on that date.

We will begin the year by printing a newsletter on January 8th followed by the second one on January 22nd. In February and following, the newsletter will be mailed out as stated above. Hopefully this will not make a significant difference in the information we are able to bring to you. However, due to this change, information for the newsletter will need to be given to us a month prior to events rather than two weeks as has been true in the past.

Also, we will be happy to change your method of delivery should those of you who are receiving a hard copy prefer receiving this via e-mail.

Scheduled publication dates are as follows:

January 8th/22nd	April 16th	July 16th	October 15th
February 19th	May 21st	August 20th	November 19th
March 19th	June 18th	September 17th	December 17th

INCLEMENT WEATHER ADVISORY...

In the event of Inclement Weather, College Street Baptist Church will announce closings and changes to program via the following methods.

WYFF will run closing at the bottom of the screen.

WGOG will run closings as they are available.

E-mail alerts will be sent from the Pastor's e-mail. (Should you not be receiving prayer alerts and announcements from the Pastor, you can add your name to the list by e-mailing csbcpastor@bellsouth.net).

Word of mouth and contacts with family and friends.

**PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS ARE STILL
NEEDED BY OUR FOOD BANK!
PLEASE DROP THESE OFF AT
THE CHURCH OR SS OFFICE.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear College Street Baptist Church,

"The family of Abigail Rose Carroll thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy."

Thank you so much for the care and concern you have shown to us after the passing of our precious Abby. We are deeply grateful for your attendance at her service, the comforting cards and notes, the beautiful flowers, the treasured pictures and the donations made in Abby's memory. Most of all, your prayers have been so needed and are so very appreciated. We know you will continue to keep us in your faithful prayers.

With our most sincere gratitude.

Mark, Donna & Ashley Carroll

Dear College Street Family,

"Thank you for your kindness and your special thoughtfulness." Thank you for the memorial gift to Elmwood United Methodist Church honoring our brother. Our family is comforted to know we have a church family who lifts us up in times like these.

God bless you always.

Jerry McCall & Family

Dear Members of College Street,

"The family of Dennis Wayne McCall acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy."

Your remembrance of Dennis through a memorial to our church was greatly appreciated. Dennis loved our church and his Lord.

He loved to fish, as you all know, but he used the opportunity to fish for men when he found someone who did not know the Lord. I do hope there are no fences around heaven's ponds like the mill pond. A little bird told me he threw his line over the fence there!

We are touched you thought of us. He loved his hometown and his family still there.

Much Love In Christ,
Judy (McCall) & Family

Dear College Street Baptist Church,

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis McCall a gift has been presented to Elmwood United Methodist Church by College Street Baptist Church.

Thank you for the memorial for Dennis. It is much appreciated.

Sylvia Waver, Treasurer
Elmwood United Methodist Church

Dear Rev. Reid,

Thank you so much for your kind gift to Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church in memory of Noah Moore. We have notified George and Betty Jo Moore of your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bowman, Financial Secretary

THANK YOU NOTES

(Continued)

Below is a note which was e-mailed to Debbie Rukat from Carla Underwood regarding the appreciation of your response to Operation Christmas Child 2013. By this note, Mrs. Debbie would like each of you to know how much your love and efforts mean to so many. Thanks to all of you!

Hi to All, and THANK YOU for a wonderful Operation Christmas Child 2013. I hope each of you knows the Kingdom impact of the shoeboxes you packed. In what other ministry could you personally bring the Gospel to so many people.

*"The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, **He will rejoice over you with singing.**" Zephaniah 3:16-18*

*He is singing over you with **JOY!** What a dynamic thought in these days leading up to a celebration of the birth of our Savior. May your hearts be filled with joy, also.*

*If you have not heard already, the Upstate collected **66,587 shoeboxes** during Collection Week! What an incredible number! By the end of Dec, that number will likely reach over 70,000 when shoeboxes that have been taken directly to Charlotte, Atlanta, and Boone are added to the total.*

*All I can say is: **WAY TO GO, UPSTATE!***

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds to jump back into ministry in January. We can send **HOPE** to even more lost and dying children around the world if we start early and stay strong in our resolve in 2014.*

*We hope to see you at one of our **Celebration Events** in March (date tbd).
Let's get together to **CELEBRATE** what the Lord has done!*

Cathy Huffman --

**Operation Christmas Child (a ministry of Samaritan's Purse)
Area Coordinator
Upstate South Carolina**

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

May you always be overwhelmed by the Grace of God rather than by the cares of life.