

Info from CBC September 2016 Newsletter
SUPERNATURAL LIVING

At the end of WWII the allied forces came upon a church that had been burned and destroyed. In the church they found a statue of Jesus with the inscription "come unto me", but as the soldiers looked at the statue they noticed that Jesus hands were cut off. After trying, they could not restore the hands to the statue. So they decided to change the inscription to read, "Christ has no hands but ours." I don't know if they knew it but that is an incredible statement. We are His hands. We are His feet. We are His voice. If you think about it that is a heavy statement laden with responsibility. The only way to do this is found in the great virtue of humility. Romans 12:3 tells us "do not think of yourself more highly than you ought..." Without humility all other virtues erode. We cannot love the unlovable without humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God. If we are going to live a Spirit filled, supernatural, Christ centered life we must learn to be humble in our mind and heart. It is the only way to freedom in Christ and truly knowing Him. He even told us, "I am meek and lowly (humble), learn of me...." If we ever are going to "learn of Him"/know Him we must observe His servant heart. Look at Him at the Passover washing the disciples feet. Watch Him letting Mary pour a bottle of perfume on Him that cost a years salary. See Him on the Cross looking at His accusers saying, "Father forgive them...." I see Him there and I want to be like that. I want that heart. I want that life. I pray you do too.

Notice I am not calling you to Sunday School (although you should hunger for the Word and fellowship with other believers) or to M2M, tithing or ministry. I am calling you to a deeper walk with Christ. A life that is not ordinary but extraordinary. A life that is not natural but supernatural. I want our church to grow but I want you to grow more. Why? because there is nothing sadder than a church full of empty people. My heart is more full now than ever and I want to share and teach you all God is doing in my heart and life. Moreover, I pray that I live it.

What does the Bible say about living a supernatural life? In Romans 12:9-21 there is a

long list of the qualities of a life well lived in Christ. Let's look at a few of them. First, **we must love**. The word Paul uses here is Agape (God's unconditional love). It is a love that centers on the needs and welfare of the one being loved. It is other focused. It is a servant/humble love. It is demonstrated in the story of the Good Samaritan and in Philippians 3 that tells us Christ 'emptied (humbled) Himself and took on the form of a servant.' This is the true mark that we are saved; 'We know that we have passed from death to life because we love (agape) our brothers.' I have read this verse in Greek and it specifically says we love our brothers not with a (Phileo) brotherly love but something far greater. A love not based on reciprocation or condition. It is a love that is a vast deep well that never runs dry. There is not other option if I am saved I must love you.

Next, **we must cling to what is good**. This idea comes from the word we get the word glue. That's right, glue. The idea is that good should stick to us like glue. If we are in Christ we should be bonded to Him and He is good. The Bible tells us in Philippians 4:8 to think on the good, why? Because 'so a man thinks in his heart so is he'. God wants to transform us from the inside out.

Lastly, I want to challenge you to **honor each other**. This idea flows from the humility Paul mentions in verse 3 of Romans 12. This word honor means to 'go before'. It is the idea of the herald going before the king or emperor and saying, 'make way the king is coming'. The response is humble bowing. That is how we are to treat each other. We are to honor each other by 'getting low' by humbling ourselves and serving each other. Let us live out some of these examples and apply them to our lives. Let me know what you think and how it's going.

Let's make this new church year a great one by loving each other, clinging to good, and honoring each other in all we do. When we do this God will be honored and He will draw men to Himself.

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike

Deacon Update

At the August meeting, the Nominating Committee list was reviewed, discussed, adjusted, and approved to be presented to the church for vote.

M2M classes are coming up soon. Please take a look at the choices offered. There could be one perfect for you!

CBC's annual Moldova mission trip is coming up in a few weeks, and October is Faith Promise month. Be in prayer on how God is leading you to give to these missions. Remember, "If you can't go----send".

We will be delaying the resumption of early service until September 11th.

Also, continue to be in prayer for the building committee as they enter into the next phase, as approved by the church at the July 10 business meeting. The Capital Campaign Committee has been nominated and is included with the rest of the nominations to be voted on in a couple of weeks. They will be focusing on September 25th as an official "kickoff" to the campaign.

As always, please pray for your Deacons as we, partnered with you, seek the center of God's will for Clarendon Baptist Church.

Jay

"¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

Calendar of Events

- . 4 Sunday School Promotion Sunday
- 7 AWANA begins
- 8-17 Moldova Mission Trip
- 11 Returning to 2 morning worship services
- 13 Deacons Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Ladies Night ~ 6:00 p.m.
- 25 **It'll be at CBC in the morning worship!!!!**
Moldova Presentation ~ Evening service ~ 6:30 p.m.
No TeamKids or Youth

Looking Ahead -

October is Faith Promise Month!!!!

- (11) Deacons Meeting (16-18) Fall Revival
- (25) Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
- (26) Trunk-R-Treat (29) OCC Packing Party
- (30) 5th Sunday/Combined Morning Worship/Dinner/
No Evening Activities

Workers for September

Audiovisual:

- 9/4 Mark Evans
- 9/11 Patrick Lester
- 9/18 Chuck Goff
- 9/25 Mack Mutchler

Nursery:

- 9/4 Tami Blascal, Nicole Garrett, Beth Lyles
- 9/11 E. Dawn Harrelson, Effie Russell
L. Kathy Lee, Beth Lyles, Nancy Mitchum
- 9/18 E. Crystal & Abigail Thompson
L. Adrienne McCabe, Daphne & Lani-Grace Powell
- 9/25 E. Betsy Jordan, Julie Rickenbaker
I. Stacey Acord, Erica Eaddy, Casey Pelfrey

Toddler's Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 9/4 Adtiene Jones
- 9/11 Barbara Hussey
- 9/18 Tami Blascak
- 9/25 Mary Kathryn Jordan

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 9/4 Brandi Holladay
- 9/11 Trish Feeney
- 9/18 Vassar Turner
- 9/25 Linda Eaddy

Building Attendant: Jim Hunter

Flowers:

- 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 Open
- 9/4 Juanita Hunter

Ushers:

Johnny Baker, Welborn Brewer,
Tom Chappell, J.D. Duke, J Eaddy, Will Thomas,
Darrell Turner, Justin Woodard

Prayer Ministry

Mattie Boyce, Welborn Brewer Jennie DuRant,
Patricia Flowers, Jack Henson
Juanita Hunter, Mary Frances Lee
David McCabe, Berneice Smith, Chandace Tanner
Will Thomas, Sara Thompson, Jim Walker
David & Melva Young, Francis Young

Happy Birthday

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| 1 Mary Lynn Lee | 16 Aimee McWhite |
| Amery Sanders | Benji Thompson |
| 2 Terry Gaff | 17 Grayson Harrelson |
| Hugh Thompson, III | Grainger Powell |
| 4 John Taylor Duke | Barbara Walker |
| 5 Pat Baird | 20 Hampton Layton |
| 6 Joe Fleming | Trevor Morris |
| Mary-Esther McCabe | 21 Abigail Tanner |
| Janice Richburg | 22 Betsy Jordan |
| 7 Chris Layton | 26 Chandace Tanner |
| 9 Christi Morris | 27 Amber Perkins |
| 10 Rob Morris | 28 Carl Gamble |
| 11 Tommy Geddings | 29 Luke DeCosta |
| 12 Matthew Burgess | Kim Langston |
| Linda Eaddy | Natasha Rivera |
| 13 Mary Lee Beatson | 30 Sara Thompson |
| 15 Russell Harrelson | |

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

August Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 139
Avg. Worship Attendance: 167
Monthly Offering Total: \$21,379.69
Building Fund: \$14,873.59

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Mission:

Elan & Rani Rajamani
International Friendship Ministries
Bloomington Branch
PO Box 1364
Bloomington, IN 47402-1364

Student of the Month:

Nathan Burgess
112 Silo Court
Apartment 632 A
Columbia, SC 29201

Shut-in of the Month:

Lila Sue Thompson
1356 Clemson Rd.
Alcolu, SC 29001

CBC Happenings

Ladies Night ~ Tuesday, Sept. 20 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Tom Chappell, CNM
Topic: "Prevention: The Key to a Woman's Health"
Those attending, please bring any type of salad or appetizer.

Missions Opportunities

Moldova Mission Trip ~ Sept. 8-17, 2016

Just because you may be unable to physically be there, that doesn't mean that you're not a part of the team. You can be a prayer warrior and also collect items that can be taken on the trip.

Over the Counter Medication – ibuprofen, Tylenol, children's Tylenol/Motrin, baby aspirin, cough/cold medicine, Tums

Other items (some for Women's Ministry) – toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel-size soap, shampoo, deodorant, lip-gloss

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. *Periodically, volunteers needed to sort, pack, and deliver materials to the associational office. If interested, please speak with 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: Donald Morris

Operation Christmas Child

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 29th, OCC Packing Day!! We are continuing to collect plastic shoeboxes, which can be placed in the Mallie Alderman Sunday School classroom (*off back hall of church building*) or by the OCC door (*inside the Annie DuRant SS classroom*). Individually wrapped hard candy will be collected in October (**no chocolate**). Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Point Person, Mary Jo Jones