

## Info from CBC July 2015 Newsletter

### “Saved By South Carolina”

If last month I was “Blistered by Baltimore” then this month I am “saved by South Carolina.” I will be 51 years old in a few months, and all my life I have heard how backward we are in SC or how everybody that lives here is a racist, that we cannot put a sentence together without using a double negative (that one may be true), that all we do is cling to “God and guns”, as if that were a bad thing. We certainly have our “quirks” and problems, as do any in our great nation. However, when it comes to each other, we get it right. South Carolinians have always been this way. Our history tells us that when the federal government tried to impose on states rights, South Carolinians were willing to die. The rugged SC independent spirit runs deep. When a cop killed a black man in cold blood in North Charleston and the race baiters tried to come to our state, the black families said, “Stay out; we will take care of our own business.” Stating we are not Ferguson, New York, Chicago, or Baltimore. We are South Carolina, and we will take care of this. We believe, like the prophet Amos - “let justice flow like mighty rivers....” - that God will take care of it; just let Him. We are not rioting, looting and burning down our own neighborhoods. We have learned evil begets evil. That is a dead end street.

Now in the throes of depravity and grief, South Carolinians have responded with a great unity. This is not a unity around civil rights, states rights, or the issues that some would try to politicize through such a horrific tragedy. No, this unity is not about rights but about RIGHT. The issue is about evil. There is one thing that I know is true, and that is good always triumphs over evil (Rom. 5:20b). The words of Joseph when he told his brothers who sold him into slavery ring true “...you meant it for evil but God meant it for good...” We have seen such unity and love through this tragedy. God is opening our eyes and showing us we are one body in Christ, and the walls that divide us are made by our own fears and prejudice.

I have been so proud of our state, as have many of you, but we cannot leave the healing in Charleston; we must take it with us wherever we

go. There is no doubt SC is impacting the world for Christ, but let us press on to the higher ground of reconciliation. I love the words I heard in church from Jonathan Jones; he said, “When that shooter went into the church, he was looking to find black people to shoot, but what he found when he opened the door were God’s people.” Exactly! And that is the fuel that is driving the outpouring of love and unity. God’s people! God’s people acting like God’s people, forgiving, loving, worshiping, ministering and caring.

Some are telling us that more gun laws will cure things like this. Just by saying that shows they are blind to what is going on in Charleston and our nation. The cure is right before our eyes, and the cure is the Love of Christ. It covers a multitude of sins. We must never forget the lessons of Charleston, and that will be the temptation. Always remember! The lesson is clear; good trumps evil, and “where sin abounds, grace much more abounds.” So, in April we were blistered by Baltimore, and in June, we were saved by South Carolina. Isn’t that the way God told us it would work?

*Just a Pastor,  
Mike DeCosta*

### Calendar of Events

- 3** Church Office Closed
- 4** INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 5** VBS Worker Meeting in sanctuary immediately after morning service
- 7** Deacon’s Meeting ~ 7 pm
- 9** Movie Night ~ 6 pm ~ FLC
- 12-16** VBS ~ 6 pm -8 pm each night
- 20-24** Camp Longridge
- 26** Camp Longridge Testimonies 6:30 pm ~ CBC FLC
- 28** Elderberry trip to Florence Farmers’ Market
- 30** Men’s Dinner ~ 6 pm

### Looking forward to August

- (4) Trip to Whirlin’ Waters
- (9) Properties Committee Meeting

(13) Elderberry/Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Outing  
 (23) Vote on No. Comm. Report  
 (30) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Dinner to follow AM Worship

**Workers for July**

Audiovisual: 7/5 Rob Hussey  
 7/12 Patrick Lester  
 7/19 Terry Gaff  
 7/26 Will Thomas

Nursery: 7/5 Christie, Julia, &  
 Morgan Morris  
 7/12 Kathy Lee, Lauren Lee  
 7/19 Nancy & Elizabeth  
 McInnis  
 7/26 Erica Eaddy  
 Casey Pelfrey

Toddler Church: 7/5 Tabitha Gardner  
 7/12 Barbara Hussey  
 7/19 Sara Thompson  
 7/26 Mary Kathryn Jordan

Building Attendant: Justin Woodard

Flowers: 7/5 Open  
 7/12 Open  
 7/19 Betty Andrews  
 7/26 Open

Ushers: Johnny Baker, Sean Briley, Jamie Hodge,  
 Gary Lee, Tommy Lee, Toey Lee, William  
 Locklair, Brad Pelfrey

**Prayer Ministry**

Ann Barwick Esther Blackmon  
 Marie Davids Lynn Evans  
 Valorie Evans Patricia Flowers  
 Joey Godwin Rosemary Herring  
 Juanita Hunter Mary Frances Lee  
 Jessie McCabe Kenny Powers  
 Gail Richardson Rodney Richburg  
 Esther Taylor Abigail Thompson  
 Lila Sue Thompson Melva Young

**Happy Birthday**

<b>1</b> Taylor Lee	<b>18</b> Allie Turner
Schyler Gaff	<b>20</b> Gail Richardson
<b>2</b> Chase Lee	<b>21</b> Donnie Briley
<b>7</b> Ben Jordan	Mary Louise Jones
Mac McCabe	Daphne Powell
Morgan Morris	<b>22</b> Will Ard
<b>8</b> Steven Flowers	William Locklair
Hunter Grace Layton	
<b>9</b> Michelle Belt	<b>24</b> Emma Jean Joyner
<b>10</b> Tabitha Gardner	Joey Williams
Mary Frances Lee	
<b>11</b> Copeland Lee	<b>25</b> Mary Kathryn Jordan
<b>13</b> Russ Harrelson	<b>30</b> Hannah Lee
<b>14</b> Adelaide Eaddy	Edward McCabe
<b>15</b> Lauren Lee	
Camryn Morris	

*If we have missed your birthday, please call the church office so that we can add your name to our birthday list.*

**June Monthly Records**

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 146  
 Avg. 11:00 Worship Attendance: 169  
 Monthly Offering Total: \$17,592.63  
 Building Fund: \$25,885.78

**Encouragement Opportunities**

Missionary of the Month:  
 Sumter Pregnancy Center  
 529 Oxford Street  
 Sumter, SC 29150  
 Phone: 803.773.8858  
 Fax: 803.773.2222

[office@sumterpregnancycenter.com](mailto:office@sumterpregnancycenter.com)

Students of the Month:

All of our students as they enjoy their summer.

Shut-in of the Month:

Esther Taylor  
 123 Sunset Drive  
 Manning, SC 29102  
 803.433.2601

### ***A Few Words from Brother Tom***

As I prepare to write updates for the month, I am comforted by the love and fellowship I feel within the Clarendon Baptist family. Yet, the recent tragedy in Charleston reminds me how quickly that sense of peace and enjoyment can be lost. If that were our church family, how easy would it be to let anger and hate for the young man that attacked and stole the earthly lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, because of their skin color, fill our hearts. The Word tells us not only to love our neighbor but to love our enemy and pray for those that persecute us. I have to be honest, it is hard to love or pray for others with all the turmoil, hate, and worldly behavior we see around us - especially when their individual actions seem to question or attack our family or faith. I sometimes have to call out to God in order to remind myself that He is Almighty God. He is our hope in times of despair. He is alive. He is perfect. He is faithful. He is our Father that loves us as only a Father can. Prayer helps me surrender to Him when I am struggling. His Spirit helps me to love the person I am most uncomfortable with. Prayer is my stress reliever and my peace keeper. I encourage you to call on your Father not just in times of need but every day. If you are not praying regularly for the neighbor or enemy that tests your love - start today! Trust Him; it will make a difference.

### **Update from June Deacon Meeting:**

- A. Motions from quarterly business meeting (each passed with a significant majority)
  - Church will support travel expenses for Moldova Mission team
  - Church budget to add an open line item for donations for Operation Christmas Child
  - Building committee to move forward with review of final plans and bids to determine cost
- B. Currently working on obtaining deed for parcel of land, by the Family Life Center, not owned by the church.
- C. Term for Deacons start in July: John Horton, Jack Hubbard, and

Ray Richburg will be starting their term on the Board. Justin Woodard, Jonathan Jones, and Tom Chappell have completed their term.

- D. Electrical inspection of the Church required by Insurance Company to be completed by July 1.
- E. Properties Committee to have someone evaluate the mold in the bathrooms of the parsonage.
- F. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure the church is secured appropriately. If you are the last person out - secure the building or contact someone to secure it.

*Tom Chappell*

"You have heard it said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."  
*Matthew 5:43-45*

### **CBC Happenings/Missions**

#### **VBS 2015**

July 12-16

For ages K-3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up with name and number or speak with Adrienne McCabe (803) 460-5280 or Nikki Woodard (803) 473-0944

#### **Camp Longridge**

July 20-24

Camp Longridge Service

Sunday, July 26

6:30 pm

#### **Elderberry Trip**

We're off to the Florence Farmers' Market for McLeod Farms peaches, Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>! We can buy their cling-free peaches at their booth - the same as what we would get in McBee - also their breads, vegetables, etc. AND ICE CREAM!! Upon arriving in Florence (11:30 am), we will have lunch at Bazen's Family Restaurant on Irby St. (lunch is free). After lunch, we'll spend time at the Farmers' Market where you can make all your purchases, not only at McLeod Farms but other vendors, too. We'll plan to depart from the

church at 10:30 am [Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>]. *Please sign up on sheet at the front of the sanctuary.*

CBC Men's Dinner  
Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 pm  
Details TBA.

Youth (grades 6 - 12)/Elderberry Trip to Medieval Times (Myrtle Beach)  
Thursday, August 13, the youth and seniors will be going to a Medieval Times matinee in Myrtle Beach. Reservations and a deposit have been made with a tentative number of 40 going. A final count has to be called in on Monday, July 27, and the final payment mailed.

Cost per person  
(both youth and seniors) is \$10.00.

**YOU MUST SIGN UP AND HAVE ALL MONIES IN BY SUNDAY, JULY 26!!!!**

Please give your money to either Pastor Jon or Doris Daniel. Questions may be referred to Pastor Jon (825.9052) or Doris Daniel (478.3372). *We will meet at the church no later than 7:45 am on Thursday, August 13, and we will pull out of the parking lot promptly at 8:00 am.* Looking forward to a really fun day of shared fellowship between our Elderberries and our youth! *Sign up sheet is at the front of the sanctuary.*

### **2015 Moldova Mission Trip**

*Thru Crossover Communications*  
September 10-19

Please begin praying for our team:

Tom Chappell, Mike DeCosta,  
Jeremy Evans, Terry Gaff,

Glenna Mack Mutchler, Wayne Ward

*If donating to trip, make check payable to CBC and write Moldova in memo section.*

*If the donation is to support a particular team member, please also include the team member's name in the memo section.*

*Contact Persons: Tom Chappell and Pastor Mike DeCosta.*

### **Ongoing Missions Opportunities**

Operation Christmas Child

Item(s) for July -

In addition to collecting those freebies you come across on vacation - pens, pencils, notepads, tote bags, etc. - keep an eye out for those great Back to School sales and maybe pick up an item or two. We also collect anything not liquid or chocolate. Thanks! *Mary Jo*

Harvest Seed

Collecting Sunday School literature and other Christian teaching materials to send to pastors and missionaries worldwide.

Contact Person: Karen DeCosta

Donations for Ukraine

Collecting gently used clothes and other items to send to Dr. & Mrs. Crane for use in their ministry in Ukraine.

Contact Person: Donald Morris