

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

- 7.12.17 7:00p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Class
- 7.15.17 9:00a.m. Men's Morning Bible Class
- 7.16-19.17 VBS 6:00-8:00p.m.
- 7.23-29.17 PBC Senior Week
- 7.23.17 Church Flooring project, 2:00p.m...
- 7.26.17 Connor and Seliah will be singing at The Amazing Dog Show & Hot "Dog" Supper. Free fun for the whole family. Calvary Chapel Campus, 1156 Barr Rd., Lexington, SC
- Hot Dogs at 6:00p.m.**
- Real Dog At 7:00p.m.**

## Prayer Requests

- Missions (Matt & Hannah Bridges, Davie Guill, Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges)
- Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Dan Scott, Friend of Mike Spane
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ McElfresh
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Nate Reynolds
- Eduardo Diaz & Family
- Kaylee Bridges
- Carol Brown and Family
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker

## "SEED"

A seed sits alone or in a sack with other seeds, all lifeless. By lifeless, I mean there is no physiology tacking place inside the seeds. There are no measurable signs of life. Despite its dead behavior of total nothingness this seed contains the DNA of life. This seed has the capacity to sprout forth life. The Gardener places the seed into a hole in the earth and covers it with dirt and water. He then packs the dirt down and seals it within the earth. Under the pressure and the weight of the dirt and out of darkness and solitude the DNA inside the seed comes to life. The seed when crushed and buried produces life and resurrection. This is the way of the gospel in our lives and the way of our lives in the world. The life-giving DNA is the gospel. That is the good news of God appearing and offering himself to His father on our behalf. There is something about this gospel that gives life to our dead hearts and by extension to our dead lives. It is a very large mystery how this works or why this works. God made it so is my best answer. Peter says we are born again of *imperishable* seed. This gospel is imperishable. That means the gospel will always have the DNA of life and that life will live in the heart of a believer. Peter went further to say we are born again of the living and enduring word of God. The word of God, in this usage is the same as the Gospel. It is living (though it may look only like an idea or a word) and it is NOT killable. These ideas give me hope upon hope. The believer is the one in whom God plants this seed. Our hearts are the places God plants His seeds. The crop is always the same, Christians. We are those who receive that seed and allow it to grow in our souls, our hearts, and our minds. This gospel seed takes over and we grow into the image of our very own creator. It is simple and masterful and in full harmony with all the rest of God's creation. May we receive this gospel and may we tend it, with God, in the garden of our hearts..

Blessings,  
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 65
- AM Bible Class Average 89
- AM Assembly 139
- AM Assembly Avg. 128
- Contribution \$4,939.75
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,458.62
- Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

## 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

**Rick and Sandi Chamberlain's  
New Address:**

**303 Fireside Dr.  
Columbia, SC 28212-1516**

### Anniversaries:

- 7.7 Tracy & Travis Jex
- 7.15 Nick & Sara Hanle
- 7.31 Mark & Cindy Cox

### Birthdays:

- 7.12 Jeff Guill
- 7.12 Gianna Baker
- 7.13 Brandon Ulmer
- 7.17 Mike Spane
- 7.21 Alma Ulmer
- 7.21 Lynn Gaines

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### Online Giving!

[Lexingtonchurch.net](http://Lexingtonchurch.net)

Contact the office for recurring payments.

## Opportunities to Serve July 16, 2017

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

### Sound:

Chester Warren

### Lord's Supper:

Ernie Oliver

### Servers in July:

Higinio Cruz  
David Dowdy  
Stephen Wood  
Jason Falls  
Mark Cox  
Hayden Oliver'

### Greeters in July:

Barbara Thompson  
Sharon Carter

### Nursery:

Keri Dowdy  
Kathy Upton

### Address

Billy "Patrick" Hutto Jr.  
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### Missionaries:

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

**Worship Leader:** Connor Watkins 843.670.5375

## YOUTH NEWS

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3*

This week I had the most wonderful opportunity to serve the "poor in spirit" during a medical mission in Corquin, Honduras, and I believe it might have been more a blessing to me than to them! Each morning when we arrived to the mission site, there were Honduran families already lined up outside the door of the mission site waiting for us to help them. They welcomed us with smiles on their faces, even after some of them had walked several hours to get there for treatment. It was my job to take their vitals before seeing the doctor, and many of them told me of their ailments. Older women had pain in their hands and shoulders from years of washing, knitting, cooking, cleaning and taking care of their household. The men had pain in their neck and back from carrying heavy loads, working on mountainsides, and swinging machetes for a living. Most had terrible vision due to the sun burning their eyes in the fields. The children had worms and skin diseases from being left outside for long periods of time and from drinking dirty water. We did the best we could to help them, but we couldn't cure everything, and we couldn't take all their pain away, yet they all went away fully satisfied with what we did do for them, and I believe they all went away feeling loved and cared for. I could tell by the way they came around to hug each of us, or at least yell "Adios!" or "Muchos Gracias!" on their way out. Not one person complained or criticized us for their wait time, for our service, or for our limitations. And believe me, there was plenty they could have complained about. There were long wait periods. We could barely speak their language. We could only provide so much ibuprofen, and we ran out of glasses. But like I said, I never saw an unhappy customer, for there was truly a spirit of contentedness among these people that was like nothing I've ever seen before! What a blessing for me to be able to witness such a beautiful thing! Blessings, Dawn

## MEN'S MINISTRY

We are drawing near to the end of the first book and I am glad to hear that so many are drawing encouragement from the material and discussions. Juan and Corey will be leading the discussion for the next book and I am excited for continuing growth for us all.

The Wednesday night group will be covering how the Holy Spirit works to guide us and the practice of performing good deeds in secret. The Saturday morning group will be exploring the concept of having a spiritual plan by having a well-ordered heart and the discipline of endurance. Michael continues to do a stellar job of leading the discussion and the dialogue has been very thought-provoking. Thank you for everyone's input!

The church work day is going to entail tearing out the carpet and flooring in the entry, hallway, and youth room. So...bring your tools to assist in tearing out carpet and tile. Date is Sunday 23 July and time is 2pm. The more the merrier as we dispose of the old flooring in preparation for the new flooring that will start going in on 24 July. Thank you for any help you might be able to offer!

"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one." - Ezekiel 22:30

Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity.

#grabtheoar

-Justin