



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

### We May Have a Weight Problem

Hebrews 12:1-2 says, “... *let us throw off everything (every weight) that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out before us...and let us fix our eyes on Jesus....*”

It is hard to carry around extra weight. It is cumbersome, draining, and exhausting. By its nature, it is meant to slow you down. It is meant to impede your progress. It can keep you from attaining your goals in life. Before every boxing, wrestling, or UFC match, they have a “weigh in” to determine if the fighter is able to get in the ring or octagon. If not, then the fighter must do all to **shed the weight** to perform at maximum efficiency. **Long distance runners** prepare their bodies before big races. They are careful **not to carry excessive** and needless weight. In the early days of marathons, the runners would discard as much clothes as they could to complete the race.

There is a famous picture and sculpture of **Atlas buckling under the weight of the world**. Sometimes, life is like that for us. We feel like we are buckling under the weight of the world.

That may be happening in your life today. **Satan continues to lay weight upon weight upon us**. If we let him continue, we will falter under the weight of that sin or problem.

It is easy to feel the weight of the world pressing down on us. We look to the East, and we see American soldiers and Afghan civilians being killed out of pure hatred. We look at our own country, and to the south, we see the devastation of a Cat 4 hurricane. But remember that these are opportunities to minister and share the love of Jesus, and maybe, just maybe, we can help them in carrying their burden.

*Just a Servant,  
Pastor Mike*

**Building Attendant:** Jack Hubbard

**Nursery**

- 9.5 Beth Etheridge
- 9.12 Amy Chappell
- 9.19 Crystal Thompson
- 9.26 Heather Alsbrook

**Counting Committee**

- 9.5 Jewel Brown, Amy Chappell
- 9.12 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom
- 9.19 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Tommy Geddings
- 9.26 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson

**Ushers**

- 9.5 John Horton, Les Odom
- 9.12 Lenn Gardner, Cory McWhite
- 9.19 Aaron Powell, John Thompson
- 9.26 Tom Chappell, Dr. Robert Etheridge

**PRAYER  
MINISTRY**

**CBC Members:**

- Johnny Baker
- Esau Dennis
- Jennie DuRant
- Ray Geddings
- Juanita Hunter
- Nell Langston
- \*Harriet Locklair
- David McCabe
- Jessi McCabe
- Dan McInnis
- Ray Richburg
- Shaun Richburg
- Will Thomas
- Jim "Bubba" Walker



**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Mary Lynn Lee
- Amery Sanders
- 2 Hal Thompson
- 4 John Taylor Duke
- 5 Pat Baird
- 6 Joe Fleming
- Mary-Esther McCabe
- Janice Richburg
- 9 Heather Hudson
- Christi Morris
- 10 Rob Morris
- 11 Tommy Geddings
- 15 Russell Harrelson
- 16 Aimee McWhite
- Benji Thompson
- 17 Grayson Harrelson
- Grainger Powell
- Barbara Walker
- 20 Trevor Morris
- 21 Abigail Tanner
- 22 Betsy Jordan
- 26 Chandace Tanner
- 27 Amber Perkins
- 28 Carl Gamble
- 29 Luke DeCosta
- Kim Langston
- Natasha Rivera
- 30 Sara Thompson

*Please call the church office if we have missed your birthday.*

**Calendar of Events**

- 12-19 Week of Prayer for Janie Chapman
- Offering for State Missions
- 13 Ladies Night *(Details below)*
- 14 Deacons Meeting 7 pm

**Ladies' Night**

Monday, Sept. 13  
6pm – 8pm, CBC FH

*Bring a fav dish to share  
and invite a friend!*  
*Guest Speaker: Patti Odom*



**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY**

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**Beginning Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday morning thereafter,** doughnuts & coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 9:30. Juice will be available for children.



## Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions

### *Who is Janie Chapman?*

In 1908, Janie Chapman became the first president of South Carolina WMU and served for 22 years. She was said to be a person of strict discipline with inner strength and a gently spirit. She did her work well for the Lord. Her personal motto was 1 Corinthians 15:58.

She gave us an example of a woman who lived out this scripture. While she was president, WMU celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Janie wrote, "We do not want to live too much in the past – just an occasional reminder of the stalwart (courageous, strong) and true souls who dared to blaze new trails."

Janie often identified the purpose and power of WMU: "Spiritual power is the greatest power...The object of our work is soul saving at home and abroad."

The Janie Chapman offering is still about "soul saving," sharing Christ here and around the world.



### **"It's September"**

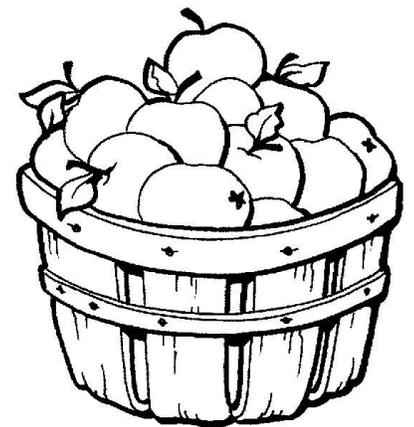
*By Edgar A. Guest.*

It's September, and the orchards are afire with red and gold,  
And the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp with cold;  
Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia blazing red  
And the good old-fashioned asters laughing at us from their bed;  
Once again in shoes and stockings are the children's little feet,  
And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high as they will go,  
And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere begin to show;  
Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down  
And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town;  
Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said,  
Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed.

It's September, and a calmness and a sweetness seem to fall  
Over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call  
Of Old Winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow,  
In the distance over yonder, and it somehow seems as though  
Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best  
When the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest.

It's September! It's the fullness and the ripeness of the year;  
All the work of earth is finished, or the final tasks are near,  
But there is no doleful wailing; every living thing that grows,  
For the end that is approaching wears the finest garb it knows.  
And I pray that I may proudly hold my head up high and smile  
When I come to my September in the golden afterwhile.



### **"September"**

*by John Updike*

The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel—  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Drying grass,  
New books and blackboards  
Chalk in class.  
The bee, his hive  
Well-honey, hums  
While Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze.