

Info from CBC March 2019

Newsletter

A word from the pastor:

As a pastor sometimes I envy the “working class” person in my congregation. They simply get into the car every day and drive to work to a mission field. That is an incredible blessing, challenge and responsibility. One must always be aware that the world is watching, listening and observing your Christian life. Sometimes I think that the unchurched world doesn’t care what Christians think. It seems they want to be as far away from Christians as they can. It’s like we have a deadly plague. In some ways, there will always be a tension between Christian and non-Christian. After all, there is a spiritual warfare that is continually happening. I want to break down barriers that keep us from ministering to a lost and dying world. I do not want to show up to heaven empty handed. I am reading an article in *Christian Leadership* magazine that has provoked my thoughts on how we Christians view ourselves versus how the non-Christian views us. What does the world really think about us as Christians? What can we glean from some of their perspectives so that we can better impact them for Christ? The Apostle Paul said, “I must become all things to all people that I might reach some.” Don’t misunderstand; I am not talking about becoming worldly or sinful to reach people, but we must be wise in our methods. As individuals, we frequently view ourselves differently than others view us. It is important to get a glimpse of how others view us to help us improve our character.

I do not have enough paper to list all that the article said, but one thing non-Christians say about us is: **“They are against more things than they are for.”** One person in this study said it seems like people in the church are mad and he doesn’t want to be like that. This was a theme in the study. Wow! That will cause you to stop in your tracks. Obviously, we must stand against sin. We can never compromise on Biblical morals. I think he is saying more than that. His observation is that we are mad or at least that is the way we come across. My observation is that he is right. We should be the

most joyful people on earth. We have new life, eternal life and the love of God reborn in our hearts. What do we have to be angry about? I hear so many Christians bogging down in the mundane affairs of life. The Bible clearly teaches us about this when it says, “A good soldier does not get **entangled** in the affairs of this life.” Do not fall for that temptation. It will steal your joy and divert you from your life’s mission of knowing Christ and making Him known. How can we change this perception?

If we are to change that perception, we must commit to a life of being “other centered.” We must follow what the Scripture teaches when it says, “we are to esteem others better than ourselves.” The point of this text is meant to change our focus in life. We are bent toward ourselves, and we will always choose our best interests over others. The change happens when we let Christ’s love fill us. We cannot put others before ourselves unless we are in a deep love relationship with Christ. Even then, it is still a temptation to preserve our life. This is the Christian life, to “deny self,” sacrifice, and serve. Maybe Christianity is not that appealing to those who profess His name. We want the benefits that come from Christ without the hardship and sacrifice that He calls for. As we develop that relationship with Christ, we will begin to view our fellow Christians and non-Christians differently. A change will happen. Our eyes will open (open the eyes of my heart), and we will begin to see people and situations through the eyes of Christ. We will begin to see people as God’s creation in need of redemption and rescue. This is a game changer. One cannot be angry with people who are in slavery. One cannot be angry with those in need of rescue. One cannot be angry with those in life’s ICU, especially when we have the means to redeem, rescue, and revive them. To not do so is heinous and evil. For us to taste of the grace of God and devour it and not give it to others that are starving for it is the worst kind of evil.

Let’s listen and be aware of how we represent Christ to a lost and dying world. We are his Ambassadors. The world is watching and listening. “They will know we are His disciples if we have Love....”

Just a servant, Pastor Mike

Deacon Update

As we move into Spring, we're excited about the next few months at CBC!! As you know, we are beginning a new schedule with one service on Sunday Morning. Sunday School will be at 9:30AM with worship following at 10:30AM. We're looking forward to what God has in store for us - renewed fellowship and being together as one body for the glorification of Christ!

Also, we'd like to thank everyone for attending our quarterly business meeting; if you haven't heard, it was announced at that meeting that the church has reached the \$250,000 dollar goal to move forward with a new fellowship building!

That process is underway, and you'll be hearing more about this during the next few months. Thank you again for your commitment to Clarendon Baptist!

I would humbly ask that you continue to lift up the church in prayer, that we may fulfill our purpose and remain true to our heritage of a Bible-Believing, Mission-Minded congregation!

In Christ,
Scott Tanner

Deacon Board Secretary

Calendar of Events

- 3** New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
- 5** Breakfast & Bible w/Youth ~
7:00 a.m. at Bojangles
- 12** Deacons Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- 13** Youth Dodge Ball Tournament
6:00 p.m. ~ CBC FLC
- 14** March Ladies Night Out ~ 6:00 p.m.
- 15** Winter Jam Lock In for Youth
Cost: \$40 ~ CBC FLC
- 30** Spring Golf Tournament
- 31** 5th Sunday ~ Dinner to follow in CBC FH

Looking forward to April

- (1-3) Pastor Mike at Green Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- (2) Breakfast & Bible w/Youth
- (6) Elderberry Trip to Rock Hill w/Manning First Baptist
- (7) Easter Egg Hunt
- (9) Deacons Meeting
- (14) AWANA Worker Meeting
- (21) Easter

Workers for March

Audiovisual:

- 3.3** Mack & Glenna Mutchler
- 3.10** Cory Mcwhite, Hal Thompson
- 3.17** Robert Etheridge, Will Thomas
- 3.21** Scott Tanner, Bryson Woodard
- 3.28** Chuck Goff, Grayson Harrelson

Nursery:

- 3.3** Christi, Julia, & Morgan Morris
- 3.10** Allyson, Tori, & Hardy Goff
- 3.17** Kim, Jordan, & Lauren Gardner
- 3.21** Harriet Locklair, Crystal Thompson
- 3.28** Adriene Jones, Beth Lyles

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 3.3** Adriene Jones
- 3.10** TBA
- 3.17** Tami Blascak
- 3.21** Adriene Jones
- 3.28** Effie Russell

Children's Church (K5 - 8-yrs. old):

- 3.3** Pastor Jon Jones
- 3.10** Chandace Tanner
- 3.17** Lauren Lee
- 3.21** Elizabeth Briley
- 3.28** Pastor Jon Jones

Building Attendant: Justin Woodard

Flowers:

- 3.3** Brenda Harrelson, Donna Simpson
- 3.10** OPEN
- 3.17** OPEN
- 3.21** OPEN
- 3.28** Debbie Upchurch

Ushers: Chris Jordan, Derek Lee, Gary Lee, Toey Lee, Tommy Lee, William Locklair, Steve Lowe, Dan McClinnis

Prayer Ministry

Jimmy Bryant, Esau Dennis, Ed Hinson, David McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Ray Richburg, Rodney Richburg, Shaun Richburg, David Young

February Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 132
Avg. Worship Attendance: 8:45 - 73 11:00 - 98
Monthly Offering Total: \$27,239.75
Building Fund: \$355,069.07

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary Family:

Elan & Rani Rajamani
International Friendship Ministries
Bloomington Branch
PO Box 1364
Bloomington, IN 47402-1364
812.325.9047
[élan@ifmusa.org](mailto:elan@ifmusa.org)
(Currently on sabbatical.)

Students of the Month:

Lauren Gardner
8598 Sumter Hwy.
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.506.3267

Tourie Hanry
1193 McKenzie Rd.
Manning, SC 29102
803.473.7511

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Road
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

As Spring comes in this month (*March*), I try to imagine the children's faces as they receive an OCC shoebox. Before they are given these gifts, they are told of Jesus' love for them! Our shoeboxes, filled with gifts, show how God's children (*us*) share His love with them.

During March, CBC will be collecting all kinds of BALLS!! Girls and boys alike love to throw and roll a ball around! Tennis balls! Beach balls! Softballs! Nerf footballs! Soft vinyl balls (*for small children*)! Our boxes from Samaritan's Purse are bigger this year, so items will fit better.

Also, remember that you can make a donation to CBC *and note that it is for OCC.* (This counts as a church donation for those who may use it for tax purposes.)

Thank you, and God bless! *Mary Jo Jones*

Moldova Donations

The Moldova Team will be collecting basically the same items as last year: over-the-counter medications (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Benadryl, children's Tylenol/ibuprofen, and multivitamins), reading glasses, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. (*No hygiene items – soaps, shampoos, etc. – these items are more difficult to transport and not well received by locals.*) Donations will be stored in the closet between Pastor Jon's office and the OCC Room **or** they can be given to Carole Evans at Manning Farm & Garden (*on Mill St.*). *Point person: Jeremy Evans*

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

Happy Birthday

- 1** Erica Hodge
Steve Lowe
- 6** Elizabeth Ann Geddings
- 7** Connie Burke
Brad Pelfrey
Effie Russell
- 8** Kathy Lee
Christian Hussey
- 10** Allard Brogdon, Sr.
Maybin Gardner
- 11** Aiden Thompson
- 13** Denise Jones
- 14** Stormy Coulette
Tori Coulette
- 15** Jason Woodbury
- 16** Lani-Grace Powell
- 18** Paul Taylor
- 20** Kirstin Morris
- 24** Amanda Brogdon
- 25** Mac Eaddy
Christian Hussey

- 26 Mary Jo Jones
Tommy Thompson
- 27 Karen DeCosta
- 29 Chuck Goff
Dale Thomas
- 30 J. Eaddy

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

March Ladies Night Out

Thursday, March 14 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (*per item painted*)

All materials provided.

Please bring finger food to share. Sign up by March 7, *making sure to put down how many door hangers you want to paint.*

Point Person: Karen DeCosta

Spring Golf Tournament

Hosted by CBC ~ March 30, 2019 ~ Cost: \$30

Shannon Greens, Manning, SC

4 Man Captain's Choice Format

Contact: Will Thomas, 803.505.3121