

The Messenger

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*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year!*

Your Church Staff



FROM OUR PASTOR

The words of this statement will be inadequate, but here it is anyway: it is a privilege to be able to serve as the pastor of LBBC. To keep the list short I will just mention some things from this month only - first it has been a tremendous blessing to watch our church family step into the lives of so many families and make a real difference. Every week this month needs have been discovered and met. As of today we have on our list 30 families that you have assisted, not counting others that Sunday School classes have aided on their own. I also need to add to that list bags and items that you have given to be handed out at the Soup Kitchen when our youth serve there this week. Another addition would be the families that you help feed every week through your donations to the Food Pantry.

You have also shown an outpouring of love and support for families who have lost a loved one. Time and time again grieving families have mentioned how much their church family has meant to them during a most difficult time. Your presence, your words, the food you brought, have all made an impact as an expression of what it means to love in Jesus' name.

And on a more personal note, I have been blessed by your encouraging words, cards, and even gifts. I know that it must please the Lord to know that His church is so focused on lifting up His Son. And that is what takes place in all that we do. Every worship service seems to become a holy encounter - from Sunday AM through Wednesday PM. People are excited about the time we spend in the Word. We come with a spirit of anticipation that God will say something to us - and He does. Since I have hijacked the Music Ministry column I will save my comments for you to read there.

Finally, it is a true joy to work with our Ministry Team. There is such a passion for the Lord and for exalting Him in all that we do. I am humbled by the thought that a great God loves me and has honored me by being able to serve Him with them.

May God bless each of you with a wonderful season of celebrating the birth of His Son.

WELCOME

CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming for Baptism:

Tony Schlievert, 604 Adelaide Drive, Sptg., SC 29301

HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Rachel Nesbitt, James Taylor, Judy Bowers, Hayden Wilson

MUSIC MINISTRY

Below you will read comments from your music leadership, but as your pastor I want to borrow this space this week to say thank you to everyone who serves in our Music Ministry. First, to Jeff and Robbin for being great team leaders. You have made our music program into a music ministry. I repeatedly hear comments from choir members talking about rehearsal turning into a time of worship and how the Spirit of God was felt as you sang through a song in preparation to lead the Body in worship. Thank you to every member in the choir, orchestra, and technical teams for using your talents to serve our Lord. Thank you for making it about Him. Thank you for your time and dedication. Thank you for being worship leaders. Thank you to all who work with our Preschool and Children's Choirs. Both of them were a blessing in the services this past Sunday. Thank you for putting a song in the heart of our children for them to use to praise our Lord. And especially thank you choir for an unbelievable time of worship Sunday evening. I have never heard you do better in your performance, but most of all I add my response to the multitudes that I have heard and that is to thank you for leading us in a time when the Spirit of God fell.

A Night of Hope turned into a night of great worship and a night of blessings! First, we want to thank everyone who participated and helped with preparations. All the practicing and rehearsals truly honored our Savior! The choir was spectacular...the orchestra was spot on...and our media and sound teams were wonderful!

When we come together in corporate worship, let last night be a prime example of how we as a congregation should worship together each and every time. Times like that we connect not only to each other but also to the Holy Spirit! This is one of many ways that we need to share God's message with all who need it and search for it. We are examples of the eternal hope that Christ gives us!

The Music Ministry wishes ALL of you a blessed and Merry Christmas and invites you to become a part of our ministry in the New Year. We are hoping to grow the Music Ministry so we can have many more voices to help us spread God's Word!

*MERRY CHRISTMAS and God Bless!!!...from
the LBBC MUSIC MINISTRY*



R.E.S.C.U.E.
(Youth Ministries)

This time of year always seems to make me sit back and reflect on the way that the whole year has gone. I can't help but think about how much the Lord has truly blessed me and my family this year. As you celebrate during the Christmas season I hope that each of you can see the true meaning of Christmas.

I heard a well known politician/preacher say the other day that Christmas is about family. I have to respectfully disagree. Although being around family is very important during the Christmas season, the reason we celebrate is for no other reason than our Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems like more and more you hear statements like these and witness selfish acts around Christmas. People seem to focus too much on worldly desires during this season instead of the true reason. I liked Mark's comments on the Christmas tree in the service this past Sunday. With a tree we celebrate His birth and by a tree He was crucified. I like to think of Christmas as not just about the birth of Christ but also about his work on Calvary. Without the birth there could not be a death, but without a death there could not be life. Thank God for sending his Son to be our sacrifice, our Savior, our King, our Lord. The list could go on forever.

I hope each of you has a very merry Christmas. It is truly a blessing and honor to serve with you at Lake Bowen. Matt

Events update:

- December 23rd Soup kitchen serving*** Time Change*** be at church at 10:30 returning around 1:00
- December 23rd Student Christmas party. 7:00- until. \$5-10 gift needed per student. Party is at Evanwood Subdivision club house. Location is at the corner of Belcher Rd. and Old John Dodd Rd. apx ¼ mile from Asheville Hwy. If you need directions call Matt at 809-3309.
- Afterglow schedule: Sunday December 27th, January 3rd, January 17th, January 31st.
- Winter trip in planning stages for end of January. Details to come.
- Student Basketball league to tentatively start toward end of February. Grades 6th-12th. Details to come. Call Matt if you have any questions.



Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for food and worship. Testimonies and workbook lesson bi-weekly. Bring your hurts, habits, and hang-ups and give them to God. Come worship with us.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the following families:

Jeff and Donna Walker at the passing of Jeff's father Coleman and Trevor Walker at the passing of their grandfather

Tony and Andrea Fantacone at the passing of Tony's mother

Anthony and Angela Fantacone at the passing of their grandmother

LOOKING FOR A STOCKING STUFFER OR SPECIAL TEACHER'S GIFT?

Come by the Coffee Shop and purchase a gift card in the amounts of \$5, \$10, or \$20; or if you never have cash on hand, purchase one to keep for yourself. See Jennifer Blanton.

THE MESSENGER BY E-MAIL

We are trying to get most of our newsletters going out electronically. If you have e-mail and would be willing to get The Messenger that way, please call the church office (814-6280) and give us your e-mail address or you may send your information by e-mail to carolyn@lakebowenbaptist.com. You may also download The Messenger from the internet on our website under Get Connected. If you do this, please let us know to take you off the mailing list.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Each newsletter we want to highlight a member of the Armed Forces. Please contact the church office if you have a family member serving and would like for them to be included.



CASSETTE TAPE MINISTRY

If you are a shut-in or know of a shut-in that would like to get a cassette tape of the services on Sunday, please call the church office or see Betty Smith.



Thank you cards are displayed on the bulletin board inside the church office in the copy room for a couple of months. We have received thank you cards from the following: Carolyn Moore and Family, Lorene & Vickie Thomas

LOST YOUR JOB?

For those who have lost your job, we would like to help your search. In the newsletter, *The Messenger*, we will have a section for you to briefly list your info and contact information. On a piece of paper submit the information as follows: Name, phone number, type of employment you are seeking. We will not be able to advertise current businesses; this is only for those seeking positions of employment.

PEOPLE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

1. Richard VanderMeulen 864-473-1720 – Architect
2. Tina Stewart – 864-472-5963 – Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting
3. Kirkland Ahern – 828-489-9026 – Seeking position in Behavioral or Mental Health.
4. Susan Hines – 864- 473-2204 - Domestic Paralegal but willing to do any type of clerical work.

NURSE OR EMT ON CALL FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Morning, December 27: Brenda West
Sunday Morning, January 3: Jeff Corrigan



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, December 27: Debbie Williams, Cheryl Price
Sunday Evening, January 3: Stephen & Michelle Grigg, Keith Corn



COUNTING COMMITTEE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Les & Jean Green, Brian Green, Jackie Cothran, Dennis & Kelli Adams

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Ed & Luann Cartee, Shannon & Sharon Daugherty, Joe & Connie White

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	December 13	December 20
Sunday School:	395	405
Tithes & Offerings	\$13,194.77	\$14,057.00
Building Fund	\$144,147.88	

OFFERING ENVELOPES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember you will need to pick up your new tithing envelopes. Do not use these envelopes until the first Sunday in January 2010. If you were not assigned an envelope number, contact Diane and one will be assigned to you. The envelopes are in the hallway on the Preschool side.

Also, remember the last Sunday in 2009 will be December 27. Anything received after the morning offering on this day, will be posted in 2010.

Thank you for continuing to give to your church!

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