

Info from CBC Sept. 2017

Newsletter

A CALL TO PRAYER

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. ³This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (I TIMOTHY 2:1-4)

I believe we are weakest when we are prayerless. The scripture teaches us this principal in the Old Testament when it asks the question, "Where does my help come from?" The answer, "My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth." This scripture is a prayer the pilgrims sang as they journeyed the treacherous path to Jerusalem for sacrifice and worship of the living God. They didn't know if they would live or die making that trip through those mountains. However, they cried out to God in Prayer.

I am not an alarmist, but many in our congregation have taken this for granted. Our prayer group is shrinking in size. Many churches are abandoning this, but we never will. It is not an entertaining time, it is not flashy time, but it is a time when we come and seek our God for our loved ones, our church, and those struggling through life. God's power is found in the life of His people praying. I am praying for a "fresh fire" to fall and that comes through prayer. When God's people pray, He works and He moves in the lives of people. However, I will say that prayer is an **act of the will**. Many times, we just don't will it in our lives. I am

guilty of that. When things are hard, PRAY; when things are dark, PRAY; when things are hopeless, PRAY, and when things are good, PRAY.

Hudson Taylor knew God answered prayer according to His will. The story is told of his mission to China in this story:

When Hudson Taylor was sailing to China to begin his missionary work, his ship was in great danger. The wind had died, and the current was carrying them toward sunken reefs which were close to islands inhabited by cannibals—so close they could see them building fires on the shore. Everything they tried was to no avail. In his journal, Taylor recorded what happened next: *The Captain said to me, "Well, we have done everything that can be done." A thought occurred to me, and I replied, "No, there is one thing we have not done yet." "What is that?" he queried. "Four of us on board are Christians. Let us each retire to his own cabin, and in agreed prayer ask the Lord to give us immediately a breeze."*

Taylor prayed briefly and then, certain that the answer was coming, went up on the deck and asked the first officer to let down the sails. *"What would be the good of that?" he answered roughly. I told him we had been asking a wind from God; that it was coming immediately.* Within minutes, the wind did begin to blow, and it carried them safely past the reefs. Taylor wrote: *Thus God encouraged me ere landing on China's shores to bring every variety of need to Him in prayer and to expect that He would honor the name of the Lord Jesus and give the help each emergency required.*

Knowing that our prayers touch the heart of our loving Father in Heaven and that He can meet any need, we should be confident that He will hear and answer when we cry out to Him. I want to gently encourage you to join us in prayer on Wednesday nights at 7pm at the church and let's assault heaven with our prayers. Remember prayer is an act of the will.

Just a servant,
Pastor Mike

Deacon Update

The new church year is upon us, and we are excited about watching God move in our church!

Please be in prayer about the upcoming changes to the AWANA program; this will start on September 10th, and we hope to see all of our young people participate! AWANA is a strong program and an exciting ministry to be a part of as God touches the lives of kids!

Also, be sure you take advantage of our upcoming M2M classes; there are several good, biblical studies being offered, that will help all of us grow in our spiritual walk. Sign up sheets are located in the front of the church.

On another note, keep the Moldova Missions team in your prayers; they will be leaving on September 7th and will return on the 16th.

Good news from the Sumter Pregnancy Center, the Baby Bottle Boomerang raised more than \$19,000 dollars! Our efforts came to just over \$700.00. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Our Homecoming/Revival is also on the horizon; mark your calendars for Oct. 22nd through the 25th. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

One last issue that the deacons have been made aware of is the problem with our projection system in the sanctuary. It appears that our projector is losing some of its brightness, and there are many times when it is hard to see during the morning service. We've decided to refer this problem to the Audio-Visual committee for recommendations on how to resolve the problem.

Thank you again for everything you do to support the ministry of Clarendon Baptist Church. We are anticipating a

productive year and are excited about what God has in store!

In Christ,
Scott Tanner
Board
Secretary

NEW SCHEDULE!!!!

Morning

Early Worship Service	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Evening

AWANA	5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Time <i>in FH</i> (For those not in AWANA)	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

3	Sunday School Promotion
4	Labor Day/Office Closed
5	Bus Committee/FH/7:00 p.m.
7-16	Moldova Missions Trip
10	Begin NEW Schedule AWANA Begins
12	Dacons Meet ~ 7 p.m.
14	Ladies Night/FH/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Looking Forward to October

(Faith Promise Month)

(10) Dacons Meet (21) Alcolu Reunion
(22-25) Homecoming/Revival
(28) Fall Festival (29) 5th Sunday
(30) Budget Committee Meets

Workers for September

Audiovisual:

- 9.3** Chuck Goff, Cory McWhite
9.10 E. Colin Gaff, Bryson Woodard
L. Rob Hussey, Will Thomas
9.17 E. Terry Gaff, Grayson Harrelson
L. Terry Gaff, Grayson Harrelson
9.24 E. Cory McWhite, Mack Mutchler
L. Mark Evans, Mack Mutchler

Nursery:

- 9.3** Erica Hodge, Nancy Mitchum
9.10 E. Adriene Jones, Julie Rickenbaker
L. Kathy Lee, Beth Lyles
9.17 E. Stacy Acord, Tabitha Gardner
L. Daphne & Lani-Grace Powell
9.24 E. Effie Russell, Crystal Thompson
L. Erica Eaddy, Casey Pelfrey

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 9.3** Tami Blascak
9.10 Allyson Goff
9.17 Linda Eaddy
9.24 Adriene Jones

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 9.3** Chandace Tanner
9.10 Linda Eaddy
9.17 Mary Lynn Lee
9.24 Lauren Lee

Building Attendant: Jimmy Bryant

Flowers: EVERY SUNDAY IS OPEN

Ushers: Steve Lowe, Dan McInnis, Reese McInnis,
Stacey McInnis, Cory McWhite, Rob Morris,
Mack Mutchler, Brad Pelfrey

Prayer Ministry

Joey Godwin, Tori Goff, Ed Hinson,
Juanita Hunter, Elizabeth Hussey,
David McCabe, Jessie McCabe,
Gail Richardson, David & Melva Young

August Monthly Records (6th, 13th, 20th)

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 119
Avg. Worship Attendance: 152
Monthly Offering Total: \$18,179.46
Building Fund: \$130,671.05

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Ministry:

Sumter Pregnancy Center
21 Barnette Drive
Sumter, SC 29150
803.773.8858
office@sumterpregnancycenter.com

Student of the Month:

Katenell Locklair
c/o Harriet Locklair
10860 Plowden Mill Rd.
Alcolu, SC 29001

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Road
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Happy Birthday

Mary Lynn Lee
Amery Sanders
Terry Gaff
Hugh Thompson, III
John Taylor Duke
Pat Baird
Joe Fleming
Mary-Esther McCabe
Janice Richburg
Chris Jordan
Brian Acord
Heather Hudson
Christi Morris
Rob Morris
Tommy Geddings
Matthew Burgess
Linda Eaddy
Mary Lee Beatson
Russell Harrelson
Aimee McWhite
Benji Thompson
Grayson Harrelson
Grainger Powell
Barbara Walker
Hampton Layton
Trevor Morris
Abigail Tanner
Betsy Jordan

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- 26 *Chandace Tanner*
 27 *Amber Perkins*
 28 *Carl Gamble*
 29 *Luke DeCosta*
 Kim Langston
 Natasha Rivera
 30 *Sara Thompson*

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

The Christmas Puzzle

The Children's Christmas Choir will begin practicing on Sunday evenings after AWANA, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 10.
 Contact person: Adrienne McCabe

Ladies Night

Thursday, Sept. 14 ~ CBC FH ~ 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Bring fav soup, salad, or hors d'oeuvre.
 Contact person: Karen DeCosta

Together We Build Campaign

Thank you for the continued support and enthusiasm!

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

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

Janie Chapman Offering

2017 Season of Prayer for State Missions
 is September 10-17.

This year's theme is "Pray, Proclaim, Permeate:
 Colossians 4:2-4"

OCC

As we enter into September, we're getting closer to the time for packing our shoeboxes. We've set our Shoebox Packing Party for Saturday, November 4th. If you haven't gotten around to buying anything, don't worry. We are always accepting donations of items, or you can write a check to CBC and write OCC on the Memo Line so that the money will go into the OCC Fund. If you have never attended our Shoebox Packing Party or packed a shoebox, you need to make plans to attend with your family.

Donations of tennis balls, Hot Wheels (*or other small cars*), marbles, jacks, and small baby dolls are

needed. We cannot use items that are used but can still accept unopened Kids Meal toys. God uses our gifts to witness to others. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Love in Christ! Mary Jo

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.

Sunday School classes, don't forget to turn in last quarter's materials to the church office!

Point person: 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