

Info from CBC August 2019

Newsletter

Blessings and Being Blessed

In my life, I have been confronted with the best and the worst of humanity. I have counseled people who have gone through unspeakable tragedy and terrible loss. Some people brought the suffering and pain upon themselves by committing adultery, alcoholism, drug addiction, and more. However, it is in those times the love of God is meant to be revealed in and through us. These are opportunities to remember the grace that was given to us. We are all reprehensible apart from the grace of God. There is none righteous, not even one. The only thing that makes us right is the presence and power of God. If God never gives me anything in this life, I am still blessed. Why? He is my treasure, He is my hope, He is my life, and He is my blessing. So, if I have nothing or suffering comes my way, I am still blessed. I am not blessed by who I am or by what people say that I am or by my accomplishments, my family lineage or the degrees hanging on my wall. All of those things will be forgotten and packed away, and the next generation will not remember those things. Life's goal is not in the accomplishment, but it is in the impact of the accomplishment. The question must be asked, "Is my life glorifying God, are my degrees being used to impact people for Christ, and is my family passing on a godly heritage?" The things themselves do not matter. It is what your desire is in the accomplishment, or your heart's motive. **We must come to the point where Jesus is our obsession, not our pastime.** Then, and only then, will we understand that we are blessed and that blessing is only in Him.

What we must learn is that we **"are"** blessed. If we are His children, we have an unmatched heritage. The scripture teaches us that "our life does not consist of the abundance of the things that we possess." God is calling us as believers to go deeper with Him. He is calling us to discover who He is. He pleads with us to venture from the shore, to come to the deep waters where He is. He will not let us be overcome by the currents of life. We are always secure and safe in Him. The

prophets of old knew this. In their darkest hour, they said, "He will never leave us or forsake us." It is why the three Hebrew children went willingly into a fiery furnace. It is why Peter, without hesitation, went to the cross. It is why thousands today face death and hardship every day for the Gospel. Jesus was not and is not their hobby or crutch. He was and is their everything. They were not wrapped up in what this world affords, but, rather, they are wrapped in the blessing of Him. So, whatever sacrifice is made, whether in life or death, it is made for the honor and glory of Christ.

Let us make a choice. Choose your priority. Choose your obsession. Choose your Lord. Choose to walk in your blessing. Your blessing is not a thing but a person, Jesus Christ.

Just a Servant, Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 6 Youth Bible & Brunch ~ 11 am
Nom Com Meeting ~ 7 pm ~
CBC Church Office
- 8 Youth Visitation
- 11 PM Worship ~ *No AWANA*
- 13 Deacons Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
- 18 AWANA Worker Meeting
6:00 pm (*No AWANA*)
- 25 Youth Promotion Luncheon
after AM Worship
Youth Com. Meeting ~ 6 pm
No AWANA

Looking Ahead to September

- (1) *No AWANA*
- (3) Youth Breakfast & Bible
- (6-14) Moldova Missions Trip
- (8) AWANA Begins Again!
- (10) Deacons Meeting
- (29) OCC Shoebox Packing Day!

Workers for August

Audiovisual:

- 8.4 Scott Tanner, Bryson Woodard
- 8.11 Robert Etheridge, Mark Evans
- 8.18 Aimee McWhite, Will Thomas
- 8.25 Cory McWhite, Hal Thompson

Nursery:

- 8.4 Allyson, Hardy, & Tori Goff
 8.11 Jordan Price, Julie Rickenbaker
 8.18 DeeDee & Tolley Horton
 8.25 Adrienne & Mary-Esther McCabe

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 8.4 Adriene Jones
 8.11 Adriene Jones
 8.18 Adriene Jones
 8.25 Kim Gardner

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

- 8.4 Pastor Jon Jones
 8.11 Lauren Lee
 8.18 Pastor Jon Jones
 8.25 Lynn Beatson

Flowers: 8.11 Hinson Family

8.4, 8.18, 8.25 are open.

Building Attendant: Tommy Geddings

Ushers: Dan McInnis, Reese McInnis, Stacey McInnis, Cory McWhite, Rob Morris, Aaron Powell, Chris Price, John Smith

Prayer Ministry

Welborn Brewer, Wayne Burke,
 Esau Dennis, Billy Harrington, Ed Hinson,
 David McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Ray Richburg,
 Shaun Richburg, John Smith, David Young

July Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 113
 Avg. Worship Attendance: 136
 Monthly Offering Total: \$17,487.30
 Building Fund: \$356,159.57

Encouragement Opportunities**Faith Promise Missionaries:**

Wayne & Karen Powell
 Teen Challenge of SC
 PO Box 1437
 Georgetown, SC 29442
 Office Phone: 803.520.4888
 teenchallengesc@hotmail.com

Students of the Month:

Taylor Lee
 1438 Oak Grove Church Rd.
 Manning, SC 29102

Elizabeth McInnis
 1575 Doral Drive
 Manning, SC 29102

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.

- 1 Carolyn Brewer
Justin Woodard
- 2 Hampton Mitchum
Lundee Olsen
- 3 Davis Mitchum
- 5 Lindy Morris
Kenny Powers
- 6 Joyce Henson
Harriet Locklair
- 7 Lana Evans
- 8 Brian Acord
- 10 Robby Gardner
- 11 Cameron King
Ray Richburg
Debbie Upchurch
- 12 Victoria Ard
- 13 Nancy Hubbard
- 15 Jordan Gardner
Carter Jones
Jerry Joyner
Sara Faye Turner
- 16 Brenda Taylor
- 17 Mark Blascak
Jim Daniel
- 18 Doris Daniel
Lynn Evans
Derek Lee
- 19 Kelli Carlisle
Hartlee Quinn
Garrett
Pastor Jon Jones
Liberty Thompson

- 20 Bryson Woodard
21 Jim Hunter
23 Jessie McCabe
25 Christopher Price
26 Logan Hudson
Dan McInnis
Robbie Morris
28 Shaun Richburg
30 Caroline Ard
Adriene Jones

Join the Praise Team!

Interested in singing or playing music with our CBC Praise Team? No previous experience required! All ages welcome! Join us for practice on Sundays at 4:45 pm in the sanctuary.
Contact person: Glenna Mutchler
803.883.1792

Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

Praise God from Whom all blessing flow! July was an amazing month for VBS!!! Our children and adults collected over 3,000 items for Moldova, Ukraine, and OCC. Amazing, so let me give a big shout out to everyone, "THANK YOU!"

For August, we are collecting tools! Yes, tools! Hammers, packages of nails, screwdrivers, and pliers. We'll also be collecting fishing supplies – fishing lines, bobbers, hooks, etc. Our older boys often don't get boxes from us as everyone says they are hard to pack for. OCC says we are allowed to use these items for older boys.

September 29th will be here before we know it for our Sunday Morning Packing Party.

Thank you so much for your support of this mission.

Love in Christ, Mary Jo

Moldova Donations

Jeremy Evans will be traveling to Moldova in September. He appreciates all of the items that have been donated and will not be accepting any more since he's limited in the amount of items he can carry with him. Please begin to pray for him as he prepares to go on mission for the Lord in Moldova next month.

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.

Point person: Karen DeCosta

Donations for Ukraine

Taking a break. Point person: Harriet Locklair

Designated Donation Drop-off Sites:

Harvest Seeds Ministry – Confident Heart Sunday school classroom (*first room to the left in the FLC*)

OCC – Mallie Alderman SS Classroom, OCC Office Door (*in Annie DuRant SS Room*)

Please carry your donations to the site designated for that ministry.