



CBC Connect

December
2024

700 South Converse Street. Spartanburg, SC 29306

Merry Christmas!

Bishop's Heart Keep Shining

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Every year the Christmas season opens up a great display of lights. People travel for miles to see the best light shows. In our neighborhoods, we enjoy driving by the most decorated houses with the best Christmas light displays. If you're like the Jacksons every year we have a discussion. Should we put Christmas lights up or not? If we hang lights then we are increasing the electric bill for that month. Then the discussion continues... "That's too many lights or not enough." Regardless of the resolution, if we place lights in our windows or hang them on doors or trees or even frequent a light show it reminds me that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is the light of the world. (John 8:12) Although they are beautiful, hanging lights is a secular tradition and we can agree as believers that the season is and should be about Christ. John 9:1-41 describes one of the famous scenes from the Bible — when Jesus restored a blind man's sight at Siloam. Specifically, the gospel of John explains that Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." He then spat on the ground and restored the man's sight.

In Matthew 5:14-15 we are told to be the light of the world. Consider the moon has no light of its own, reflecting the light of the sun, as believers we should reflect the Light of Christ. The Bible encourages us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If we do not follow Christ, we will not have His light in us. As followers of Jesus, the light of the world, we also have the assurance of His salvation. We cannot walk in the light (of Christ) and darkness (sin) simultaneously. John wrote in 1 John 1:5 that God is light, and in him, there is no darkness at all. Thus, we repent of our sins to stay close to Jesus, the light of the world. We must choose to let our light shine. The emphasis here is maintaining a credible and obvious witness in the world so people can see the light of Christ in and through us!

So let the Christmas lights that we see this year be a tangible reminder that we should inspire, illuminate, and influence others to come to Christ - the true light of the world!

Shalom!

Bishop

Join Bishop...

Sunday, Dec. 15th

Opening Session for
Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity Inc.

Wofford College

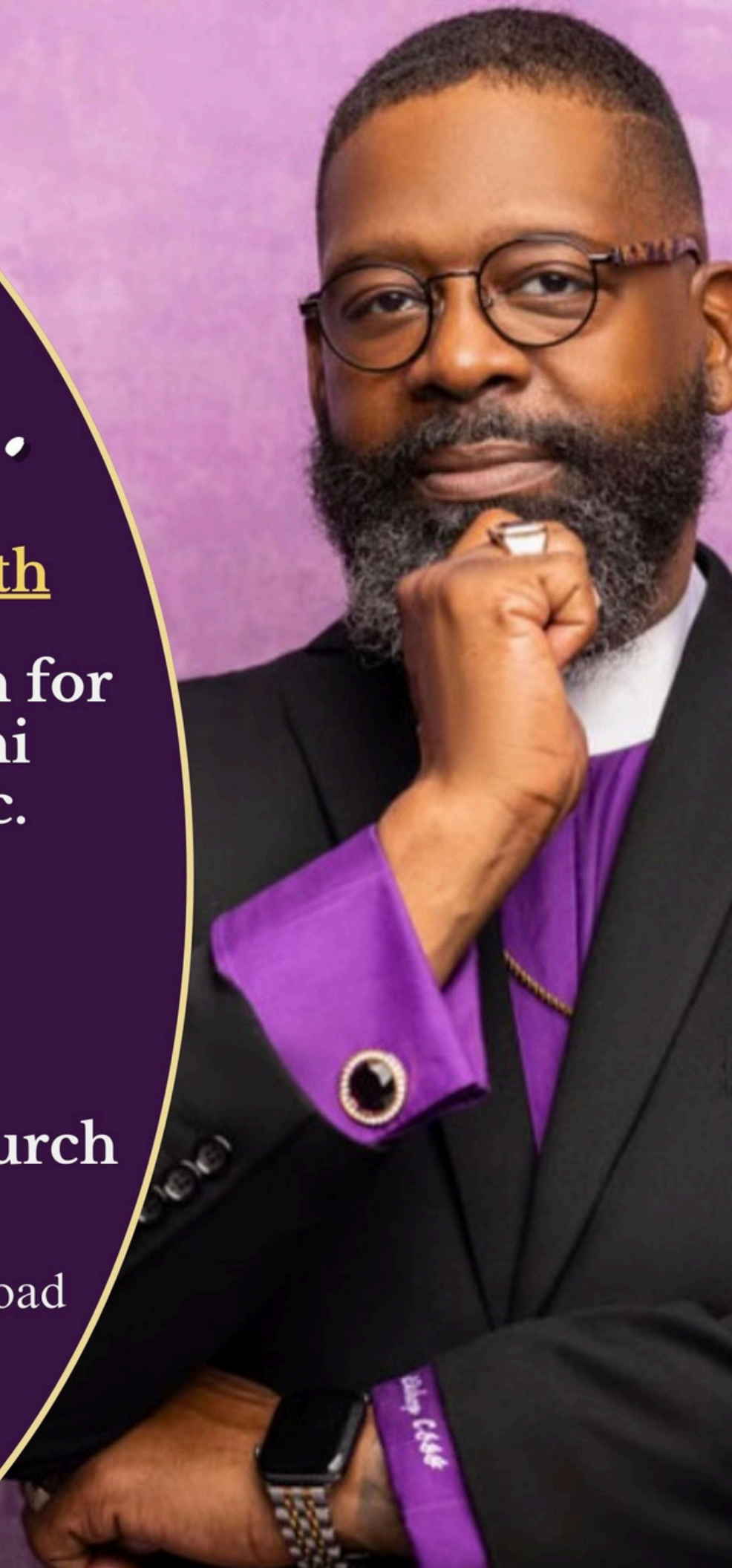
8:00 a.m.

Restoration Church
of Prayer

485 Shiloh Church Road

Wellford, SC

1:00 p.m.





December EVENTS

DEC 2 *Miracle Monday*
 Pastor T. Renea Glenn will be our guest! 7:00 p.m.



DEC 8 *119th Church Anniversary*
 Rev. Sterlin Hill will be our guest! 9:30 a.m.

Business Meeting & Leadership Training

DEC 14

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10:30 - 11:00 p.m.

The Joint Ministries will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and Church Business Meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Leadership Training will be at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

DEC 15

The Couples Ministry

Bake Sale

Support the Couples Ministry Bake Sale before and after our morning worship experience!



DEC 22

Ugly Christmas SWEATER SUNDAY



DEC 31

2025

Watch Night POWER HOUR SERVICE

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Monthly Announcements

Cluster Leaders & Ministry Leaders

Reminder

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



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!

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.

Cares

Meet the Leadership

Trustees: Charles Goodwin, Lawrence Henderson, Robay Stroble, Paulette Young, Rudy Rice
Deacons: Lenny Kindall, Myron Glenn, Julie Goins, Tommy Dawkins, Ann Cuff
Deaconess: Jennifer Kindall, Nancy Dawkins, Mary Glenn, Stacy Williams, Doris Tidwell



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 working!
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

 CBCSpartanburg

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

Wise Men Still Seek Him

“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Proverbs 13 : 20 NIV

It's Christmas time, my favorite time of the year. A time to reflect, celebrate, and a time to bless others. With the season comes moments of fellowship, making memories, and enjoying family and friends. Undoubtedly with the season comes choice-making moments. We all have these. Should we have a second helping of delicious food? Should we have another piece of grandma's pie? Should I engage in conversation with someone whose views are different than mine? Should I be the designated driver...? So many choices, and sooo many moments to show wisdom or not.

In a perfect world, we would all make wise choices and surround ourselves with wise, faith-filled, positive people. No one wants to suffer for their own poor decisions much less the poor or unwise choices of someone else. However, many of us love someone who may not be wise in some areas of their life and we have watched them experience harm or suffer on some level because of their lack of wisdom.

If we are honest some of our friendships have cost us some harm because we may have followed or even mimicked a decision made by someone we love or care about. The story of the three wise men gripped my attention during this Christmas season because these were three skilled, smart men who had common goals, and common interests, yet they sought to find Jesus with what wasn't the purest of motives. They traveled miles following a star in the sky on an assignment from a corrupt king. In the end, they ended up in worship, bowing before Jesus, and presenting their costly gifts to him. Then, instead of following their initial plan to report back to Herod, they made the wise decision to go their separate ways. Many of us know the same transforming, life-altering power of an encounter with the Lord. Even today, wise men and women still seek Him. May this holiday season find us in wisdom and fellowship with our Lord and Savior as we celebrate His birth. Merry Christmas!

Be Wise! Stay Encouraged !

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