

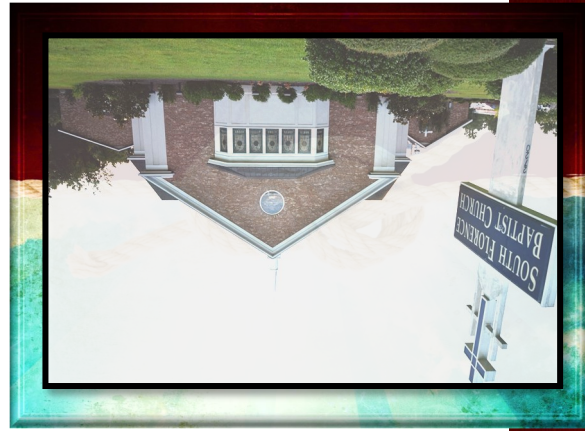
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WEDNESDAY
Worship: 7:00 PM
T-412 Youth: 7:00 PM
Mission Friends: 7:00 PM
RAS & Gas: 7:00 PM

SUNDAY
Sunday School: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:00 AM
Evening worship: 6:00 PM
TeamKid: 6:00 PM

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH FLORENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Word From Our Pastor . . .

Dear Saints,

There's a new Vision in the making for South Florence Baptist Church in this new year of 2017. Changes are taking place in our hearts and minds. The future looks promising for the church family in our community. People are all around us needing a Savior! We have the message of Hope for the people we meet during this new year. Let's start planting seeds of Hope in our community. We need a total transformation! Let the Love of God shine through your life so others may see Jesus in you.

¹⁴ **All of Moses' Teachings are summarized in a single statement, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." (Gal.5:14).**

When we love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves, and treat them with the same sacrificial care as we treat our own families, we fulfill the law of Christ. This love works out in our lives in practical forms.

Visit a widow as if she were your mother.

Mentoring a teenager as if he was your son.

Praying for the lost as if they were your family.

Caring for the needy as if they were in your family.

Being lavish in your giving to others.

Love others in the name of Jesus.

As a child of God we plant seeds of Hope as we walk through this world. The gospel, when delivered through the sacrificial love of people on mission for God, transforms the world. Lord, because of your great love, we choose to plant your seeds of salvation in hearts of a lost and dying world.

The born again child of God begins training to love like Jesus from the very moment he is saved. Love is at the very core of our Christian discipleship.

³⁶ **"Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in Moses' Teachings?"**

³⁷ Jesus answered him, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."** ³⁸ **This is the greatest and most important commandment.** ³⁹ **The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'** ⁴⁰ **All of Moses' Teachings and the Prophets depend on these two commandments."** (Matthew 22:36-40)

The more we grow in Christ, the more we're challenged to love our neighbor as much as we would love ourselves. I encourage you to love your neighbor and invite them to your church. Pray for people you know to have open hearts to hear the Good News of Jesus. Plan parties to have friends over to plant seeds of Hope. The new year of 2017 can be the best we've ever had in church growth. Get a vision for the lost and share the seed of Hope with them. Be all you can be for the cause of Christ. Happy New Year!

Just for Jesus,
Pastor Allen

Love the
Lord
your God
with all
your
heart,
with all
your
soul, and
with all
your
mind.

Verse of the Month:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16



- 1- Matthew Alford
- 3- Olivia Isgett
- 4- Jason Strickland
- 5- Linda Gates
Kim Williams
- 6- Blanchie Baugh
- 8- Austin Jones
- 10- Ashton Gerald
- 13- Melissa Boatwright
- 14- Ricky Green
Amanda Alford
- 15- Fred Williamson
Ben McDonald
Will McGrew
- 16- J.E. Cox
- 19- Chireen Hyler
- 22- Victoria Hudson
Sunshine Perkins
- 23- James Edwards
Damon Anderson
- 25- Jason Foster
Taylor Stokes
- 26- Karley Dodge
- 27- Travis Rollins
- 30- Katie Anderson



New Members' Class

We have a new class beginning Jan. 1st for all children and youth who were saved last year. Mrs. Juanita Purvis will be teaching "Survivor Course" on Sunday mornings at 8:45am. We'll meet upstairs in Room 202.



First Place For Health

First Place For Health — Make Every Day Your Best Day will continue on January 2nd at 6:30pm. Let's begin 2017 studying how to use our time, so that every day is truly our best day.



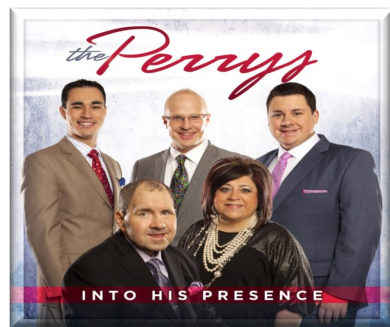
CrossRoads Winter Conference

Some of our T-412 Youth will be attending CrossRoads Winter Conference in Gatlinburg Jan. 13th-16th. Please be in prayer for the hearts of all the youth and leaders who will be there. Parents, please have the remaining balance in by Wednesday, Jan. 11th.



Dinner & A Movie Night

You are all invited to sign up for Dinner & A Movie Night on Jan. 14th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. We'll watch *The Secret Life of Pets* and have pizza, chips, sweets, and drinks. The cost is \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of food. Please sign up if you and your family plan to attend.



The Perrys In Concert

We are excited to have The Perrys in concert on Sunday, January 22nd! The Perrys are known for such #1 songs as "I Got Ahold of God This Morning," "Celebrate Me Home," and "If You Knew Him" just to name a few. The Perrys have a passion for music and a heart for ministry. Come hear Tracy & Libbi Perry Stuffle, their son Jared, Andrew Goldman, and Troy Peach, as they bring the inspirational message of salvation through song. This is a free concert, however a Love Offering will be taken up. Invite your family and friends for a special morning of worship with The Perrys!



5th Sunday Night Singing

You're all invited to our 5th Sunday Night Singing on Jan. 29th. This month we will be highlighting the sweet voices of our children and youth. Any one wanting to participate needs to please contact Mrs. Brittney Wilson.



Craft & Vendor Show

The Children's Committee will host a Craft & Vendor Show on Feb. 4th from 10:00-4:00. Anyone who has a business or sells items can participate. The cost will be \$30 to reserve a table. Additional tables will be \$10 each. Participants keep all of their proceeds from that day's sell. There will be an admission charge of \$3 for anyone 13yrs & older. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Troi Gasque.

Happy New Year !



Hope In Him

In the month of November we had the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving and lift our voices to heaven and thank God for the many blessings He has given us. In the month of December we had the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and once again lift our voices to heaven in praise to the One who gives us life eternal. As we come to the beginning of a new year, let us all remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah. *"This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The Lord's loving-kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I have hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him" (Lamentations 3:21-25).*

It is January 2017 and the beginning of another New Year. Once again we all have the opportunity to glorify our heavenly Father with our praise, worship, faithfulness, and obedience. God is always faithful to us; are we going to be faithful to Him this year? God has given us everything; what are we going to give to Him this year? God gave us His best in His Son; are we giving Him our best? Let it be our prayer that we all seek to draw nearer to God this year and bask in the glory of His presence.

Happy New Year to you all,
Charles

SFBC's January Events

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| 1.1 - New Christians Class at 8:45am | 1.14 - Movie Night at 6pm |
| 1.2 - First Place 4Health begins at 6:30pm | 1.15 - Deacons' Meeting at 4:30pm |
| 1.3 - Mary Hearts Meeting at 6:30pm | 1.16 - Dr. Martin Luther King Day |
| 1.6 - The Marriage You've Always Wanted begins at 7pm | 1.17 - Men on Mission at 7pm |
| 1.10 - Women on Mission at 6:30pm | 1.22 - The Perrys in concert at 10am |
| 1.13 - Crossroads Winter Conference (1.13-1.16) | 1.29 - 5th Sunday Night Singing at 6pm |

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Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20