



CBC News

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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

Good News in Dark Times

There is so much going on in our world right now that it is hard not to be discouraged. Inflation is as high as it has been in my lifetime. Gas prices are at record highs. Baby formula has disappeared from our grocery stores. Interest rates are soaring. People are illegally pouring into our country along with life-killing drugs. We are coming through a 2-year pandemic that has caused rates of suicide, domestic abuse, and alcoholism to climb to record heights. I almost forgot to mention the talk of WWII and the casual talk of nuclear war. One of the things that put a dagger through my heart was a report just put out today about sexual abuse in the Southern Baptist Convention and the cover up that ensued. Over 700 pastors - 9 of which are still in churches - have been accused of sexually abusing kids and adults. One of my heroes was mentioned, Johnny Hunt, who just stepped down from the NAMB position he held. It is heart breaking, disappointing, and devastating. We need to pray for the victims of such abuses of power and help them to heal. As I have been preaching, we are in the battle of a lifetime. We need to stop venerating our leaders and understand we are all servants.

I hope you are not too depressed. At the time I write this, I am so grateful for you. This week, we saw a community come together. People from all ethnicities, denominations, and socio-economic backgrounds filled a tent in the small town of Summerton. Charismatics, Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists came together for the sole purpose of hearing the Gospel. So many lives were changed for Christ. So many testimonies began under that tent that will live for generations to come. I do not know about you, but I needed to hear some good news. I needed to see some good things. I needed a touch of heaven, and that is what I got.

I was beginning to wonder if the sound I was hearing was taps or reveille? It is hard to know with so much negativity swirling around us, but I think the Lord is trying to wake us from our slumber. I want to be a light to a dark world. I want to be salt to a flavorless world. I want to bring hope to a hopeless world. I choose to believe; "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." Will you make the choice, in a world of bad news, to speak the Good News? It is our only message, and it is their only hope.

Just a Servant, Pastor Mike

Building Attendant: Jay Gardner

Nursery

- 6.5 Karen DeCosta
- 6.12 TBA
- 6.19 Crystal Thompson
- 6.26 Patti Odom

Counting Committee

- 6.5 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 6.12 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell
- 6.19 Betsy Jordan, Jodi Thompson
- 6.26 Dr. Robert Etheridge,
Tommy Geddings

Ushers

- 6.5 Les Odom, Hal Thompson
- 6.12 Lenn Gardner, John Smith
- 6.19 Brent Jordan, Chris Jordan
- 6.26 Aaron, Grainger, & Wyatt Powell

Calendar of Events

- 2 Men's Fellowship, 7 PM, CBC FH
- 6-10 SummerSalt
- 14 Deacons Meeting, 7 PM
- 19 **Father's Day**
- 20-24 Camp Longridge

Happy Birthday

- 10 Hal Thompson
- 11 Dennis Reynolds
- 12 Jennie DuRant
- 13 Jeremy Evans
Mack Mutchler
- 20 Dianne Thompson
- 26 Stacey McInnis

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

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| Dan McInnis | Will Thomas |
| Ray Richburg | |

Heads Up - New Website on Its Way

In the near future, Clarendon Baptist Church will have another website with a fresh, new look, letting everyone know *where* we are and *who* we are as a church family. Over the coming weeks, we will be gathering information and photographs for the use of the website designer, so don't be surprised if we reach out to you for input.

Children/Youth

Please keep our campers and leaders blanketed with prayer as they attend Camp Longridge (June 20 -24) and SummerSalt (June 6-10). Amid all of the fun and games may we see the Lord at work in the lives of those who attend camp this summer.