

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

**2.7.18** Devereaux-Ortiz Life Group Fundraiser Meal, 6:00p.m., Tickets \$10.00

**2.10.18** Ladies Brunch at 9:30a.m.. Guest speaker is Debbie Holland. Please bring a Brunch Item.

**2.16-18.17 Winterfest:** Gatlinburg, TN. Please be at the church at 10:30a.m. to board the bus. There will be a preplanning meeting on Wed., Feb.14th, 7:00p.m.

## 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
- Nelson Bright- Karen Oliver's Uncle
- 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
- Sara Hanle
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Luis Gonda, Marcie Gonda's Father
- Katie Corley and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father

## "HOW MANY LIES4"

There is this saying in our culture that goes "You can be anything you want to be." It feels really good when one considers it for the first time. Many have experienced a sense of hope and destiny when they honestly consider this idea. The phrase points to the creative power within a human being and the elastic possibilities residing in our choice of thought. The trouble is, as always, there is some truth in this idea and we feel the urge to believe it. One hundred sixteen years ago James Allen authored a book titled "As a Man Thinketh," in which is found this line:

"The *human will*, that force unseen,  
The offspring of a deathless soul  
Can hew a way to any goal  
Though walls of granite intervene."

This all sounds good but it's not quite true. It is not quite true in a very dangerous way. The truth is: You can be anything God wants you to be. The poem above and the book that contains it allows for God and even evokes God, but it does not make God the centerpiece of thought. The poem above highlights what man can do, by the force of his will, instead of God. This seems small enough except that it is exactly backwards. God is always the centerpiece! Herein lies all the difference. Narcissism is when you are the centerpiece. Joy and all good things come when God is the centerpiece. It is true that you are in the picture, but the picture is not about you, and isn't that a good thing.

The truth is that: when we make God the centerpiece and when we make His will our will; when we align ourselves with what He is doing in the world, His power begins to flow through us. When we become one with God in purpose and passion then we can say "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. It all begins by us saying; "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." When our heart is like His heart His energy is made available to our lives. When a person is seeking God's will, God enables his dreams and gives strength equal to all tasks. Ultimately the more control we give away the more power we experience.

When we get it wired right in our souls and in our minds, things do open up for us. It may even feel like you are living a life of power and creativity. But the power to move the mountains does not come from you. It's a gift and it comes from our Creator. Mountains are moved, waters are parted, sins are forgiven, and we learn to love our enemies when God is unleashed in our lives.

"You are the Captain of your soul, the master of your fate." This is a similar lie. Aren't you glad you are not the Captain of your soul? Let's face it. You know you are not geared to map the way ahead because you know nothing of the way ahead. Also, the past incriminates your wisdom and power on almost all levels of anything you've done. Just take an honest look at your failures. No doubt you know, you are not designed to be the center of anything. He is the Captain of our soul and the Master of our fate. That is why it is called Good News. Jesus saw we were all alike; lost, dark and powerless on this earth. He came to open the way ahead for all of us and to pay the ticket for all of us. In it all He empowers us to Be all that He made us to be. The song we sing should be "I can be all that God wants me to be, because He will get it done in me."

Your Shepherds

## Assembly Times

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

## Weekly Stats

**AM Bible Class 83**  
**AM Bible Class Average 101**

**AM Assembly 119**  
**AM Assembly Avg. 126**

**Contribution \$4,754.75**  
**YTD Average Weekly  
\$4,1,174.58**  
**Weekly Budget \$8,143.77**

## Shepherds

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### New Members:

**Ryan and Christie Gaskins**  
**214 Coronado Rd.,**  
**W. Columbia, SC 29170**

### 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:

**2.11 Chris Tate**

**2.14 Bryan Wisniewski**

**2.15 Lisa Swartz**

**2.15 Mahon Muery**

**2.15 Erma Claire Izard**

**2.16 Laura Izard**

**2.18 Jan Ortiz**

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**Opportunities to Serve**

**February 11, 2018**

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**

Chester Warren

Cliff Brown

**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:**

**Alam Ulmer**

Karen Bost

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**Missionaries:**

Guyana, South America: Basil Seeram and Ronald Thompson (romtom15@yahoo.com)  
AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

**YOUTH NEWS**

**MEN'S NEWS**

Winterfest is coming! It is hard to believe that we are just a week and a half away from our biggest event of the year! I have everything in place-our tickets, hotel, and bus are all purchased; we've got a great group of teens that are ready to go; and hopefully our chaperones are getting plenty of rest. We will have a Pre-Winterfest meeting/devotional to prepare for our adventure next Wednesday night at 7pm. At this time, I will distribute as many details about our trip as possible, and I will also be collecting the final payments as well as medical releases. These can be found on the white counter in the youth room. All students and adults going on the trip must have this filled out before we leave. This is very important!!! I would hate for anything to ever happen to your precious children, but if by chance they got sick, or broke a bone, or suffered an allergic reaction, or whatever, I would have to have this paper in order to get help. That's why I take this so seriously! Hopefully, we will have an accident-free, fun-filled good time, and it won't even be an issue, but it's always good to be prepared.

On Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the church at 10am to board the bus and depart for Gatlinburg, TN. The theme for the weekend is called "If," and it is based on Romans 8:31: If God is for us, who can be against us? It will be an honor to have Jeff and Taylor Walling, David Skidmore, and David Clayton speaking to us throughout the weekend. They never fail to entertain and enlighten at the same time. Of course, we will also enjoy amazing worship and entertainment during our sessions, followed by awesome devotionals at night and fellowship during the day. That's what makes this trip so wonderful. I cannot wait! I hope you all are just as excited as I am!

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been involved in our book discussions, retreat, and other men's activities. There is a level of peace that only comes from us working in harmony as a reflection of the glory of God.

Join us tonight as we finish off the discussion in our latest book. Travis and Steve have done a first class job of walking us through the text and leaving no stone unturned.

We'll take a break next week for Brian's wedding and then be back the following week for a Saturday of clay pigeon busting. It's gonna be a massacre and you won't want to miss it.

Have a great day and an even more excellent week!

Love, Justin

Blessings,  
Dawn