

Info from CBC June 2015 Newsletter

BLISTERED BY BALTIMORE

I turned on the TV a few weeks ago to watch the Red Sox play the Blue Jays (Sox won in a walk off) when the news broke in, and I saw so many disturbing images coming at me that I was overwhelmed. I saw so many teenagers throwing bottles, bricks and barrels of trash at police officers and anyone who might disagree with their behavior. I saw young black men stealing cars and crashing them and setting them on fire. Then, I saw family businesses looted and burned for no reason. I was blistered by Baltimore. I tried to make sense of it all, but I could not. My first reaction was, "Here we go again in the black community!" My thoughts and emotions began to turn to "those" people. I became angry. I was angry for the wrong reason.

I began to examine my anger, and it was vengeful and personal. It was disgust and hateful. I wanted to "get those people". Do not get me wrong, I believe that there is no excuse for what happened, but it did cause me to examine myself. I was consumed by skin color and the "thuggery". I was judging by what I saw, but I was blind to what was really true.

I saw an interview with a pastor or an elder of a church down the street from the riots. The reporter asked a question: "What is wrong with the black teens in Baltimore that they would do this?" He responded that he did not know what was wrong with the looters and rioters but that he had a church full of teens praying for and talking to the rioters. Those are the true black teens of Baltimore. Those teens will raise Godly kids there and go to college and come back and start businesses there. They will go to Bible College and Seminary and come back and plant churches, build parks, and a robust place to live. They will come back and be salt and light to the community. They will make a difference in the lives of people that need the Lord so badly.

As I write those words, if I take the words *Baltimore, riots, thugs* out, I see my own community. You see, we are more alike than we are different. The problem is that Satan tries to blind us to the truth. Some say, "If we had blacks in leadership, this would not happen." The Mayor is black, and it happened. Some will say, "If the police were represented by blacks, this would not happen." The police chief is black. Some say, "If there is more diversity, this would not happen." The Baltimore police force is one of the most diverse in the country. So Satan pedals a lie. People are people no matter the skin color. We live in a fallen and sinful world. The truth is the enemy has come to steal, kill, and

destroy, and his native tongue is the lie. If you will open your eyes, you will see His fingerprint all over this. Young people and families being ripped apart; destruction and thievery abounding. All over what?

A lie! The lie is that my son who is biracial is more likely to be killed by another black man than he is by a police officer. Other black men kill 90% of black men so there is an open season on black men, but it is not by white police officers. I will be the first to say put in prison every cop who breaks the law. Justice is at the heart of who God is, so I am for "letting justice flow like a mighty river..." I tell my congregation that we are people of truth. We must always be aware that our view may be influenced by the world, and we should always be careful to let our judgments come from the Word of God.

Therefore, when my initial thought is, "Here those blacks go again!", it must be tempered with the truth; which blacks? The ones in the church praying and begging other kids not to go out and destroy, or the blacks I saw this morning with brooms and shovels cleaning up the streets, or those fighting for a better life, a better living and a better community?

My son and I were watching the riots, and he was saying that it was stupid to destroy and burn your own community. He said it did not make sense. We both sat there and asked "Why?" because in our right and rational mind, we cannot conceive of doing such things. Maybe some of those kids were saying the same thing about Ferguson. However, they found themselves in a whirlwind of hatred and violence and were swept away by it. Satan is a liar and deceiver; he whispers in the ear of those who will listen. We must understand one thing and that is good will always triumph over evil. It may not appear that way now. Just watch the people come together by the love of God and healing begin. Watch as the white and black church youth groups come together. Watch the love and healing begin to take place. Oh wait, you won't see that because the reporters will be gone and on to more "dirty laundry".

You may say I am a Pollyanna, but I am one crying in the wilderness of truth and will yell from the top of my lungs that God is good! He will make a way for these beautiful people, and the "cream will rise to the top". God will be glorified. I will not partake in the narrative the world tries to cram down my throat. I will stand on the truth. Come stand with me. I am blistered by Baltimore, but I will heal, they will heal, and we will heal.

Just a servant,
Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 6** Youth Lake Day (6th -12th grades)
More info under CBC Happenings
- 7** Properties Committee Meeting
after PM worship
- 9** Water Fun Day (K-5 thru 5th grade)
More info under CBC Happenings
Deacons Meeting ~ 7 pm
- 13-18** Southern Baptist Convention/Pastors'
Conference
- 15-19** SummerSalt
- 21** Father's Day ~ No Toddler Church
No evening activities
- 24** Wed. Service ~ Youth tell about SummerSalt
CBC FLC ~ 7 pm

Looking forward to July

- (3) Church Office Closed (4) INDEPENDENCE DAY
(12-16) VBS (20-24) Camp Longridge
(26) CL Testimony Serv. (30) Men's Dinner

Workers for June

- Audiovisual: 6/7 Tommy Geddings
6/14 Mark Evans
6/21 Chuck Goff
6/28 Cory McWhite

- Nursery: 6/7 Erica Hodge, Nancy Mitchum
6/14 Daphne & Lanie-Grace Powell
6/21 Tabitha Gardner, Jordan Price
6/28 Louise Bingham
Adrienne McCabe

- Toddler Church: 6/7 Effie Russell
6/14 Harriet Locklair
6/21 NO TD
6/28 Tami Blascak

Building Attendant: Mark Evans

- Flowers: 6/7 Open
6/14 Taken
6/21 Open
6/28 Open

Ushers: J.D. Duke, Jeremy Evans,
Lenn Gardner, Tommy Geddings,
Chuck Goff, Stacey McInnis, Rob Morris,
John Smith

Happy Birthday

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| 1 Carl Floyd, Jr. Julie McCrea | 15 Landry Lee Sabrina Powers |
| 2 Mary Fleming | 17 Tilton McCrea |
| 3 Nancy Mitchum | 19 Ashleigh McClary |
| 4 Randi Lynn Floyd James Richburg | 20 Dianne Thompson |
| 5 Frankie McCabe | 22 Martha Burke Tammie Richburg |
| 6 Lauren Felder | Casey Ridgeway |
| 11 Hillary Layton Dennis Reynolds | 24 Dot Horne |
| 12 Tami Blascak Jennie DuRant | 26 Stacey McInnis |
| 13 Jeremy Evans Mack Mutchler | 27 David Baird |
| | 28 Nathan Burgess |
| | 29 Hope Briley Barbara King |

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

Prayer Ministry

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| Todd Barwick | Esther Blackmon |
| Marie Davids | Lynn Evans |
| Valorie Evans | Patricia Flowers |
| Rosemary Herring | Juanita Hunter |
| Mary Frances Lee | Jessie McCabe |
| Kenny Powers | Gail Richardson |
| Rodney Richburg | Lila Sue Thompson |
| Melva Young | |

May Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 152
Avg. 8:45 Worship Attendance: 105
Avg. 11:00 Worship Attendance: 155
Monthly Offering Total: \$26,109.49
Building Fund: \$25,885.78

Encouragement Opportunities

Missionary of the Month:

Matt & Joy Burke

(Lily & Judah)

World Gospel Mission

PO Box 948

Marion, IN 46952-0948

(765) 664-7331

e-mail:

matt.burke@wgm.org

College Student of the Month:

All our students as they enjoy their summer.

Shut-in of the Month:

Valorie Evans

2923 Alcolu Street

Alcolu, SC 29001

473-2993

CBC Happenings/Missions

CBC/PBC Youth Lake Day

For Youth 6th -12th grades

Saturday, June 6 ~ Noon – 5 pm

Keels' Lake House

1373 Kenwood Road, Manning, SC

Cookout (Hamburgers, Hotdogs, etc.)

Point person: Pastor Jon Jones

Water Fun Day

For K-5 thru 5th grade

Tuesday, June 9 ~ 10 am – 2 pm

Home of Herbert & Jewell Brown

Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel
and water shoes!

Point person: Pastor Jon Jones

SummerSalt

June 15 – 19

On Wednesday, June 24, 7 pm, the youth will
share about their SummerSalt experience.

CBC VBS 2015

July 12-16

For ages K-3 through 6th grade

Volunteers are needed. Those interested, please
sign up with name and number or speak with

Adrienne McCabe (803) 46-5280 or

Nikki Woodard (803) 473-0944

2015 Moldova Mission Trip

Thru Crossover Communications

September 10-19

How can you help?

Contact Tom Chappell

or Pastor Mike DeCosta.

Ongoing Missions Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child

Item(s) for June –

Please collect those freebies you come across on
vacation – pens, pencils, notepads, tote bags, etc.

We 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

“A good father is one of the most unsung,
unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most
valuable assets in our society.”

Billy Graham

“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his
children and his household after him to keep the
way of the Lord by doing what is right and just,
so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham
what he has promised him.”

Genesis 18:19 NIV