



# CBC News

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## A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

### LOVE THEM WHILE YOU CAN

Have you ever had a week where your own mortality stands up and slaps you in the face? This week was one of those weeks for me. I experienced the unexpected death of a friend who was my age, and then, my daughter's friend passed away at 23 years old. We are typically okay when people die at an old age because that is the way we think it is supposed to be. I have taken a great lesson from these losses: we must love each other while we can. Love people as if it is the last time you will see them. Bless them and do not curse them; laugh with them, do not loathe them; build them up and don't break them. After all, we are all just jars of clay. We are delicate and vulnerable on our best days. One day, you can be on top of the world, and the next, you can be lying in a hospital bed fighting for use of your faculties. We are frail creatures of dust that never really have control of life. Life is way bigger than we are, and death is so complete, and neither one will be cheated.

However, we must be sure of the most important thing, and that is do you have true life? The Scripture makes it clear that there is a difference between *existing* and *living*, and it even uses different words for both. You can go to work, school, play, and build a life without living. You jump on the carousel and go around and around. Life is a monotonous event repeated over and over, like a scene from the movie "Ground Hog Day." You were meant for more than that. The Scripture is clear in Colossians 1 that, "all things were created by Him and for Him." He made us, and we are made for His good pleasure. The King of the universe created us for His purpose. We were created to know Him and enjoy Him.

Lastly, if we are going to really live and love our family, friends and acquaintances, we must understand John, Chapter 1. In verse 4, it says something life changing. "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." If this is true (and it is), the opposite must be true. Outside of Him is no life. The Apostle John wrote this and used the word *zoe* for life, not *bios*. *Bios* is living and basic functioning of life. *Zoe* is life with a purpose, true life, and it makes the biology vital. In Jesus Christ, we live, move and have our being, and outside of Him, we just exist.

I want to live until I die. I do not want to cower at every little thing and miss out on the life Christ has for me. It is a life that brings honor to Him and a life that brings love to others. So, let us love each other while we can.

Just a Servant,  
Pastor Mike

**Building Attendant:** John Horton

**Nursery**

- 2.6 Heather Alsbrook 2.20 Patti Odom  
2.13 Kim Gardner 2.27 Crystal Thompson

**Counting Committee**

- 2.6 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Tommy Geddings  
2.13 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson  
2.20 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell  
2.27 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom

**Ushers**

- 2.6 Jay Gardner, John Thompson  
2.13 Les Odom, Hal Thompson  
2.20 Lenn Gardner, John Smith  
2.27 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Brent Jordan

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

**CBC Members:** Johnny Baker, Jennie DuRant, Valorie Evans, Glenna Mutchler, Dan McInnis, VeLinda Reynolds, Ray Richburg, Shaun Richburg, \*Berneice Smith

**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES**



**George & Kim Aguirre**

*Church Planting in Italy with TEAM*

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**Calendar of Events**

- 3 Ladies Bible Study, 6 PM  
8 Deacons Meeting, 7 PM  
14 ❤️ Valentine's Day ❤️  
17 Ladies Bible Study, 6 PM

*1 John 4:12  
Romans 8:38-39  
Jude 1:2*

**Happy Birthday**

- 2 John Horton  
5 Grady McWhite  
Harold Thompson  
10 Jack Hubbard  
14 Rob Hussey  
Reid Jordan  
15 Toni Baker  
16 Bryce Jordan  
25 Mackenzie Chappell  
27 Sean Briley  
28 Emmalynn Etheridge



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



*Psalm 107:1*

## **February Family Night Schedule**

Youth Schedule – Ongoing study of *Not A Fan*

Feb 6                      Kim Gardner ~ Bon Fire ~ *Not A Fan*: Session 3  
Feb 13                     Laura Carter ~ *Not A Fan*: Session 4  
Feb 20                     **Will not meet.**  
Feb 27                     Dee Dee Horton ~ *Not A Fan*: Session 5

Children Schedule

Feb 6	Will meet at 5:45 pm	Feb 20	<b>Will not meet.</b>
Feb 13	Will meet at 5:45 pm	Feb 27	Will meet at 5:45 pm

## **Summer Camp 2022**

**Camp Longridge** (*Current 2nd-6th Graders*)

June 20 – 24, 2022 ~ \$50 deposit to reserve your space is due February 1. *Please call Elizabeth Briley @ 803.225.2282 for more information*

Students currently in grades 7-12 are invited to sign up to attend **SummerSalt Camp** in Charleston, SC. The date for camp is June 6 – 10, 2022. A \$50 deposit is due by February 15th. *Space is limited. Please see Nancy McInnis for deposits and details.*

## ***I Am His, and He Is Mine***

*By George W. Robinson*

*Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know;  
Gracious Spirit from above, Thou hast taught me it is so!  
Oh, this full and perfect peace! Oh, this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine;  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.*

*Heav'n above is softer blue, Earth around is sweeter green;  
Something lives in every hue Christless eyes have never seen;  
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow, flow'rs with deeper beauties shine,  
Since I know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine;  
Since I know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine.*

*Things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest,  
Closed in everlasting arms, pillowed on His loving breast;  
Oh, to lie forever here, doubt and care and self resign,  
While He whispers in my ear, I am His, and He is mine;  
While He whispers in my ear, I am His, and He is mine.*

*His forever, only His; who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart!  
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,  
But while God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine;  
But while God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine.*