



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

### HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

I don't know about you, but just typing that year 2022 is a little strange. Is it me, or do the pages of the calendar seem to come off at warp speed the older you get? I remember almost 2 years ago preaching to empty pews and to a tv camera. We had so many questions, but God has been faithful to us at CBC. There is no doubt that there will be new challenges ahead, and God will still be faithful, and that is for sure.

I like to think about newness. It is hopeful. It brings joy and expectation. This past year, we have pretty much got back to normal as far as schedule, and that is a relief. We have seen ministries started and restarted. As we look to a new year, we expect to see God do new things. We will have a mission conference in May and a tent revival in the Summerton area. We will be part of an area-wide crusade in September with Dr. Tony Evans. We are also looking forward to starting a visitation ministry in early spring.

We would be remiss if we did not thank God for meeting all of our financial needs and then some. He has blessed us greatly and provided when some big things happened. Thank you, CBC, for your faithfulness. There will be more challenges as we head to a new year of Fresh Start. New ministries await us. I would like to see our men start Bible study at least monthly and start meeting again. I also am so grateful for the youth and children's ministry team that has kept those ministries going. You have done incredible work investing in our kids.

My prayer for this year is that God will put a "new song in our mouth," (Ps. 40:3). Just think about it. What greater thing could God give you? Songs can bring a new bounce in your step and a new perspective in your heart. New songs change your attitude. Here, God is giving the Psalmist a new song deep down in his soul. It's a new song of perspective, optimism and joy. The Psalmist has a new song because of God. With this new song, he is able to praise God no matter the circumstances. We have come through many battles, individually and corporately. Are you singing a new song to Him, or is it the same old song and dance? Where is your hope? Where is your focus? Let's sing a new song in our life this year, a song of faith, a song of joy, and a song of triumph.

As the pilgrims made their journey to worship God, they would teach their kids new songs called songs of assent. They would make their way to Jerusalem with joy, hope and optimism. They were full of worship and wanted to let others know of their great God and King. My favorite is found in Psalm 121. "I lift my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord; maker of heaven and earth." (Cont. p. 3)

**Building Attendant:** Aaron Powell

**Nursery**

- 1.2 Patti Odom
- 1.9 Karen DeCosta
- 1.16 Crystal Thompson
- 1.23 Nancy Mitchum
- 1.30 Beth Etheridge

**Counting Committee**

- 1.2 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom
- 1.9 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Tommy Geddings
- 1.16 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 1.23 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell
- 1.30 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom

**Ushers**

- 1.2 Brent Jordan, John Smith
- 1.9 Aaron, Grainger, & Wyatt Powell
- 1.16 Bryce, Chris, & Reid Jordan
- 1.23 Reese & Stacey McInnis, Cory McWhite
- 1.30 Tom Chappell, John Horton

**Happy Birthday**

- 2 Aaron Powell
- 3 Morgan DeCosta
- 5 Will Thomas
- 7 Billy Harrington
- 8 Brent Jordan
- 12 Harry Blackmon  
Beth Ingram
- 15 Glenna Mutchler
- 16 Marlene Riddick
- 18 Elizabeth Briley
- 20 Rowan Grace Briley
- 28 DeeDee Horton

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Short Business Meeting following AM Service
- 6 Ladies' Bible Study, 6 PM, CBC FH
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**CBC Prayer Ministry: Members**

Johnny Baker, Jennie DuRant, Valorie Evans, Dan McInnis, VeLinda Reynolds, Ray Richburg, Shaun Richburg

**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES**



**Rick & Elisabeth Arnold**

*Serving with Pioneers*

**Beginning January 6,** there will be a Ladies-Only Bible study every other Thurs. night, 6 pm, CBC Fellowship Hall. Led by Donna Martin. *Ladies, bring your Bible and join us!*

**Information Forms** for the upcoming new church directory are available for pick up on the front pew of the sanctuary or can be emailed upon request. *Point Person: Patti Odom*

**January Family Night Schedule**

TBA Any questions can be taken to Elizabeth Briley or Nancy McInnis.

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As those sojourners made their trek to Jerusalem, they could see those mountains in the distance. Those mountains contained hardship, bandits and murderers and all kinds of trouble. The pilgrim kept forging on because on the other side of those hills was the crown jewel, Jerusalem. It is where they would worship and be forgiven together. So, they sang through the hardship a new song to the King of Kings. They sang a song of hope. That is my 2022 thought, to have a song of worship and thanksgiving in my heart no matter what befalls, both good and difficult. God is on His throne.

Happy New Year, CBC,  
Pastor Mike

### **Deacon Board Update:**

#### Budget/Finance

The 2022 CBC church budget was passed by membership vote with no changes in the proposed budget. The church membership also voted in approval for a new banking account to be created at First Palmetto to shift \$250,000 from the Building Fund at Bank of Clarendon to a 1-year CD. This was to reduce our uninsured money exposure to amounts that will be protected in full by the FDIC in case of a bank failure. We are on track to meet all budget goals for 2021 and are looking forward to starting 2022 on a good financial footing.

#### Missions

CBC shipped 2 boxes of supplies to the Crane family in support of their mission service. We also shipped 13 boxes to Operation Christmas Child for that mission outreach. On Sunday, Dec. 12, we had a very successful Community Christmas Outreach to our friends and neighbors in the Alcolu area near the church. Our 2022 Faith Promise pledges have increased some from 2021, and we have proposed no changes to our Faith Promise offerings as that program is doing well financially at this time.

#### Membership Roll

We have completed our Affirmation of Membership project and are now excited to move forward with a new Church Directory. It will be an online application where we can easily update any future changes to information regarding ourselves and our families. We are starting to gather the basic directory information for this project and plan to share more with the church family as it continues to develop.

#### Church Repairs

We have approved a recommendation from the properties committee on a proposal for crawl space renovations/repairs to the parsonage that should end the ongoing issues with water damage that have been occurring for the past few years. A/C repairs to several children's Sunday School rooms have been completed. We are also looking at bids for updating our website at this time.

*Dr. Robert Etheridge, CBC Deacon Chair*