

Info from CBC May 2017 Newsletter He's Got A Ticket To Ride

I can remember when my kids were little, Morgan was my roller coaster buddy. She and I would ride everything together, and Luke and Karen would be relegated to watching us from the ground or riding some kiddie ride. Morgan and I would have so much fun! We would get off the ride laughing and saying, "Let's ride again." Sometimes, Morgan would call Luke a "scaredy cat", and that never went over well in our home. Until one day, Luke decided to ride the Polar Express at the state fair. He and Morgan rode it and laughed, and when he got off, he wanted to ride again. The next time we were at Carowinds Luke rode the old roller coaster, Thunder Road. He liked it and was hooked. I then took him to other coasters, and now, they cannot manufacture a coaster too extreme for Luke. He was suddenly over the fear. He did not know what he was missing. He did not know the joy that was on the other side of that roller coaster. For years, he let Morgan and me have all the fun because he was paralyzed by fear.

I can relate to that little boy (Luke) standing on the ground with his ice cream. I can relate to his face saying, "Boy, I wish I had courage enough to enjoy that ride." Unfortunately, that is the story of many in the church. People are getting on and off the ride of ministry. They come to church and say, "Man! Let's do that again!" while others stand and watch them having so much joy. I want us at CBC to be the ones on the ride and not spectators. I want everyone to experience the joy of ministry and missions at every level. There is room for you on the ministry roller coaster. You may have to take it slow at first or have a friend ride with you, but you must overcome your fear to experience the joy of Christ that can only be found in serving others.

I have been encouraging you in the past few months to pray about where you fit in the "roller coaster" of ministry. We are called to first be an evangelist; we will be training you in the upcoming months on how to share Jesus. I am excited about this. We also have had and will have Harvest Hope on our church campus to give out food to the poor.

Just recently, many in our church gave out 200 boxes of food to needy families. We also gave out hundreds of tracts, church fliers, and bottled water this past weekend at the Striped Bass Festival. We saw people in church Sunday as a result of that ministry. You will be able to stay close to home and go to Cleveland with us to do missions in the inner city at the end of June. This is so exciting. Some will go to Moldova. Many will come back and say, "Man! God took us on an unbelievable ride!" I want to encourage you to overcome your fear and get on the missions roller coaster. Don't be the one sitting and watching the others have all the joy of the Kingdom work. We will be giving you plenty of information to get plugged into ministry in the church, community, state, nation, and the world. What an exciting time to be in the Kingdom of God and to be called at Clarendon Baptist Church!

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 9** Santee Baptist Association Sr. Adult Rally ~ *Details under Sr. Adult News*
Deacons Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
- 10** AWANA Prize Night & Grand Prix
(No prayer meeting.)
- 14** Mother's Day/Baby Dedication
No evening worship or activities
Baby Bottle Boomerang begins.
- 17** AWANA Awards Ceremony
(No prayer meeting)
- 21** Service for Graduates
Balances due for SummerSalt & Camp Longridge attendees. *Those attending Camp Longridge **must be registered** online by May 21st.*

Looking Forward to June
(10-16) SBC Pastors Conference
(12-16) SummerSalt (13) Deacons Meeting
(18) Father's Day

Workers for April

Audiovisual:

- 5.7** E: Colin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
L: Rob Hussey, Will Thomas
- 5.14** Mark Evans, Scott Tanner
- 5.21** E: Cory McWhite, Mack Mutchler
L: Chuck Goff, Bryson Woodard
- 5.28** E: Colin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
L: Rob Hussey, Will Thomas

Nursery:

- 5.7** E: Stacy Acord, Dawn Harrelson
L: Erica Hodge, Nancy Mitchum
- 5.14** Beth Lyles, Julie Rickenbaker
- 5.21** E: DeeDee & Tolley Horton
L: Linda Eaddy, Chandace Tanner
- 5.28** E: Allyosn, TOri, & Hardy Goff
L: Erica Eaddy, Casey Pelfrey

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 5.7** Allyson Goff
- 5.14** **NO TC/MOTHER'S DAY**
- 5.21** Tabitha Gardner
- 5.28** Mary Kathryn Jordan

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 5.7** Lynn Beatson
- 5.14** **NO CC/MOTHER'S DAY**
- 5.21** Erica Eaddy
- 5.28** Chandace Tanner

Building Attendant: John Horton

Flowers:

- 5.7/5.21/5.28** – OPEN
- 5.14** Rose Tree for Mother's Day

Ushers: Mack Mutchler, Brad Pelfrey, Bobby Pierce, Aaron Powell, Chris Price, John Smith, Scott Tanner, Will Thomas

Prayer Ministry

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

April Monthly Records (April 2-23)

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 134
Avg. Worship Attendance: (8:45) - 68 (11:00) - 133
Monthly Offering Total: \$27,305.82
Building Fund: \$

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary:

Jim & Miriam Beacham
w/Godspeed Resources Connection
2446 Rolling Pines Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Student of the Month:

Christian Hussey
331 Harts Cove Way
Seneca, SC 29678

Shut-in of the Month:

Mary Frances Lee
1388 Peggy Lane
Manning, SC 29102
803.473.2438

Happy Birthday

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| 2 | <i>Taylor Evans</i> | 19 | <i>Morgan McCrea</i> |
| 3 | <i>J.D. Duke</i> | 20 | <i>Abbie Thompson</i> |
| 4 | <i>Tori Morris</i> | 21 | <i>Maddison Brunt</i> |
| 6 | <i>Brent Beatson</i> | | <i>Kaitlyn King</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Chappell</i> | 24 | <i>Wayne Ward</i> |
| | <i>Tolley Horton</i> | 25 | <i>Jenna Lyles</i> |
| 11 | <i>Rozetta Eargle</i> | 27 | <i>Kerry Brewer</i> |
| | <i>Carole Evans</i> | | <i>Cindy Geddings</i> |
| | <i>Ray Geddings</i> | | <i>Mils Richburg</i> |
| | <i>Les Thompson, IV</i> | 28 | <i>Linda Pierce</i> |
| 13 | <i>Jimmy Hodge</i> | 29 | <i>Toey Lee</i> |
| 15 | <i>Tracey Joyner</i> | | <i>Casey Pelfrey</i> |
| 18 | <i>Nell Langston</i> | | |
| | <i>Anna Charles Lester</i> | | |
| | <i>Julia Morris</i> | | |
| | <i>Cole Richburg</i> | | |

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

- 5.3 Menu: Brown Bag Dinner – Variety of sandwiches, Chips, Desserts
KT: Jewell Brown, Tommy Geddings, Harriett Locklair
- 5.10 Menu: Pizza
KT: None Needed
- 5.17 AWANA Awards Night – Finger Foods
KT: Jim & Doris Daniel, Jack & Joyce Henson

Senior Adult News

Santee Baptist Assoc. Sr. Adult Rally

Tuesday, May 9 ~ Noon

Northside Memorial Baptist Church
Sumter, SC

Cost for Meal: \$5 per person

A time of fellowship to follow meal.

If planning to attend, please contact Doris Daniel
no later than Wed., May 3.

Mother's Day Rose Tree

On May 14th, we will have a tree of red, white, & pink roses in the sanctuary to honor and remember our mothers and mother figures. The \$10 for each rose will go to our Building Fund, and the names of those honored/remembered and the persons honoring/remembering them will be listed in a Mother's Day bulletin insert. If you haven't yet filled out a form, you can find one in the bulletin each Sunday until May 7th, which is the ordering deadline.

Red roses –for our living mothers

White roses – for our mothers who are no longer
with us

Pink roses – for a special mother figure in your life

Point Persons: Joyce Henson, Juanita Hunter

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!

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