



CBC Connect

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Bishop's Heart *Christmas is about Christ*

What is the purpose of celebrating Christmas? Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is more than a Christian holiday or a Christian festival. It is more than an occasion to decorate our houses. It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope, and joy found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christmas reminds us that we, like the Wise Men, should seek Him. Some people are preoccupied or consumed with the commercial aspects of Christmas. Things like Santa Claus, caroling, hanging wreaths, Christmas parties, decorating trees and houses as well as buying and exchanging gifts. These things are all aspects of pagan holidays that were adapted into Christmas celebrations in the early years. The focus of Christmas is not on the gifts that we put under a tree but on the salvific gift that God gave us to die upon “the tree.” In Luke 1:30-31 the angel Gabriel appeared to a young woman called Mary. He told her that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, that is, she would give birth to the Son of God. “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.” Many people are too worried about how we are celebrating, or if we are celebrating rather than “who” we are celebrating. Regardless of how your family chooses to celebrate, whether you choose exchanging gifts, or decorating a tree or not, Christmas is about the birth of Christ -The Savior of the world. Christmas gives us hope. If you believe that Christ came into the world to change things for the better, to teach us to live better lives through His Word, then there is hope for us. That hope should give us great joy, not only during this holiday but all through the year. We can keep Christ in Christmas simply by allowing Him into our hearts, by acknowledging and accepting His free gift of salvation for us. He is the greatest of all gifts it's all about Him.



Monthly EVENTS

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Joint Ministries & Annual Business Meeting

The Joint Ministries will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room and Church Business Meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, December 6th & 13th, 2023

Weekly Bible Study & Empowerment Hour

Join Bishop for in-person Bible Study at 12 noon and virtually at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11th, 2023

Miracle Monday

Come worship with us for our Miracle Monday service at 7:00 pm! Bishop Allen Bruton will be our guest!

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

Ugly Sweater Sunday

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater/shirt!

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Christmas Eve Power Hour Service

Join us at 9:30 for our one hour power hour service as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour!

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Two Worship Experiences

New Year's Eve Power Hour 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Watch Night Power Hour 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.



Monday, January 6th, 2024

Miracle Monday

Come worship with us for our Miracle Monday service at 7:00 pm! Apostle Sammy Smith will be our guest!



Monthly

Announcements



LIVE STREAMING



Follow us on Facebook (Cornerstone Baptist Church), subscribe to us on YouTube (CB Church Spartanburg) or visit our website (cbconthegrow.com) for all worship experiences!

Reminder

Cluster and Ministry Leaders

Please submit any announcements for our CBC Connect Newsletter by the 15th of each month.

MEETING TIME

Ministry Leaders

Do you need to reserve a meeting space and time?
Please consult your Cluster Leader with your requests.

Fundraising EVENT

Have a fundraising project idea that would bless CBC??

Please submit your ideas to Minister Aleasha & Minister Akia via email.


Worship

Meet the Leadership

Trustees: Charles Goodwin, Lawrence Henderson, Willie Gist, Paulette Young, Robay Stroble, Rudy Rice

Deacons: Lenny Kindall, Tommy Dawkins, Myron Glenn, Julie Goins

Deaconess: Jennifer Kindall, Nancy Dawkins, Mary Glenn, Stacy Williams



Just remember, while you worship and while you tarry...
NO FOOD OR DRINK in the AV Room or Sanctuary!



All Ministry Leaders and Members-
The sensor on the front Paxton monitor is down!
Please press “#” and enter your 4 digit pin number.
For assistance contact Minister Aleasha Jackson in the church office.

Offering

IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Pay your tithes with ease with credit card, debit card, online through PayPal or CBC Cash App.

 Cash App 

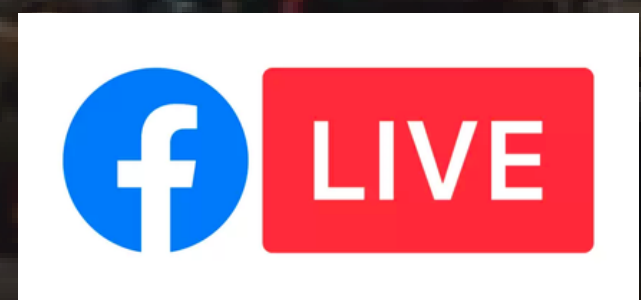
Stay Connected

Join us for Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 am, Sunday School at 8:30 - 9:30 am, and Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am.

Follow us on Facebook and on YouTube (CB Church Spartanburg) for all worship experiences & virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm!
Download our CBC App, create a profile and save 864-689-2996 in your contacts on your phone for important notifications. Please note this number is for outgoing calls only and cannot receive incoming calls.



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Encouraging Corner with CoPastor

Be the Gift



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

It's the Christmas season many are looking for the perfect gift to share with loved ones, friends, and family. While much of the season is focused on gifts, I'd like to share a different perspective that some embrace while others may not... service. I pray that you are encouraged by reading these notes from one of my daily You Version Bible App devotionals.

“Did you know that God made you unique from everyone else? There are abilities you have that many do not. You have talents and skills in areas that others do not have. God did this so you could use the life and talents He gave you to serve Him and others.”

BE THE GIFT

“Since God designed us with unique gifts and talents empowered by the Holy Spirit within us, He intends for us to use those to serve and love others. Another place God gifts us is in our life experiences. All of us have unique life experiences that give us the knowledge to help others.”

Sooooo BE THE GIFT!

“God has gifted each of us with so many abilities and talents that we can use to love others. You have probably experienced this in your own life. Has anyone ever gone out of their way to help you, provide unique knowledge, or assist you in a difficult task? They were using their distinct gifts and life experiences to serve God by serving others.

What gifts or talents has God given you? Do you have unique abilities that others do not have? What life experiences have you had that others can learn from?”

As we enter this holiday season. I encourage you as I encourage myself to BE THE GIFT. Allow kindness, love, compassion, patience, and generosity to overtake your holiday season. JESUS Christ is the greatest gift of all!!! Freely He gave to us let us share the same spirit of benevolent love. Let's spend some time thinking about and making a list of who we can bless this season. We are recipients of God's gifts to us that we should use to serve others. Be the gift!

Stay encouraged! Merry Christmas!

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