



The Pastor's Page

Luke 19:10 gives us a good idea of the mission of Jesus Christ:

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus Christ had a mission that He never once even considered walking away from. Even when His closest friends and critics came against Him, His mission always guided His decisions and values.

His mission? Simply stated above, His mission was to seek and save that which was lost—US! Thus, it is easy to see why Jesus ate with sinners, ministered to lepers, associated with the hated tax collectors, called those despised by the religious elite, stopped to take time for the lame and blind, and called out to all who would listen.

In a world filled with hate, greed, sorrow, and hopelessness, it is so easy for us to lose the vision of our mission. Should not our mission be that of the mission of Jesus, to seek and to save that which is lost?

As we approach Christmas we should never forget the reason Jesus came. We should always keep HIS mission at the forefront of our ministry.

What is your mission in life? What should be the mission of ALL the ministries of SVBC? Should we not strive for excellence in every area of ministry? I hope and pray as we enter the new year that we can covenant together to strive for excellence in all areas, beginning with myself! We've come a long way, we've allowed God to do some great things through us, BUT nothing short of excellence for our Lord should do! Amen?

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Phil



Devotions for December 22-27 "Overcoming Obstacles"

Monday: *2 Chronicles 20:1-12*

Tuesday: *2 Chronicles 20:13-24*

Wednesday: *Luke 2:1-7*

Thursday: *Luke 2:8-21*

Friday: *Galatians 4:4-5*

Saturday: *Matthew 1:24-25*

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 17

6:30 pm Church Conference, House of Prayer, Adult Bible Study, Youth On Mission, Kids of the Kingdom

Sunday, December 21

Victory Day—Lottie Moon Offering

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Discipleship Training
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Monday, December 22

6:30 pm GROW "W" Team

Tuesday, December 23

6:30 pm Special Worship Service—
The Lord's Supper

Wednesday, December 24

thru

Friday, December 26

Office Closed



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Return Service Requested

Sunday School Report

December 14, 2008

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	252
Total Present	109
Previous Week's Attendance	129

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for December 21
Bro. David Phillips

Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, December 21

AM — Sharon Jones

PM — Margaret Culpepper

Sunday, December 28

AM — Lisa Bearden

PM — Sheryl Winn



Prayer Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
12-17	PM	Peggy Phillips
12-21	AM	Dan & Sharon Jones
12-21	PM	Jared Simmons
12-24	PM	No Service



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Reservations required!

Sign up on the reservation sheet in the foyer, or call the office by 12 noon on the Monday before. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Prices are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (6th grade and under)

Menu: *There will be no Family Night Supper on December 24th or 31st.*

G.R.O.W.

Next Monday, December 22

6:30 pm, **GROW** Outreach

“W” Team will meet.

GO TELL

the story of Jesus



This Sunday is Victory Sunday for the *Lot-tie Moon Week of Prayer*. Our goal at Sandy Valley this year is **\$2,500**. We look forward to celebrating the victory of meeting and perhaps even surpassing that goal on Sunday, December 21!

BIBLE DRILL

For 3rd thru 6th Graders is on hiatus during the month of December and will resume in January.



I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



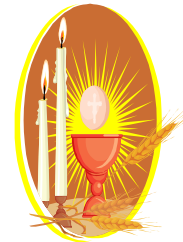
(YEC-08) Youth Evangelism Conference

Macon, GA

DEC 28 - 30

CONSUMED

Hebrews 12:28-29



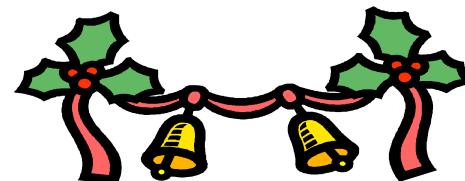
Special Communion & Candlelight Service *Tuesday, Dec. 23*

6:30 PM

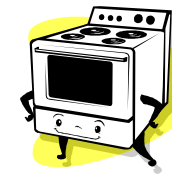
In this special service we will come together to partake of the **Lord's Supper** and rejoice in His birth. We hope to have as many of our church family members as possible in attendance. There will be no Wednesday Evening activities on December 24.

*Then pealed the bells
more loud and deep,
God is not dead nor doth He sleep.
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth good will to men!*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow—



SVBC Kitchen Remodeling Fund



Thank you for your generous gifts! We now have **\$14,213** toward our goal of \$20,000 to remodel the church kitchen. Donations can be left in the foyer or added to the offering plate during worship.

Thank You Cards:

Dear Bro. Phil & Church Family,

Thank you for a wonderful Thanksgiving. It was all so good. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Doris & Benjie

Dear Friends of Sandy Valley,

Thank you for the lovely plant and many cards and phone calls sent in remembrance of my Daddy, and to those who filled in here at the office while I was away. Your loving gestures were a tremendous comfort to me. May God bless you all!

Regina



The church office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 24, 25 & 26. Your pastor and staff wish you a joyous and wonderful Christmas!

