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# Reflections

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### Snow Day

I have always loved snow. I especially love snow in South Carolina because it's usually gone within a day or two. Being in the ministry has put a strain on my relationship with snow. For some reason it seems to snow around the weekend. As a pastor, if I had my preference, it would never snow on Saturdays or Sundays. I'm sure our school teachers and business owners wished it never snowed during the week. From a ministry perspective, it's always a challenge trying to decide when or if to cancel Sunday services. There are so many factors to consider, not the least of which is everyone's safety. As it turned out canceling services on the 9<sup>th</sup> was the right decision. Traveling conditions were treacherous and there was no electricity at the church.

One challenge we face when canceling Sunday services is missing the Sunday offering. I realize that doesn't sound very spiritual but the reality is our church, in fact every church, depends of the weekly offerings to meet its ministry budget and pay bills. Typically, the month of December is our best month from a financial perspective so missing a Sunday in December is especially challenging. If the snow kept you from getting your offering to the church would you consider bringing it this Sunday? Remember you can always give on-line. If you have missed giving your tithe at other points during the year now is a great time to catch up. I love the command and promise we find in Malachi 3:10, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."

For Him,  
Chad



### Sunday, December 23

Sunday School at 9:00 am

Morning Worship at 10:15 am

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker & Christmas Under the Tree  
Child care provided for birth-3 year olds only

*No Evening Worship*

### Monday, December 24

**Christmas Eve Communion/Prayer Services**

6:00 pm and 11:15 pm

### Sunday, December 30

Doughnuts/Fruit served in the Welcome Center at 8:30 am

Sunday School at 9:00 am

Morning Worship Service at 10:15 am

No Child Care - No Evening Service

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

*Every church. Every nation.*

Support IMB Missionaries Serving Overseas

Our Goal: \$20,000 Received: \$8,324.25

### Wednesday Night Schedule

December 26: No Service or Activities

January 2: Prayer Service at 6:30 pm

January 9: Regular Schedule Resumes  
(Supper, Choirs, Mission Organizations)

### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 24-28 and January 1. Our staff will be checking voice mail and email during this time. If you have an emergency, please contact one of our staff members at home.

## Christmas Decoration Memorial Gifts

### In Honor/Memory of:

Dr. A.M.Alderman  
 Ruth Alderman  
 Nancy Alderman  
 Rick Arnold  
 Douglas Neil Baker  
 Doug Baker  
 Nathan Batson  
 Grace Belcher  
 Phoebe Chadwick  
 Larry Chapman  
 Dorothy Coleman  
 George Cowart  
 Agnes Cox  
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis Sr.  
 Woodrow and Edith Evans  
 Edith Evans  
 Anna Ferguson  
 Bob Garren  
 Stanley Hinton  
 Mike Jewell  
 Charles Jones  
 Paul Justice Jr.

David Lunsford (Papa)

David Lunsford  
 David Lunsford  
 Alma Malone  
 Charles, Bart and Dede Mace  
 Judi Mann

Billy Moody  
 Tony Moskos  
 Bill, Aileen, Liz, and Joe Pannell  
 Paul Peterson  
 George Pettit  
 Roy Smith  
 Bill and Charles Stowe  
 Bruce Turner  
 Jerry Wynn  
 Love of Jesus Christ

### Given by:

Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Richard, Alexa and Family  
 Harriet Baker  
 John Vinskus  
 Robbie Batson  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Dede and Emory Jones  
 Margaret Chapman  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Clayton, Tara, Riley, Addie Rae Guy  
 Felton Cox  
 Guy and Betty Davis  
 Benny Evans  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Marshall and Lynne Ferguson  
 Margaret Garren  
 Renovate Sunday School Class  
 Wanda Jewell  
 Dede and Emory Jones  
 Gloria Justice; Paul, Penny, Haden, Hunter  
 and Ashley Justice; David and Zachary Justice  
 Maegan, Jarad, Raylan, Rebekah, Zach,  
 Peyton, JuJu  
 Zach, Rebekah and Peyton Tarrant  
 Renovate Sunday School Class  
 Joe Malone  
 Nancy Mace  
 Jim and Diane Harrill,  
 Andrea, Blake and Kayla Abercrombie  
 Barbara Moody and Family  
 Dottie Moskos  
 Dottie Moskos  
 Peggy Peterson  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Bonnie Smith and Family  
 Barbara Stowe  
 Margaruite Turner  
 Joyce Wynn, Joel and Susan  
 John and Sunny Stroud

## Financial Report Sunday, December 16, 2018

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,356,287.67  
 Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 12-16.....\$29,313.70  
 Legacy Gifts.....\$881.00  
 Designated/Reimbursement.....\$15,645.16  
 Total Deposit.....\$45,839.86

### Year End Gifts

All year-end gifts to the church must be received in the office, or postmarked, by December 31 in order to be credited to your 2018 contribution statement.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Kim Kirby in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Kirby.

### Friendship Group Gifts

The Friendship Group has made a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of these on their "Forget-Me-Not" list: Carolyn Abbott, Virginia Atkinson, Jean Black, Margaret Freeman, Lorraine Gloyd, Edna Hall, Gwenn Hayes, Thelma Jones, Herman and Sara Lambert, Doc Layton, Bonnie Lell, Waymon Massey, Ernest and Betty Reece, Roy and Ola Mae Satterfield, Jean Stegall, Mildred Tatham, Martha Tucker, Hazel Vickery, Barbara W. Wood.

### Memorial Gifts

A gift has been given in memory of Gertrude Campbell by Brenda Kelly.

A gift has been given in honor of Martha Hodge and Cheryl Taylor by the Loyalty Sunday School Class.

A gift has been given in honor of BFBC staff members by Harriet Baker:

Dr. and Mrs. Chad Rickenbaker  
 Rev. and Mrs. Michael Hodge  
 Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Coleman  
 Dr. Ricky Stark  
 Mrs. Julie Lunsford  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Parker  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Emory  
 Mrs. Robbie Cassell  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Scott  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starling

### The Very Newest

Congratulations to Erik and Amanda Martin on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Gray, born December 10. Sadie is the granddaughter of Shep and Debbie Tallon, Greg and Babs Martin and the great granddaughter of Sallie Taylor.

### New Men's Bible Study "Twelve Ordinary Men"

Led by Paul Pappy  
 Begins Thursday, January 17, 6:30 pm  
 Sign up in the Welcome Center Sunday.



What a great time of worship we had as we celebrated the birth of our Savior in "The Name Like No Other" this Christmas season! We know that God was at work this weekend as we shared the name of Jesus and as we worshipped Him. Thank you to the Adult Choir, Student Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra, Nativity characters, Tech crew, Construction team, Church decorators, Ushers, Greeters, Parking assistants and more for offering your time, talents, and energy to make this presentation a success for God's glory! It's such a blessing and privilege to serve the Lord alongside all of you! May our worship of Jesus continue through the Christmas season, the New Year, and forevermore!

Merry Christmas! Trevor & Chelsey Coleman