



# CONNECTIONS

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## Umble Pie

Nothing says “Christmas” like the innards of a deer, right? As early as the 1400’s it seems that eating the inner organs of the deer became a common practice in some European cultures. That may seem a little off the page of our holiday menu, but in those days it probably fell under the needed category of “waste not, want not”.

Through a series of language adjustments, the word used for those inner delicacies was “numbles”. At some point the “N” was dropped leaving the word “umbles”. In the mid-1800’s there is mention of enjoying some good, hot, oven-baked “Umble-pie”.

Maybe you haven’t enjoyed a piece of umble pie, but most of us have had to force down a piece of humble pie once or twice. Eating humble pie is usually associated with having to admit an error. One of the biggest errors that we often make is choosing pride and arrogance and stubbornness over humility.

What is humility? Jesus put it this way, “Love your neighbor in the same way that you love yourself.” Clive Staples Lewis echoed those words of Jesus in a similar way when he said, “True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” But what does all this stuff about deer organs and humble pie have to do with your Christmas?

Over the next few weeks we will have opportunities to make much of Jesus to family and friends and strangers. But that will be extremely difficult if we are brashly debating religion or rudely rehashing hurt feelings from the past or impolitely shoving people out of the way to get the last donut maker in the appliance department at the store. In other words, making much of Jesus requires a great deal of humility.

“Being humble doesn’t mean that we have compromised our conviction of what constitutes truth...It’s only when we have an informed conviction, having taken time to listen, learn, and think, that we possess the requisite courage to relate to others in a vulnerable, humble way. Conversely, when we attack the jugular of the one who disagrees with us, we demonstrate our insecurity...Although God, Jesus did not exploit his deity, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant. This is indeed the Christian way.” (Chris Castaldo)

May we have the courage to eat plenty of “humble” pie as an appetizer to every holiday conversation so that we can serve others with the amazing news of the One who was born to set people eternally free! That is indeed the Christian way.

By grace,  
Dow

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## Holland Ave Baptist Church

801 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC



## Garage Giveaway

Gently used items for every member of the family.

Gift wrapping for kids.

## Everything is Free!

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Garage Giveaway

The Garage Giveaway is just around the corner. Please volunteer to help on Thursday or Friday with the set up and Saturday with the actual event. Last year's event was a huge success and we anticipate being able to help even more folks this year. If you love Jesus and can smile, we can use your help to meet the needs. There are several opportunities to serve, including childcare for the children of our members. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the Missions bulletin board in the back hallway. We are very excited about this opportunity- thank you for your help.

**2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\***  
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CHURCH GOAL: \$7,500.00

Give through December 31

## October

### Attendance

Avg. SS Attendance 172

Avg. Worship Attendance 273

### Budget

Budget Offering \$37,173.30

B.O.F. \$1,135.00

Other Designated \$8,763.23

**Total Offering \$47,071.53**

Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$11,485.40**

## December Extended Session

### Nursery Volunteers

**December 6** - Team 8

**December 13** - Team 1

**December 20** - Team 2

**December 27** - Team 3

### Children's Church Leaders

**Wee Worship** - Lindsay Shupe

**K-5th Grade** - Tammy Adams

## December Newsletter

Holland Avenue will not publish a Connections Newsletter during the month of December.

Our next newsletter will be January 25.

A January birthday list is included below for your convenience.

## Staff Christmas Love Offering

A number of years ago, our church approved the receiving of a Staff Christmas Love Offering. This is a way to thank our ministers and staff at HABC for their dedicated service to the Lord. The Staff Christmas Love Offering will be received through December 13.



## December Birthdays

1 Betty Brown	4 Brian Marcum	14 Alma Lewis	22 Bonnie Thomas
1 Mary McCaskill	6 Karen Welsh	15 Barbara Hagins	22 Foye Ouzts
1 Bill Arnold	7 Frances Corder	17 Calvin Toole	23 Max Morgan
1 Allen Hegler	7 James Bass	17 Carson Atkinson	23 Ashleigh Stephenson
1 Suzanne Harbort	7 Michael Hinson	18 G.A. Weathersby	24 Roberta McCain
2 Carl Payne	11 Joyce Kistler	18 William Zeigler	25 Samantha Zeigler
2 Janet Clayton	11 Renu Day	19 Pamela Melton	28 Cheryl Payne
2 Roderic Taylor	12 Joyce Whaley	19 Tiffany Ross	30 Diane Feaster
2 Emily Grant	12 Brenda Long	19 Katherine Horton	30 Bailey Byrum
3 John Neal	12 Kayden Brazell	20 Kandi Grant	30 Carter Welsh
3 Savannah Chestnut	13 Casey Eubanks	20 Seth Poovey	31 Chris Ellisor
4 Tim Sharpe	13 Laurel Smith	21 Earl Penn	

## January Birthdays

1 Martin Langston	7 Rebekah Powell	18 Jackson Marcum
1 JoAn Roland	7 Hayley Rogers	19 Allan Fowler
1 Misty Smith	8 Jason Watkins	25 Duainette Cullulm
2 Brandon Waring	11 Wyatt Coleman	25 Jennifer Smith
3 Charles Finley	12 Angie Sanders	26 Anne McAlhany
3 Terry Ward	13 Stacey Arnold	26 Jeanne Shull
4 Whitey Covington	14 Ryleigh Pound	26 Hailey Thacker
4 Danny Fowler	15 Ann Penn	27 Richard Smith
5 Roger Brown	15 Missy Riley	31 Kay Hutchinson
5 Alex Poovey	16 Johnnie Neese	
6 Ethan Adams	17 Diane Weathersby	
7 Peggie Hanson	17 Jeff Williams	

## Church Staff

**Dow Welsh**  
Pastor

**Brad Siedschlag**  
Student Minister

**Tammy Adams**  
Minister of Children

**Lindsay Shupe**  
M.O.M. /Preschool Director  
& Preschool Outreach Dir.

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am - 4:30pm



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## December Calendar

### Sunday Schedule

9:15am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship Service

### Fourth Sunday

9:15am - Prayer Time in room 105  
9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am -Worship Service

### Wednesday Schedule

4:30pm - Prayer Time  
5:00pm - Supper  
6:00pm - Adult Bible Study  
6:00pm - Children's Classes  
6:00pm - Youth Class  
6:45pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			<b>NO SUPPER</b> Regularly Scheduled Activities			8:00am Garage Giveaway
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		10:30am Adult Christ- mas Musical	Regularly Scheduled Activities			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		10:30am Children's Christmas Musical	Regularly Scheduled Activities			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Regularly Scheduled Services	No Evening Activities	5:30pm Christmas Eve Candle- light Service		
27	28	29	30	31		
		Regularly Scheduled Services	No Evening Activities			<b>Happy New Year!</b>