

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM  
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages  
Attended Nursery**

**Opportunities to Serve: November 27, 2011**

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rick Castleman
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Lance Daniel
<b>Servers</b>	Cameron Kerby Wayne Burress
Ray Anderson	Matt Bridges Travis Jex
Ryan Shedd	Clint Lowe Jorge Landaverde
<b>Sound:</b>	Vern Lowe
<b>Greeters For November:</b>	Ernie & Karen Oliver
<b>Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):</b>	Cheryl Larsen Rachel Larsen
<b>Nursery(2-3 yrs):</b>	Kathy Lanham Laura Cox

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**Weekly Statistics for November 20, 2011**

AM Bible Class	142
AM Bible Class Avg.	107
AM Assembly	228
AM Assembly Avg.	208
Contribution	<b>\$16,021.10</b>
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,840.67
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$9,815.38</b>



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**God's Love**

It is thanksgiving week and I want to share with you how thankful I am to God for his love. I shared this in my sermon last Sunday. It comes from my heart.

How does God love?

He is real. He doesn't hide.

He doesn't hide behind intellectualism, or degrees, he doesn't put up a front of how smart, holy, ambitious, hardworking, athletic, charming, or handsome he is. I sense no protective barrier at all. No matter what I say he never becomes defensive or self-protective. He is not threatened nor is he aloof. I can sense how intently he is listening to me. That is love.

He allows himself to be a man. I feel his whiskers and the ripple of his arms. When I touch his back there is no give and I can feel the thickness of his being.

He also allows himself to be a woman. He is not afraid of my tears or the weight of my emotions. He touches me, hugs me, kisses me and tells me he loves me. Even when he challenges me to be tough I can still see the compassion in his eyes. I never see a mean or violent spirit. That is love.

He truly listens to me without switching the conversation to something more comfortable for him. He lets me rant without being threatened. He explains some things but I never sense desperation in his voice or manner. That is love.

He is what he is and even though I know he cares about me and considers what I say I know I do not change him. He is solid so I can throw everything at him knowing that he really loves so I have no doubts or worries. I can probe him with questions all night long and know that I will never find darkness in him. He shares his light and love and life with me without ever imposing it on me. That is love.

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Somehow he can handle the things I do and the things I don't do. I know exactly how he feels about my sins but he doesn't focus on those things and without him being mean I can feel the weight that his grace produces in my life. That is love.

We have walked together through some very hard things. He has walked with me through dark sinful things and waited longingly for my repentance. He has guided me through confusion and pain and frustration and weakness. He has been much less hard on me than others have been and certainly less hard on me than I am on myself. He has always had the right word at the right time and at times he stuns me with his love, wisdom and most of all his timing. He will never leave me and I will never leave him. That is love.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Allen L. Close

### Teen Babysitting

The youth group will be providing babysitting on Sat. Dec 10th from 1-5 pm at the church for parents who would like time to shop. Donations will be accepted. The teens are raising money to adopt a family in need for Christmas. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer by Dec. 4th

### Poinsettia's For Christmas

Poinsettia's will be placed in the church auditorium in memory of loved ones. They will cost \$13.50 each. Call or email Mary at the church office to place your order by Dec. 4th.

## Lexington Coming Events

Dec. 4 Leadership Meeting  
Dec. 8 Ladies Christmas Party  
Dec. 11 Adult Christmas Party  
Dec. 21 Candlelight Service

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 11 AS A PART OF THE SERVICE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the beautiful flowers after my husband's death. I really appreciated the gesture and the flowers stayed fresh to cheer me up for days and days! You know, of course that I think your preacher is top notch! That's just his grandmother's opinion but I'm sure you agree.

In Christian Love,  
Arlyene McCurdy

### Welcome Our Newest Member

Barbie Yeo  
340 Indian Creek Circle  
Chapin, SC 29036  
Phone: 331-1208

Let's all get to know her and make her feel welcome.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS

**Nov. 30** Load Boxes for Columbia Independence House at the building 7pm.  
Letter writing at the building 6:30  
**Dec. 7** Christmas Coffee House  
**Dec. 14** Caroling at Southlake  
**Dec. 21** Candlelight Service

## Youth News

As I think about all the things I am thankful for this year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude! I would like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts and express my appreciation to you all this Thanksgiving week. I know I've said this many times before, but I can't tell you enough how much I love my job! I am thankful to be able to work every day with the most amazing group of teenagers. They bring so much joy to my life with their hugs and smiles, their words of encouragement, and their zest for life. They inspire me because of their love for God and for each other, their attention to the needs of others, and their eagerness to learn and grow with God. And it's no wonder they are such a great kids, they have great parents too! I am thankful for the way the parents jump right in and get involved, leading the guys and girls in bible study and prayer, participating with them in service to the community, teaching classes on Sunday mornings, and reinforcing it all at home by their example. I am also appreciative of all the members of this congregation who make a special effort to work with our teens. I am so thankful for the way that you have embraced them as a part of this body, included them in the work of the church, and given them a sense of purpose and belonging. Last, but certainly not least, I am so blessed to have such an awesome group of elders and staff to work with. I am so grateful for the strength and encouragement they give to me each day, for the wisdom they share, and especially for the love they have for this church and everyone in it. You all mean so much to me in your own special way and I want you to know that I love you and thank God for you every day, not just on this holiday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! ~Dawn

### Upcoming Events:

11/27 No HS guys group  
11/28 Iron Gym 6:30pm  
11/30 MS girls group 6pm  
Independence House Service Project 7pm  
12/1 HS girls group 7:30pm

**BIRTHDAY:** November 29 Karyn Giles

**ANNIVERSARY:** November 28 Ernie & Karen Oliver



## Prayer Requests

**Norm & Lynn Gaines Andrew Brown John Chandler Makonde Team**

**Sandy Barnett** is recovering from back surgery. She is doing well. Continue to pray for her.

**Danny Hammond** had a biopsy for prostate cancer. Pray for good results.

**Leo and Minerva** asked for prayers for their marriage.

**Jean Cottrell** continue to pray for her recovery. She will have surgery on Dec. 5.

**Marjorie O'Neal**, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Kristi Kerby** asked for our prayers.

**Todd Collins** asked for prayers regarding dealing with issues at work.

**Faye Jex** needs relief from the pain she is in.

**Adan, Maria & Brenda**, for the hardships they are going through.

**Robin Kellis** for safety while she is in Africa as she visit's and encourages the Makonde Team.

**Danny Edmonds** a minister in Forrest City Arkansas has asked for prayers, he has stage 4 incurable cancer. He asked that we pray for his body, his wife and daughters, his church family and financial burdens they have incurred.