



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

You will never worship anything unless you are in awe of it. We know every stat on our favorite athlete or actor. We will buy tickets to see them and buy their jerseys even if we do not have the money. We will sacrifice for them and brag on them.

We have lost that in our church today. We are no longer in awe of Him. We are not willing to learn of Him, and **time in prayer and the Word are down** on the priority list. Sacrifice for Him is minimal. We certainly **do not brag on Him**, as He deserves. When we as His children do not do this, something else fills the void. We have become too comfortable in our relationship with Christ. We have taken Him for granted, and He is our divine buddy.

We are like the person who **RAISES a pet lion**. We play with it, feed it and love it like a pet. We forget he is still untamed in his heart and in a second could tear you to shreds. We have adapted this mentality to Jesus, but He is still "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah." He cannot be tamed.

**These are not days for the Church to cower in fear (or be shaken)**. The truth of God's Word is still unchanged, and we must declare it. We declare it in times of impeachment, Corona virus, and riots and protests in our streets. I know **many of you are bewildered** at what you see on TV. There is a virus sweeping the nation, anarchy in the streets, lawlessness running rampant, and a call for the elimination of the police and law enforcement to name a few things.

**We are living life upside down**. It seems like **America is losing** its soul. I love my country, but I love my God more. One thing I will tell you church; you need to be **falling in love with Jesus more now than ever**

We have lost our (fear) awe of God, and the wonder of Him. He no longer impresses us. Why? We have made Him in our image, and THAT is not so awe-inspiring. If all melts away and our republic fades, we will still have Jesus. We will still have our calling. We will still have our commission to win the lost.

The Scripture says, "I count it all loss for the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things and I consider them rubbish that I might win Christ (Phil. 3:8)."

**The enemy's indoctrination of our nation is almost complete**. The yielding of our religious liberty in the 60's is now paying dividends for the enemy. The seeds that have been planted in our churches of a "less offensive gospel (**a social gospel w/o a Cross, a feel good Christianity w/o sacrifice, and a message that is light on sin**)" are now being harvested. The re-education of our nation's universities through liberal, anti-God, anti-church, anti-Bible and anti-family agendas is full throttle. The **thought police** tell us what to think and how to use "acceptable words," and we blindly follow along. **We replace** Biblical truth like drunkenness with disease, homosexuality with terms like binary, and we justify looting as protest. **The moral fabric is being torn asunder**. It has been happening for years. Pastors have been preaching it for decades. **We are now seeing it unfold before our very eyes**. Christians must be "strong and courageous," and we must learn to "speak the truth in love."

**Flowers:** 8.23 Adriane Gaff *All other Sundays available.*

**Building Attendant:** Jack Hubbard

**Counting Committee:**

- 8.2 Robert Etheridge, Derek lee
- 8.9 Tom Chappell, Adriane Gaff
- 8.16 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 8.23 Jewell Brown, TBA
- 8.30 Robert Etheridge, Derek Lee

*To all who are involved in various ministries, please keep in contact with the chairperson of your ministry as we move forward. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience.*



*“He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings, you will find refuge.” Psalm 91:4*

**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Carolyn Brewer  
Justin Woodard
- 2 Hampton Mitchum  
Lundee Olsen
- 3 Davis Mitchum
- 5 Lindy Morris
- 6 Harriet Locklair
- 7 Lana Evans
- 8 Brian Acord
- 10 Robby Gardner
- 11 Ray Richburg  
Debbie Upchurch
- 13 Nancy Hubbard
- 15 Jordan Garner  
Jerry Joyner  
Sarah Faye Turner
- 17 Mark Blascak  
Jim Daniel
- 18 Doris Daniel  
Lynn Evans  
Derek Lee
- 19 Kelli Carlisle  
Hartlee Quin Garrett  
Pastor Jon Jones  
Liberty Thompson
- 10 Bryson Woodard
- 21 Jim Hunter
- 23 Jessie McCabe
- 26 Logan Hudson  
Dan McInnis  
Robbie Morris
- 28 Shaun Richburg
- 30 Adriene Jones

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

**CBC Members:** Johnny Baker, \*Welborn Brewer, Jewell Brown, Esau Dennis, Jennie DuRant, Shawn Joyner, Steve Lowe, Arnie McCabe, David McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Rodney Richburg, Shaun Richburg, Joshua Stone, Jim “Bubba” Walker, David Young

*“With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18b*

Let us continue to pray for and encourage each other, making sure that none are forgotten.

**FAITH PROMISE MINISTRY**



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*Psalm  
46:1-3*

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

**Calendar of Events**

**August**

- 2 Voting on Karen DeCosta and Carole Evans to serve on Nominating Committee  
Baptism Service at Gardner’s Pond, 6 PM
- 3 Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Church Office
- 11 Deacon Board Meeting, 7 PM

**September**

- 8 Deacon Board Meets, 7 PM

## DEACON UPDATE

Pastor Mike led the July devotional as has been customary for years as it is the start to a new Deacon year, while also welcoming new Deacons. Tom Chappell, John Horton, and Robert Etheridge began their 3-year terms in July.

Officers for the 2020-2021 year were elected as follows: Terry Gaff as *Chairman*, Jack Hubbard remaining *Vice-Chairman*, and Jay Gardner remaining *Secretary*.

The Deacons continue to discuss safety for those attending services in person. Instead of simply having masks available, the Deacons decided to begin encouraging mask wearing while in the sanctuary. This will be sent out via SchoolMessenger.

Church property and liability insurance renewal time is coming up soon, and we reviewed five proposals of equal coverages from different agents and companies. Further details were announced at the July 19<sup>th</sup> service.

The two ladies who have agreed to serve on the nominating committee are Carole Evans and Karen DeCosta.

Attendance for Sunday services have been nothing short of amazing. Since “reopening” back on June 7, we have **averaged 237** combined in-person attendees (49 avg) and online viewers (188 avg) over those last 7 Sundays!

We long for that day when we can all gather together in the sanctuary again, but right now, your safety is of utmost concern to us. We are so thankful for the technology available so that we can offer services online. We also thank Mack Mutchler for his dedication in this ministry.

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

*Board Secretary / CBC Clerk*

### **Come and Find the Quiet Center**

*By Shirley Erena Murray*

Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

