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Glorify God and
Make Disciples**

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A Note from Jim

This week we come to the end of an uncertain and tumultuous 2020. I pray that 2021 brings us relief from Covid 19 and other unsettling events that happened in our country. I was blessed to receive an early Christmas card from a dear friend back before Thanksgiving that contained all the lyrics to one of my favorite songs, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the poem during the middle of the American Civil War. I'm sure the darkness of those days far outweighed the uncertainties we face today.

Two stanzas of his poem are missing from the hymn arrangement that we sing. As you read all seven stanzas of "I Heard the Bells..." printed here, you can see the turmoil that was taking place at that time and have the reassurance that, even today, we can, and should, still put our faith and trust in God that He will deliver us from the storms of life.

As I write this on Tuesday morning, Pastor Earl is back in the hospital at MUSC for more tests on his heart. Please pray for healing for Pastor Earl.

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play.*

*And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men.*

Quarterly
BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, January 3rd

Communion
Remembering His sacrifice.

Sunday, January 10th

Adult Choir
Resumes
Wed., January 13th
6:30pm


Happy **NEW YEAR**
*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*
PSALM 65:11

From the Church Staff
Pastor Earl, Jim, Tonya, Coley, Pam

SUNDAY'S RECORD—December 29, 2020

Morning Worship.....66
 Amount Needed/Weekly Budget.....6,169.35
Budget Offering 12,095.00
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering501.00
 Given to date: 11,853.00
 Harold Hughes Scholarship Fund1,000.00
Total 13,596.00
Year to Date Budget Needs..... 104,878.95
Year to Date Budget Receipts 118,579.00
Year to Date Total Receipts..... 141,132.00

THOSE WHO SERVE— January 3, 2021

Sound Techs
 Pete Rasmussen, Buddy Clontz
Deacon Offering Collectors
 Burnett Coleman, Keith Darrow
Deacons at Doors
 Ronnie Graham, Greg Greene

Happy Birthday

December 30—Anna Cribb
 January 2—Wanda Fowler
 Barbara Gerald
 January 7—Greg Greene
 Margaret Dameron
 Catherine Christmas
 January 8—Brady Ivey
 January 14—Emma Ann Lay
 Kevin Norris
 January 15—Bernice Gerald
 January 16—Mary Bow
 January 17—Abi Batchelder
 January 19—Joyce Herring
 January 20—Jerry Jolly
 Carley Cribb
 January 21—Winslow Phipps
 January 25—Doris Corbett
 January 28—Clara Fowler
 Donald James
 January 29—Alex Jarman
 January 30—Faith Batchelder

2021 Altar Flowers

If you would like to furnish the altar flowers for a Sunday next year, please call the church office. Following dates available:

January 17	August 1, 29
February 21, 28	September 5, 26
April 4	October 10, 31
May 9, 16	November 7, 14, 28
June 20	December 26
July 11	



Church Office Closed
 Thursday & Friday,
 December 31 & January 1

Prayer List

Jimmy Fowler
 Sonja Norris
 Pastor Earl Spivey
 Shawn & Wendy Fipps (Nelson Lee's sister-in-law)
 Delond & Dana Gore
 Renae Gore Ward
 Gail Sarvis (Jerry Bullard's cousin)
 Mark Harris
 Bill Lowery-in rehab (Jim Smith's brother-in-law)
 Walter Williamson
 Wanda Ward
 Leon Edward Fonvielle
 Mary Currie (Audrey Greene's mother)
 Mary Bow
 Patsy Bullard
 Rocky Norris
 Willaree Fowler
 Katherine Coleman
 Eddie Prince
 Melva Dean Bruton
 Bernice & Barbara Gerald
 Frank Brewer
 Don Prince
 Miles Buffkin



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Church Staff

Supply Pastor—Rev. Earl Spivey
 Interim Worship Leader—Jim Smith
 Pianist—Pam Harrelson
 Ministry Assistant—Tonya Stevens
 Custodian—Coley Greene

Sunday Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship—10:45 am

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