

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

3.4.18 LCOC Church Business Meeting, 2:00p.m. Budget and Emergency Protocols will be presented.

3.10.18 Brian and Krysten Devereaux Reception.

3.11.18 Christie Gaskins' baby shower, 2:00p.m... Christie is having a boy and is registered at Buy Buy Baby

3.24.18 Philine Mattingly's baby shower, 10:30a.m... Philine is having a boy and is registered at Amazon.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Laurie Bleux's Farther
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Kensington Martin, 14yr old young lady at PHS with stage 4 Throat Cancer

“WORRY”

Jesus said “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; for about your body, what you will wear.” Again, He said “Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will take care of itself.” Also, he said “Do not worry about what to say or how to say it.” Finally, He said “Do not worry about how to defend yourself.” Everywhere He went it was “Do not worry!”

With all these outright commands from the creator of the universe, why do we worry? Inside his commands to not worry are the affirmations we can trust in. For example: He promises that tomorrow will take care of itself. What would your life be like if you would decide to believe Him? Also, Jesus said “what to say will be given to you at the time.” Regarding your food or clothing, He pointed to the birds of the air and how His father takes care of them and said “you are worth far more than them.”

The best of all comfort comes from Matthew 6:32. Jesus said *Your Father knows you need all these thing.* That is material for a book! Jesus claims that God has all the waterfronts covered. He is conscious of ALL these things. He is intimately aware of all your needs. I'm especially impressed that He called these things “NEEDS.” and he is your Father. He is not “like a father” and He doesn't care for you “as if He were your Father.” He is your Father! This points to the idea that our souls carry the DNA of a Heavenly Father just as our bodies carry the DNA of our earthly fathers. That's hard to believe, but it is essential, if we are to grasp the essence of our existence. If our Father knows all our needs, then why worry? So goes the reasoning. It is remarkable also that all the affirmations of why to not worry are clustered around all the commands to not worry. We should marinate on the affirmations instead of the objects of worry.

At the end of the day we worry because we think something depends on us. If anything depends on us it is to believe Him, yet we bypass that part and look for something else to think we have to tackle. The answer is very simple: Choose to believe Him!

Jump In,
Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

**Sunday Worship
9:30AM**
Sunday Class 11 AM
**AWANA, Sunday
10 AM**
**Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study**

Weekly Statists

AM Bible Class 38
AM Bible Class Average 97

AM Assembly 67
AM Assembly Avg. 119

Contribution \$4,235.00
**YTD Average Weekly
\$4,348.41**
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New Members:

Ryan and Christie Gaskins
214 Coronado Rd.,
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New Address:

Wayne & Debbie Kellis
1084 Shull Island Rd.
Gilbert, SC 29054

Anniversaries:

2.4 Wayne & Debbie Kellis

2.17 Mike & Nancy Spane

2.18 Kris & Deborah Black

Birthdays:

2.22 Avree Black

2.23 Krysten Devereaux

2.25 Donnie Guill

2.28 Keke Brooks

2.29 Jack Holt

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**Opportunities to Serve
February 25, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Mary Joy

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Allan Whitacre

Servers in February:

Wayne Burress

Ernie Oliver

Brian Devereaux

Vern Lowe

Matt Joy

Door Greeters in Feb.:

Dennis & Sharon Carter

Nursery:

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Missionaries:

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AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

Winterfest 2018 has come and gone, and it certainly did not let us down. It was a fantastic year, and a memorable one to say the least! Everything went off without a hitch. The teens did a great job of being where they were supposed to be, when they were supposed to be there, and they were completely attentive at all times. The adults were extremely helpful to me, yet fun for the kids, and everyone seemed to get along great! The message at Winterfest was amazing! The speakers took on Romans 8, which is a deep enough passage to fully grasp, let alone try explain to a bunch of middle and high school students, but they did a great job using all different kinds of illustrations and media to bring the idea to light that "If God is for us, then who could possibly be against us?" Several different speakers, including Jeff and Taylor Walling, David Skidmore, Jason Bybee, and Dave Clayton, along with the spoken word poet David Bowden, and a testimonial from a lady who has endured lupus for many years, all pointed to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are forgiven of our sins, that we are set free to live in the image of Christ, and that we have hope for eternal life. The Spirit erases our past, speaks into our present, and gives us a future.

I love Winterfest for many reasons, but most of all because it packs a lot of power in one short weekend, and it always has the potential to impact the lives of those that come. This weekend we had two students who stood up in front of **seven thousand** students to say they are ready to commit their lives to Jesus and be baptized, Siera Kirby and Cameron Sutton. This was so very exciting! I couldn't be more proud of both of them, and quite honestly, I could say the same for all of those who came along with us, because I know from listening to them during the devotional time, that every one of them got something valuable out of the weekend in Gatlinburg. Praise God for such a great group of kids, and thanks be to Him for touching their lives in such a profound way!!!

Blessings, Dawn

MEN'S NEWS

Have you ever gotten to that point where you just feel kind of tired of learning? Where you just want to accept things at face value for a minute and not feel like there's a lesson at every turn? It's at those times that the lesson to be learned is that sometimes life is just not as complex as we'd hope. Sometimes it's just a difficult, yet simple choice in front of us.

Marriage can be our first realization of this when we are in a covenant with someone who can be VERY different from ourselves. The beauty is that the difference is what attracts us and drives us crazy at the same time. Can't say God doesn't have a sense of humor!

We'll be starting our marriage study this week. Let's face those simple decisions head-on together. Let's overcome obstacles in our marriages by building on the foundation that is the Lord!

Also, Sunday after lunch let's shoot some clay pigeons. Guns and ammo provided, but feel free to bring your own shotgun if you'd like. There'll be some friendly competition as we enjoy each other's company and the Master's creation.

Invite your friends!

Walk tall this week with a swagger that only comes from the Father of us all.

-Justin