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In 1963 Andy Williams sang a Christmas song that has been popular ever since. "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" expresses the sentiments of many!

I love Christmas, maybe now more than ever. It's a time when Hope and I have all our kids under one roof for an extended period of time so we can celebrate, as a family, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! But for many, this is a hard time of the year. At Christmas, many who are lonely, are even lonelier. Those who have recently lost loved ones see others with family and it pains them that their loved ones are not with them. I get this sentiment. I lost my Dad on December 8, 1990 and that was a hard Christmas. As a matter of fact

December 8 is still a hard day for me. Of course I rejoice that my dad is home and whole and with Jesus, but I still miss him, especially at Christmas.

If you know someone who has recently lost someone, check on them, pray for them, perhaps make a visit or take them out for coffee. Your simple gesture of love will be used mightily by God to comfort those who are hurting this time of year. Jesus says in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Pray that God will use you to be an extension of His comfort to those you love this Christmas.

Pastor Chet

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A Campfire Christmas

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP LED BY SPROUTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

> Sunday, December 10 10:30 a.m. / Sanctuary



Candlelight
SERVICE

Join Us For Worship

Saturday, December 23 / 5:30 p.m.



Love

CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP GATHERING
DECEMBER 24 | 10:30 AM

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING SSBC GOAL: \$11,000.00

Prayer guides are in the sanctuary vestibule and the Welcome Center. 100% of donations given support International missionaries around the world. Offerings will be collected through January 31, 2024.



INTERNATIONAL SEAMAN'S MINISTRY

If you know how to knit or crochet and would like to join with the WMU in this year long ministry, please contact Mildred Branton. There are several patterns on line at the International Seaman's Ministry of North Charleston website. We use a heavier weight yarn since the seamen need warmth during the cold winters. The caps are mailed in November to be there for distribution during December and January, along with pamphlets telling about Jesus.

** The WMU would like to thank all the ladies who knitted or crocheted caps for the International Seaman's Ministry in North Charleston during the year. We were able to send twenty-nine caps this year. This is the third year we have sent caps and this is the most we have ever sent.



PRAYER IS POWERFUL
COME JOIN PASTOR JOSH
DECEMBER 7 @ 7:30 AM
BCHS FLAG POLE



PLEASE JOIN US

AND

BRING A FRIEND

FOR

DOUGHNUTS / STARBUCKS COFFEE / JUICE

AND

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 8:45 TO 9:15 A.M.

IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Hosted By
THE DISCIPLESHIP / SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Missions, Monday, December 4, 6 p.m., TBD
Gracefully Rooted, Sunday, December 10, 3 p.m., WOW Class
Property, Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m., Conference Rm
Finance, Tuesday, December 12, 6 p.m., Conference Rm
Long Range Planning, Sunday, December 17, 2:45 p.m., Conf Rm
Ministry Council, Sunday, December 17, 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall



May Dixon WMU Prayer Group

December 11, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.
Bethany Joy Sunday School Class

FACTS AND FIGURES

2023-2024 Budget \$ 646,421.48 (began 9/1/2023)

TITHES and OFFERINGS

YTD budget receipts through October 2023 \$ 234,604.35 YTD budget expenses through October 2023 \$ 97,877.39 YTD surplus or (deficit) \$ 136,726.96

Outstanding Loan Balance as of 10/31/23 - \$ 492,074.49

SSBC STAFF

ANNIVERSARIES

Toni Fields December 1, 1986

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

JIMMY QUINN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Bill Painter by Jerry & Pam McPherson
In memory of Bill Painter by Jerry, Pam & Heather McPherson
In memory of Monica Nailing by Jerry, Pam & Heather McPherson
In memory of Bill Painter by Bertha Painter & Becky Painter
In memory of Monica Nailing by Bertha & Becky Painter
In memory of Charles McGlamery by Tommy & Marsha Thompson
In memory of Charles McGlamery by Bob & Ann Malpass
In memory of Rudy Mancke by Bob & Ann Malpass

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Rudy Mancke by Hugh & Virginia Martin In memory of Rudy Mancke by Babs Martin In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Tommy & Marsha Thompson In memory of Rudy Mancke by Bonnie Rabon In memory of Teilah Shirley by Bonnie Rabon In memory of **Bernice McPherson** by Bonnie Rabon In memory of Charles McGlamery by Rick & Tori Brazell In memory of Rudy Mancke by Rick & Tori Brazell In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Bob & Becky Hancock In memory of Rudy Mancke by Maria Ott In memory of Charles McGlamery by Robin Crawford In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Barry & Barbara Coleman In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Kelly Cogburn In memory of Fred & Geraldine Ellison by Hugh & Virginia Martin In memory of Tom & Mazie Martin by Hugh & Virginia Martin In memory of Rudy Mancke by Cathy Smith In memory of Rudy Mancke by John & Mandy Sherer In memory of Rudy Mancke by Evelyn Smith

BUDGET

In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Aileen Arrington

In memory of **Charles McGlamery** by Bob & Jo Shealy
In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Robin Crawford
In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Roland & Charlene Jones

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PLEASE NOTE

If you have a need that the Deacons can meet, please contact the church office 803-796-6123 or email gale@statestreetbaptist.org.

DECEMBER GREETER SCHEDULE

Date	12/3/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	12/31/2023
Welcome Center	Hope Andrews	Claire Easley	Jennifer Williams	WORSHIP	Cindy Zeigler
L Avenue before SS	Barbara Brown	Marley Ash	Renee Kaiser	ONLY	Kelly Cogburn
K Avenue before SS	Nathan Brown	Kevin Griggs	Becky Hancock		Jay Zeigler
Signs by 8:45	Nathan Brown	Wayne Easley	Harold Fields	Browns will	Nathan Brown
Security for Worship	Nathan Brown	Wayne Easley	Harold Fields	cover as needed	Tim Hart

DECEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Hugh Martin	David Herring	Jimmy Cox	Harold Fields	Youth
Becky Hancock	Kenny Isenhoward	Hugh Martin	Wayne Easley	Youth
Harold Fields	Kevin Griggs	Matthew Hodges	David Herring	Youth
Ed Lovelace	Paul Howell	Rhett Siedschlag	Kevin Griggs	Youth
Matthew Hodges	Wayne Easley	Kenny Isenhoward	Ed Lovelace	Youth
Tommy Lorick-Lead	Jack Sightler-Lead	Becky Hancock-Lead	Tommy Lorick-Lead	Josh Lamb-Lead