

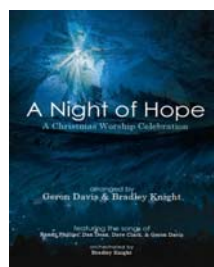
The Messenger



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December 7, 2009



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US
AS THE ADULT CHOIR
PRESENTS
A NIGHT OF HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 PM

Our children's choir will be opening our service in song and handbells.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Listening...Listening...Listening...

I think that we all experience times when that is exactly what it seems that we are doing in our prayer life-listening and asking God to say something. But at times it seems that we are the only ones talking because it appears that God isn't saying anything. That is why our Sunday morning series, Discovering God's Voice, is so important. God is always saying something to us. The problem is that we are not always able to hear. If that is a struggle that you have I hope that you will plan to be here this coming Sunday as we examine the keys to being able to hear.

Sunday evening we will continue our study on what happens when a believer dies. We have worked thru the Biblical instruction on what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ. This past Sunday evening we spent time in the passage that deals with the Unpardonable Sin and how that passage correlates with passages on the security of the believer. I encourage you to be here as we learn to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling."

HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Jenna Dukes, Debbie Pruitt; Upcoming surgery: Chris Watson

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the families:
- Lee Gilreath at the passing of her mother and Janet Haynes' aunt, Ruth Lamb
- Robbin Corn & Rene' McAbee and family at the passing of their father, Robert Bridges
- Carolyn Moore at the passing of her husband, Ronnie Moore.
- Barry and Cindy McAbee, Jason and Linda McAbee, and Susan Moore at the passing of their father.
- Hailey and Natalie McAbee and Grant McAbee at the passing of their grandfather.



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

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.

WELCOME

CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming by Transfer of Letter:

Larry and Tracy Sprouse, 333 Stillwater Circle, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

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.



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 19

Fellowship Hall

12 - 2 pm

Bring age appropriate gift for boy or girl. We will have food and Christmas story. We need to have at least one parent with each child.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CAMPFIRE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
7 - 9 PM**

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

It's that time of year again when every one is hustling and bustling around trying to get that perfect gift for someone. I tend to be a Scrooge at Christmas because it has gotten so materialistic and personally, everyone has about everything that they could want or need. The one thing that we tend to push to the side is the real reason for the season – Jesus Christ.

In this time of uncertainty of economy, finances, jobs, even health, our focus should be more in tune to the path that God has for us. How are you doing during this time? Are you spiritually stronger or personally defeated? Are you bitter or better? God has so many blessings available for us that we miss out on because we focus too much on what we are going through. This year is coming to an end and next year proves to be more uncertain but God knows what is going to happen already and that should give us the faith, hope and confidence to look forward to what lies ahead.

The adult musical, A Night of Hope, is a worship celebration of the hope found in the birth of our Savior and the power He has to provide us with the peace and joy that we need. Bring your family and friends to worship with us. Don't be afraid, God knows right where you are.



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

We all need prayer. We need to pray and sometimes we need other people to pray for us. Your prayer team here at Lake Bowen Baptist Church is willing and ready to pray for you or someone you know anytime. Call the

church office and your prayer request will be forwarded to us.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Each newsletter we will be highlighting 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.

LCPL Jason Bass, US Marine Corps
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Currently stationed: Al Asad, Iraq
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3/24 Lima Co. WPNS PLT
Unit 43525
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R.E.S.C.U.E.
(Youth Ministries)

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Service E.M.S. Training 6:30 p.m.
Life Groups Sunday 5:30 p.m.

Events update:

- December 19th live nativity scene 5:30- until
- December 23rd Soup kitchen serving at church at 9:00 to be at soup kitchen by 9:30
- Leaving to come back at 1:30
- December 23rd Student Christmas party. 7:00- until. \$5-10 gift needed per student.

YOUTH MINISTRY

This has to be my favorite time of the year. The coolness of fall is starting to turn in to the cold of winter. My wife, Catherine, is starting to watch the weather channel in vast anticipation of possible snow in our near future. College football is coming to a close and all the bowl games are being decided (ROLL TIDE!!!!) I just figured I'd throw that out there. But my biggest reason for this time of year is in knowing that around 2000 years ago our Lord came to earth in the form of man as a

baby born of a virgin. Emmanuel!!!! (God with us). He came not only to be with us but to die for us. In light of all the celebrations we take part of during the Christmas season the one celebration we should never lose sight in is that of the work of Jesus Christ. Christ came and laid in a manger, to offer Himself as a sacrifice for us, to die on a cross, to defeat death by rising three days later, to ascend into heaven, to prepare a place for all who believe, and to return for His church in all His glory. Christmas isn't about what gifts we have under the tree, but it is about the gift the Christ has given all of us. That gift is the gift of salvation and everlasting life through the blood of Christ. I hope each of you have a wonderful and tremendously blessed Christmas.
Matt



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.



FOOD CLOSET

As you shop over the next few weeks, please pick up a couple of extra items for the closet. Thank you for your willingness to help others!!



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: DK Jones.

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. Timothy Scott – 864-497-1524 – Truck Driver with over 30 years experience. Looking for local route, but would consider going overnight.
4. Kirkland Ahern – 828-489-9026 – Seeking position in Behavioral or Mental Health.
5. 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 13: Lynn Morris
Sunday Morning, December 21: Brenda West



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, December 13: Colby Grigg, Chris & Jennifer Reihl



**COUNTING COMMITTEE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Richard Gowan, Kenny & Frances Bass, Vickie Smith, Lewis & Martha Rosman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Tommy & Connie Pearson, Ronnie & Estelle Bridges, Steve McAbee, Larry Richards

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	November 29	December 6
Sunday School:	375	380
Tithes & Offerings	\$12,273.29	\$13,857.25
Building Fund	\$135,182.26	

OFFERING ENVELOPES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember you will need to pick up your new tithing envelopes by December 20. 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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