

The Good News Letter

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Thank God
For Freedom!!

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FAREWELL TO "PREACHY"

We have had lots of laughs, shed some tears and done much mission work together. We even had a "look-a-like" puppet named after Preachy. We provided he and Deb with a church full of gingers to make them feel welcome (and a few to kind of aggravate them too, just for the fun of it of course). We have made it thru the "Bear Picture" and fainting goats. When our beloved, Mrs. Sara, passed away, Deb stepped up and taught herself to play the organ and jumped right in to serve. We saw God do some amazing things thru the block parties in our area and we are thankful for that outreach. Thank you for introducing us along the way to some great speakers, singers and musicians. We are thankful for the friendships that you afforded us. We love and appreciate you Pastor Larry and Deb. We pray the best for your family and your ministry.



WELCOME INTERIM PASTOR REV. LANEIR SINGLETON

We want to welcome Rev. Laneir Singleton as our Interim Pastor. Rev. Singleton graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and pastored seven churches; one in Florida and six in South Carolina. He grew up in Conway, SC. He and his wife Connie now resides in Prosperity, SC. They have two children, Becky and Cory and three grandchildren Eva, Tate and Zoe.

HOME COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

Celebrating 192 years of God's Blessings!!



Guest speakers will be Mitch and Judy Marsh.

Guest musicians will be "The Hinson Girls."

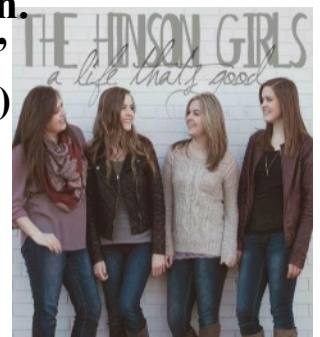
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. (SS will dismiss early)

Worship Service to begin at 10:30 A.M.

Lunch will follow worship service.

Bring your favorite dishes and let's celebrate as we renew old friendships and make new ones!!

No P.M. Activities or Worship Service.





July 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4th!!</p> <p>NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE... IT CAME AT A TREMENDOUS PRICE!!</p>					1 Angel Bobo Erwin Corley Patsy Dowd ♥Thomas & Patsy Dowd	2 James Edge Eugene Thomas Joyce Watkins ♥Roy & Linda Jackson
3 Crystal Bivens Marion Marks Mike Parrish Kara Pound Becky Sightler	4 Jimmy Bobbitt Edward Cooper Jason Hutto Perry Leonard Happy July 4 Office Closed	5 Kim Ayer Allen Rish	6 Spiritual Warriors 11:30 All Mission Groups 7:00 PM	7 Kathy Singleton Harry Wilson	8 Marie Fredrickson	9 Lucious Chavis Samantha Robinson
10 Curtis Deming Pat Rowe ♥Wayne & Shirley Watts	11 Chris Sprinkle	12	13 Prayer Service Mission Groups 7:00 PM	14 Debra Harrison	15 ♥Alton & Ruth Sightler	16 Betty Barwick Juliet Haynes Ann Shuler Lee Ann Williams
17 Noah Pound Ryan Wood ♥Matt & Sandy Drawdy	18 Ashleigh Knight ♥Stephen & Brandy Ramey	19 Glenn Clark Bryan Rampey Harvel Sightler	20 Christopher Phillips, Jr. Drew Pound Aaron White Prayer Service Mission Groups 7:00 PM	21 Christiana Cornette Crystal Diener	22 Clayton Barber Rebecca Hull	23 Mary Sue Alsbrook Jarid Aycock Judy Lowrey ♥Shannon & Elisa Edwards
24 Reid Baker	25 Derrick Brown Haley Greene Matthew Murtaugh, Jr. Dennis Stratton	26 Caylie Kirkham Jimmy Watts	27 Shelly McKay Ian Spradley Ashley Watts ♥Perry & Sherry Leonard ♥Allen & Sherrell Ott Prayer Service Mission Groups	28 Hope Cartner Brittany Gantt Buster Gleaton Danny Herron	29 Doris Knight Cynthia Smith ♥Buster & Cindy Gleaton	30 Alyssa Vella
31 Geneva Henderson Vickie Koon ♥Wendell & Phyllis Templeton	<p><i>America the Beautiful</i></p> <p>O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.</p>					





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Brenda Jeffcoat Cathy Miller ♥Glenn & Sunnie Gail Pound Deacon Meeting 6:30 PM	2 Robin Peterson	3 Stan Jeffcoat Boyce Rampey Olivia Speares Melinda Starnes Pam Thomas Spiritual Warriors 11:30 All Mission Groups 7:00 PM	4 Melody Feaster	5 Kimberly Cornette Shirley Pound	6 Lucas Ward ♥Dennis & Karen Stratton ♥Jim & Pam Thomas
7 Scotty Clayton Josh Reynolds Shirley Rosenheim ♥Wm & Deborah Whittington	8 Margaret Corne Taz Johnson Mary Beth Morey Reese Speares	9 Tony Ayers Clara Mack Barbara Pratt	10 Trey Dowd Ronnie Sharpe Prayer Service Mission Groups 7:00 PM	11 Emily Baker Lauren Dowd Caidence Fickling Deborah Whittington Cierra Melton	12	13 Savannah Furtick Michelle Knight Brandon Peake ♥Dickie & Mary Moseley
14 Katrina McElroy	15 Hayley Knight Kris Lange ♥Chris & Jo Lynn Phillips ♥Timothy & Melissa Yandle	16 Cathy Aycock 1st Day School District 4	17 Jonathan Godfrey Kalyn Harley Prayer Service/ Conference Mission Groups 7:00 PM	18 Noah Moseley Kimberly Wiggins	19 Zachary Godfrey Hannah Parrish	20 Sheryl Cline Sonya Gainey Meagan Leonard Anthony Sightler
21 Jeanette Carson Grace Cathey Austin Crosby Etheredge Harsey Mike Lowrey Renée Pound Cory Pound	22 Mercedes Harsey June Ott Angela Henry	23 Adam Hale	24 Zachary Moseley Shawn Stinton Maverick Welton Prayer Service Mission Groups 7:00 PM	25 Richard Barr Emmalee Byars Joel Hicks Leah Lee Adriane Miller	26 Claudia Fry Rylee Hanna Jennifer Murtaugh	27 Judith Mincey Ronald Rawlinson ♥Marvin, Jr & Jane Pound ♥Paul & Ann Smith
28 Rocky Love Janie Sharpe Homecoming	29 Dale Adams Gary Singleton ♥Donald & Shirley Pound	30 Karen Stratton	31			

Sunday School

Love God. Love people. Make disciples.

In May we had the best attended Sunday School picnic that I can remember. Not only was there a large crowd but everyone had a great time together. It was encouraging to see entire families enjoying the day together and so many new faces that were invited. As I looked around that day I couldn't help but think, "THIS is what the church should be!"

VBS was another time where I looked around and had similar thoughts. So many joined in to serve and we had so many new faces. You couldn't walk down the halls without encountering a buzz of activity. Again, "THIS is what the church should be!"

Another observation I've had over the last several months as I have wandered the halls before Sunday School is how quiet those very same halls are. Fewer people, less excitement, very few new faces. So my thoughts shift and I think to myself, "THIS is NOT what the church should be". So, how can we have the same excitement and commitment level we had at the picnic and during VBS? The answer is simple: Love God. Love people. Make disciples.

If we love God, we will have a desire to spend time with Him. Our love for God leads to a love for people and a desire to be around those who know Him. Our love for people will compel us to share the gospel with those who are far from God.

I don't know about you but I want to see the church thrive and buzz with the same excitement and enthusiasm that we saw at the picnic and during VBS. We've had that fire here before and my prayer is that it is ignited again! God has blessed us but just think of how much more He wants to bless us! A great start is getting back in Sunday School. Commit to the weekly meeting of your fellow saints. Come as a family. Bring a friend. Get refreshed. Enjoy the blessings that God wants to give. Love God. Love People. Make disciples.

Adam

Spiritual Warriors' Luncheons

Wednesday, July 6 &

Wednesday, August 3 at 11:30 A.M.

Meat will be provided, please bring sides and desserts.

Please Note!! July luncheons will begin again after years of not meeting in July.

Women on Mission

August 31 ~ GA Recognition Service ~ 7:00 P.M.

Please keep checking your bulletins for additional news. Also, please complete and return the WOM surveys you received in the mail.

VBS Review

VBS THANK YOU

We are so excited about how God worked during VBS this year.. it was all Him and the VBS workers.. Wow!!

Thanks to each of you who served so diligently thru hard days, hot temperatures, tired babies, personal sickness and rushed hours.... You are the best of the best!!! We were blessed on Father's Day to see 17 people baptized and many of them were from VBS.. God is good – all the time and all the time – God is good! Travis is already excited about next year!! Hahahaah Pray that the lives touched and changed during VBS will be a solid commitment and we as a church family will be supportive!

Joyfully Serving,
Rell
VBS Director



Serious Thoughts

Ever think about becoming an organ donor??

Karen Pound, wife of Jimmie Pound, has been waiting for a kidney transplant for over two years. It is possible that someone in our church family could be a living kidney donor. To find out if you could be a donor, log on to muschealth.org and 1) request educational materials that inform about transplants, 2) complete a short health history form, and 3) if you qualify, you will then complete an extensive evaluation. Pray about the possibility of becoming a donor.