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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


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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.


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

## missions

May Díxon WMU Prayer Group
December 11,2023@11:0o 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
In memory of Rudy Mancke by Aileen Arrington

## BUDGET

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 |  | 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 |  | 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 |

