

Info from CBC

November 2019 Newsletter

Sometimes life is hard. Sometimes we get disillusioned. Sometimes we wonder if God has forgotten us. Sometimes we wonder if God is hearing us or is He busy on Jupiter or some far off galaxy. These thoughts and feelings are not blasphemous; they are right there in Scripture. In Psalm 13: 1-2, David said, "How long, o Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemies triumph over me?"

Wow! Those are not words from some pagan or a man that hates God. That was King David, a man after God's own heart. We struggle, we doubt, and we become afraid sometimes, but that is ok. God can handle our weakness. In fact, the scripture is clear that God wants to use us in our weakness. Psalm 51 tells us, "...a broken and contrite heart you will not refuse/reject." The apostle Paul was so burdened that he almost gave up and wondered (in Galatians 4:11b), "...I fear for you that I have wasted my efforts on you." He was a man beaten down by life. He also came to the Lord in his weakness and asked the Lord to remove some sort of malady that Paul called, "his thorn in the flesh." It was so bad Paul kept coming to the Lord. The Lord told Paul "his thorn" would not be removed but would be a reminder to Paul that God's grace is sufficient. Paul would continually be reminded that it is through weakness God's strength is made perfect. It kept Paul humble and faithful. It reminded Paul of his frailty and humanity and that God is bigger than any trial, problem, or malady.

One of the things that I am reminded of is that God is in control. Sometimes, that becomes cliché for us. However, God can take our gravest situations and work them into His will. So, if you are depressed, down or disillusioned, remember that. I am reminded of a true story of a baseball player named John Kruk who played for the Philadelphia Phillies. One day, on a routine play the pitcher threw the ball to him, and it hit him "below the belt." Normally, this would be fine, but the pain would not leave. He went to the

doctor and found out that his pain was caused by testicular cancer. That error by the pitcher saved his life. So it is with us when God allows bad things to happen to us. He wants to use them to mold us into His image.

He wants to take the bad and work it for good. The Scripture in Romans is clear; "He works all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." God is never stagnant and is always up to something redemptive. We typically view things through our narrow lens. We generally are concerned with how does it effect our loved ones or us. God has a plan and a timetable. In the Old Testament, there is the story of Abraham and Sarah. They were not able to have kids, but God promised Abraham he would be the father of many nations. Time moved on, and 25 years went by, and they were not blessed with children. They took matters into their own hands and created a sinful mess. Eventually, Sarah conceived and Isaac was born and God's promised was fulfilled. Abraham was concerned about having a son, but God was about building a People through which Messiah would come. "God's ways are not our ways." We must always look beyond ourselves and our feelings and watch God work His plan through our circumstance. Wait for God to move in your pain, hurt, depression, and your situation. You will be blessed for it, and others around you will be, too. Don't waste your pain. There is a purpose in it.

Just a servant,

Pastor Mike

Deacons Update

The Deacon Board welcomed new Deacons Terry Gaff and Jeremy Evans to their first meeting in October. Jack Hubbard was also elected as Vice-Chairman.

Pastor Jon reported on the AWANA kickoff and had 31 in attendance, which was an increase over last year. In the first month, we averaged around 39 kids! Please pray for this program as it continues to grow.

October was Faith Promise month. Please continue to be in prayer in how God would lead you to support this program. Praise the Lord for our church being known all over as mission-

minded but also for the long history we have of folks entering missions and the ministry from our own church family over the years. Tom Chappell spoke on the first Sunday, Jeremy Evans the second Sunday, and Chip Atkinson the third. If you missed Faith Promise Sunday, it's never too late to turn in your Faith Promise Card.

The Revival was an amazing success. Many have commented to us about a new energy flowing in the church before and after the revival. God is definitely working in His house! If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to take the time to watch, and I promise you will be blessed. Go to

www.sundaystreams.com/go/cbctv

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

Jay Gardner
Deacon Board Secretary

"¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."
(James 1)

"Remember, as anger forms in our mind, we can slowly become convinced we are right. And it's a short journey from believing we are right, to believing we are righteous."---Clay Smith

Calendar of Events

- 3** Faith Promise Pledge Sunday
- 4** Faith Promise Comm. Meeting
6:30 pm, *Pastor's Office*
- 12** Deacons Meeting ~ 7 pm
- 20** Missions Committee Meeting
8 pm (*after Prayer Meeting*)
- 25** DeCosta Family Hotdog
Supper ~ 6 pm ~ CBC FH
- 27** No Wed. Night Service
Church Office ½ day
- 28** **THANKSGIVING**
- 28/29** Church Office Closed

Looking Forward to December

- (1) Budgets out for pick up
- (7) Children's Christmas Cookie Bake
- (8) Children's Christmas Program

- (10) Deacons Meeting
- (13-15) Kid's Winter Blast at Longridge
- (15) Vote on budgets (AM)
- Sunday School Christmas Tree (PM)
- (16) Community Christmas Outreach
- (22) Adult Choir Christmas Program
- (23) Ch. Office ½ day
- (24/25) Ch. Office Closed
- (24) Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- (25) CHRISTMAS**
- (29) Community 5th Sunday Dinner/
No PM Service

Workers for November

Audiovisual:

- 11.3** Cory McWhite, Hal Thompson
- 11.10** Scott Tanner, Bryson Woodard
- 11.17** Aimee McWhite, Mack Mutchler
- 11.24** Mack & Glenna Mutchler

Nursery:

- 11.3** Tabitha, Sadie & Katherine Ann Gardner
- 11.10** Erica Hodge, Nancy Mitchum
- 11.17** Christi & Morgan Morris
- 11.24** Adriene Jones, Crystal Thompson

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 11.3** Pastor Jon Jones
- 11.10** Adriene Jones
- 11.17** Adriene Jones
- 11.24** Crystal Thompson

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 11.3** Chandace Tanner
- 11.10** Pastor Jon Jones
- 11.17** Lauren Lee
- 11.24** Elizabeth Briley

Flowers:

- 11.3** Open
- 11.10** Wayne Ward
- 11.17** David Young
- 11.24** Open

Building Attendant: Chris Jordan

Ushers: Chris Jordan, Derek Lee, Gary Lee, William Locklair, Steve Lowe, Dan McInnis, Reese McInnis, Stacey McInnis

Prayer Ministry

Johnny Baker, Welborn Brewer, Martha Burke,
Wayne Burke, Ed Hinson, Rob Hussey & Family,
Curtis Lee, David McCabe, Jessie McCabe,
Shaun Richburg, David Young

Oct. Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 93
Avg. Worship Attendance: 123
Monthly Offering Total: \$18,006.61
Building Fund: \$358,397.07

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionaries:

Alex & Jamie Pettett
17 Shallowford Rd.
Greenville, SC 29607
apettett@me.com

Students of the Month:

Courtney Beatson
1013 Loblolly Dr.
Manning, SC 29102

Hunter Blascak
5280 S. Brewington Rd.
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** Terry Davis
- 2** David Young
- 3** Elizabeth McInnis
Vassar Turner
- 6** Isabella Garrett
Chris Jordan
- 7** Deborah Ward
- 8** W.L. Gardner
- 9** Kathryn Bryant
Adrienne McCabe

- 10** Donna Burgess
Reese McInnis
- 11** Tori Goff
Debra Perkins
- 13** Crystal Thompson
- 15** Elizabeth Hussey
- 16** Sandy Evans
- 17** JoLynne Jones
- 18** Beth Lyles
Christi Williams
- 20** Judy Gamble
- 22** Ray Evans
- 23** Gary Lee
- 24** Kim Gardner
Laci Thompson
- 29** Sarah Elizabeth Geddings

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Kid's Winterblast: A Weekend Christmas Camp for Kids!

Cabin and team games, devotions, worship and chapel services, Christmas activities, friendly contests, canteen, & more!

December 13-15, 2019

3rd – 7th graders ~ Cost: \$95

Money due by November 20th.

Take any questions to Pastor Jon.

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

Drop donations off in the Confident Heart Sunday school classroom (first room to the left, CBC FLC)