

Info from CBC June 2017

Newsletter

UNDERSTANDING OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Well, we are getting ready to launch out into another summer here at CBC. There are many opportunities to practice your spiritual gifts. We will be having Youth and Kids camps, VBS, a foreign mission trip, and our trip to Cleveland, OH. There also will be many opportunities for our youth and children to grow and be exposed to the Gospel. I am excited about what lies ahead this summer for you and your family to grow. The following paragraphs are some thoughts that God has been teaching me; I want to share with you, and I hope they will "stretch" you and help you grow.

While I was in Cleveland with pastors from our association, I was asked the question by our Director of Missions, "Is there anything that offends you?" I was taken aback by the question. After a few minutes of thought, I had my answer. Legalism. It offends me to my core. You might think I would say abortion, injustice, or gossip. Nope. It's got to be legalism. Why? Because it is offensive to the grace of God and His Cross. At its core, it is vile and black and destructive to every facet of propagating the Gospel of Christ.

Let me explain. Legalism says I can make my own way. It claims our righteousness is the standard for holy living and salvation. It says we need Christ and something else to save and keep us. For example, many Christians believe to accept Christ, one must pray a prayer and stop smoking, cussing; guys must cut hair; women must only wear dresses; no cutting grass on Sunday; can't play cards; etc. All of these things are aspiring and can look good. However, it is an affront to the gospel of Christ. The problem is found in the starting point. Paul says, "...by observing the law no one will be justified." (Gal. 2:16b). The starting point of legalism is self. Apart from Christ, we are all condemned. We could keep the whole law and still be condemned. You could do everything right (as if you could), and you would still be short and die a condemned soul.

That seems harsh. You must understand a fundamental truth. **Sinfulness is born in man's heart, not his actions.** His actions just reveal his condemned and depraved heart. Our problem as mankind is found in **who we are, not in what we do.** For example, Jesus teaches this in Matthew 5:22 & 28; He says that if a man thinks about a woman inappropriately in his heart, he has committed adultery. Sin is born in the heart, and God measures a man by what is in his heart. This is why Jesus must come and be our righteousness because we cannot be good enough outwardly because our hearts are unclean. By understanding this truth, you will be set free from the destruction of legalism in your own life, and you will be set free from using it as your personal whipping post. To truly be captured by faith in Christ alone is liberating. It is humbling and joyous. I only exult in the work of Christ Jesus through me, not me working for Christ. I cannot boast in anything I have done because it is garbage compared to the Excellency of Christ. The next time the devil puts in your mind to measure someone else by how good you are, remember to see them through Christ, and this will keep you from evil self righteousness. Be free in the grace of Christ, and you will truly be free.

Just a Servant, Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 5 Homecoming/Fall Revival Committee
Meets, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Missions Committee Meets, 6:30 p.m., FH
- 7 Cleveland Mission Trip Meeting
CBC FH 6 p.m.
- 10-16 SBC Pastors' Conf.
- 12 TWB Comm. Meets
- 12-15 SummerSalt
- 13 Deacons Meet, 7 p.m.
- 18 **FATHER'S DAY**
No evening service or activities.
- 21 SummerSalt Report
Evening Service
- 25 Fireflies Baseball Game

Looking Forward to June

(9-13) CBC VBS (11) Deacons Meet
(17-21) Camp Longridge (23) Longridge Report

(30) 5th Sunday

Workers for June

Audiovisual:

- 6.4 Mark Evans, Scott Tanner
- 6.11 Chuck Goff, Cory McWhite
- 6.18 Colin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
- 6.25 Chuck Goff, Rob Hussey

Nursery:

- 6.4 Stacy Acord, Betsy Jordan,
Julie Rickenbaker
- 6.11 Daphne & Lani-Grace Powell
Heather Olsen
- 6.18 Tabitha Gardner, Effie Russell.
Crystal Thompson
- 6.25 Beth Lyles, Adrienne McCabe,
Jordan Price

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 6.4 Barbara Hussey
- 6.11 Crystal Thompson
- 6.18 NO TC
- 6.25 Tami Blascak

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 6.4 Lauren Lee
- 6.11 Mary Lynn Lee
- 6.18 NO TC
- 6.25 Elizabeth Briley

Building Attendant: Mark Evans

Flowers: 6.4, 6.11, & 6.18 are OPEN

- 6.25 Nell & Kim Langston

Ushers: Johnny Baker, Welborn Brewer, Tom Chappell, J.D. Duke, Jay Eaddy, Mac Eaddy, Darrell Turner, Justin Woodard

Prayer Ministry

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| Joey Godwin | Juanita Hunter |
| Nell Langston | Curtis & Mary Frances Lee |
| David McCabe | Dennis Reynolds |
| Gail Richardson | Shaun Richburg |
| David & Melva Young | |

May Monthly Records (thru May 21)

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 147
Avg. Worship Attendance:
(8:45) - 90 (11:00) - 141
Monthly Offering Total: \$20,198.39
Building Fund: \$121,792.05

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary:

Mark & Kim Palmani
Home Address:
415 Norway St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646
231.258.1135

Philippines Address:
85 Lower Malvar St.
(Unit 4)
Trancoville,
Baguila City 2600
Philippines

markandkimp@juno.com

Student of the Month:

All college students at they enjoy their summer.

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Rd., Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Happy Birthday

- 1 Carl Floyd, Jr.
Julie McCrea
- 2 Mary Fleming
- 3 Nancy Mitchum
- 4 Randi Lynn Floyd
James Richburg
- 5 Frankie McCabe
- 6 Lauren Felder
- 11 Dennis Reynolds
- 12 Tami Blascak
Jennie DuRant
- 13 Jeremy Evans
Mack Mutchler
- 15 Landry Lee
- 17 Tilton McCrea
- 19 Ashleigh Burke

- 20 Dianne Thompson
22 Martha Burke
Tammie Richburg
Casey Ridgeway
26 Stacey McInnis
27 David Baird
28 Nathan Burgess
29 Hope Briley
Barbara King

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

VBS & OCC

During VBS, our children will be collecting the following items: pencils, ink pens, glue sticks, & erasers. The children need your help as OCC is important to them as a project. We are asking for your support as we combine forces. Parents and children, start now buying an item each week for them to turn in during VBS.

CBC Members, we need your help as so far this year our collections are way down! You may drop off items in collection boxes in the Mallie Alderman SS classroom or the OCC Room inside the Annie DuRant SS classroom.

Together, we will bring smiles
to children around the world!

Love in Christ,
Nikki Woodard, *VBS Director*
& Mary Jo Jones, *OCC*

Baby Bottle Boomerang

May 14 – June 18

To benefit Sumter Pregnancy Center.

Pick up a baby bottle in the sanctuary,
fill it with what you feel lead to give, turn it in.

Your change can change lives!

Take me out to the ballgame!

Come and watch the Columbia Fireflies take on the Kannapolis Intimidators, Sunday, June 25.

Cost: \$11

Please sign up on sheet in front of church by Sunday, June 4. On June 25, we will be leaving from the church at 3 p.m. for the ballgame.

Open to everyone!

Together We Build Campaign

Thank you for the continued support and enthusiasm!

*"All things are possible to those who believe."
Mark 9:23*

Vacation Bible School

Theme: Galactic Starveyors ~ July 9-13
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. ~ Light supper served each night.
For 3-yr.-olds through those children who have completed 6th grade.

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