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ANTONIO VIVALDI'S GLORIA

**Sunday, December 18
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary**

Join us for this
inspiring service
with magnificent music
by the Chancel Choir,
Bella Voce and
Orchestra.

LAS POSADAS

**Monday, December 19
6:30 p.m.
Brookland UMC**

A Mexican tradition re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. Our congregation is invited to join with the Hispanic Ministry of West Columbia. Participants will walk by candlelight as a group to designated neighborhood homes led by an "angel" as they search for shelter for Mary and Joseph. Event will conclude with traditional Mexican foods and worship service at Brookland UMC.

The Light Shines

One of my favorite verses of scripture during the Advent/Christmas season is found in John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." With those words John establishes the concept of contrast between light and darkness.

With the birth of Christ, light comes into the darkness of sin and death. It shines in the world of darkness. It does not dispel the darkness but penetrates it. The picture John presents is not like entering into a dark room, flipping on the switch and suddenly flooding the whole room with light. Rather it is like being in a large stadium at the darkest time of night. Then suddenly someone strikes a match, the little spark of light glows in the mass of darkness. With the coming of Christ a spark of light is seen in contrast to the darkness.

John presents the idea that the darkness tries to overcome the light, to quench it, to blow it out, but John adds "the darkness fails." Faint as the light is in comparison to the darkness, the darkness cannot overcome it.

Christ, the light, is not only present in contrast to darkness but is in continual conflict with it. The light which is Christ is doubted, denied, ignored, and betrayed by his disciples. The light is crucified by his enemies and friends alike. As the light tries to establish itself in the first century, people of faith were persecuted, fed to lions and burned alive at the stake. When Constantine sees the light and fans its flames with political and social approval the light takes on an unprecedented intensity. But then a new threat arrives when the church discovers its political power and creates empires and places crowns on the heads of kings. This power leads to the inner corruption of the church that possesses the light. When the light was about to be snuffed out by power hungry popes, reformers appeared and armed with scripture fought for the purity of the light and the "light still shines in the darkness."

Today darkness has taken on other forms. **BUT THE LIGHT STILL SHINES IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE DARKNESS HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO PUT IT OUT.**

Merry Christmas!
Michael Guffee, Sr.

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YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

December 18 and 25

8:45 a.m. Worship

SERMON 18th: Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria"
MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Bella Voce, and Orchestra
 Ushers 18th: John Hays
 Ambassadors: 18th: Joy Stone

11:00 a.m. Worship

SERMON 18th: Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria"
MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Bella Voce, and Orchestra
 Ushers 18th: Bill Deemer

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Service

SERMON 18th: "Christmas Casualties," Rev. Allen Wolfe
SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38, Philippians 4:4-7
MUSIC: LifeLine Band

Christmas Day Service: 10:00 a.m.

SERMON 25th: "Here The Tidings of Great Joy,"
 Dr. Michael Guffee
SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-12
 Acolytes 25th: Frazier Reynolds, Liddy Grantland
 Ushers 25th: Bubba Hughes
 Ambassadors: 25th: Martha Sanders, Wesley Few

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m. December 18

8:45 a.m. worship
 Crib Jacquelyn Marsha
 Toddler Staff
 Two-year-olds Doreen Rinehart
 Three-year-olds Heather/Jason Phelps

11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship
 Crib Mark/Emily Brannen
 Toddler Brian/Mandie Ingram
 Two-year-olds Michael/Mandy Wren
 Three-year-olds Jenny/Mike Galbreth

Nursery on December 25 by reservation.
 Contact Heather Corley at Hdcorley123@yahoo.com.

Adult Sunday School Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Acts 221 (Bruner221): "Advent Study: A Thrill of Hope"
 Project: Adopted Family Christmas
Chapel Bible Study-Not a Sunday School Class (Chapel)
Commitment (Knox205): "Purpose of Christmas, Rick Warren,"
 Social: Christmas Party, Dec. 21, Hayes' Residence
Foundation (Knox208)
Genesis (Knox214)
George Huggins (Knox209): "The Lord Provides," Lewis Browning
Good Will (Bruner223): Meeting with Wesley Fellowship
Growing Disciples (Knox201): "Journey to Bethlem: The Manger"
JOY (Bruner220): Harvey Allen
New Beginnings (Knox204)
New Generation (Bruner224): Christmas Brunch
Wesley Fellowship (WH): "The Lord Provides," Dan Pruitt

CR=Conference Room WH=Wesley PH=Player Hall

COMING UP AT SHANDON

Sundays: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:05 Worship; 9:45 Sunday School

Sunday, December 18 Luke 1:26-38
 3:00 Basketball - Gym
 4:00 Disciple I - Knox 209
 4:30 Celebration Choir Caroling
 5:00 Cub Scout Den - DuBose 203
 5:00 Bear Den - DuBose 202
 6:00 GAP: Graduates & Professionals - Parlor

Monday, December 19 Matthew 25:31-46
 6:30 Christian Believer Course - Knox 209

Tuesday, December 20 John 5:30-47
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, December 21 John 6:27-34
 7:00 Cub Scout Wolf Den - DuBose 202
 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206

Thursday, December 22 John 6:35-51
 9:30 Jesus & the Gospels - Knox 209

Friday, December 23 John 1:9-18
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, December 24 John 3:16-21
 2:00 Communion Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
 5:00 Family Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
 7:00 LifeLine Christmas Eve Service - Gym
 9:00 Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 Luke 2:8-20
 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, December 26 Acts 7:55-8:8
 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 27 John 13:2-20
 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 28 Matthew 18:1-14
 6:00 Evangelism Committee - CR
 4:00 Basketball - Gym
 7:00 Cub Scout Wolf Den - DuBose 202

Thursday, December 29 John 7:37-52
 9:30 Jesus & the Gospels - Knox 209
 4:00 Basketball - Gym

Friday, December 30 John 7:53-8:11
 4:00 Basketball - Gym

Saturday, December 31 John 8:12-19
 Church Business Office Open Until 3:00 p.m. for Contributions

Sunday, January 1 Matthew 2:1-12
 3:00 Basketball - Gym
 4:00 Disciple I - Knox 209
 4:30 Celebration Choir Caroling
 5:00 Cub Scout Den - DuBose 203
 5:00 Bear Den - DuBose 202
 6:00 GAP: Graduates & Professionals - Parlor

Monday, January 2 John 2:1-11
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3 John 4:46-54
 4:00 Basketball - Gym
 4:30 Junior Girl Scouts - DuBose 204
 4:30 Girl Scouts - DuBose 215
 7:00 Shandon Book Club - Bruner 221

Wednesday, January 4 John 5:1-15
 9:00 Disciple I - Knox 209
 4:30 Faith Players - Parlor
 7:00 Boy Scouts - Jamey McCue Room
 7:00 Cub Scout Wolf Den - DuBose 202
 7:30 Basketball - Gym

Thursday, January 5 John 6:1-14
 7:00 Bovotions - Bojangles on Devine
 9:30 Jesus & the Gospels - Knox 209
 4:00 Basketball - Gym

Friday, January 6 John 6:15-27
 4:00 Basketball - Gym

Saturday, January 7 John 9:1-12, 35-38
 8:00 Basketball - Gym

Join Us During the Advent/Christmas Season

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

Inspiring services filled with the scent of greenery, beautiful music, glowing candlelight and warm fellowship.

Childcare is available for 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. for ages three and under (Reservations required). Contact Heather Corley at Hdcorley123@yahoo.com.

Traditional Communion Service at 2:00 p.m.

Family Service at 5:00 p.m. The Children's Choirs will provide music for this service which will include a live nativity with animals and the traditional lighting of "glow sticks" to accompany the singing of "Silent Night."

LifeLine Contemporary Service at 7:00 p.m. with a live nativity with animals and the LifeLine Band.

Communion and Candlelight Service at 9:00 p.m. A traditional service which includes a live nativity and music by the Christmas Choir.

CHRISTMAS MORNING AT SHANDON

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
(No Sunday School)

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration.

CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY; IT'S JESUS' BIRTHDAY! This year, let us reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth and experience a Christmas with more peace and joy than any toy or gadget could ever bring! This Christmas, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us.

Join us on Christmas morning for our 10:00 a.m. worship service and bring a Christmas present for Jesus! During worship, we will invite children of all ages to bring forward their gifts. You are welcome to make a financial gift or purchase one of the needed items listed below. Wrapped gifts need tags with where it goes (the family shelter or the cooperative ministry) and what it is (socks, towels, shoes, etc.)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY SHELTER Gift Cards to Wal-Mart or Target, Cold Weather items: hats, gloves, scarves (for children), Pillows, Towels, and Diapers

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY Socks & underwear (all sizes), Tennis Shoes (for children) Men's pants (all sizes)

If you are unable to be with us, but would like to give, contact Rev. Julie Songer Belman at 256-8383, ext. 102 or jsongerbelman@shandon-umc.org. (Nursery is available by reservation. Contact Heather Corley at Hdcorley123@yahoo.com.)

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION OF FAITHFULNESS AT SHANDON!

Sunday, January 1

On Sunday, January 1, we will celebrate the New Year at Shandon. Paul said in 2 Corinthians, "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17). The New Year is also a time that we start thinking about what we did in the last year and how we can improve in the New Year, putting away the old and looking to the new.

On New Years day 2012 our sermons will focus on our recommitment to upholding the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in the new year. How our relationships with Jesus Christ might be strengthened by a renewed commitment to growing in our faith!

At the conclusion of the sermon, members of our congregation will come forward to give their Resolutions of Faithfulness through cardboard testimonies. If you were with us during our Pentecost Service this past year you will remember how powerful a cardboard testimony can be. Come to worship and be inspired to make your own resolution of faithfulness – that you will recognize how greatly God is working in your life and recommit to living out your faith in 2012!

Preview - Doorways to God

WINTER STUDIES AND SPECIALS. REGISTER NOW!

Advent is a time of preparation for more than Christmas Day. Think about which study groups or special programs could draw you closer to God and the abundant life that Christ offers.

REGISTER between December 18 - January 15 (or a week prior to the start date): In the main hall Bruner Building or Dunn Smith Ministry Center lobby on Sundays, in the Education Office on weekdays, or at www.shandon-umc.org. Study books will be out, for preview and purchase by participants. Watch for the mailer and descriptions in *The Voice*.

WEDNESDAY MANNA STUDIES & PROGRAMS

Financial Peace University: 13 Wednesdays (5:45-7:30 p.m.): January 11- April 18. Course Preview & Session 1 on January 11 (5:45-7:30 p.m.) Leaders: Lilla & David Todd

Marriage Matters: Ask the Oldlyweds!: February 1. Round table discussions, long-time married couple at each table.

Hot Topics for Parents & Families: 4 Wednesdays (6:00-7:00 p.m.) How to Talk with Your Older Children & Teens about Cyber Safety & Cyber Bullying (2-8), Oh, Brother! How to Diffuse Sibling Arguments/Rivalry (2-15), How to Talk to Your Children About Easter (3-7), Less Is More – Developing Compassionate Children (3-14)

OTHER GROUP STUDIES AND SPECIALS

Conversation with Our Clergy on the Sermon Scripture (SS Hour): February 5

How to Energize Your Faith Community for Eco-Spirituality: A Day of Exploration for Staff and Volunteer Leaders – January 24 (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

Faith Meets Faith: 5 Tuesdays, February 28-March 27 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) Learning with guest leaders from other religions and Christian denominations: Judaism, Islam, Presbyterianism, Mormonism, and Roman Catholicism

Gospel of John: 11 Mondays, January 23-April 16 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) Leaders: Alix Hay & Margaret Hays

Paul's Letter to the Romans: 6 Mondays, January 23-February 27 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) Leaders: Betty Ruff & Keith Phillips

Mom's Study: 8 Thursdays, January 19 - March 8 (9:15-10:30 a.m.) How the psalms teach us to talk to God and reveal the secrets of friendship. Facilitators: Paige Haas and others

Women's Thursday Morning Study: New Testament Stories from the Backside: 12 Thursdays, January 19-April 12 (10:00-11:30 a.m.)



YOUTH NEEDED FOR LIVE NATIVITY

Need youth for Live Nativity after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service! Please let Meredith know if you would like to participate in the live nativity scene following the service: 256-8383, ext. 105 or mgammon@shandon-umc.org. This is a service point opportunity. Looking for wise men, Joseph, shepherds and angels. We have Mary and one wise man!

SKI TRIP

Final ski trip payment of \$125 is due Thursday, January 5. Please be sure to get this in! Our mandatory Parent/Participant Skip Trip Meeting will be announced soon. Please be sure you attend.

TO MY FABULOUS YOUTH:

I will miss each of you more than you will every know. You have touched my life and my heart in ways I could never express on paper. Thanks for being so good to me. I know our paths will cross in the near future. Keep God first in all that you do and the rest will fall into place. I will always be here for you if you ever need anything.

God Bless, Meredith



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dec. 18 & Jan. 1. No Sunday School on Dec. 25 See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Twos: Jesus Is Born (Luke 1:31)

Threes & Fours: Jesus Is Born! (Luke 2:1-7) & The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

Fives & 1st Grade: Jesus Is Born! (Luke 2:1-7) & The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

2nd & 3rd Grades: Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7) & From Out of the East (Matthew 2:1-12)

4th-5th Grades: The Journey and Birth (Isaiah 9:6) & The Visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

LAS POSADAS : Monday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. (Brookland UMC)

Please bring family and friends to join us as we join the West Metro Hispanic Ministry at Brookland UMC in West Columbia for this Mexican tradition of re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem. Christmas carols will be sung in Spanish and English. We will share a brief service of worship with the Hispanic congregation hosting us and will conclude the evening with dinner, fellowship, and a piñata. Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandon-umc.org) to register. A donation of \$3 per person is encouraged to help underwrite the expense of the meal.

WRAPPING PAPER TUBES NEEDED

Children's Council is in need of the cardboard tubes in the center of gift wrapping paper rolls. They need 100 rolls for art projects. As you begin your Christmas gift wrapping, please share your cardboard rolls. A collection barrel is located in the hall of the Bruner Building.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: Sunday, January 8 in Bruner Room 226. Safe Sanctuary Training is required of all volunteers with children and you. Bring your driver's license and contact information for three references.

SHANDON'S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES

REMINDER OF THE MONTH: "REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO YOUTH OVERNIGHT OFF-CAMPUS TRIPS"

Prior to overnight off campus trips, the sponsoring staff person will hold a Parent/Participant meeting for all counselors/chaperones as well as youth and their parents. At this meeting, expectations of conduct and Safe Sanctuary policies will be reviewed. A signed "Covenant of Conduct" is required of all adults and youth participating in any youth event/trip.



For 20s or 30s, single or married without kids, seeking to join a community of people in similar places with similar needs and the desire to network and find a spiritual place to "fit-in" and grow. For more information, contact Julie Songer Belman at jsongerbelman@shandon-umc.org

SENIOR ADULTS IN ACTION

Join us for fun, social and inspiring activities

LUNCH BUNCH: Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Cost is \$5.00 for lunch.

For lunch reservations, call the church office at 256-8383 by 12:00 p.m. on Monday of each week.

Financial Peace University

A Course in Financial Management

Wednesdays, January 11-April 18 from 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Based on Biblical principles, this course can empower and give hope to everyone, from the financially distressed to the financially secure.

From Charles Reid (past leader) and David & Lilla Todd (January leaders):

“Participation in the Financial Peace University has been a wonderful experience for our families. We quickly found the program to be about far more than just how to save money, eliminate debt, and plan for retirement. It is more about relationships, marriage, career choices, commitment, and God. Financial Peace teaches the universal principle of controlling your money and not letting your money control you – regardless of whether you earn ten thousand dollars per year or ten million dollars per year. It emphasizes the effect of personal finances upon our lives and helps teach that peace and contentment are possible – regardless of money. In short, Financial Peace University has helped us prioritize our finances, but more importantly, it has helped us prioritize God, marriage, family, and friendship in our lives. We feel that Financial Peace University is the best \$100 we have ever spent! We encourage you to make the commitment to participating in the program, and we hope it impacts your life as much as it has impacted ours.”

Register in the hallways, beginning December 18. At the end of the first class session on January 11, there will be a comfortable and confidential way to confirm whether or not you will commit to take the course.

Fee & Workbooks: The cost is \$100 per family unit or individual (non-refundable). The fee can be paid at the first session and is due in the Education Office by 1-22. Workbooks are distributed at the second session.

Childcare: Provided from 5:40-7:35 p.m.

GROWING THROUGH DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you know is struggling through the lonely complications of separation and divorce, Shandon’s support group can help. The sessions allow people to begin letting go of painful feelings and to affirm a new sense of self worth. Friendships are developed in a supportive environment.

Group leaders are caring individuals who have been divorced a good while and moved on to positive directions. They facilitate discussions of the topics in Jim Smoke’s book, *Growing Through Divorce*.

Often grief intensifies during the holiday season and having a group to look forward to is important. It will begin on January 17 and run for eight consecutive Tuesday nights, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary and on a first-come, first-served basis. The support group fills quickly, so contact Anne Cox at 256-8383 x115 by January 9. A \$14 book fee is due at the first session. Participants are expected to attend all sessions.

SHANDON BOOK CLUB

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEXT SIX BOOKS!

The Shandon Book Club is a great way to get to know people well. The stories and characters draw us into fun conversations about all kinds of issues, including our faith and beliefs. We always leave energized with new perspectives to plug into our own lives. The books are in a broad range and chosen six months out by the group. Join us anytime: 1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Betty Bruner 221.

January 3: *Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide? (‘Cause I Need More Room for My Plasma TV)*, by Karen Zacharis

February 7: *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson

March 6: *Velva Jean Learns to Drive*, by Jennifer Niven

April 3: *Back to Virtues: Traditional Moral Wisdom for Modern Moral Confusion*, by Peter Kreeft

May 1: *Redeeming Love*, by Francine Rivers

June 5: *Little Princes: One Man’s Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*, by Conor Grennan

Contact Anne Cox to be on the Book Club mailing list (acox@shandon-umc.org or 256-8383, ext. 115).

SHANDON PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

2012-13 Registration Information

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2011. Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2012-13 school year only if the child's name is put on or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31. Registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held in February, 2012. To add/confirm your child's name to the waiting list by December 31, call the preschool office at 256-1498.

In Memoriam

BRENDA GAIL DRAWDY

July 24, 2011

Our ministers are on call for weekend emergencies. Contact the minister by calling our emergency beeper at 654-8973 and then entering your phone number.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

All church offerings for tax credit for 2011 must be brought to the church office by December 31. The Finance Office will be open that day until 3:00 p.m. Offerings that are mailed to the church must be post-marked no later than December 31. Thanks you for your support of our 2011 church budget in support of Shandon's ministry and programs.

Treasurer's Update

DECEMBER 11, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	653
Worship	851

OPERATING BUDGET

December 4	December 11	Year-to-Date
Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
\$48,683	\$64,038	\$1,848,924
December 4	December 11	Year-to-Date
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
\$82,337	\$23,198	\$1,896,500



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount pledged	\$3,730,232
December 4 receipts	\$185
December 11 receipts	\$0
Receipts-to-date	\$3,495,092

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 18 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Sr.** by Harry, Jane, Michael and Mary Beth Ward; and in loving memory of **John Beckler** by Pat Beckler and family.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 24 are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Eddie Huss and the Shandon United Methodist Church Music and Arts Program.**

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX ON DECEMBER 24 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Carolyn Ouzts Greer Mayhew** by her children and their spouses: Peggy Kitchen, Kay and Byers Greer and Lucy and David Tevepaugh; and by her sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Bob Martin.

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY

Fred Felkel by Janet & John Tarrant
Alice Garvin by Wesley Fellowship Class
Agnes Gray by Harry & Karen Lovett, Tom & Sandra Surratt, Wesley Fellowship Class
Anne Havens by Mary & Oliver Counts
Blake Jernigan by Big Mama, Karen & Basil Shaver
Carolyn Mayhew by Clara & Julian Butler
Stokes Randall by Tom & Sandra Surratt, Wesley Fellowship Class
Keith Whittle by Sol Bratt, Jr., Tom & Sandra Surratt

IN HONOR

The Commitment Class by Elizabeth & Carter Jeffords
Lindsay McTeer Cooke by John & Lisa Taylor & family
MaryAnn Crews by Staff of Eubanks & Associates
Hal & Kathy Crosswell by Wade & Susan Collins
4-Year-Old Sunday School Class Teachers by Libby Jeffords
John M. Grantland by Elizabeth G. Felkel
Mike Guffee by The Fred W. Felkel, Jr. Family
Anne Kneece by Drew Fiffick
Ann Philbeck by The Celebration Choir
Lucinda Shields by The Celebration Choir
Third Grade Sunday School Class Teachers by Lucas Jeffords

SYMPATHY

Gina and Jeff Janvrin on the death of his aunt, Lois Smeaton on December 5 in Salem, SC.
Alexa (Haddock) and Jeff Bigwarfe on the death of their daughter, Kathryn Matthews Bigwarfe on December 12 in Columbia and to her grandmother, Sue Haddock.
Gene Garvin on the death of his great grandson, Beau Francis Crawford, December 8 on Roanoke, VA and to uncle and aunt, Chandler and Susu Coggeshall.
MaryAnn and Jerry Frank Crews on the death of her aunt, Mary, on December 12 in Aiken, SC.

BEST WISHES

Ashley Knox and Tristan Carnahan were married on December 4 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BAPTISMS

Sadie Katherine Reibold (5/23/11), daughter of Robert Lawrence Reibold and Shealy Boland Reibold on November 20.
Tinsley Fallon Joyner (11/10/10), daughter of Robert William Joyner and Diana Porter Joyner on November 20.
Woodrow Sullivan Brown (6/23/11), son of David Eugene Brown III and Farrah Sullivan Brown on December 4.
Lindsay McTeer Cooke (3/2/11), daughter of Christopher Matthew Cooke and Meredith McTeer Cooke on December 11.

HOSPITALS

Palmetto Health Baptist: Lynda Ferguson

Senior Minister

Michael Guffee, Sr.

Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries

Julie Songer Belman

Minister of Visitation and Older Adult Ministries

Allen Wolfe

Church Business Administrator

Michael Hart

Minister of Music and Arts Ministries

Eddie Huss

Director of Christian Education and Adult Ministries

Anne Cox

Director of Youth Ministries

Meredith Gammon

Director of Children's Ministries

Lesli Wood

Director of Preschool/Kindergarten

Bea Daves

Director of Kitchen Ministries

Timothy Scott

Director of Communications

Melanie Owen

Finance Administrative Assistant/Organist

Nancy Kelley

Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister

Winifred Rodgers

Education Administrative Assistant

Samantha Apple

Administrative Assistant to Associate Ministers and Music

Debbie Rountree

Child Care Coordinator

Heather Corley

Sound Technician

Cindi Reid

Maintenance Supervisor

Bobby Douglas

Custodial Staff

Willie Brown, Thomas Brunson, Eladio Cruz, John Whetstone

Security

Wade Carlisle

Lay Leader

Jonathan Roquemore

Church Council Chair

Jan Bilton

Parish Nurse

Nancy Reynolds

Mission Statement

Shandon United Methodist Church gathers to worship God, nurture Christian faith, and go out into the world in mission.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MANNA ON HOLIDAY BREAK

Join us on January 11

Good things happen on Wednesdays at Shandon!

Join us each Wednesday for warm fellowship, good food, and activities for everyone!

It's a great time to see old friends and make new ones.

SERVING: 5:15-6:15 p.m. in the Gym

COST: \$5 adults/youth over age 12 \$2.50 children age 2-12 under age 2 eat free

ACTIVITIES

- **Children's Activities & Bible Verses for a Prize:** Before 6:00 p.m., gym (age 3-5th grade)
- **Trackers for 4th & 5th Grade Boys:** 6:00-6:45 p.m., DuBose 202, 2nd fl.
- **Children's Choirs for K4-5th Grade:** 6:00-6:45 p.m., DuBose, 2nd fl.
- **Synago Bible Studies for Youth (6th graders, too):** 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Zone
- **Adult Studies/Programs:** Between 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pre-register, but walk-ins are welcome!
- **Child Care for Infants-5th Grade:** 5:15-7:30 p.m. 2-years-old & under, Knox 106; 3- to 5-years-old, DuBose 111; 1st to 5th graders, 6:45-7:30 p.m., DuBose 111

Wednesday Night Manna runs from September 7- May 2, with breaks on November 23, December 21, 28, January 4 and April 4.

Shandon Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.