

THE FORESTBROOK LIGHTHOUSE

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From The Pastor's pen

Pastor Jim

Dear Church Family,

As I write this article it is very hard to believe it is time to say "Merry Christmas again!" Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas Season has begun. As Jackie Gleason used to say "and away we go."

Even in the midst of these turbulent economic times, there is no time of the year like Christmas. Though stores like The Gap, Banana Republic and Old Navy don't want to recognize Jesus as the reason for the season, and just want to call it a holiday, we still know that the only reason there is such a thing as Christmas, is because of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the World. So let me say to you and to all who read this newsletter, **Merry Christmas!**

The world needs to remember that without Christ there is no Christmas. The money that the retailers make at this time of year is because of Christmas. We put up Christmas trees, buy Christmas gifts, send out Christmas cards and we sing Christmas carols. The Children get a Christmas break from school and employers give their employees Christmas day off of work and sometimes a Christmas bonus. We have candle-light services on Christmas Eve and then we go home to open Christmas gifts on Christmas Day and eat the Christmas turkey. It seems that the common denominator in all things going on in America around December 25th is CHRISTMAS. I hope you have a blessed Christmas this year.

Before I close let me say, please remember to make your gift to the Lord (through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) as generous as you can this year. Our church goal is \$8,426.00. There is no better way to give our Lord a birthday gift than to send and keep missionaries on the fields around the world. There are more than 1.5 billion people from 40 nations that do not know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and as near as we are to the end of the age, we cannot afford to pull back now. <><

Pastor Jim

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



December Anniversaries and Birthdays

01	Renee Funderburk	10	Ruth Todd	19	Edna Sluss	22	Jim and Charlene Johnson	27	David and Sue Ann Lee
02	Robert Todd	12	June Collins	20	Trinity Trombino	23	Diane Catoe	28	Ronald Lee
03	Jim Shriver	13	Sherry Hetherington	21	Jack Jolly	25	Diane Sullivan	30	Leah Clark
03	Laura Farmer	17	Shelby Hardee	22	Joe and Rosemary Moniz	26	Millie Baldea	31	John DeBerry
09	Jack and Pam Jolly	17	Timothy Hucks						

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FBC Mission Statement: "To reach the unbelieving and to equip believers to impact our world with the Gospel of Christ."



Sunday school news & views



*The Bible Comes To Life
In Sunday School!*

All Ages

Christmas is upon us and we're all busy and excited. There are hundreds of things to do and many people to see. It doesn't matter what your age, young or old, we all love Christmas.

Every Sunday in December something exciting is happening at church. The youngest to the oldest will bless us with song. Allow yourself and your loved ones the time to be faithful to Sunday School and all of our services. Most of us have heard the story of the birth of Christ since we were young and the wonder of it all is still miraculous.

Join me in thanking Randy and Vicki Whitaker for the wonderful work they have done in Children's worship. Many of our children have grown up under their leadership and teaching; they will really be missed when they move to Atlanta.

See You in Sunday School
Sandy West

P.S. We still need teachers in all classes. If you are willing to let God use you to bless others, please let me know.

WANTED: YOUTH OF ALL AGES
Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 6 pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

"and the Lord added to the church...."

Jonathan Askey
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Betty Etrick
2805 Six Shot Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Renee Funderburk
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

December

Calendar of Events

2009

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
N.A.M. WEEK OF PRAYER LOTTIE MOON OFFERING GOAL IS \$8,426.00		1	2	3 7:00 pm Bldg. Fund Meeting	4 7:00 pm Gospel Sing At The Beach at MB High School	5 5:00 pm Young Adult Class Fellowship
6 7:00 pm Wee Choir Christmas Program	7 7:30 pm Deacons Mtg.	8	9	10 6:30 pm Street Reach Meal	11 7:00 pm Youth Christmas Fellowship	12
13 7:00 pm Children's Choir Christmas Program 8:00 pm Church Christmas Fellowship	14 7:30 pm B&G Mtg.	15	16	17	18	19
20 7:00 pm Adult Choir Christmas Cantata	21	22	23	24 6:00 pm Candle Light Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28	29	30	31	OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	