By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	**11/22/26**	
Sunday School Attendance	**508**	**November 26 - December 2**
		Steve Wilkie 864-910-2888
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Giving for the Week of	**11/22/26**	
Budget Receipts	39,963.00	Dan Grubbs 864-910-2555
World Missions	1,351.00	dan.grubbs@wctel.net
Reach & Renew	5,251.00	
Designated	1,304.00	**December 3 - December 9**
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Budget Requirements		
YTD Received	1,809,165.00	Bill King 864-337-9552
YTD Budget Req.	1,912,800.00	scrufytam@gmail.com

FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION

The Prophets Foretell Jesus

HOPE: We can trust God's promises because every clue points to Jesus.

FIND/READ IT: Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2

SAY IT: Imagine waiting for a very special gift. Sometimes waiting is hard. The people of Israel waited a very long time, not just days or months, but hundreds of years.

Before Jesus was born, God sent prophets with messages about the coming Savior. These prophets gave people clues about who Jesus would be and what He would do. Isaiah said a child would be born who would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Micah said the Savior would be born in Bethlehem.

Even though many years passed, God kept every promise He made. When Jesus was born, the prophecies came true exactly as God had said.

This week using our Christmas ADVENTure kit, we are going to become "Christmas Clue Detectives" and discover some of the clues God gave about Jesus before He was born.

Every Christmas reminds us that God always keeps His promises. Just as people waited for Jesus' first coming, we now wait for His return.

LEARN IT: "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God." Ephesian 2:8

PRAY IT: "God, thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for sending prophets to tell us about Jesus long before He was born. Help us trust You while we wait for the things You have promised in our lives. Open our eyes to see Your faithfulness every day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Sermon Notes

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THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ





Today we welcome Bryant Sims to our pulpit in the absence of Dr. Brian Saxon. Bryant is well known to both Greenwood and South Main, having previously served as pastor of First Mount Moriah Baptist Church and faithfully supported the ministry of our church over the years. His wife Melanie also served at South Main in the role of an administrative assistant. Bryant currently serves as Chief Operations Officer for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, where he assists convention boards and committees in matters of governance and partnership. He has also served as president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and as a trustee of Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. Most importantly, Bryant has a deep love for preaching God's Word. Please pray for him as he challenges us through the faithful proclamation of Scripture today.

This Week at South Main

29 SUNDAY	30 MONDAY	1 TUESDAY	2 WEDNESDAY
8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2nd Grades **9:45AM**-Sunday School Small Group **11:00AM**-Worship -Preschool Childcare **6:00PM**- Hanging of the Greens		**6:00PM**- Men's Recovery	**6:00PM**- Preschool- Wee Trackers Elementary- Truth Trackers Students- Midweek **6:00PM**- Leadership Council **6:00PM**- Prayer Meeting **7:00PM**- R&R Planning Team **7:30PM**-Worship Rehersal
3 THURSDAY	**4 FRIDAY**	**5 SATURDAY**	**6 SUNDAY**
		Younger Upward Basketball League	**Lottie Moon/International Mission** **8:30AM**- Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2nd Grades **9:45AM**-Sunday School Small Group **11:00AM**-Worship -Preschool Childcare **4:00PM**- Deacon Meeting **4:00PM**- Handbell Practice **5:00PM**- Choir Rehersal

Join Our

Intercessory Prayer Team

Text *Pray* to 864.392.9815

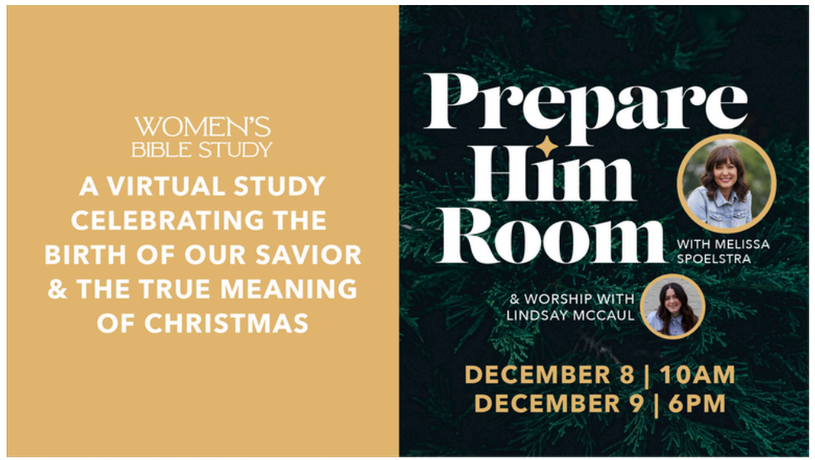


8:30 Worship

Welcome	Andy Roberson
Song Of Hope (Heaven Come Down)	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Keith Polatty
Come Thou Long Expected /Joy To The World	Praise Band and Congregation
Praise The Lord Forever	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Bryant Sims
Behold Him	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Bradford Russ

11:00 Worship

Prelude	Cynthia Adams
Welcome	Andy Roberson
Come, Ye Thankful People Come #637	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Now Thank We All Our God #638	Chanel Choir and Orchestra
Pastoral Prayer	Keith Polatty
Great Is Thy Faithfulness #54	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Total Praise	Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Bryant Sims
Invitation: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #305	Congregation
Closing	Bradford Russ
Postlude	Keith Polatty, Organ





Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Launch

Next Sunday, December 6, we will joyfully begin the Christmas season and launch our annual emphasis on the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions** through two special initiatives.

First, we are honored to welcome Dr. Laura Sherwood, an International Mission Board missionary serving in Togo, West Africa. Our partnership with Dr. Sherwood began in 2022 through prayer and deepened in 2025 when our church sent its first medical mission team to serve alongside her and other servants of faith. During our worship service, Dr. Sherwood will share a brief testimony and express her appreciation for our church's partnership in advancing the gospel among the people of Togo.
In addition, Dr. Sherwood will meet with our SMBC medical professionals during a special luncheon, where she will share firsthand experiences of practicing medicine in a rural African context and discuss opportunities for future ministry, including plans to send additional medical teams to Togo in 2027.

Second, we will begin our **Week of Prayer for International Missions**. This special emphasis joins us with Southern Baptist churches across North America as we pray for more than 3,000 missionaries serving around the world. A prayer guide will be available to help you pray each day for a different missionary.
As we enter this Christmas season, let us remember that Christ came for all people and that the good news of His birth is still transforming lives around the world.

Every Nation. Every Person.

Grace and Peace,

Andy

NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS


Jose' Beltran

Travis Blizzard



Melvin Calliham

Randy Culbertson



Mark Fields

Tommy Holland



Kadin Ivey