



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

### The God of All Comfort

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>who</sup> comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.” (II Cor. 1: 3-7)*

This text is such a blessing to us who love Christ. It explains a lot about why we suffer and have trials. The Apostle sets the tone in the beginning of this encouraging word. The trials were pouring down on the Corinthian Church, and most of those trials were self-inflicted by church squabbles and dissention. However, Paul begins with an outpouring of praise to the “God of all comfort.” If there is one lesson the Bible repeatedly teaches is that suffering is not random or useless. Those who have suffered in this life know that praise to God in the trial is better than any medicine. It is a vehicle that takes us into the presence of God where we find the wellspring of all comfort.

This text is clear that we are not exempt from pain. There is a purpose in the pain. Notice in verse 4, our encounter with the living God in our trial is valuable. Since we have experienced the comfort of God in our trial, we now can convey the compassion that we received to others that are suffering in their trial and suffering.

Because we have suffered in Christ our comfort “abounds.” Many of us have gone through troubling times and suffering. These trials can be mental, emotional, physical or spiritual. Some of you are going through suffering right now as you read this. You must know that Christ is there to comfort you and pour out His compassion on you. You may not like your trial, you may not even feel like praising Him but you must do it anyway in faith. Reach out to Christ in your trial and watch Him move in your circumstance. It may not be today, tomorrow or in your timetable, but He will comfort you in your time of need.

*Just a Servant,  
Pastor Mike*

**Flowers:** *Thank you to those who decorate the altar table each month.*

**Building Attendant:** Jack Hubbard

**Counting Committee**

- 3.7 Robert Etheridge, Derek Lee
- 3.14 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 3.21 Tom Chappell, Betsy Jordan
- 3.28 Heather Alsbrook, Jewell Brown

**Ushers**

- 3.7 Robert Etheridge, John Horton
- 3.14 Jay Gardner, Stacey McInnis
- 3.21 Robert Etheridge, Chris Jordan
- 3.28 Tom Chappell, John Horton

*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.*

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

**CBC Members:**

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Johnny Baker       | *Welborn Brewer |
| Esau Dennis        | Jennie DuRant   |
| David McCabe       | Jessie McCabe   |
| Ray Richburg       | Shaun Richburg  |
| Calvin Stone       | Joshua Stone    |
| Jim "Bubba" Walker | David Young     |

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY**



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**Calendar of Events**

- 1 Ladies Night, 6 – 8 PM, FLC
- 9 Deacons Meet, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

**It will be time for VBS before we know it!**

If you have a heart for children and serving, we want and need your help planning VBS 2021!

Please reach out to Elizabeth Briley @ 803.225.2282 as soon as possible.

**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Erica Hodge  
Steve Lowe
- 6 Elizabeth Ann Geddings
- 7 Connie Burke  
Effie Russell
- 8 Kathy Lee
- 10 Allard Brogdon, Sr.  
Maybin Gardner
- 11 Aiden Thompson
- 13 Jamie Batchelor  
Denise Jones
- 14 Stormy Coulette  
Tori Coulette
- 16 Lani-Grace Powell
- 26 Tommy Thompson
- 27 Karen DeCosta
- 29 Chuck Goff  
Dale Thomas
- 30 J. Eaddy

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

**Women of Joy – Abide: The Spring 2021 Tour**

April 30 – May 2, Myrtle Beach, SC

Featuring: Lisa Harper, Mandisa, Liz Curtis Higgs, Karen Kingsbury, Mark Lowry, Tauren Wells, Charles Billingsley

Register online at [womenofjoy.org](http://womenofjoy.org)  
or by calling 256.355.1554

**Registration Deadline: March 24, 2021**

Point Person: Karen DeCosta

Info flyers with rates, schedule, and lodging options available on front pew or e-mailed by request.

Q1: Why did St. Patrick drive the snakes out of Ireland?

A1: Because it was too far to walk!

Q 2: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A2: Because real rocks are too heavy!

Q3: Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

A3: You don't want to press your luck!



### Registration for SummerSalt

Ages: Youth currently in grades 7 - 12.

Where: Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC

When: June 7-11, 2021

If interested in attending, get your name and a deposit check of \$50 (*payable to CBC – SummerSalt in memo line*) to Nancy McInnis or Carole Evans.



### Registration for Camp Longridge

Ages: Children currently in grades 2-6

Where: Camp Longridge in Ridgeway, S.C.

When: June 14-18, 2021

There are a limited number of "slots" available. Please pay \$50 deposit (*made payable to CBC*) to hold your child's spot. Please contact Sean or Elizabeth Briley (803.225.2282) for more information.

### *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou Art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower;  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Words:** Attributed to Dallan Forgaill, 8th Century (*Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride*); translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne, in "Eriú," *Journal of the School of Irish Learning*, 1905, and versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

**Music:** Slane, of Irish folk origin (MIDI, score). Slane Hill is about ten miles from Tara in County Meath. It was on Slane Hill around 433 AD that St. Patrick defied a royal edict by lighting candles on Easter Eve. High King Logaire of Tara had decreed that no one could light a fire before Logaire began the pagan spring festival by lighting a fire on Tara Hill. Logaire was so impressed by Patrick's devotion that, despite his defiance (or perhaps because of it), he let him continue his missionary work. The rest is history.