

Info from CBC March 2017 Newsletter
Amazing Grace

There is a murderer lurking around us. He is obsessed with punishing us and taking all joy. He is never satisfied with our being free and blessed. He does not advertise his murderous ways. He does not wear a badge or have one of those "Hello, my name is" stickers. He does however appear every Sunday in thousands of churches. He is not dirty or untoward. He is well-kept, well-spoken, and well-attended. In fact, he would never curse, smoke, or lie. He carries his Bible and waxes eloquent in all things theological. However, if you are untoward, smoke, drink or God forbid, wear pantsuits to church, you will be one of his first victims. Don't worry because you won't feel a thing because he may pray you in the back or say, "bless your heart." He may give you three reasons you will go to hell if you have a tattoo or wear shorts. His name is Legalist.

Legalist is everything the Gospel is not. In fact, Legalist is the murderer of grace. When Grace shows up, he touts the law and justice. He is a wealth of Old Testament Law and Regulation. Legalist will not stay in the same room as Grace for long without trying to banish her with some quip or well-designed saying. Legalist and Grace are truly "oil and water" of the Christian life. In fact, this was one of the Apostle Paul's greatest foes. He tells the Galatians in chapter 1 that he is "astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel." This different gospel Paul refers to is legalism. He has seen the murderous ways of Legalist. In fact, he was run out of Lystra by people riled up by Judaizers who were possessed by Legalist.

You see, Legalist kills by the letter of the law. He wields his sword of self-righteousness when someone falls short of his self-instituted code of holiness, which is not holiness at all. The only problem with gaining righteousness by your works is it insatiable. It can never be full. It can never be accomplished. It can never be satisfied. Paul said, "All who rely on observing the law are under a curse." Wow! Jesus came to set us free from the weight of the law. If I think my works are sufficient for salvation, then I am my own savior. Jesus

redeemed me from the curse of the law (that is trying to gain righteousness through my works); the Scripture verifies that Jesus took the curse of the law upon himself to obtain my salvation and righteousness. The Scripture says, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." I am now the righteousness of God in Christ. It is His work on the Cross that makes me Holy. It is His work that saves my soul. It is His work that satisfies and makes me free.

In conclusion, if you want to experience the Christian life, you must surrender to the grace of Christ. This will be scary, but you have a teacher who will lead you in all things. If you want to be free, you must live a grace-filled life. The Bible says, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17). Join me in being a grace giver this year. I love you all and "grace be unto you!"

Just a servant,
Pastor Mike

Deacon Update

At the February meeting, we continued the discussion of a potential Cross for the sanctuary.

Also, the Deacons and the Audio/Visual team are in the process of replacing our dated software and related equipment in the sanctuary.

Hopefully, you will see improvement shortly.

M2M classes begin soon. Please sign up!

Kristin Hubbard will be scheduled to speak to us in regards to her upcoming mission trip.

Please be in prayer as to how God leads you in support of one of our own on the mission field!

Pastor Mike will be attending the annual Pastor's Conference March 8-10.

As always, please pray for your Pastors and Deacons as we, partnered with you, seek the center of God's will for Clarendon Baptist Church.

Jay

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46: 1-11

Calendar of Events

- 8 AWANA Theme Night ~ Bring your parents/dress like twins
12 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ CBC FH
14 Deacons Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
17-19 High Schoolers' Retreat
18 Disaster Relief Training (*in Florence*)
21 Elderberry Trip to Blackville, SC
26 Deposits due for Camp Longridge and SummerSalt

Looking Forward

2) Deadline to Signup/Pay for Middle School Retreat ~ Easter Egg Hunt (9-11) Camp Longridge Service Project (11) Deacons Meeting (12) No AWANA *Spring Break* (16) EASTER (22) Stripe Bass Festival (28-30) Middle School Retreat (30) 5th Sunday

Workers for March

Audiovisual:

- 3/5 E. Coin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
L. Rob Hussey, Will Thomas
3/12 E. Terry Gaff, Grayson Harrelson
L. Mark Evans, Scott Tanner
3/19 E. Cory McWhite, Mack Mutchler
L. Terry Gaff, Chuck Goff
3/26 E. Colin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
L. Rob Hussey, Will Thomas

Nursery:

- 3/5 E. Allison, Tori, & Hardy Goff
L. Heather & Lundee Olsen
3/12 E. Kim, Lauren, & Jordan Gardner
L. DeeDee & Tolley Horton
3/19 E. Harriet & Katenell Locklair
L. Linda Eaddy, Vassar Turner
3/26 E. Stacy Acord, Effie Russell
L. Erica Hodge, Nancy Mitchum

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 3/5 Nancy Mitchum
3/12 Barbara Hussey
3/19 Tami Blascak
3/26 Linda Eaddy

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 3/5 Elizabeth Briley
3/12 Casey Pelfrey
3/19 Linda Eaddy
3/26 Brandi Holladay

Building Attendant: Jack Hubbard

Flowers: All Sundays are OPEN

Ushers: Benji Haney, Russ Harrelson, Jamie Hodge, John Horton, Rob Hussey, Ben Jordan, Derek Lee

Prayer Ministry

Mattie Boyce	Jewell Brown
Ed Hinson	Juanita Hunter
Nell Langston	Mary Frances Lee
David McCabe	Pastor Mike
David & Melva Young	
Francis Young	

February Monthly Records (thru 2/19)

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 141
Avg. Worship Attendance: (8:45) 66 (11:00) 113
Monthly Offering Total: \$20,478.54
Building Fund: \$112,814.30

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary:

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Crane (*Donna*)

International Faith Initiatives, Inc.
5592 Pinecrest Circle
Noblesville, IN 46062

Student of the Month:

Tourie Haney

1193 McKenzie Rd.
Manning, SC 29102
803.473.7511

Shut-in of the Month:

Francis Young

c/o Frances Register
1000 Atlas Rd.
Columbia, SC 29209

Happy Birthday

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Erica Hodge | 17 LaCosta King |
| Steve Lowe | 18 Paul Taylor |
| 2 Lila Sue Thompson | 20 Kirstin Morris |
| 6 Elizabeth Ann Geddings | 21 Lee Stevens |
| Melonie Richburg | 24 Amanda Brogdon |
| 7 Connie Burke | 25 Mac Eaddy |
| Brad Pelfrey | Christian Hussey |
| Effie Russell | 26 Mary Jo Jones |
| 8 Kathy Lee | Tommy Thompson |
| 9 Francis Young | 27 Karen DeCosta |
| 10 Maybin Gardner | 28 Bobby Wilder |
| 11 Aiden Thompson | 29 Chuck Goff |
| 13 Denise Jones | Dale Thomas |
| 14 Stormy & Tori Lyles | |
| 15 Jason Woodbury | |
| 16 Lani-Grace Powell | |
| Tuesday Sanders | |

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

Wednesday Night Menus & Kitchen Teams

- 3.1 Menu: Chicken nuggets, Mac-n-cheese, Veggie, Dessert
KT: Chris & Jordan Price, Scott & Chandace Tanner
- 3.8 Menu: Baked ziti, Salad, Veggie, Garlic bread, Dessert
KT: Jewell Brown, Tommy Geddings, Harriet Locklair
- 3.15 Menu: Tacos, Refried beans, Spanish rice, Dessert
KT: Jim & Doris Daniel, Jack & Joyce Henson
- 3.22 Menu: Spring Picnic: Grilled BBQ chicken, Mac-n-cheese, Veggie, Roll, Dessert
KT: Russ & Dawn Harrelson, John & DeeDee Horton
- 3.29 Menu: Hotdogs w/fixings, Chips, Dessert
KT: Carolyn Brewer, Stacey & Nancy McInnis, Janice Richburg

Disaster Relief Training

Disaster Relief Training ~ March 18

TIME: (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COST: New Volunteers - \$50

Returning Volunteers - \$35

LOCATION: Calvary Baptist Church

915 Cherokee Rd., Florence, SC

Sign up sheet in sanctuary.

More information can be found online at <http://www.scbaptist.org/events/disaster-relief-training-5/>

Senior Adult News

Tuesday, March 21st, join the Elderberries as they journey to Blackville, SC to lunch at Miller's Bread Basket, to visit Healing Springs Baptist Church, and to stop at "God's Acre Healing Springs".

Cost for lunch: \$5

Gathering at CBC: 9:30 a.m.

Departing CBC: 9:45 a.m.

Signup sheet in sanctuary.

Point of contact: Doris Daniel 803.478.3372.

Youth News

High Schooler Retreat

March 17 – 19 ~ Garden City Chapel

Members: \$50 Non-members: \$100

Zip-lining included.

(Deadline for sign up/payment was Sunday, Feb. 12th.)

Middle Schooler Retreat

April 28-30 ~ North Carolina

Cost: \$50 ~ *Whitewater rafting included.*

Deadline for sign up/payment is April 12th.

Space is very limited.

Operation Christmas Child

As we go into the month of March, O.C.C. will be collecting bars of soap and washcloths and toothbrushes! *Gentle reminder: due to custom regulations, toothpaste cannot be sent to these children!* Thank you for your support to this ministry!

Love in Christ,

Mary Jo Jones

Ongoing Ministries

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 are needed to sort, pack, and deliver materials to the associational office. If interested, please speak with Karen DeCosta.

Donations for Ukraine

Collecting warm, gently used children's clothes to send to Dr. & Mrs. Crane to be used in their ministry with Ukrainian orphans.

Point person: Harriet Locklair

"Don't ever become a pessimist...a pessimist is correct more often than an optimist, but an optimist has more fun, and neither can stop the march of events." ~ Robert A. Heinlein