

FOREIGN MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR 2019 GOAL - \$25,000

During the summer of 2019, SC Baptist volunteers developed a greater understanding of the plight of refugees. Tom* and Brett* spent a month ministering to refugees crowded into a camp on the Greek Island of Lesbos. Their service was arranged through SC Missions Mobilization Office. Tom and Brett looked into the eyes of desperate, exhausted people who fled from Syria's war or Afghanistan's violence, some nearly dying traveling across the sea to safety. Before the war, these refugees had homes, apartments, cars and very full lives. Now nothing remained but a few tattered belongings. The bright spot in their circumstance is that some of these refugees are open to hearing about Jesus Christ! Another bright spot for Tom and Brett is the long term commitment to missions that both men now have. These men are now serving together in Greece at a converted military camp that is greatly over crowded with refugees. Here they can talk openly about God and conduct Bible studies as well as seek to supply the physical needs of food and supplies. Please pray for these missionaries and the refugees they serve. God has placed them in a neutral zone to hear the good news of the gospel. May we join in as we give generously to meet their needs and share the love of Jesus Christ!!



HOPE BOX GATHERING

Sunday, December 8th, right after morning worship, we are having a Hope Box gathering in the FLC. Please join us for lunch and to help put together boxes that will go to the AnMed hospitals! We have 50 boxes to prepare. These gatherings are a great opportunity to see what goes into each Hope Box and to spend time praying over each box and the families who will receive them. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!

THE ANGEL TREE

The 2019 Angel Tree is located at the Welcome Center. Each angel represents a foster child in Anderson County. Let's help these children experience the joy and love of Jesus this Christmas! Please go by the tree and choose an angel. Record the angel number on the pad located by the tree. **All presents are due back Wednesday, December 11.**



FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-1-19)	\$	14,234.72
Year to Date Requirements	\$	691,397.76
Year to Date Receipts	\$	729,247.46
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Goal	\$	25,000.00
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Receipts	\$	4,225.00

MUSIC NOTES

Children's Choir – ONE more Wednesday afternoon rehearsal and then we *Celebrate Jesus' Birthday* on December 8th.

Children's Handbells - you will play Sunday night December 8th. Please be in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for a brief rehearsal.

Sanctuary Choir – We will meet in the Sanctuary for rehearsal Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Dress rehearsal with orchestra is Saturday morning December 7th. Be present in the family room by 10:00 a.m. so that we will be ready to rehearse. Remember that after rehearsal we will have our Christmas get together. If you have not signed up to bring a snack it's not too late.

As the Sanctuary Choir gave us a preview of what's to come this Sunday, Katie Sauceman and Wendy Jones blessed us with the perfect song for the First Sunday of Advent as we lit the first candle of Advent, the HOPE candle. *Light of the World, the world waits for a miracle, the heart longs for a little bit of Hope, Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel!!!* Thank you ladies for sharing your talents and your hearts.

Master's Ringers – We play in worship on December 22nd. We will rehearse immediately after the children's program this Sunday night. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! The prophets told in Isaiah 7:14. *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Emmanuel.* ~ Patti

FAMILY CAROLING NIGHT

Family caroling night will be Wednesday, December 11. Please make plans to attend this joyful opportunity to spread cheer. Pizza will be served at the church during normal supper hours. We plan to leave the church for caroling around 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy hot chocolate and pastries after the caroling.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir presents *Sing We All Noel*
12:00 p.m. Hope Box Gathering/FLC
6:00 p.m. The Children present *Celebrate Jesus' Birthday*

Monday, December 9

8:30 a.m. WEE School
4:00 p.m. WMU Grp #2/Youth Building

Tuesday, December 10

5:30 a.m. Group Fitness
7:15 a.m. High School breakfast/Youth Building
8:30 a.m. WEE School

Wednesday, December 11

8:30 a.m. WEE School
5:00 p.m. Church Wide Caroling & Pizza

Thursday, December 12

5:30 a.m. Group Fitness
8:30 a.m. WEE School
11:00 a.m. Sunday School @ The Maples/Martha Pitts

Friday, December 13

8:30 a.m. WEE School
3:45 p.m. Youth leave for Pawley's Island

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

On Monday, December 16th, we will have a Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon in the FLC. The menu will be lasagna, salad, bread & dessert. The entertainment for the luncheon will be special Christmas music by *Joel & Friends*. Be sure to stop by the information center to sign up or you may call Nick or the church office.

JUNIOR/SENIOR YOUTH RETREAT

 High school Juniors and Seniors are going to Pawley's Island December 13-15!! The cost is \$80 per person plus money for a couple of meals. We will meet at church that Friday at 3:45 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will return around 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Contact Nick to reserve your spot!

