

# Church Calendar

## December

1 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM  
3 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
3 Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsal 7PM  
4 Seniors to Singing Christmas Tree  
6 Hanging Of The Greens 6 PM  
6 Children's' Council Meeting 7PM  
10 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
10 Men For Christ 7 PM  
13 Children's Christmas Program 6PM  
15 Adult Christmas Rehearsal 7PM  
17 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
17 Seniors to Webster 11AM  
17 Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM  
19 Adult Christmas Performance 7PM  
20 Adult Christmas Performance 7PM  
24 Christmas Eve Service 8PM  
25 Christmas Day  
24 - 25 Church Office Closed

## January

1 New Years Day (Church Office Closed)  
3 The Lord's Supper  
3 Children's' Council Meeting 7PM  
5 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM  
7 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
8 L.A.C.E. Ladies' Ministry 6:30 PM  
10 Youth Council Meeting 7PM  
11 Church Council Meeting 7 PM  
14 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
14 Men For Christ 7 PM  
17 Elizabeth Hardee Shower  
21 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
21 Seniors to Webster 11AM  
21 Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM  
28 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
29-30 CHAMPS Review

## February

2 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM  
4 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
7 Children's' Council Meeting 7PM  
8 Church Council Meeting 7PM  
11 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
11 Men For Christ 7 PM  
14 Valentine's Day  
14 Youth Council Meeting 7PM  
18 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM  
18 Seniors to Webster 11AM  
18 Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM  
25 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 9AM



L.A.C.E.  
Ladies' Ministry

Our next meeting is  
Friday, January 8 at 6:30 PM  
Bring a coffee mug to give away.



Condolences to our families  
who recently lost loved ones:

Geneva Cooke Smith  
Robert Hardee

Our thoughts & prayers  
are with you!

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## Sunday Service Times

9:00 AM - Sunday School  
10:15 AM - Worship Service  
5:45 PM - Youth Worship  
6:00 PM - Evening Worship

## Wednesday Service Times

5:30 PM - Team KID  
6:00 PM - Youth Bible Study  
6:00 PM - Prayer / Bible Study  
7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal



## My New "Favorite" Christmas Hymn???

One of my memories of my least favorite year at the Citadel (freshman "KNOB" year, 1979), involves the Christmas season. You see, freshmen at the Citadel, for several weeks prior to Christmas vacation, would be gathered together in formation to sing Christmas Carols for 15-30 minutes before each evening meal. Of all the songs we were forced to sing, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was my least favorite and became quite irritating to sing (most of us never could remember what happened on day nine through twelve!!!). Besides, I never could figure out why someone got twelve days to celebrate Christmas and get gifts...when everyone else only enjoyed one. I don't think I have sung that song one time since my Citadel days, nor did I ever want to... that is, until NOW:

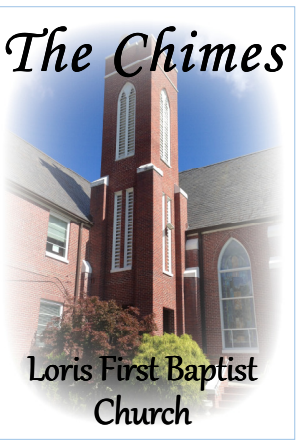
A few days ago, someone in our church (who wishes to remain anonymous) gave me some information about the origination of the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" that completely changed my appreciation for this carol. Neither he, nor I, have verified the complete accuracy of this historical account...however, I think you will agree with me that it doesn't really matter, because just the thought that it "might" be true helps make this song become very special. See if you agree with me:

People often think of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as the days proceeding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian year that lasts for the days beginning December 25<sup>th</sup> and lasting until January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Day of Epiphany when the Catholic church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi. From 1558 until 1829, people in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During this era, someone wrote "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of religious persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning...and then the hidden meaning known unfiltered to the members of the church at that time. Each element of the carol is a code work for a spiritual reality:

First of all, My "true Love" is God, the Father, who art in Heaven. The twelve things He gives us are:

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Christ, God, the Son.
2. The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testament.
3. Three French hens stand for Faith, Hope, and Love.
4. Four calling birds are the Four Gospels.
5. The five golden rings recall the Torah (Law)... the first five books of the Bible.
6. The six geese a laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a swimming represents the sevenfold ministries of God, the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 11:2)

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# Birthdays

## December

1 Dottie Ammons  
1 Diane Hardwick  
2 Bryan Cannon  
2 Paige Graham  
2 Biff Johnson  
3 Rusty Lewis  
4 Brantely Jacobs  
4 Hilda Johnson  
7 Bradley Vaught  
8 Greta Todd  
10 Seth Ammons  
10 Teresa Blanton  
11 Sandra Tabor  
12 Eloise Bell  
12 Lois Jones  
14 Claudia Fowler  
15 Felix Cook  
15 Alexis James  
16 Trudy Fisher  
16 Dale Todd  
17 Elizabeth Fox  
18 Trace Holt  
20 Ashlyn Morton  
20 Linda Prince  
20 Danny Williams  
21 Frank Causey  
26 Wilma Suggs  
27 Darcy Nirenstein  
30 Jerry Jordan  
30 Damon Vescovi

## January

1 William Clardy  
2 Larry Dawsey  
4 Richard Black  
5 Sandra Futrell  
5 Savannah Rion  
5 Lawton Todd  
6 Peggy Dorman  
6 Dorothy Graham  
6 Shawn Moore  
6 Neal Turner, Jr.  
7 Bentley Jacobs  
7 Madyson Jacobs  
8 Bernard Gidich  
8 Kim Lewis  
12 Jamin Floyd  
12 Joan Graham  
12 Quinn Johnson  
13 Ron Ranweiler  
18 Daniel Cook  
19 Lee Morton  
20 C.C. Gore  
21 Danny Knight  
22 Charles Collins  
22 Swain Piver  
23 Garry Staples  
23 Jayson Strickland  
25 Rudolph Dorman  
25 Brad France-Kelly  
25 Paul Prince  
27 Bridget Johnson  
28 Catherine Foy  
30 Brittney Todd  
30 Brittney Todd  
31 Sue Wright


## February

2 Patricia Jacobs  
2 Mary Smith  
3 Ryan Robinson  
3 Nikki Waters  
4 Bradley Horne  
4 Josh Planty  
5 Jeanne Turner  
6 Keith Yates  
7 Knight Gore  
7 Maxilene Suggs  
9 Ronnie Floyd  
10 Jay Cox  
10 Jean Wilson  
11 Arin Cox  
14 Vance Ward  
17 Cayden Graham  
18 Timothy Cox  
19 LeVerne Ward  
21 Amy Cox  
21 Dow Hardee  
22 Sheila Harrelson  
23 Phyllis Todd  
23 Mickey Young  
24 Sandra Franklin  
26 John Boyd  
26 Malcolm Campbell  
26 Billy Vaught  
27 Emily Gore



*If your birthday was omitted, please call the church office so you can be included on our birthday list!!*





### Christmas Packets for Prisoners

The WMU prepared and delivered 10 prisoner packets this past week. Each packet contained embossed envelopes, a writing tablet and pen, soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste, and candy mints. These packets will be given to inmates by chaplains with the help of volunteers. The goal of South Carolina WMU and the South Carolina Baptist Convention is to give every adult and juvenile inmate in a state correctional institute this Christmas gift of hope and love. Pray that a recipient of one of these packets comes to know Christ because someone showed they cared.

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** is our annual missions offering that sends and supports Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the gospel overseas. By giving to this offering, we provide housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement, and more. Every penny donated, yes 100%, goes directly to support missionaries. Our giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. God has called every church and believer to play their part in fulfilling Christ's commission. We are God's missionary people, sharing the only hope for this broken world. "Because of Who He is" is our reason to pray, send, go, and give. As we meet our church's offering goal of \$2,470 we will provide the average support for one missionary family for 2 1/2 weeks. As a missions-minded community of believers, we prayerfully look forward to meeting our Lottie Moon goal. Use the specially marked offering envelopes or simply mark one "Lottie Moon".

## JOIN US & CELEBRATE

### *A Musical Christmas 2015*

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### Loris First Baptist Church

3117 Main Street, Loris, SC 29569 (843) 756-7385

Presents

*Signs of Christmas* &

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

By: The LFBC Children's Choir

Sunday, December 13 at 6 PM

And

*The Wonder of Christmas*

By: The Adult Choir, Adult Ensemble, & Orchestra

Saturday, December 19 at 7 PM

Sunday, December 20 at 7 PM

8. The eight maids a milking are the eight beatitudes. (Matt 5:3-10)
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5:20-22)
10. The ten lords a leaping are the 10 Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples (Judas excluded!).
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the apostles creed:

### "Apostles Creed"

- (1) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; (i.e. God created everything that exists!)
  - (2) And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; (i.e. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh)
  - (3) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (i.e. Virgin Birth)
  - (4) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; and descended into Hades. (i.e. Jesus Suffered, Died, and was Buried)
  - (5) The Third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. (i.e. Jesus rose from the dead!)
  - (6) Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. (i.e. Jesus is going to return physically to earth!)
  - (7) I believe in the Holy Spirit; (i.e. The Trinity: God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
  - (8) the holy Catholic Church;
  - (9) the communion of saints; (i.e. Christians are to worship and serve together)
  - (10) the forgiveness of sins; (i.e. God forgives our sins when we place faith in Jesus Christ)
  - (11) the resurrection of the body; (i.e. Our bodies will rise from the graves as glorious bodies if we have trusted Christ!)
  - (12) and the life everlasting. (i.e. There is eternal life after death!)
- Amen.

As I admitted earlier, I have not verified the accuracy of this story...nor do I intend to in the near future. For me, even if it is not true, it doesn't really matter. Because, it has turned an irritating meaningless Christmas Carol into a memorable glorious reminder of the great gifts our true love (God) has given us through faith in Jesus Christ. So... "Merry Christmas" ...enjoy your version of the 12 Days of this great holiday... AND:

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."* (Eph 1:4)

—Pastor Louis

## Thursday, December 24

### 8 PM

## *Christmas Eve Service*

All are Invited and are welcome!