

Info from CBC

February 2020 Newsletter

We are so blessed at CBC! The new year has started in a great way. Our church has been through some extremely hard times within the past year. God is always faithful to His Bride, the Church. This faithfulness was born out in a Sunday night service. We came together for a solemn assembly. This is what Israel would do before times of battle, crisis and festivals. Israel would come together for prayer, confession, forgiveness, and healing. The people would cry out to God, and in turn, He would bless them. Our congregation was in much need of this. So, we decided to corporately come together with no agenda but for healing and deliverance. I was personally nervous because you never know what will happen. Well, I will tell you that the floodgates of heaven opened up. The service started with the blowing of the shofar (ram's horn or trumpet) which was a call to God's people for a sacred assembly. When the shofar blows, God is in charge. By the way, when Jesus returns, the shofar will blast, and He will call us to be with Him forever more. He will be - and is - definitely in charge. We had our leaders pray for specifics on corporate and individual forgiveness. We prayed for deliverance and healing for the Body of Christ. We cried out in worship singing songs - "What A Beautiful Name," "O Come to the Altar," and "In Christ Alone." There was a beautiful time of confession when member after member shared their pain, struggles and sins with each other. This is vital, and God tells us to "confess our sins one to another" and "confession is good for the soul." There was a time of altar call and prayer, and we closed in worship. It was sweet and powerful. People didn't want to go; we stayed and fellowshiped with each other. There were a lot of hugs, love and tears. It was medicine for our congregation. God is so good.

One of the things I am learning and learned from that solemn assembly is that God does not care about our outward offering. He only cares about our heart. What good is it to give God an outward offering with an ulterior motive? God strips us of all of our reliances, and all that is left to give Him is our heart. In the book of Joel, God tells His people who have lost everything to

"rend their heart not their clothes." The outward ritual of Israel was to tear their garment over sin or sorrow. God tells them in this passage He wants torn hearts, not torn garments. He is not interested in our ritual, songs, church services, tithes or mission efforts. He doesn't need any of that stuff. He wants our hearts, and all of these other things will flow from that. By the way, we cannot give God anything that He doesn't possess. The giving and serving is about a change in us, not in Him. I saw that in our solemn assembly. We are a people desperate for God, and we need Him more than anything. Clarendon Baptist Church is not an object to be possessed; it is a body to be used. We are the Body of Christ. It is His church. It is His mission. It is His Body. May He use us as we fully surrender our hearts to Him.

There is no doubt that we have a long way to go as a church, but with God's help and guidance, He will lead us in His will. I know many are still healing, and that is a process, much like the healing of a physical wound. It is tender at first, but over time, healing comes, and the scar is there to remind you of the healing and grace of God. May that be true of us at Clarendon Baptist Church. I cannot wait to see what God is going to do in our missions here in Alcolu, New Orleans, Cleveland, Moldova and hopefully Mexico in the future. It's going to be a great year serving the Lord at CBC.

I pray that you will be a part of it.

Just a servant,
Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 2** Youth Super Bowl Party, 6 PM
- 11** Deacons Meeting, 7 PM
- 14** Valentine's Day
- 21** Youth Lock-in, FLC, 8 PM – 8 AM

Looking forward to March

(10) Deacons Meeting
(29) 5th Sunday Dinner

Workers for February

Audiovisual:

- 2.2** Robert Etheridge, Aimee McWhite
- 2.9** Mack & Glenna Mutchler
- 2.16** Jaimie Batchelor, Will Thomas
- 2.23** Cory McWhite, Hal Thompson

Nursery:

- 2.2 Betsy Jordan
- 2.9 Julie Rickenbaker
- 2.16 Adriene Jones
- 2.23 DeeDee Horton

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 2.2 Pastor Jon Jones
- 2.9 Adriene Jones
- 2.16 Kim Gardner
- 2.23 Crystal Thompson

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

- 2.2 Chandace Tanner
- 2.9 Pastor Jon Jones
- 2.16 Elizabeth Briley
- 2.23 Pastor Jon Jones

Flowers: All Sundays are open.

Building Attendant: Jeremy Evans

Ushers: Ben Jordan, Brent Jordan,
Chris Jordan, Derek Lee, Gary Lee, Steve Lowe,
Dan McInnis, Reese McInnis

Prayer Ministry

Kevin & Cindy Anderson,*Welborn Brewer,
Wayne Burke, Esau Dennis, Ed Hinson, David
McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Ray Richburg, Shaun
Richburg, David Young

Jan. Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 88
Avg. Worship Attendance: 106
Monthly Offering Total: \$18,168.66
Building Fund: \$360,861.07

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionaries:

George & Kim Aguirre
Via Gandhi 19
06019 Umbertide, PG, ITALY
Passionate4christinity@gmail.com

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Road
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Students of the Month:

Colin Gaff
1204 Birch Haven Drive
Manning, SC 29102

Jordan Gardner

1929 Bluff Rd.
Apt. #174
Columbia, SC 29201

Happy Birthday

- 2 John Horton
Gwen Lee
- 5 Grady McWhite
Harold Thompson
- 9 Cooper Jones
- 10 Jack Hubbard
- 12 Dawn Harrelson
- 14 Coe Hodge
Rob Hussey
Reid Jordan
- 15 Toni Baker
- 16 Bryce Jordan
- 18 Heather Olsen
- 23 Mark Evans
Marilyn Lowe
- 25 Mackenzie Thames
Ethan Thompson
- 26 Davis Lee
Terry Lyles
- 27 Sean Briley
- 28 Emmalynn Etheridge
Alyssa Gaff
Avery Gaff

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

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 2 ~ 6:00 PM
Home of Ray & Janice Richburg
Please bring chips & drinks to share.

Santee Baptist Association

I-95 Truckstop Ministry

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, there will be a meeting at the truckstop chapel, Wed., Feb. 5, 9:30 AM. *For more information, contact Don McLeod at 803.460.0237.*

Youth Lock-In

Friday, February 21 ~ 8 PM - 8 AM, CBC FLC

Harvest Seeds

Collecting Sunday school literature, devotionals, and other religious material.

Point person: Karen DeCosta

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