

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

4.21.18 2018 Honduras Mission Trip Yard Sale. If you can help please see Krysten Devereaux or Cindy Cox.

4.27.18 Ladies Night Out!!

Please join us at 7:00p.m. at the church to watch the movie "Same Kind of Different" and enjoy some snacks.

4.29.18 Comedian Tim Hawkins appearing at Shandon Baptist Church 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

5.1.18 Midlandsgives.org Matching funds for Emmanuwheel.

5/4-5/6 Ladies Retreat at Fripp Island. The cost is a \$100.00, please give your money to Carol.

5.5.18 Emmanuwheel Wheel Chair Ramp. 8:00a.m., 707 Smith Pond Rd., Lexington. See Cliff Brown

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
- Luis Gonda-Marcie, Heather & Alannah's father
- 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
- Michael Bridges & Family
- Madeline, Suzanne Kennedy's Great Granddaughter.

"LOVE"

Love requires at least two persons. Love resides in the relationship between one person and another. A philosopher once said that the saddest thing in the human story is "unreturned love." This means we ache when we love a person, but it is not mutual. There's just nothing sadder than to love a person and have the love not returned. Most humans face this risk. We are shy about vulnerability or releasing ourselves to an individual who may not return our love. Loss of love or unreturned love is tops on our list of fears. Conversely, giving and receiving love is the medium for the richest life of all. It is the root of all joy and peace and every other good thing in our lives. This is the root of the idea expressed by Paul when he said, "love is the greatest of all."

Before creation God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit *loved* one another, in perfection. Implicit in our existence is an invitation to their party, to the joy, to the love. God invites us to receive His love and by that empower us to love Him back. We are invited to enter a love relationship with the creator of all things. That's literally difficult to fathom.

That God would care about me is actually unbelievable, yet it is precisely what we are asked to believe. Believing such a thing challenges the courage of our hearts, and the sensibilities of our minds. Our rational mind tells us there could be no reason for such an idea, and we remember: "things can be too good to be true." Our hearts are chronically fearful of rejection and therefore vulnerability. We are simply afraid to put our hearts out there. So, fear and reason rob us of faith.

For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only son that whosoever believes in Him should never perish. Instead we thrive! Entering into this love relationship with our creator gives the ingredient our souls need to thrive.

We love because God first loved us. God deposits the love and takes the vulnerable position. The only absolute dependable love we have is the one he offers. The certainty and the presence of His love for us is healing at our very core. His love allows us to live beyond our fears. We learn to give His love to others. His love empowers us to enter the bold frontier of forgiveness. We begin to actualize our own humanity, and divinity. We enter into the Kingdom of God. Joy and peace come along. What more could there possibly be of this life.

Believe!
Your Shepherds

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

Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class 97
AM Bible Class Average 84

AM Assembly 147
AM Assembly Avg. 132

Contribution \$20,660.00
YTD Average Weekly \$7,020.04
Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

Shepherds

Larry Baker 542.1600
Dennis Carter 957.4625

Rick Chamberlain
859.409.2063

Rom Kellis 608.3423

Wayne Kellis
404.376.4085

Ernie Oliver 391.1312

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Ryan & Christie Gaskins on the birth of their son Noah,

Anniversaries:

4.7 Rom & Robin Kellis
4.7 Jeff & Lanie Guill

Birthdays:

4/11 Katalina Binnicker
4.13 Kris Bridges
4.15 Siera Kirby
4.17 Barbara Thompson
4.19 Meredith Falls
4.24 Allan Whitacre
4.27 Joseph Burns

Lexington Church of Christ

**101 Ballpark Road
Lexington, SC 29072**

Phone: 803.359.2002
Fax: 803.359.5734
E-mail: office@lexingtonchurch.net

Online Giving!

Lexingtonchurch.net

Contact the office for recurring payments.

Opportunities to Serve

April 22, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren
Cliff Brown

Lord's Supper:

Chris Amaral

Servers in April:

Justin Muery
Michael Spane
Rob Brannan
Derek Baxley
Cliff Brown

Door Greeters in April:

Terry & Kayla Kneece

Nursery:

Raegen Ferguson
Deborah Black

Toddler:

Janna Muery
Valerie Baker

Communion Prep:

Sandi Chamberlain
Sharon Carter

Coffee Clean-Up:

Sandi Chamberlain

Address

Billy "Patrick" Hutto Jr.
356437 D3/B14, WRCI
P.O. Box 189
Rembert, SC 29128-0189

SPC Grayson M. Carter
B CO, 1-63 AR, 2ABCT, 11D
UNIT 93105
APO AE 09016
graysoncarter50@gmail.com

Brian & Krysten Devereaux
538 Dawson Park Way
Lexington, SC 29072

Ministry Leaders

James Bost, Guest Relations	360-3693
Karen Bost, Guest Relations	609-2847
Krysten Miller, Guest Relations	(304) 771-1126
Sharon Carter, Fellowship	957-4625
Sandi Chamberlain, Missions	920-5211
Carol Brown, Ladies Ministry	446-5285
Justin Muery, Men's Ministry	(801) 726-6996
John Turner, Grounds	356-8153
Corey Wisniewski, Finance	951-8981
Lauren Brannan, Children	331-0155
Michael Spane, Security	600-2288
Cale Ferguson, Life Groups	212-5202

Minister: Keke Brooks

Cell Phone: (803) 608-8436, E-mail: kekebrooks204@gmail.com

Youth Minister: Dawn Wisniewski

Cell Phone: (803) 348-0084; 951-8981, E-Mail: dawn@lexingtonchurch.net

Children's Ministry Leader: Lauren Brannan

Cell Phone: (803) 331-0155, E-Mail: laurenb0529@gmail.com

Counselor: Karen Close

Cell Phone: (803) 261-9889; 520-7821, E-mail: KClose@sc.rr.com

Worship Leader: Connor Watkins

Cell Phone: (843) 670-5375, E-mail: cwatkins89@gmail.com

Office Administrator: Sharon Carter

Cell Phone 803.665.6015, E-mail: office@lexingtonchurch.net

Missionaries:

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

YOUTH NEWS

On Sunday we started a Senior Transition Class for our graduating seniors. This year I changed up the material a bit, and I am loving it! I am so excited about the way this new curriculum involves more discussion among the teens, statistics to prepare them for what's ahead, testimonies from young adults who have just been through what they are about to go through, and resources to help them navigate life after high school. Last week we started off with the question: Why am I doing what I'm doing? We talked about their plans after high school, what or who is motivating these plans, and where their faith comes into all of this. Heather Elliot and Travis Jex both came in to discuss their experiences with college, life-changing circumstances that occurred once they got there, and how this affected them moving forward. Both testimonies were very impactful and encouraging to the teens, and I think they both proved the point that God is the true author of our story, and even if His plan is different than what we expect, we can certainly trust in Him. This coming Sunday we will ask the question: What do I believe? With this we will dive a bit deeper into our faith, and listen to the testimonies of Steve Baker, and a couple others who will show us that it's not hard to find party scene in college, whether you go to a Christian school or a state school. Either way, it's important to know what your boundaries are ahead of time, be prepared, and be accountable.

While this class is going on in the youth room, Corey will continue teaching the Gospel of John series with the 6-11th graders in the overflow room until after the big yard sale this weekend.

Then he will move it to the Middle School classroom.

Tonight we will resume our Wednesday night youth activities at 7pm. Caleb Surface will be teaching a short series on loneliness and depression. This is a very common issue among teenagers today. Even if your teen does not appear to be lonely or depressed, they all go through it from time to time, or they have friends that do, so please encourage them to come out and participate in this class. One of the best ways we can help overcome this is by gathering together, showing love and support, and being an encouragement to one another.