

Info from CBC November 2016 Newsletter

I sat down to watch the debate last night, and I was gripped by an answer Hillary Clinton gave. I know she was “horrified” that Trump may not accept the election results and that is all the media will talk about. However, I was “horrified” by something greater as Mrs. Clinton talked about abortion and her stance that a baby in the womb has no rights. I beg to differ. That baby has a right to life! We all have that right, and it should be protected. It is not a “choice” to end that life. It is murder! I don’t have to be aligned with a political party to know that. Did you notice the way she so casually talked about the right to partial birth abortion? That is when a baby is delivered alive (all but the head), then an instrument is put up into the skull at the base of the brain to end the baby’s life.

Oh, Lord! How far have we fallen? How far does this rabbit hole go? How did we get to this place where we sacrifice our babies on the altar of expedience and call it choice? How can people be outraged by the mundane and not even “bat an eye” at this evil? My heart breaks. My soul hurts. My mind races, and I am “horrified” at how we have arrived here. Are we so callous as a nation that WikiLeaks takes precedence over life? I am afraid if we so blatantly go down this road as a nation, we will be a nation gone under and incapable of grasping right from wrong.

There is no doubt that we have forsaken the principles that have founded our nation, and the Church is Asleep in the light. We are afraid of what people will say if we speak our beliefs. We are afraid we will lose our job or social standing. We care more about our comfort than Christ. Please, Church, “Wake up!” We are in the middle of the biggest cultural shift of our time. One cannot go to an Ivy League school and proclaim Jesus as Lord without being labeled “intolerant”, “xenophobic”, or plain “crazy.” Those very institutions were founded on Christian worldviews. I would submit that those institutions that claim to be bastions of tolerance are the very definition of intolerance. They have forsaken their founding values and drifted from the foundations that made them what they are today.

This election is not about Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton [*I cannot tell you who to vote for; both of these candidates are flawed (which of us is*

not?)]], but it is about a direction in which our country will go. It is about a worldview that is secular vs. one that is intolerant of Christian Liberty. We have seen that through the release of emails attacking Catholics and Evangelicals, where we are accused of the “bastardization” of society. We are at a time of choosing. I personally believe this is where God has brought us. What will you do? What will your part be? We will be held accountable. Moreover, we will have to live in a nation shaped by Post-Christian (even Anti-Christian) values. By the way, you cannot sit this one out because you do not like the personality of the candidates. We are told in Scripture, “For him who knows to do good and does not do it, it is sin.” We are also told by Jesus to “occupy until He comes”, so we must take our role as “salt and light” in our culture seriously. You may disagree with me on my views, but as a pastor, no, as a Christian, I must speak these things. I will be held accountable, and you will, too, for your choices.

Choose wisely.

Pastor Mike

Deacon Update

At the October 18 meeting, a portion of the meeting was focused on praying for our congregants, especially Donald Morris, Trisha Flowers, and David McCabe. Since that meeting, Mr. Donald and Mrs. Trisha have been called home. We will always cherish the mark those two had on this church, the community, and the world. Both such caring individuals, with a passion to reach the lost. Mr. Donald, Mrs. Trisha, you will be missed. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Pastor Mike will be scheduling a joint meeting with all Sunday School teachers soon.

Pastor Jon plans to meet with all AWANA workers / teachers as well.

The early service will resume on January 8th.

Fall M2M classes will be ending soon.

The church 2017 budget meeting will be held on 10/25.

The insurance adjuster has been on campus to assess damages from hurricane Matthew, and we should see repairs happening soon.

Pastor Mike plans to have an election prayer on the Sunday before the elections. Please pray

for our nation and its leadership. And please vote. While you may not like a candidate, study the candidate's platforms, and it may become clearer which candidate lines up with your beliefs. The country is at a crossroads, and staying home is not really an option.

Jay Gardner

"Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Calendar of Events

- 5** Daylight Saving Time ends
Turn clocks back an hour
before going to bed
- 6** Faith Promise Sunday
Luncheon for AWANA Workers after
AM worship
- 8** Election Day ~ Don't forget to cast
your vote!
- 15 & 17** Ladies Encounter ~ CBC FLC
- 22** DeCosta Family Hotdog Supper
6 p.m. ~ CBC FH
- 24** **THANKSGIVING**
- 24/25** Church Offices Closed
- 26** Clemson vs. USC

Looking Forward

- (3) Children's Christmas Cookie Bake ~
Children's Musical Practice (4) Children's
Christmas Musical (8) Elderberry Christmas
Dinner (9-11) Winterblast (11) Adult Choir
Christmas Musical (14) Last night of
AWANA for 2016 (16) Youth Christmas
Party (18) SS Christmas Tree (21) No Wed.
Services/Activities (23) CBC Office Closed
(25) CHRISTMAS (28) No Wed.
Services/Activities
(30) CBC Office Closed

Workers for November

Audiovisual:

- 11/6** Grayson Harrelson
- 11/13** Colin Gaff
- 11/20** Mark Evans
- 11/27** Mack Mutchler

Nursery:

- 11/6** Harriet Locklair, Adrienne McCabe
- 11/13** Tabitha Gardner, Jordan Price
- 11/20** Christi, Julia, & Morgan Morris
- 11/27** Betsy Jordan, Linda Pierce

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 11/6** Tabitha Gardner
- 11/13** Allyson Goff
- 11/20** Barbara Hussey
- 11/27** Nancy Mitchum

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 11/6** Chandace Tanner
- 11/13** Lauren Lee
- 11/20** Mary Lynn Lee
- 11/27** Elizabeth Briley

Building Attendant: Jimmy Bryant

Flowers:

- 11/6** Wayne Ward
- 11/13** Nancy McInnis
- 11/20** Open
- 11/27** Open

Ushers:

John Horton, Rob Hussey, Ben Jordan,
Chris Jordan, Derek Lee
Gary Lee, Tommy Lee, William Locklair

Prayer Ministry

- Russell Harrelson Ed Hinson Juanita Hunter
- Mary Frances Lee David McCabe
- VeLinda Reynolds Will Thomas Jim Walker
- Francis Young David & Melva Young

Happy Birthday

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| 1 | Terry Davis | 15 | Elizabeth Hussey |
| | Ruth Turner | 16 | Sandy Evans |
| 2 | David Gabert | 18 | Beth Lyles |
| | David Young | | Grace Tufares |
| 3 | Elizabeth McInnis | | Christi Williams |
| | Vassar Turner | 20 | Judy Gamble |
| 6 | Isabella Garrett | | Melva Young |
| | Chris Jordan | 22 | Ray Evans |
| 7 | Deborah Ward | 23 | Brandi Dennis |
| 8 | W.L. Gardner | | Anita Hodge |
| | Crystal Lester | | Cary Lee |
| | LaRena Powers | 24 | Kim Gardner |
| 9 | Kathryn Bryant | | Laci Thompson |
| | Adrienne McCabe | 26 | Rolston Eargle |
| 10 | Donna Burgess | 29 | Sarah Elizabeth |
| | Reese McInnis | | Geddings |
| 11 | Tori Goff | | |
| | Debra Perkins | | |
| 13 | Patrick Lester | | |
| | Crystal Thompson | | |

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

October Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 117
Avg. Worship Attendance: 141
Monthly Offering Total: \$17,624.50
Building Fund: \$16,913.59

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Mission:
Henry & Jeanne Lantang
(with Int'l Gospel Missions)

JL Pakis Permai 3/7
Lippo Cikarang 17550
INDONESIA

igoindo@yahoo.com

Student of the Month:

Christian Hussey
331 Harts Cove Way
Seneca, SC 29678

Shut-in of the Month:

Valorie Evans
2923 Alcolu St.
Alcolu, SC 29001

CBC Happenings

Santee Baptist Association

Sr. Adult Rally & Luncheon

Tues., Nov. 8 ~ Time: Noon ~ Cost: \$5
Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Rd.,
Sumter, SC. If planning to attend, please call
church office no later than Thurs., Nov. 3.
CBC bus will not be used for transportation.

10th Annual 2016 Ladies Encounter

Tues., Nov. 15 & Thurs., Nov. 17
Guest Speaker: DeeDee Horton
Cost: \$15
Doors open: 5:30 pm Meal served: 6:30 pm
Contact Denise Jones (803.435.1501) or Adrienne
McCabe (803.460.5280) for tickets or if interested
in decorating a table.

Kids' WinterBlast at Camp Longridge

December 9 – 11, 2016 ~ Grades 3 – 7
Cost of \$60 is due by November 30.
Worship Music and Chapel, Devotions, Christmas
Games, Friendly Contests, Christmas Films,
Canteen, and more!
See Pastor Jon with any questions.

Poinsettia Order Forms

can be found in the Sunday bulletin. If interested
in ordering a poinsettia (or more than one), fill out
a form and give it + the money to Nancy Hubbard
no later than Sunday, November 20th. *There will be
two ordering options this year so please read the
form carefully.*

Missions Opportunities

Harvest Seeds

Collecting Sunday school literature, devotionals,
and other religious material to send to brothers
and sisters who faithfully labor in the vineyard
with limited resources. *Periodically, volunteers
needed to sort, pack, and deliver materials to the
associational office. If interested, please speak
with Karen DeCosta.*

Wednesday Night Menus & Kitchen Teams

- 11/2 Menu: Grilled burgers, Potato salad, Chips,
Ice cream
KT: Jonathan & Denise Jones, Justin & Nikki
Woodard
- 11/9 Menu: Chicken nuggets, Mac-n-cheese,
Veggie, Dessert
KT: Carolyn Brewer, Stacey & Nancy
McInnis, Janice Richburg
- 11/16 Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Veggie, Garlic
bread, Dessert
KT: Jay & Kim Gardner, Lenn & Tabitha
Gardner, Maybin Gardner
- 11/23 NO AWANA
- 11/30 Menu: Tacos, Refried beans, Spanish rice,
Dessert
KT: Chris & Jordan Price, Scott & Chandace
Tanner

*“Prayer does not change God,
but it changes him who prays.”
Soren Kierkegaard (1813 – 1855)*