



CBC News

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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

A RESTORED CHURCH

Wow! What a week it has been for our church and community. The tent revival in Summerton was fantastic for a lot of reasons. I have been thinking about this since it ended. Our church had a great turnout and helped with meals, greeting, set up, chairs, and inviting friends. Some of those friends gave their lives to the Lord. So thank you to CBC for your excitement, joy and enthusiasm. I noticed that it spilled over into our church service. Our attendance is growing, and there are many new faces. God is working to restore our church, and it is really miraculous. The Scripture says, “I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me? (Jer. 32:27)”

I also noticed at the tent a sweet fellowship. This is something we have been learning in our study of I John. It says, “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our **joy complete** (I John 1:3-4).” When we come together for the glory of Christ, our fellowship produces a strong joy. I will say that this joy is palpable. This has also spilled over to our church. The joy and love we are experiencing is beautiful.

I also noticed a hunger for preaching the Word. That is what I love about our church. We love the Word! It is central to everything we do. I stand amazed that CBC folks love the Word. After church Sunday (it was a long message but an important one), someone scolded me, not for preaching too long but for rushing to finish. Sadly, that is unusual. I was so encouraged for the love of the Word in our church. I have prayed for this, and God is answering. Sunday morning’s message spilled over to our Sunday night as people wanted to discuss the morning message. I also pray that you will hunger for the Word on an individual basis. I pray God will fill you with the Truth of His Word.

I am also seeing a growth in our men. Our M2M small group had its best attendance ever. They shared how they long for fellowship with strong Christians. I stand in awe of what God is doing to restore, heal and grow us corporately and individually. God wants to raise CBC up from the ashes for His glory. Aren’t you glad you are a part of that?

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MAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Building Attendant: Les Odom

Nursery

May 7 Crystal Thompson
May 14 Kaitlyn Briley
May 21 Kim Gardner
May 28 Kaitlyn Briley

Counting Committee

May 7 Aaron & Daphne Powell
May 14 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Betsy Jordan
May 21 Tabitha Gardner, Christi Morris
May 28 Amy Chappell, Sara Thompson

Ushers

May 7 Tom Chappell, Les Odom
May 14 Aiden, Benji, & James Thompson
May 21 Sean Briley, John Thompson
May 28 Jay Gardner, Lenn Gardner,
W.L. Gardner

BIRTHDAYS

2 Taylor Evans
4 Rev. Casey Connors
6 Tom Chappell
Tolley Horton
9 Bryce Parler
11 Carole Evans
12 Andrew Gabert
17 Aubrey Connors
28 Linda Pierce



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 Men's Fellowship Supper, 7 PM
9 Deacons Meeting, 7 PM
14 Mother's Day
Baby/Child Dedication
Start of Baby Bottle Boomerang
21 Graduate Recognition
3rd Sunday Potluck Luncheon
22 Visitation, 7 PM
25 Craft-n-Chat @ 6 PM, CBC FH

FAITH PROMISE MINISTRY



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PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members

Anessa Alfred Ray Richburg
Johnny Baker Shaun Richburg
Mackenzie Chappell
Jennie DuRant Effie Russell
Mack Mutchler Sara Thompson
Dan McInnis David Young

Craft-n-Chat

Thursday, May 25 @ 6 PM
Craft supplies will be provided.

Hoping to host some
special guests!!!

Please bring a fav
finger food to share!



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I am so encouraged, and I pray that you are, too. We are starting over, new and fresh. I am looking forward to new adventures at CBC. Keep praying, keep seeking the Lord and keep knocking and watch what the Lord will do.

Finally, The Lord tells us in His word what He will do for us and in us. To His faithful servants He writes, “ Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him (Ps. 91:14-15).” Wow! I am glad I get to be part of this restoration.

Just a servant,

Pastor Mike



**Baby Bottle Boomerang**

May 14 – June 18
Get a bottle, add your donation, bring it back!
Remember – your change can change lives!

CBC Youth would like to invite our church family to come and attend Sunday Family Night. We meet at 6 PM in the gym, play games (Kickball, Cornhole, Dodgeball, Wiffleball, etc...). Following Game Time, we have a Bible study with drinks, snacks, and God’s word. If you would like to attend, we would love to have you; **all** are welcome. We will have a number of Youth Events coming up over the next few months. Please check the newsletters and your bulletins to make sure that you have the dates and times for all Youth Events.

“¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way He has opened for us through the curtain (that is, His flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. ²³ Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, ²⁵ not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:19-25 (HCSB)