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SHARING THE.

2024 has started off with a bang! Our annual church health series called *Inside Out* helped us focus on many components of church health that stand the test of time because they are straight out of God's Word. One of my main points in the last sermon of this series was the need for the church to share the gospel. The church needs to foster a greater realty of <u>eternity</u> and <u>urgency</u> to share the gospel. And I'm excited to tell you that I am offering training to share the gospel using Mark Mittleberg's book called *Contagious Faith: Discover the natural style for sharing Jesus with Others.* In *Contagious Faith* you will be introduced to five approaches to evangelism. This will help you determine which of them fit best with your unique personality and style:

- Friendship-Building
- Selfless-Serving
- Story-Sharing
- Reason-Giving
- Truth-Telling

We will also explore several key skills that will help you talk about Jesus effectively, illustrating his message with real-life accounts of ordinary believers who applied these principles for extraordinary impact.

We will be starting our journey on Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm for 6 weeks in the Flock Room.

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Email Stephanie Pacheco at slynnp12@gmail.com to volunteer

State Street is partnering with Agape English Language Institute and we need volunteers to become a language/friendship partner with an international student. What does this mean?

The expectations would be to meet with your international student at least once a month either at Agape or a place agreed upon to befriend them (you can always meet more often than that!). These students would like to practice their English and learn more about American culture. Our goal is for relationships to build and the gospel to be shared. So will you befriend an international?

What do we believe?

This month in Sprouts, we're continuing to learn about the law of God, and why he gave us the law to begin with. The children tried playing games with no rules, and all agreed that it didn't work very well! Week by week, we're breaking down the 10 commandments and talking about what they are and why they're important. Ask your child if they can recite the 10 commandments (most of them can!) Talk with your child about what modern day idolatry might look like. Finally, pray with your child--thank God for the law, and praise Him for providing us with a way back to Him even when we make mistakes--Jesus Christ!

> MARK MITTELBERG Foreword by Lee Strobel

CONTACIOUS FAITH

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WEDNESDAY, 2/21 - 3/27 6 P.M. FLOCK ROOM

Sign-up online by Wednesday, 2/14

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FOCUS ON WMU SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

The congregation is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following the morning worship service.

Mabry Boyle, granddaughter of Bonnie & D.C. Hutchins, will open the worship service with a testimony of what WMU has meant in her life. Mabry and her twin sister, Kenna, who Is currently serving as a Missionary Journeyman in Botswana, Africa, served on staff at Camp LaVida for several summers. Some of our GA's and their moms met Kenna and Mabry at Camp LaVida last summer.

You can have the opportunity to talk with Mabry abut her experiences during lunch.

SHOE MINISTRY

The shoe ministry @ State Street is one of the many ways we minister to people around the world. There is a drop-off box in the hall by the Welcome Center.

Please contact Margaret Hutson for additional information @ 803-413-7233.



Girls who have completed grades 1 through 12 are eligible to attend GA/ACTEEN camp. You do not have to be a GA or ACTEEN to be eligible to attend.

Contact Virginia Martin for more information at 803-796-2480 or - 803-609-3934

MARCH



WMU MISSION PROJECT MINISTRY HEALTH KITS

Begin <u>now</u> to bring your dark colored bath towels and washcloths. These items may be left on the wire shelves in the hallway beside the church office.

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Wishing the Stevens Family Well

The Hospitality Team and the Personnel Team invite you to a Donut Social on Sunday morning, February 11, at 8:45 am in the Welcome Center. This will be a time to visit with the Stevens Family and wish them well. We will have a basket for you to leave cards and gift cards to help them as they make this move. If you are unable to attend, we will have a basket in the sanctuary as well. You can also drop off cards at the church office during office hours.

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th!

On a personal note, I want to thank Jed and Savanah Stevens for serving our church so faithfully. Jed is an incredible pastor and Savanah has also served faithfully on our staff as our Children's Discipleship Coordinator. God has blessed State Street Baptist with the Stevens Family for these past 7 plus years and they will be greatly missed. Not just for how they served our church but in how they modeled a home that made loving Jesus the supreme calling of their family. The way Jed and Savannah disciple their girls, Piper and Adelaide, is a tremendous model to us all and should encourage our church family greatly.

But it is also sweet to watch God's sovereignty unfold and observe the Stevens family continue Kingdom work in the upstate of SC. Psalm 31:23 reminds us to, "Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him..." This passage is true for the Stevens as they transition to Gowensville Baptist. This passage is also true for State Street as we continue to pursue Christ and seek His face in our time of transition as well. "We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28.

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THANK YOU

To Our Special Friend,

Thank you for the cards, candy, cookies, nuts and other special treats given to us this Christmas season.

We have a gracious and loving family.

God bless. Bethany Joy Sunday School Class

Dear State Street Family,

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and visits since Rudy's death. We appreciate each one, as well as the meal that was provided after his service. The prayers and support of our church family have been a blessing to us during this difficult time.

The Mancke Family

Dear State Street Friends,

Our family has been so touched by the many acts of Christlike love and kindness show to us during Cathy's illness and passing. Your calls, texts, cards, kind words, and other expressions of love were overwhelming.

Cathy loved her "home" church family and she knew that you were praying for her in her journey. She has reached her destination and, although we miss her humor, kindness, generosity, grace, and all the wonderful things that made her special, we know that she is at Home with Jesus and that we will see her again.

Thank you for providing comfort and care during these hard days. You blessed Cathy and you are a blessing to us.

> In His Love, Eleanor & Rhett Siedschlag Jacque & Andy Wenger Jay & Cindy Zeigler

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

SSBC GOAL: \$11,000.00

TOTAL GIVEN: \$11,562.79

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

JIMMY QUINN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Doris Harvey by Sherry Harvey Crain

BUILDING FUND

In memory of **Cathy Horn** by Bonnie Rabon In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Jimmy Cox In memory of **Cathy Horn** by Hugh & Virginia Martin In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Donna Griffin In memory of **Cathy Horn** by Bethany Joy SS Class In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by Bethany Joy SS Class In memory of **Rudy Mancke** by John & Judy Fisher In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Bob & Becky Hancock In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Bob & Martin In honor of **Eleanor Siedschlag, Jacque Wenger and Jay Zeigler** by Maria Ott

BUDGET

In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Irmo Ins. Agency In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Jeanette Atkinson

LOTTIE MOON

In honor of **Patsy Stegall** by Bonnie Rabon In memory of **Doris Harvey** by Sherry Harvey Crain

FACTS AND FIGURES

2023-2024 Budget \$ 646,421.48

(began 9/1/2023)

TITHES and OFFERINGS

YTD budget receipts through December 2023	\$ 341,582.65
YTD budget expenses through December 2023	\$ 222,816.54
YTD surplus or (deficit)	\$ 118,766.11

Outstanding Loan Balance as of 12/31/23 - \$ 471,955.05

SSBC STAFF

BIRTHDAYS Josh Lamb February 13

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Deacons, February 5, 6:30 p.m., Conference Rm
Missions, Monday, February 5, 6 p.m., TBD
May Dixon WMU, February 12, 2 p.m., Bethany Joy Class
Property, Monday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., Conference Rm
Finance, Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. Conference Rm
Gracefully Rooted, Sunday, February 11, 3 p.m., WOW Class
Personnel, Sunday, February 11, 4 p.m., Conference Rm
Long Range Planning, Sunday, February 18, 4:00 p.m., Conf Rm
Ministry Council, Sunday, February 25, 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY GREETER SCHEDULE

Date	2/4/2024	2/11/2024	2/18/2024	2/25/2024
Welcome Center	Hope Andrews	Claire Easley	Cindy Zeigler	Jennifer Williams
L Ave. before SS	Kelly Cogburn	Marley Ash	Becky Hancock	Barbara Brown
K Ave. before SS	Renee Kaiser	Kevin Griggs	Nathan Brown	Weldon Fallaw
Signs by 8:45	Harold Fields	Wayne Easley	Jay Zeigler	Nathan Brown
Security during	Harold Fields	Wayne Easley	Jay Zeigler	Nathan Brown

FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Hugh Martin	David Herring	Jimmy Cox	Harold Fields
Becky Hancock	Kenny Isenhoward	Hugh Martin	Wayne Easley
Harold Fields	Kevin Griggs	Matthew Hodges	David Herring
Ed Lovelace	Paul Howell	Rhett Siedschlag	Kevin Griggs
Matthew Hodges	Wayne Easley	Kenny Isenhoward	Ed Lovelace
Tommy Lorick-Lead	Jack Sightler-Lead	Becky Hancock-Lead	Tommy Lorick-Lead