

## Info from CBC August 2015 Newsletter

Jesus told us to “go into all the world and make disciples...”If there is one place in the church where we have ‘dropped the ball’, it is in discipleship. If you look around, there are churches on every street corner, Christian book stores pushing out products to help us deepen our walk with Christ, and numerous Christian radio stations to help us praise Him through the day. However, this over load of “stuff” has mostly served to entertain us or satisfy our insatiable appetite for more information. Ironically, Jesus is not wanting to inform us; he is wanting to transform us by the power of His Word. I am not trying to disparage the churches or bookstores or Christian radio, but it all can become white noise for no purpose, time fillers.

Therefore, we must be intentional in our attempts to make disciples. Here at our church, we have Sunday School that happens every Sunday, and many of us neglect it. I want to encourage you to come to Sunday School. If discipleship is anything, it is relational. In Sunday School we can build Christian relationships that help to transform us as well as the teaching of God’s Word. We also offer many opportunities through our youth and children’s ministries that can help in discipling your children. We have AWANA on Wednesday, TeamKids on Sunday Nights, and Puppet ministry for the little ones on Sunday Nights. Our Adult Discipleship ministry is called M2M (Membership to Maturity). Starting in September, we will have a Fall Semester that will offer many different areas for you to be strengthened in your Walk with Christ. It will also provide an atmosphere for you to grow in your relationship with other Christians. You will be seeing signs and sign-up sheets for classes for the whole month of August. Be on the look out on how you can get connected at CBC. We are working hard on trying to create an atmosphere where you can grow in the Lord. Sunday nights are also a time when you can Grow in the Word. We do more verse by verse Bible teaching, and it is more relaxed where you can ask questions and get connected through the Word.

Discipleship is not something that is an elective in the Christian Life, though we treat it that way sometimes. We must do more than attend

church or a class. We must connect with our Savior, and one way to do that is through other believers who can teach us, guide us and minister to us through our life. We have created structure and opportunity for you to Grow in the Lord. The only thing that is missing is you. Will you take time to pray in the month of August and look at the M2M classes, Sunday School classes, and other opportunities that are offered to help you become a fully committed disciple of Christ? I am really loving our church and being your Pastor. Join me in this journey in making CBC a light to our community.

Just a Servant,  
Pastor Mike

### Calendar of Events

- 4** Whirlin’ Waters Trip ~ Open to everyone
- 11** Deacon Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
- 13** Medieval Times Trip for Youth/Elderberries
- 26** AWANA Kickoff
- 30** Vote on Nominating Comm. Report  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday ~ Dinner following morning worship

### Looking Forward to September

- (1) Ladies’ Night (8) Deacons Meeting
- (10-19) Moldova Trip
- (26) Carowinds Christian Music Day
- (27) Moldova Testimonies PM Service

### Workers for August

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|--------------|------|-------------------------------|
| Audiovisual: | 8/2  | Tommy Geddings                |
|              | 8/9  | Mark Evans                    |
|              | 8/16 | Chuck Goff                    |
|              | 8/23 | Ethan Thompson                |
|              | 8/30 | Rob Hussey                    |
| Nursery:     | 8/2  | Allyson, Hardy, & Tori Goff   |
|              | 8/9  | Kim, Lauren, & Jordan Gardner |
|              | 8/16 | Dee Dee & Tolley Horton       |
|              | 8/23 | Crystal & Patrick Lester      |
|              | 8/30 | Heather & Lundee Olsen        |
| Toddler Ch:  | 8/2  | Nancy McInnis                 |
|              | 8/9  | Heather Olsen                 |
|              | 8/16 | Erica Eaddy                   |

8/23 Casey Pelfrey  
8/30 Adrienne McCabe

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

Building Attendant: Ray Richburg

Flowers: 8/2 Open  
8/9 Sandy Evans  
8/16 Kathy Lee  
8/23 Open  
8/30 Open

Ushers: Welborn Brewer, Mac Eaddy,  
Jay Gardner, John Horton, Jim Hunter,  
Rob Hussey, Ben Jordan, David McCabe

### Prayer Ministry

Marie Davids	VeLinda Reynolds
Lynn Evans	Rodney Richburg
Patricia Flowers	Abigail Thompson
Juanita Hunter	Lila Sue Thompson
Mary Frances Lee	Melva Young
Jessie McCabe	

### Happy Birthday

<b>1</b>	Carolyn Brewer	<b>16</b>	Brenda Taylor
	Justin Woodard		Esther Taylor
<b>2</b>	Hampton Mitchum		Elaine Stevens
	Lundee Olsen	<b>17</b>	Mark Blascak
<b>3</b>	Davis Mitchum		Jim Daniel
<b>4</b>	Jeremy Frederick	<b>18</b>	Doris Daniel
<b>5</b>	Lindy Morris		Lynn Evans
	Kenny Powers		Derek Lee
<b>6</b>	Joyce Henson	<b>19</b>	Pastor Jon Jones
	Harriet Locklair	<b>20</b>	Bryson Woodard
<b>7</b>	Tristan Beatson	<b>21</b>	Jim Hunter
	Lana Evans	<b>23</b>	Jessie McCabe
<b>10</b>	Robbie Gardner	<b>25</b>	Christopher Price
<b>11</b>	Cameron King	<b>26</b>	Dan McInnis
	Ray Richburg		Robbie Morris
	Debbie Upchurch	<b>28</b>	Shaun Richburg
<b>12</b>	Victoria Ard	<b>30</b>	Caroline Ard
	Kaelan Beatson		
	Adriene Jones		
<b>13</b>	Nancy Hubbard		
<b>15</b>	Jordan Gardner		
	Carter Jones		
	Jerry Joyner		
	Sarah Faye Turner		

### July Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 138  
Avg. 11:00 Worship Attendance: 186  
Monthly Offering Total: \$21,835.74  
Building Fund: \$26,211.78

### Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionary Family:  
Peter and Melody Morris  
(and Lindsay)  
9151 Drake Drive  
St. John IN 46373  
(219) 779-1389  
[petermorris@fbmi.org](mailto:petermorris@fbmi.org)

Students of the Month:  
All of our students as they prepare for  
and begin a new school year.

### Shut-in of the Month:

Lila Sue Thompson  
1356 Clemson Road  
Alcolu, SC 29001  
473-2302

### CBC Happenings/Missions

Youth (grades 6 – 12)/Elderberry Trip to Medieval Times (Myrtle Beach)  
Thursday, August 13, the youth and seniors will be to going to a Medieval Times matinee in Myrtle Beach. Reservations and a deposit have been made with a final count called in on Monday, July 27, and the final payment mailed.  
**We will meet at the church no later than 7:45 am on Thursday, August 13, and we will pull out of the parking lot promptly at 8:00 am.** Looking forward to a really fun day of shared fellowship between our Elderberries and our youth! Questions may be referred to Pastor Jon (825.9052) or Doris Daniel (478.3372).

### **AWANA Kick-off!!!!!!**

Wed., Aug. 26 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ CBC FLC

Come register your children

(pre-school thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade) for AWANA.

There will be food, AWANA games, and prizes.

*AWANA Commander: Terry Gaff*

### **2015 Moldova Mission Trip**

*Thru Crossover Communications*

September 10-19

Please begin praying for our team:

Tom Chappell, Mike DeCosta,

Jeremy Evans, Terry Gaff,

Glenna Mack Mutchler, Wayne Ward

*If donating to trip, make check payable to CBC  
and write Moldova in memo section.*

*If the donation is to support a particular team  
member, please also include the team member's  
name in the memo section.*

*Contact Persons: Tom Chappell  
and Pastor Mike DeCosta.*

### **Christian Music Day at Carowinds**

Sat., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for sign up and payment is August 16<sup>th</sup>.

*See Pastor Jon for more information.*

### **Ongoing Missions Opportunities**

Operation Christmas Child

Item(s) for August–

In addition to collecting those freebies you come across on vacation – pens, pencils, notepads, tote bags, etc. – keep an eye out for those great Back to School sales and maybe pick up an item or two.

We also collect anything not liquid or chocolate.

Thanks! *Mary Jo*

Harvest Seed

Collecting Sunday School literature and other Christian teaching materials to send to pastors and missionaries worldwide.

Contact Person: Karen DeCosta

Donations for Ukraine

Collecting gently used clothes and other items to send to Dr. & Mrs. Crane for use in their ministry in Ukraine.

Contact Person: Donald Morris

### **Deacon Update**

Our July Deacon's Meeting started like any another, with an opening devotion. This devotion was unlike the others though. Pastor Mike led the devotion on being a servant. He reminded us during the devotion that we can look to Jesus as our greatest example of living a life of service. There are many examples throughout Jesus' life of Him serving others. One of the greatest examples was when He humbled himself to wash the feet of His disciples. These were the primary verses Mike focused on during the devotion. When we stop and think of that for a minute, we realize here is the Savior of all serving those He loves by washing their feet. Mike closed the devotion by reminding us that we're called to be servants to others. By doing this, we're able to be an example to show others God's love.

The month of August is an important time for our church; it's the time we nominate those who will lead or assist in the many different ministries of our church. We all have various skills and talents; we're all called to use those to show God's love and ultimately lead others to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Let me encourage you to plug into one of the ministries and **be a servant**.

*Tommy Geddings*

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)*

Current activities:

The parsonage is in need of some minor repairs in both bathrooms. Each bathroom will be re-painted and new fans will be installed.

The church acquired several used gas heaters, which are currently being tested, and the one in the best condition will replace the current gas heater in the Family Life Center. This work will be completed prior to the colder weather in the coming fall and winter

The small parcel of land, which was still deeded to Georgia Pacific, has now been transferred to the church. A local attorney is finalizing the necessary paperwork to include all of the church property into one plat.