



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

### WHO AM I?...MUSINGS OF A DESPERATE SEEKER

Boy, oh boy, that is an interesting headline. Many would wonder, "I thought he was a pastor. Why is he a seeker?" Many times, we get lost in our own interpretation of words. My goal in writing is not for you but for me. I am like a miner going down into the deepest and darkest regions to do the hard work of harnessing resources for power. I believe the only way to be a real and "fully devoted follower of Christ" is to go into those dark recesses of the soul where we seldom like to go because we are afraid of the truth of what we will find there. One thing is for sure, Jesus told us to go there, by saying things like "deny yourself," "hate your own life," and the Apostle Paul telling us to "crucify the flesh."

We are nothing unless we are honest with others and ourselves. We are to be people of truth, always confronting lies that try to capture us or deceive us into a life that is routine, ritualistic, and putridly religious. Jesus did not die for us to be a people that demonstrate Christianity by observing a once-a-week ritual where we coldly mouth some words and try with all of our might to not go to sleep or die from boredom. Surely, we have passed from death to life if we have truly been redeemed. So why is it we become satisfied with mediocrity and dead empty religion? Why is it that we are developing calluses on our rear ends and hearts instead of our hands from a missionary zeal that burns deep within our hearts? I am not naive enough to think the answer is so simplistic as to throw a few catch phrases around that get everybody emotionally stirred and then the passion slowly goes out like a summer campfire. No, that would be dishonoring to the Lord and to humanity. That is precisely why we must go deep within ourselves to confront our pride, prejudice, and our presuppositions about Christ, life and the Church.

When I ask myself the question "Who am I?", it is a question that I could answer with a few clever lines, as if I rehearsed them like an Academy Award winning actor. In fact, sometimes I do exactly that, and I realize the answer to the question is far more complex than some pre-recorded phrase that my memory "drums up" can deliver. I am a frail man who is utterly dependent upon Christ for everything. I am not just referring to the menial trappings of this world. It is far more expansive than that could ever be. I am so dependent on Him that my very core trembles at the thought. My soul is so dependent on Him that even in this moment of writing, I exalt His name for the thoughts and emotions that flow from the synapses firing in my brain to form my heart and soul's cry to Him. Oh! I am frail! Every blink, breath and beating of the heart is a symphony of the soul to an Almighty Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. When the Psalmist says, "My soul Cries out to Him", I can sense and feel his words as if they are my own. What do I do with this frailty? What do I do with this ineptitude? I am not sure, but I feel as though it is driving me helplessly to Him. So, the frailty is good and must be embraced. *(To be continued next month)*

*Just a Servant, Pastor Mike*

**Building Attendant:** Lenn Gardner

**Nursery**

- 10.3 Patti Odom
- 10.10 Beth Etheridge
- 10.17 Betsy Jordan
- 10.24 Crystal Thompson
- 10.31 Heather Alsbrook

**Counting Committee**

- 10.3 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell
- 10.10 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom
- 10.17 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Tommy Geddings
- 10.24 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 10.31 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell

**Ushers**

- 10.3 Reese McInnis, Stacey McInnis
- 10.10 Bryce Jordan, Chris Jordan, Reid Jordan
- 10.17 Jay Gardner, Hal Thompson
- 10.24 Les Odom, John Smith
- 10.31 Tom Chappell, John Horton

**Calendar of Events**

- 3 \*Youth Bowling Outing
  - 12 Deacon Board Meeting
  - 17 \*Children Trunk-or-Treating
  - 24 \*Children Bowling Outing
  - 31 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner
- NO PM Activities for Children/Youth  
*\*Details on last page of newsletter.*

**PRAYER  
MINISTRY**

**CBC Members:**

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

**YOU** are invited to a time of fellowship, doughnuts, & coffee each and every Sunday morning in The Fellowship Hall from 8:45 – 9:30. *Juice will also be available.*

**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Lauren Gardner
- Autumn Russell
- 2 Kyle Horton
- 3 Andrew Mitchum
- 4 Savannah Ard
- Juanita Hunter
- 9 Valorie Evans
- Dianne Floyd
- 10 Jodi Thompson
- 11 Hank Thompson
- 12 Amy Chappell
- 13 Ann Barwick
- Maddox Watford
- 14 Michael DeCosta
- 15 Kristen Hubbard
- 17 Curt Lee
- 19 Bobby Pierce
- John Smith
- 22 Jay Gardner
- Marlana Lynn Lee
- 23 Stacy Acord
- Jewell Brown
- Gary Lee
- David McCabe
- 24 Hardy Goff
- 25 Joy Joyner
- 26 Jack Hudson
- Wyatt Powell

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

**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY**



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**Collecting for Ukraine Ministry** through Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. A letter from Dr. & Mrs. Crane, along with a list of requested items, is available at the front of the sanctuary. Two boxes for donated items will be set up at the front of the sanctuary.

*Thank you for all  
that you do!*

**Winter Blast @ Camp Longridge** - A weekend CHRISTmas Camp!

Cabin and team games, devotions, worship, chapel services, Christmas activities, friendly contests, canteen, and more! Ages: Current 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades Cost: \$95 per camper

Dates: Leave Friday, Dec. 10 (depart CBC @ 3:30 pm) and return Sun., Dec. 12 @ Noon

Contact Elizabeth Briley (803.225.2282) no later than Mon., Oct. 11 to sign up.

**Children/Youth October Events**

Sunday, October 3

Children (5<sup>th</sup> gr. & under) will meet @ CBC, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm.

Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> gr.) will leave CBC @ 5:00 pm to Sumter for BOWLING! Bring \$20 (\$10 bowling, \$10 meal). Will send message when on way home (approx. 7:30 pm). Contact Nancy McInnis (803.460.2111) for more details.

Sunday, October 10 – Children & Youth meet @ CBC, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm.

Sunday, October 17

Children (5<sup>th</sup> gr. & under) will leave CBC @ 5:45 to enjoy Trunk-or-Treating! Feel free to wear non-scary costumes! Plan to return about 7:30 pm. Parents, please plan to come with your child if you're able. Contact Sean or Elizabeth Briley (803.225.2282) for more details.

Youth will meet @ CBC, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm.

Sunday October 24

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Sunday, October 31 – NO evening Children/Youth activities @ CBC.

**AUTUMN**

Find and circle all of the Autumn words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message – an Albert Camus quotation.

L O N G E R N I G H T S N A A U C N  
T O R U E S T U N Y R O K C I H R I  
M S O A Y Q E N I S I A O T R W O K  
R C Y H N E U V S T E R F H E O P P  
C E A A C G K I A S N O A A B R S M  
K N D N D S E R N E D S R N M C O U  
S C Y L N R G L U O L P M K E E C P  
Q R A K E I E R E T X G I S V R T S  
U Y D T M A N T S A E F N G O A O E  
A D Y D S I V G R T V S G I N C B P  
S N R N G Y W E H O E E N V W S E T  
H I E L P P A E S P H A S I V O R E  
B W T Y L L I H C T E S P N R F L M  
F T S E V R A H Y E L O I G C R E B  
A A U H A L L O W E E N E F I O S E  
A F L S E V A E L W O L L E Y S L R  
L O B L W E C H E S T N U T S T R D

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| ACORN          | NOVEMBER       |
| APPLE          | OCTOBER        |
| BIRD MIGRATION | ORANGE LEAVES  |
| BLOWING LEAVES | PIE            |
| BLUSTERY DAY   | PUMPKIN        |
| CANNING        | RAKE           |
| CHESTNUTS      | RED LEAVES     |
| CHILLY         | SCARECROW      |
| COLD           | SCHOOL         |
| CROPS          | SEASON         |
| EQUINOX        | SEPTEMBER      |
| FALL           | SHORTER DAYS   |
| FARMING        | SQUASH         |
| FEAST          | SWEET POTATOES |
| FROST          | THANKSGIVING   |
| HALLOWEEN      | TURKEY         |
| HARVEST        | WINDY          |
| HAYSTACK       | YELLOW LEAVES  |
| HICKORY NUTS   |                |
| LONGER NIGHTS  |                |