

Info from CBC May 2018

Newsletter

AM I REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Today, this scripture is burning in my soul: 'Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your reasonable service (Rom. 12:1).' In the times of ancient Judaism, there were shepherds that raised flocks solely for the purpose of Passover and times of sacrifice. The Law demanded that the sacrifice meet certain specifications. As I ponder the irony of this, I can't help but think of those little lambs. They were raised and taken care of with the utmost care until the day they fulfilled their holy destiny. They lived for the purpose of helping others be forgiven so people could experience Holy God in worship in the Temple. As I come back to the Romans 12:1 passage, I am reminded of the perfect Lamb who took my sins away. However, I am also reminded of the fact that I am called to be a living sacrifice to help others find redemption and forgiveness in Christ. Am I doing that? Am I a living sacrifice? Am I making a difference for His Kingdom? Those are hard questions to ask yourself because they wound you at your prideful core. It is the purpose of the Gospel to help us to see that we must give our lives away. We must give our lives to ministry, missions, discipleship, and evangelism so that people will know and grow in Christ. I want to be at the tip of the spear. I want to make a difference in my family, church, county, state, country and world. I have this burning desire to go. I know it is the intense love of Christ that compels me.

I was reading a story of one of my heroes in the faith, William Carey. He is known as the Father of Modern Missions. His story of self-sacrifice embodies Romans 12:1. His story slays me and convicts me to not be content with '**The Self**' but to give my life to others for the Gospel. Carey was wrestling with the idea of taking the Gospel to the 'heathens' of other lands. He knew this would fundamentally change his life, his family, his wife and his world. In a meeting with other prominent

ministers, he told them of this burden in his heart. The ministers turned on him and thought he was crazy. Carey told the ministers, 'Expect great things for God. Attempt great things for God.' For some reason, this infuriated the ministers to which they responded, 'Young man, sit down! When God chooses to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine!' We don't say that in our churches, but sometimes we live as though that is true. We must be so burdened for the lost that we '**have**' to go.

The William Carey story gets even more convicting. He tells his family of his call to India and the Far East. His father thought he was crazy and gave him many good excuses not to go. His wife was not supportive at all. After all, she was mourning the death of their two-year-old daughter and was 8 months pregnant with their fourth child. The sensitive modern man has trouble reading that. We think, 'how insensitive', 'how rude,' 'how mean and selfish.' Carey's response to the noise was, 'the utmost importance of spending our time for God is the principal theme of the Gospel and to be devoted like a sacrifice to holy uses is the great business of a Christian.'

Well, many of you know the rest of the story. He and his family went to India and almost died in a huge storm on the way. He was taken advantage of, and a friend stole his life savings. He had no job, and he and his family were starving. He was tempted to go back to England. Then, God reminded him with a thought, 'I am ready to be offered, so as to suffer anything, but if I be offered upon the service and sacrifice of the faith, I will rejoice in it.' Carey was able to see what others could not. He saw the 10's of thousands of Hindus coming to Christ. He saw the orphanages being built that would save countless people. He saw Christ glorified in India. He was willing to be a 'living sacrifice' to see that happen.

What a stirring reminder to be a living sacrifice for Christ. Are you making a difference for Christ? Are you serving him in ministry here, or is God calling you to North America or to a foreign land to minister? Whatever the call, do something. Make sure you are pouring what Jesus has poured into you into someone else. Let's make a difference for Christ.

Just a Servant, Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 6 Ordination Service for Joshua Stone
6:30 p.m. ~ Reception to follow in FH
- 8 Santee Baptist Association Sr. Adult Rally
Deacons Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Mother's Day Breakfast/8:45 a.m./FH
Mother's Day & Baby/Child Dedication
Combined Morning Worship Service/11
No evening worship or activities
- 15 Elderberry Luncheon and Outing
- 19 Kyle/Morgan Davis Wedding Reception
- 20 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 27 Balances due for Summer Camps
AWANA Awards Night

Looking Forward to June

- (11-15) SummerSalt (12) Deacons Meet
(14) Elderberry Outing to Georgetown
(23-20) Youth Mission Week

Workers for May

Audiovisual:

- 5.6 E. Terry Gaff, Rob Hussey
L. Rob Hussey, Will Thomas
- 5.13 Mark Evans, Grayson Harrelson
- 5.20 E. Chuck Goff, Mack Mutchler
L. Cory McWhite, Mack Mutchler
- 5.27 E. Terry Gaff, Rob Hussey
L. Rob Hussey, Will Thomas

Nursery:

- 5.6 E. Harriet Locklair
L. Pastor Jon & Adriene Jones
- 5.13 Beth Lyles, Dawn Harrelson
- 5.20 E. Kim Gardner, Lauren Gardner
L. Nancy Mitchum, Linda Pierce
- 5.27 E. Adrienne McCabe
L. DeeDee Horton, Heather Hudson

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 5.6 Effie Russell
- 5.13 NO TC
- 5.20 Heather Olsen
- 5.27 Tabitha Olsen

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 5.6 Chandace Tanner
- 5.13 NO TC

- 5.20 Heather Olsen
- 5.27 Tabitha Gardner

Building Attendant: Scott Tanner

Flowers: 5.13 Rose Tree (TWB)
All other Sundays are open.

Ushers: Chuck Goff, Russ Harrelson, Jamie Hodge,
John Horton, Kyle Horton, Rob Hussey, Ben Jordan,
Brent Jordan

Prayer Ministry

Pat Baird, Ann Barwick, Lynn Evans, Joey Godwin,
Ji, & Juanita Hunter, Rob Hussey, Ray Richburg,
Shaun Richburg, David Young

April Monthly Records (1-22)

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 1134
Avg. Worship Attendance:
8:45 – 80 11:00 - 126
Monthly Offering Total: \$25,577.61
Building Fund: \$199,282.24

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary Family:

Sumter Pregnancy Center
21 Barnette Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
803.773.8858 FAX: 803.773.2222
24-hour Hot Line: 803.464.6144
office@sumterpregnancycenter.com

Student of the Month:

Tolley Horton
4246 M.W. Rickenbaker Rd.
Manning, SC 29102
803.478.2366

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Road
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Happy Birthday

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

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

Camp is coming soon!

SummerSalt at White Oak

June 11-15 (current 6th gr. – 12th gr.)

Balance due by May 27th

Members: \$80 Non-members: \$210

Camp Longridge

July 23-27 (current 2nd gr. – 6th gr.)

Balance due by May 27th

Members: \$93 Non-members: \$235

Please take questions to Pastor Jon.

Operation Christmas Child shares the love of Jesus with children around the world one shoebox at a time, and you can take part in it right from CBC!! Simply bring items to go into a shoebox or give a monetary donation (*if writing a check, make it out to CBC with OCC on the memo line*). For more info,

Speak with Mary Jo Jones and visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Baby Bottle Boomerang is scheduled for May 13th – June 17th. Remember that your change can change lives! All monies collected benefit the Sumter Pregnancy Center, 21 Barnette Dr., Sumter, SC.

The center is also in need of diapers (*any brand, size 1-3*), baby wipes, baby lotion, diaper cream, thermometers, cribs (*not drop-side*), Pack-n-Plays, infant car seats, and a new desktop computer. Donations can be made at the office, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For additional info on the center, visit www.sumterpregnancycenter.com

BC VBS 2018/July 15-19 "GAME ON"

VBS needs your help!!!! Needed: Walkers, Kitchen Help, Game Time Workers, etc. Take any questions to VBS Director, Nikki Woodard (803.473.0944). *Background check required to volunteer; see Pastor Jon.*

Elderberries' Luncheon and History Tour:

Tuesday, May 15th. Lunch will be at 11:30 at THE MANNING RESTAURANT in their private dining area where we will have our own buffet. George and Carole Summers will be our guests. After lunch, Mr. Summers will be our tour guide as we visit the painted murals here in Clarendon County. A signup sheet is available. Cost is \$5.00 per person. **Please sign up no later than Sunday, May 6th**. You may meet us at The Manning Restaurant or ride the bus from CBC, leaving the church at 11:15 a.m. *Contact person: Doris Daniel, 803.478.3372.*

You are invited to....

... Ordination service of Joshua C. Stone, Sun., May 6, 6:30 p.m., CBC, reception to follow in CBC FH
... Reception for Kyle & Morgan (DeCosta) Davis, Sat., May 19, 1-3 p.m., CBC FLC. *If attending, please sign up on sheet in sanctuary.*

... Reception for Taylor Evans upon his graduation from LMA, Sat., May 26, 5 p.m., home of Jeremy & Carole Evans, **RSVP by 5/13/2018 to 803.506.6123.**

Mother's Day Rose Tree: On May 13, 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 6th, 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

Together We Build Campaign

Thank you for the continued support and enthusiasm!

"All things are possible to those who believe."

Mark 9:23

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