

# THE PETHTELS

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## Christmas Movie

Every year we put on a fun, free christmas movie for our community. This year we saw some of the families from our girls' school come out. This has opened up dialogue on what our church is about.

We were also able to see several new, young families that just moved to Florence attend. We love being able to offer fun events to our community as we strive to meet them where they are and offer hope into their lives.

## Prayer Request

- ✦ God would show us the next man to be trained to take over the ministry.
- ✦ That in the upcoming year God would move within our church and community as we look to Him for guidance.

## Inventory

Every semester we see new people walk into our church. This past semester I asked, during our first Bible study, for people to share their story and where they see God moving in their lives. Story after story was told of how their lives should have been destined for destruction by the world's standard, but they have put their faith in Christ and desire to grow in Him while they are away from home.

Abby is from India, and was born deaf. When she went to school at age 5 her father was told she was worthless and could never be a productive member of society. Several years later Abby received a hearing aid and was able to overcome a society that viewed her as nothing. She said, "I believe God is my source of strength." She went on to explain various trials she has been faced with and her reliance on God through them. She is now attending a university here in Florence. Abby has been an inspiration. With the world seemingly against her she trusted Christ and has chosen to follow Him despite what the world tells her.



Our Christmas series started with Abram leaving everything he had known while trusting in God. As we have challenged individuals, like Abby, to look at their story and see where God is moving, as a church we have done this as well. Since September, much of our time has been taking inventory of where we are. In January we look to write the next chapter.