Sunday, December 9
Contemporary Worship  9:15 a.m.
Discipleship Classes  9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship  10:30 a.m.
Discipleship Classes  10:30 a.m.
Fuse Worship  6:00 p.m.


TIDINGS

7300 North Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572-3029
Dr. Jerry Robertson, Interim Pastor

Church-Wide Christmas Luncheon!
Sunday, December 16
11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall
Pick up a flyer in the Church Foyer for meal prices & menu. Deadline to purchase your ticket/s is this Sunday, Dec. 9.

More Holiday Activities Planned:
MEN’S DESSERT CONTEST for Church-Wide Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 16, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall—Sign Up NOW!

Combined Worship Service Sunday, December 23, 10:00 am in the Sanctuary (No Discipleship Classes on 12/23)

Christmas Eve Communion Service Monday, December 24, 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

December 24 & 25:
Church Office will be Closed.

Wednesday, December 19 & 26:
No Regular Activities... will resume 1/2.

(More information inside Tidings)
When in the Bible does God interrupt somebody’s life and ask them to do something easy? I can’t think of a single incident. Can you? The Christmas story is no exception. In fact, it might be considered God’s greatest interruption.

Some of the individuals in the story respond well. The Magi and the shepherds say “yes” to God’s interruption in their lives. Mary and Joseph also respond in amazing obedience. For example, the angel Gabriel appears and says to Mary...

“Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High... The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:30-32, 35).

How does she respond to this earth-shattering news? After first asking how this can be, since she is a virgin, Mary simply says, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.” You know what she’s saying? She is saying, “I am the Lord’s bondservant, the Lord’s slave. May it be so. I’m not in control.”

Herod, on the other hand, doesn’t come off so well in the story. He has his own agenda. And, he has no intention of letting God interrupt that agenda.

Think about your life. Which character in the story are you most like? Are you open and yielded to God’s agenda – His whispers, His nudgings? Or, are you relentlessly set on your own agenda? Remember that any time God interrupts our life and we say “yes”, a new adventure with God begins!

In Christ,

Everett

Hope Carroll
6700 North Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
843.246.4690

If you would like to try your hand at this after the service that you attend, please call Suzanne, 449.3384, for additional info and for training, if necessary. It’s easy to do and would be a good way to meet our new members!
Women’s Enrichment is collecting Candy (Leftover & New) for Help 4 Kids. Please bring to the Library on Sundays until Christmas and give to Betty Benton, or leave in the Church Office during the week.

Season of Prayer & Giving for International Missions...
We have many opportunities for you to join us during the Month of December!

This Sunday, December 9—GAs Host “Muffins for Missions”! If you would like to bake some muffins for the GAs to receive Lottie Moon donations for, please call Eric Guyton, 251-8424, for details. (See Calendar Page)

During December—Our RAs Host the “Christmas Card Delivery”!
Bring your Christmas Cards for delivery to OVBC members to the Class Role Center in the North Hallway, along with $.25 per card and place the money in the container on top of the Role Center. The RAs will donate the money to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, also!

Help us reach our International Missions GOAL of $15,000!

Attention Youth and Adults: Need a place where you can show some holiday spirit and love this Christmas? Why not volunteer for a one-time responsibility in the Preschool during the special Christmas events? The following opportunities are available:

Sunday, Dec. 16 from 11:30-12:30 during the Christmas Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 23 from 9:30 - 11:30 during combined Christmas Worship Service
Monday, Dec. 24 from 4:45 to 6:00 during the Christmas Eve Service
Please contact Beth at 449.3384 if you are ready to minister to some little ones.

J.O.Y. Fellowship Luncheon & Program ...

Get in the Christmas Spirit! Join us for our Christmas Luncheon & Program on Tuesday, December 11, beginning at Noon. Bring a dish to share that complements ham. Rod France, son-in-law of the Holts’ and pianist/singer at Rossi’s Restaurant in MB, will be singing our favorite Christmas Carols!

Attention! Important 2013 Notice!
Due to US Postal regulations, and in order to not incur extra costs in regard to mailing and redesigning the Tidings newsletters, we will no longer be mailing Tidings, except to our Homebound. Beginning with our January 2, 2013 issue, you may pick one up in the Church Foyer after Wednesdays. Remember, to send us your email if you would prefer to receive one by email @ suzanne@ovbc.org.

Check Out the Thank You Bulletin Board!
You will find NEW notes on the Bulletin Board in the N. Hallway from Carolyn Howell (mother of Suzanne Adams), Marilyn Barnes, Julie Keith (NC WMU) & Donna Britt (SC WMU) who work with the Carolina Girls & Real Life.
Join us for FUSE in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 6 pm.

► FUSE is our newly-renovated, revamped, postmodern worship experience. It’s open to all age groups, but will target a more youthful audience, as an exciting opportunity to engage and reach out. It takes place in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings at 6pm. Join us for an evening of fresh, energetic, intense worship, live teachings, high-impact videos, art, and multi-sensory illustrations designed not just to teach, but to engage. Small breakout groups will meet afterward.

Upcoming Student Ministry Dates:

► Students meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm upstairs in the CLC for a time of games, music, and Bible study. We’re launching a new series called “Identity,” in which we’ll establish our values, our own unique identities in Jesus Christ, and the gifts with which He’s created us. We’ll fight back against the temptation to create fake IDs, opting instead for positive ones by being who He has created us to be in Him.

► Something Different on the evening of Sunday, December 23... FUSE Mission Opportunity. Contact Tommy, 222.1080, for details!

► Remember to give Tommy your number to receive text alerts on your cell phones and stay up-to-date and in the loop!

► Visit the Student Ministry section of the website at: ovbc.org and stay up to date by checking the Student page often — especially the “Events” tab to find more info about upcoming events!

Notes from the Financial Administrator:

► REMINDER: all contributions must be in the Church Office, or postmarked, by December 31, 2012, to receive tax credit for the year 2012.

► To renew, or subscribe, to The Baptist Courier, please call Erma in the Church Office at 449.3384. Yearly subscriptions are still $13.50.

Community News ...

Mobile Meals Mission Opportunity ... Secretary needed to record meeting minutes and distribute them to the Board members!! This is a voluntary position and the chosen candidate would be a Board member. They meet on the second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Grissom Parkway. Please contact Marian Canady, 361.0818, for info or if you are interested.

North Strand Helping Hand is in need of a Burn Barrel. If you know of anyone (organization or company) who would like to donate one, they would be very appreciative. Please call the Church Office, 449.3384, if you can help.

Church-Wide Christmas Luncheon & Men's Dessert Contest!!
Sunday, December 16, 2012, 11:30 a.m. in the FH

Luncheon Tickets must be purchased in advance and are $10/Adults & $5/Children in the Church Office, and on this Sunday morning. D/L 12/9. Pick up a flyer in the Foyer with all the details! Men: Sign up for contest!
Sunday, December 9th
Jane Christensen, Cynthia Simcox, Dennis Atkinson, David Seaborn

Monday, 10th
Mary Neal, Martha Howe, Anne Carter, Candy Brown

Tuesday, 11th
Mary Wrenn, Ryan Cooper

Wednesday, 12th
Von Baker, Gloria Stubbs

Thursday, 13th
Mac Quickery

Friday, 14th
Thomas Nelson, Larry Capps

Saturday, 15th
Madonna Grady, Sarah Ropp, Sherri Busick

Sunday, 16th
Ginger Bartos, Jessica Stewart

Monday, 17th
John Church

Tuesday, 18th
Gigi Baxley, Doris Trimble

Wednesday, 19th
Roselyn Gallman

Thursday, 20th
Bathaleen Bartlett, Jade Burkhart, Isabella Richard

Friday, 21st
Anne Zerfass, Lewis Beeter, Hollings Rankin

Saturday, 22nd
Betty Benton, Margaret Nance, Tristan Blackmon

Sunday, 23rd
Center for Women & Children
Their needs are many, especially at this time of year! Call the Church Office, 449.3384 or Dana Lidard, 457.8738, or visit: Myrtlebeachcenterforwomenandchildren.

Happy Birthday!
Sunday, 9th “Muffins for Missions”
Library Open 9:00a & 10:15a
Contemporary Worship (Sanct.) 9:15a
Discipleship Classes 9:15a
PX (Preschool Experience) 9:15a
Traditional Worship (Sanct.) 10:30a
Discipleship Classes 10:30a
FX Groups 10:30a
Promiseland (Preschool) 10:30a
Walkathon for H2Go (@ Market Commons) @ Noon
“Fuse” Catalyst Transformed (FH) 6p

Tuesday, 11th
JOY Fellowship Luncheon & Program (FH) begins at Noon

Wednesday, 12th
Family Night Supper (FH) 5:15p
Young Musicians/Music Makers (C207) (Grades 1-5) 5:30-6:25p
Library Open 5:45-6:15p
Students (CLC) 6:15-7:30p
Prayer Focus & Bible Study (FH) 6:15p
GAs (C206) 6:30p
RAs (C204) 6:30p
Mission Friends (A107/110) 6:30p
DivorceCare resumes in January.
Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) 7:45p

Sunday, 16th
Library Open 9:00a & 10:15a
Contemporary Worship Service 9:15a
Discipleship Classes 9:15a
PX (Preschool Experience) 9:15a
Traditional Worship (Sanct.) 10:30a
Discipleship Classes 10:30a
FX Groups 10:30a
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Christmas Celebration Luncheon!
(FH) Purchase Tickets by 12/9. 11:45a
“Fuse” Catalyst Transformed (FH) 6p

Wednesday, 19th
Wednesday Evening Activities will resume on January 2nd.
Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) 6:30p followed by Choir Cookie Exchange!

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings:
for the Week of 12/2
Budget Offering $ 27,079.97
Requirement $ 26,049.26
Year-to-Date
Am’t. Received $ 1,044,629.61
Am’t. Required $ 1,270,025.84
Lottie Moon Internatl’l. Off. $ 2,378.80
Chest of Joash $ 350.00

Muffins for Missions!
This Sunday @ locations around the Church Hallways before all Worship Services, sponsored by OVBC’s GAs. Donate money for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and enjoy a delicious muffin!
Children are provided during all services for babies through 5 year olds. Bible learning at any hour is interspersed with age-appropriate play, music, and more.

**Promiseland/FX Welcome Team**

12/9 — Craig Berkey  
12/16 — Bill Moore

**December Memory Verse:**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  — John 3:16 NIV

**Life App:**

Compasion — caring enough to do something about someone else's need.
**2013 Flower Ministry**

**Upcoming Open Dates…**


*Please call Suzanne, 449.3384, to participate in this ministry to beautify our church & sanctuary!*  

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**Purchase Your Tickets NOW**

for **OVBC’s Church-Wide Christmas Luncheon on December 16, 2012!**

**When & Where:** 11:45 a.m. in the FH  
**Cost:** $10/Adult  $5/Child

**Adult Menu:** Baked Chicken, Potatoes au Gratin, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad & Roll  
**Children’s Menu:** Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Green Beans & Roll  

Desserts will be prepared by the Men of OVBC! Sign up NOW to enter the competition and win great prizes!!

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**2015 Flower Ministry**

**Upcoming Open Dates…**

1/27; 2/3; 2/10; 2/17; 2/24; 3/3; 3/10; 3/17 & 3/24. Please call Suzanne, 449.3384, to participate in this ministry to beautify our church & sanctuary!

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**The Center for Women and Children has some updated needs:** If you happen to have gently-used furniture and household items we could use them! Sofas, chairs, mattresses, kitchen supplies etc. but also items as simple as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, feminine products, laundry soap, dish soap, Q-tips, diapers, wipes, bottles and sippy cups. The list could go on… Please prayerfully consider any donation, knowing it would be a blessing! If you have any questions, or need your donated items to be picked up, please call Dana Lidard, 843.457.8738, or for more info about the Center. And, we hope that you will remember to follow us on Facebook:  
myrtlebeachcenterforwomenandchildren