



FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events

5.19.18 Southeastern Children's Home 28th Annual Charity Auction at Central Church of Christ Annex, 2052 N. Church St. Place, Spartanburg, SC

5.20.18 Senior Graduation Celebration! Graduates are: Hannah Akers, Leigh Ann Cox, Siera Kirby, Kaylee Bridges, McKenzie Floyd, Trevor Daniel, Jake Wisniewski, Johnnie Guill, Joie Guill. There will be a potluck lunch in honor of the Graduates. Please bring a full meal and extra to share with guests.

5.20.18 There will be a Mandatory 2018 Honduras Mission meeting right after service in the overflow room next to the sound room.

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
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's niece.
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- 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.
- Karyl Burress
- AJ McElfresh
- Carol Brown
- Ross Kellis

"THAT THE WORK OF GOD MIGHT BE DISPLAYED IN YOUR LIFE"

In John chapter 9, the text says that Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples wanted to know why. We have the same question. We want to know why bad things happen. Why do people suffer?

When we or someone we love suffers, we tend to look for someone to blame. Some of us look inward and blame ourselves. We feel guilty. Others look to someone else, anyone else, and blame them. Whoever they might be. They feel angry.

The disciples had the same paradigm. They could only think of two possible reasons for this kind of suffering. Either the man had sinned and deserved his suffering or someone else was to blame. In this case, it was his parents. Jesus said that neither option was right. "Neither this man nor his parents sinned."

This kind of blame fixing is too simple. It just does not work. We know from scripture, particularly Genesis chapter 3 that suffering is in the world because of sin. Suffering is a result of sin, but it is sin in general and not usually some specific sin that is to blame.

We should consider why Jesus suffered. He suffered in doing the work of God. The work of God that Jesus completed in His suffering was the redemption of mankind from the curse of sin.

There are three things about suffering that we need to understand at a deep level. The first one is that when we suffer, we are not being punished. Our punishment, if we can call it that, took place on the cross. Jesus took our punishment and no one, especially God, demands payment for the same thing twice. Our suffering is simply not a manifestation of God's wrath. Paul told us in Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Secondly, we must understand that we can never say that we do not deserve to suffer. We have fallen far short and do not stand on our own righteousness. Guilt for sin and anger at God or others is simply out of place.

Finally, we need to know that God always has a loving agenda in our suffering. Jesus said the man was born blind SO THAT the work of God might be displayed in his life. God uses our suffering to make us into something beautiful, to redeem us from the things that are holding us back. It helps us to understand that our trust, our confidence, can only be in God. Nothing else will work. A life built on anything other than solid rock, Jesus Christ, will not stand.

The greatest example of suffering unjustly is found in Jesus on the cross. This was clearly "so that the work of God might be displayed in His life." Let's find the humility to accept that our suffering somehow serves that same goal.

Grace and peace,
The 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 89
AM Bible Class Average 86

AM Assembly 180
AM Assembly Avg. 135

Contribution \$5,692.01
YTD Average Weekly \$6,561.64

Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcomell!

Please welcome the newest members
Chuck and Janice Plexico
505 Kitti Wake Dr.
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Anniversaries:

5.14 David & Earline White
5.15 Chris & Jordan Tate
5.29 Rob & Lauren Brannan
5.30 Allan & Carolyn Whitacre

Birthdays:

5.17 Beth Baxley
5.18 George Westerman
5.19 Dave Hill
5.20 Matthew Joy
5.20 Autumn Martin
5.22 Janice Holt

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**Opportunities to Serve
May 20, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo
Mary Joy

Lord's Supper:

Stephen Wood

Servers in May:

Higinio Cruz
David Dowdy
Stephen Wood
Jason Falls
Mark Cox
Nickolas Joy

Door Greeters in May:

James and Karen Bost

Nursery:

Vanessa Amaral
Krysten Devereaux

Toddler:

Meredith Falls
Rochelle Kellis

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Missionaries:

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

YOUTH NEWS

Graduation Sunday is upon us! This week we will be celebrating several of our graduating seniors. On one hand, it is very exciting, and I am so happy for them. On the other hand, I am sad to see their time with the youth group come to an end. Letting go... that is always the hardest part for me, especially when one of them is my own son! As difficult as it is to graduate your own child, really each of these kids feel like one of my own. I have known them for so many years and I have been through so much with them. I have had them in my home for parties and sleepovers. I have been to their ball games and special events. We've spent entire weeks at camp and Impact together. We have laughed and cried together, prayed for each other, and shared many unforgettable moments with one another. We even have a few inside jokes between us that will never be forgotten! ;)

I am so thankful that we get a chance to celebrate these kids and acknowledge their accomplishments each year. I know that it means a lot to them, to their families, and to all of those who love them. So, this Sunday, bring your tissues and a meal, and be prepared for an awesome service and potluck lunch afterwards. We

will be honoring 7 graduates during the service...Hannah Akers, Kaylee Bridges, Leigh Ann Cox, Trevor Daniel, MacKenzie Floyd, Siera Kirby, and Jake Wisniewski. In addition to these, I want to acknowledge two other graduates that will not be a part of the service, but they have been a part of our church throughout the years...Johnnie and Joie Guill. See you all on Sunday!

Blessings,

Dawn