



# *The Encouraging Word*

1875 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708

## **Our Vision...**

*To be a praying church that EXALTS His name in worship, EQUIPS His church for spiritual growth, and ENGAGES His world through local and global missions.*

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# *Advent*

## **Celebrate the Coming King**



## *Coming Events for December*

*Ladies Christmas Tea ~ Saturday, December 5th*

*Children's Christmas Music ~ Sunday, December 13th*

*Youth Christmas Party ~ Sunday, December 13th*

*Candlelight Service ~ Thursday ~ December 24th*

## Looking To The Future – Where are we now? Second Update

Where are we in the process of fulfilling the vision that was cast in May of this year? I'm glad you asked. Here is a quick progress report on several important steps we are taking.

- **Family Pastor Search:** This faithful search team has been meeting for about six months now nearly each week. The search team is close to narrowing down the list of candidates. We thought from the beginning this could be a lengthy process. The Lord has been and will continue to be faithful. Keep this search team in your prayers. We remain confident that God is at work.
- **Worship Leader Search:** Though this was not part of the original vision we shared in May, God has worked in such a way that we are in need of a part-time worship leader. Contacts are being made and advertisements are being posted. Please keep this very important search process in your prayers.
- **Internal Review:** This is a review in which the elders and deacons evaluate certain key factors of leadership. We are nearing the end of this process. We are currently talking through what action steps need to occur as a result of this review.
- **External Review (Champs):** This will be a very valuable process whereby the South Carolina Baptist State Convention will partner with TCBC in order to provide a check-up. We hope to begin this process with a questionnaire for the entire congregation in January. We hope the process will only take two or three months.

**Building:** All of the above steps reflect the careful and measured approach to seeking God for His will regarding TCBC building on our land on Gold Hill Road, updating our current facilities, or something that has not been on our radar. We continue to think that our current facilities are not conducive to future growth. As we continue to witness the expansion of our area, we remained focused on bringing hope to our community.

Behind these steps is a large group of people who are sacrificially giving their time and expertise to each piece of the puzzle. We are excited about what God has in store for Tega Cay and Fort Mill. Please keep the vision for the future in your prayers.

In Christ Alone,

Brad



*From Pastor Brad*

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**PASTOR'S DEVOTIONAL** If you are interested in receiving Pastor Brad's weekly email devotional, "**Prayer Points**," please send him an email to be placed on the distribution list. [brad@tegacaybaptist.org](mailto:brad@tegacaybaptist.org)

## *Music* *Notes*

For the past four months, I have had the incredible opportunity to serve God by leading others in songs of praise each Sunday morning. I have been a part of TCBC for more than four years now. In my time here, the Lord has provided a mentor, Tyler Johnson, along with several other spiritual leaders by way of the music ministry. God used music to reach my heart and for me to gain a fire to serve Him. As a high school senior, I am at a pivotal time and I am making decisions that will change the direction of my life. It has been through leading worship and getting to watch God work, not only in my life, but through others around me, that has given me reassurance to rely on Him. It has led me to realize that no matter what college I decide to go to, no matter what direction my future takes me, I am a child of God before anything else. Everything in this world is secondary to telling others about His grace and mercy! This summer, Adam led the youth into the nearby neighborhoods and invited people to church and let them know about the Lord's saving grace. Adam showed us just how important it is to tell others about Christ. It was a powerful and defining time for me, personally.

My prayer is that we all will have a burning passion to tell others about Him. That we will offer clear words, through singing songs of praise, worship and the daily conversations with our neighbors around us, to guide everyone directly into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Andrew Cooley

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Every Second and Fourth Saturday** - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

**Every Third Saturday** - Ladies Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

**December 5, 2015** - Ladies Christmas Tea

**December 13, 2015** - Youth Christmas Party

**December 23, 24 & 31, 2015** - Church Office Closed

**December 24, 2015** - Candlelight Service

## **MINISTRY GROUP FOR DECEMBER**

**Missions Ministry Group:** Elder: John Jones  
Ministerial Staff: Brad Ferguson

The Missions Ministry Group is devoted to leading the church to engage in evangelistic outreach from our neighborhoods to the nations. This ministry group works with the Deacon of Mercy Ministry Group.

This group taps into the spiritual gifts of the Evangelist, Prophet, Mercy, Server, Giver and Administrator.

Please pray for them as they exercise their spiritual gifts in the church.

Local Evangelism Ministry: Team Leader: Tom Nichols

U.S. & Overseas Missions Ministry: Team Leader: John Jones



## **JUST A REMINDER**

We are still collecting printer ink cartridges for recycling. Please give us your old cartridges. They help purchase supplies for the missions ministries. We use them to buy materials to copy and mail the Nueva Esperanza newsletter. We are using them to purchase materials for the Honduras VBS and we have used them for materials used for the missions banquets. Please place cartridges in the display provided, located in the back left corner of the welcome center or leave them in the container located in the church office. As always, thank you for your support.



**Join the Men** - 2nd Saturday at 6:45-8:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study on December 12th. If you have not taken time on Saturday's for this event, you are missing out on an opportunity to fellowship with the men of the church. Mark your calendar.



## ***Christmas Drop-In***

*Join your Tega Cay Baptist Church family for a time of fellowship and Christmas treats at the home of Brad and Michelle Ferguson, 1141 Gower Street, Fort Mill. Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 9:00pm on Wednesday, December 16th. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus with you!*



## Serving Our Neighbors (SON)

The Pantry at our church has been providing for a lot of families in need. We are getting low on canned meat (like chicken or tuna), peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, and canned pasta (like ravioli). You can drop off donations in the Pantry at the back of the Sanctuary.

With Christmas coming, here are several opportunities to serve with SON:

- We are hoping to provide 15 to 20 Turkey Dinners for SON for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing items or donating cash.
- Hosting people for Christmas. This involves including one or more of the people who SON works with in your meal and anything else that is part of your tradition.
- Providing a Christmas gift. Sponsors are needed for a handful of adults. We usually spend about \$50 per person, but we can pair a few people together if that works better for you. The things that people have asked for in the past have been quite simple. They have been very thankful in the past, so I would expect the same this year.
- Driving people to/from Salvation Army bell-ringing positions.

Please contact Lisa Daubenspeck at [mdaubenspeck@comporium.net](mailto:mdaubenspeck@comporium.net) or 803-448-7901 if you can help or if you have questions.

## 2015 Ladies Christmas Tea



*"Jesus, My  
Everything"*

Saturday  
December 5, 2015  
2pm-4pm

Tickets: \$6.00 per person or \$40.00 for a table for seven.

Sign up to decorate one or more of the 16 tables

Reservations are required.



**Breakfast at the Barrel** (Cracker Barrel at Carowinds) - This enjoyable activity takes place every 3rd Saturday of each month. January 16th from 9:30-10:30am will be our next breakfast. Get away on Saturday morning and delight in a big breakfast that you do not have to cook!

**Ladies Book Club** - The book for December is *"Christmas Beginnings"* by Anne Perry. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Van Dyke at [tvchatta72@yahoo.com](mailto:tvchatta72@yahoo.com). Come and be a part of the Ladies Book Club Monday, December 28, 2015 at 6:30PM

**Kid User-Friendly Library** - The church library has many books for children of all ages. If desired, please feel free to encourage your child to choose a book or two to enjoy during the service. There is no need to take the time to formally check the book(s) out as long as the books are returned at the end of the service.

# BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

... AND **BECAUSE YOU GIVE**,  
IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND  
MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS  
**WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.**

**Tega Cay Baptist - Goal - \$6,000**



PRAY » GIVE » GO » SEND » [imb.org](http://imb.org)

## WHY GIVE???

**Because God deserves  
the worship of  
all people!**

And we — who are redeemed and made new in Christ — are compelled to proclaim the gospel, the only hope for the billions who have never heard of Jesus.

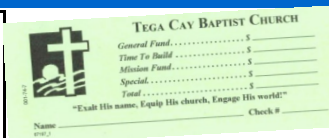
Simply put, your giving enables missionaries to be sent to multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

100% of the offering supports missionaries.

### Properly Reporting Year-End Contributions

The chart below provides general guidelines for crediting contributions that occur at the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Burgess, Financial Administrator.

Type of Contribution	2015 Credit	2016 Credit
Checks written & deposited in church offering Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015	X	
Checks written in Dec. 2015, deposited in church offering Jan. 2016		X
Checks written & deposited in church offering Jan. 2016 but "back-dated" to Dec. 2015		X
Checks written in Dec. 2015 & deposited in the mail and <b>postmarked</b> Dec. 2015 but not received by the church until Jan. 2016	X	
Checks written in Dec. 2015 and deposited in the mail in Dec. 2015 but <b>not postmarked</b> until Jan. 2016 and not received by the church until Jan. 2016.		X



### 2016 GIVING ENVELOPES

will be available in the church foyer mid-December, check upcoming bulletins for more details. If you want to give but you are unable to find a boxed set in your name, please contact the church office 548-2600.



### From Harlan's Heroes

Thank you so much for your generosity and for sponsoring Harlan's Heroes through "Harlan's Pumkin' Patch" at the Tega Cay Baptist Community Garden. Because of Tega Cay Baptist Church's

aid, Harlan's Heroes was able to raise nearly \$1,000. All of the money goes directly to the mission of helping children and families affected by recurring brain cancer. Harlan's Heroes feel blessed to have your support and cannot thank you enough for trusting and believing in our efforts. Jonathan & Jacki Sullins - Founders of Harlan's Heroes and Harlan's parents.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 23rd & 24th AND  
DECEMBER 31st TO OBSERVE  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY**

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

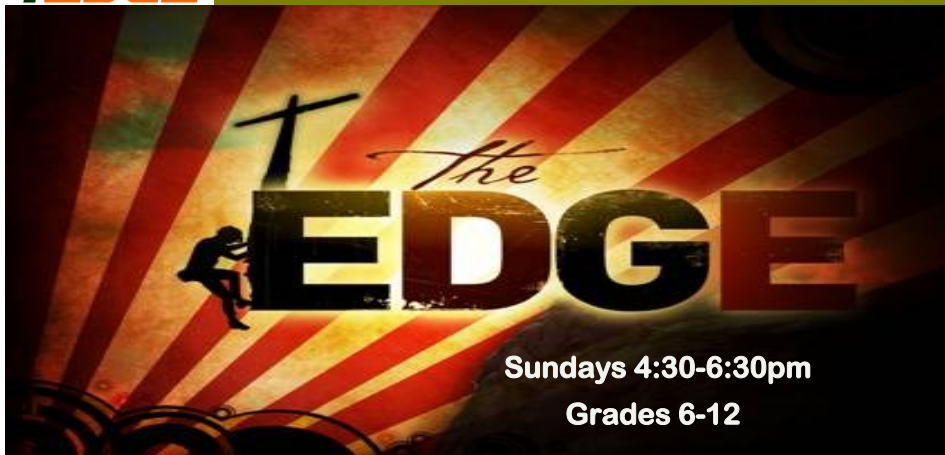
*Sincere Sympathy*

Is expressed to

Cindy Newton and her family in the passing of her father Victor Cooper on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Please continue to remember them during this holiday season.



# TCBC Student Ministry



## CALENDAR

**December 13, 2015**  
**Youth Christmas Party**

**In The Future**  
**The Edge - Winter**  
**Winter Ski Trip**



**Saturday, December 13th**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Bronander's House**

**Ugly sweater contest!!**

**White elephant gift exchange**

**( something from home)**

**Bring \$5 to donate  
to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!**



Can you believe our ski trip is right around the corner! Plans are to drive up to Winterplace Friday evening Feb. 26, 2016. We will ski all day Saturday, and drive home Sunday morning. In order to secure your spot you need to **RSVP by paying \$170 by Jan. 17, 2016.** (Add \$15 if snowboarding or subtract \$16 if you don't need to rent equipment). Just drop your check in the offering plate and note on it that it's for ski trip.



# News from . . .

# The Lighthouse

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



A special thank you to Kristin Johnson and Lyn Wacaster for teaching the Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday school class. They do a wonderful job teaching these young boys and girls God's word through a fun, educational Hands On Bible curriculum.



**Sunday Night Live (SNL)** We just finished up a lesson unit "How to Navigate the New Testament". We've enjoyed having some new faces in the group this fall and look forward to everyone returning in January. We will meet once more this fall on Sunday, December 6 for our Celebration time and for the children to practice their Christmas program. We will also see who has memorized the Beatitudes on December 6 as well. There is a special surprise in store for the children that met the Semester Challenge! We plan to Kick-off the winter/spring semester of SNL on Sunday, January 24. Look for more details on this in the next newsletter and on the website. A new Semester Challenge awaits!

**Prayer:** Bonita Jones started a prayer program within the children's ministry at our last Light Lunch. She handed out bookmarks from two different groups of people: one group had names of families from our children's ministry and the other group had names of volunteers within our children's ministry. Hopefully, all the volunteers have received at least two bookmarks in the last few weeks. Please keep these families and volunteers in your daily prayers as we minister together to teach and disciple God's precious children. This is a heavy task that we cannot do alone; we need God working through us to accomplish His will.



My name is Sally -  
I just loved 2015 Fall  
"SNL" at TCBC

## Regular Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

8:30 AM	Prayer Time
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service with Nursery & Preschool

### Monday

7:00 PM	Ladies Book Club (last Monday of the month)
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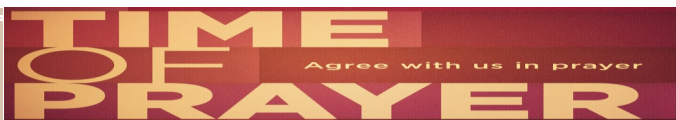
### Tuesday

6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
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### Saturday

6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (2nd and 4th Saturday)
9:30 AM	Ladies Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel (3rd Saturday)

(See TCBC calendar for ALL scheduled events.)



Please come join us in praying for our Church Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the East Wing.

## TCBC Deacons

Mark Daubenspeck	803.389.6227
Andy Hanschu	704.287.0687
Tyler Johnson	803.548.5119
Randy Mabry	704.293.8203
Mike Tullos	803.448.3902
Ralph Van Dyke	803.417.8614

## TCBC Elders

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

**Nov. 15, 2015    Nov. 22, 2015**

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Worship 10:45 AM</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>
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### WEEKLY RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$ 4,356.00	\$ 6,414.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,259.29	\$ 9,259.29
YTD General Fund Receipts	\$ 72,862.00	\$ 79,276.00
YTD Over/(Under) Budget Needs	\$ (28,900.19)	\$(31,835.48)
YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 82,163.01	\$ 82,998.52

Building Fund Receipts	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
YTD Building Fund Receipts	\$ 1,164.00	\$ 1,164.00

Missions Fund Receipts	\$ 140.00	\$ 125.00
YTD Mission Fund Receipts	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 2,270.00

Other	\$ 314.00	\$ 49.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,810.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,588.00</b>
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# DECEMBER 2015

# Happy Birthday!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Matthew Case  Michelle Case	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Caroline Johnson	11 Zach Fowler	12
13	14 Grayson Gillespie	15 Sam Craddock  Alex Johnson	16	17 Jacob Wacaster	18	19 Mike Tullos
20	21	22	23 Shawn Martin  Cameron Hartleb	24	25 	26 Sonja Frick
27 Snow Clark  Bradley Rapp	28 Marie Leduc	29 Amy Morey	30 Luke Bronander	31		



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>Staff Meeting</b> <b>4:00pm</b>  <b>Pray for</b> <b>International</b> <b>Missions</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Pray for</b> <b>International</b> <b>Missions</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Pray for</b> <b>International</b> <b>Missions</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Pray for</b> <b>International</b> <b>Missions</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Ladies</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Tea 2:00pm</b>
<b>6</b> <b>SNL -</b> <b>4:30pm</b>  <b>Mission Min-</b> <b>istry Meeting</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Men's Break-</b> <b>fast and Bible</b> <b>Study 6:45am</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Children</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Music during</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Youth</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Party</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Staff Meeting</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>SIM Interna-</b> <b>tional Christ-</b> <b>mas Party</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Staff Christ-</b> <b>mas Party</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Ladies @ the</b> <b>Barrel</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Candlelight</b> <b>Service</b> <b>5:00pm</b>  <b>Church</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Book Club</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Office Closed</b>		