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FYI...Pastor Kersey's VIP guests

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From: Jeff Kersey <Jeff@mthorebumc.com>
Date: November 25, 2015 at 4:50:12 PM EST
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From: Jeff Kersey
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Jeff Kersey <Jeff@mthorebumc.com>
Subject: RE:

I wanted to let you know my wife Lynn Kersey and Gwyn Porter will be attending the Tree Lighting. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jeff Kersey

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Kersey
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5:06 PM
To: HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov
Subject:

Here is a draft for the opening prayer. The closing prayer will be a brief benediction. I will get that to you soon. Thank you and Gov. Haley for this opportunity and the freedom to openly express our faith on the public square!

Gracious God as we gather to celebrate the 49th Annual lighting of the state Christmas tree, we invite You to bless and protect us with Your Presence. May the light of this tree and the joy of this moment point us too the One True Light. Your Son and our Savior, the Babe born in a manger, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you that still today:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." As we live in a world that at times is overwhelmed with darkness, we thank you we are not overcome. We thank you the darkness has not overcome our brothers and sisters in Charleston's Mother Emanuel church. Bless them with the love and light they need for their journey. May your love and light guide us through the racial strife that continues to grip our country. We pray even in the midst of terrorism and tyranny your great light would reveal the true source of peace. We pray for an end to the violence brought by militant jihadists. We pray for the light of your love to guide and protect the persecuted and millions of refugees worldwide. We pray for Hope and help for the continuing tragedy of abuse and human trafficking.

As this tree shines in the darkness may the darkness not overcome it. May your powerful presence, the Light of the world remind us "There is nothing that God cannot do." Nothing is impossible with Him!!

Tonight we thank you for the Light of Emmanuel. God with us. And the hope and promise the darkness will never overcome it! In the strong name of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Sent from my iPhone. Have a blessed day!
Jeff Kersey