

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
- Southeastern Children's Home
- 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

"TWO WAYS"

We are very familiar with many of the things Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount but I wonder if we have ever stepped back to consider His sermon in total. Throughout the sermon, Jesus contrasts two ways of living. He does not contrast the irreligious with the religious. The contrast is between religious people and Christians. Does this surprise you?

The religious people of Jesus's time knew it was wrong to commit murder. Jesus said that His followers must not even harbor feelings of ill-will toward others. The religious people knew they were not to commit adultery but His people must not even let the desire take root in their hearts. Divorce was easily obtained when Jesus spoke but we must do everything possible to keep our commitments to our spouses. The religious people had a complicated system to determine which oaths must be kept. We are simply told to be truthful. The religious people thought they could keep the law and still take revenge. They thought they could hate their enemies as long as they loved their friends. Jesus calls His people to a higher place. We are called to love and do good for everyone. So far as it depends on us, we will have no enemies.

When He teaches on giving, He assumes that both the religious person and the Christian will give. "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." (MT 6:1) As He continues, He assumes both, the religious and the Christian will pray. He assumes both will fast. The religious will store up treasures on earth but the Christian is to store up treasures in heaven.

The sermon is not about those who seek God and those who do not. It is about two very different ways to seek and serve God. Jesus ends the discourse with three pictures for us to consider.

There are two gates. One is wide and easy to find. The other gate is the peculiar kind of life He has been telling us about.

There are two trees that look very much alike. It seems that a casual observer might not be able tell the religious person from the Christian without looking closely. These trees look so similar, the only way one can tell the difference is by the fruit that is produced. One kind of tree will produce what Jesus calls "bad fruit" while the other produces good fruit.

The third picture is of two houses. One is built by the religious person on sand. The other is built by His people on solid rock.

God wants much more from us than most people understand. He wants us to become a particular kind of people. He does not want people who try to follow rules in order to be justified. He wants us to see beyond the rules, understand their intent and love Him for them.

Let's all commit to entering through the narrow gate, becoming trees that bear good fruit, and building our houses on solid rock. We are on the way!

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 Statistics

AM Bible Class 91
AM Bible Class Average 85

AM Assembly 135
AM Assembly Avg. 132

Contribution \$5,966.25
YTD Average Weekly \$6,609.96
Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!!

Please congratulate Patrick Stivers on making the decision to become a child of God's kingdom. Patrick was baptized this past Sunday night, the 24th.

Anniversaries:

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

Birthdays:

5.12 Addyson Brannan
5.15 Lauren Brannan
5.15 Valentina Ortiz
5.15 Sheperd Tate
5.17 Beth Baxley
5.18 George Westerman
5.19 Dave Hill
5.20 Matthew Joy
5.20 Autumn Martin

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**Opportunities to Serve
May 13, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Cliff Brown
Mike Spane

Lord's Supper:

Caleb Surface

Servers in May:

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

Door Greeters in May:

James and Karen Bost

Nursery:

Kathy Upton
Cassie Sutton

Toddler:

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

YOUTH NEWS

Family

noun fam·i·ly \ 'fam-lē

4 a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation: fellowship See also: Lexington Church of Christ

There have been too many times to count in recent weeks that I've just had to take a moment and give thanks to God for our church family. The way we love one another, lift each other up, weep together, and rejoice together is truly uncommon and so refreshing. God is on the move. My elementary students and my own girls often comment on something they've seen or heard that is clear evidence of our loving family dynamics. They feel comfortable to be themselves (even their crazy selves) in our church home. It warms my heart to know that all of our kids have so many loving family members that look out for them and help them grow each week. I know it makes the heart of God smile when we truly make the effort to love one another, even when it's not the most fun or convenient. We are family, we are the body, and I'm so thankful to be part of it!

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though

many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan