

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

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.**

8.20.17 Pot Luck/Back To School Bash!

## 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

## "WHITER THAN SNOW"

On the one hand people know they are unclean. On the other hand we are very advanced at denying this truth. Einstein said it takes more courage to examine your own soul than it takes to be on a battlefield. The reason we deny our sinfulness and overlook the darkness within is because at a core level we lack courage (another dark place) and we have trained ourselves to be dishonest (another dark place). We have a literal myriad of techniques designed to keep us from confronting our own selves, and telling our own selves the truth about our own soul. This is a pretty harsh truth.

Jesus said "From within, out of men's hearts come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean (women too). Have you identified your folly and arrogance? Have you identified your slander and deceit? Have you identified your greed and malice? Have you identified your sexual immorality?"

My proposal is that we lack the courage to examine these dark places because we have not believed the Gospel and taken it's truth into our deepest place. The gospel contains the bad news which so profoundly calls us out we are universally afraid to hear it. Truth is we are by nature objects of wrath. We are not sort of good and need a little brushing off. We are all very bad and don't even meet our own level of any measure of what a man or woman should be.

Knowing this, we live our lives in fear of living or even knowing ourselves. The Hebrew writer said: "we spend our lives in fear of death." At the end of the day this is what He was talking about.

We don't need a little brushing off. Isaiah said "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. "We need to be washed whiter than snow! This is the Gospel. That is that we can never get this done for ourselves. Jesus paid the penalty for all our scarlet sins and He has washed us whiter than snow. What we need to do is start believing the Gospel and quit trying to do this thing on our own. One writer said

"Lay your dirty doing down;  
Down at Jesus feet.  
Lay your dirty doing down;  
Rest in Him, Gloriously complete."

Whiter than Snow!

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 98**  
**AM Bible Class Average 89**  
**AM Assembly 141**  
**AM Assembly Avg. 128**  
**Contribution \$4,473.00**  
**YTD Average Weekly  
\$7,355.66**  
**Weekly Budget \$8,143.77**

## Shepherds

**Larry Baker 542.1600**  
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## 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:**  
  
**7.19 Mike Spane**  
**7.21 Alma Ulmer**  
**7.21 Lynn Gaines**  
**7.29 Greg Akers**  
**7.29 Laura Cox**

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### Online Giving!

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

Contact the office for recurring payments.

## Opportunities to Serve

July 23, 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:

Cindy Cox  
Leigh Ann Cox  
Sharon Carter

### Address

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

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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

We have one more night of Galactic Starveyors VBS! It has been a fun-filled few nights so far and the kids are all smiles. They have done crafts, looked through a telescope thanks to Jeff Guill, played some games, learned some new praise songs, and learned Bible truths while eating a yummy snack. Who wouldn't love that?

I've had many conversations with children throughout these nights and they are learning and absorbing so much of the Bible time lessons, which is what this is all about! They've learned that God created everything, God loves us and cares for us even when we mess up and do the wrong thing, God loves us so much that He sent His Son to be our Savior, and tonight they will learn that God has given us the Holy Spirit to be with us always. These are such powerful truths to learn at a young age.

We have had an average of 45 children and 29 of those are not members of our church. God is using our church to reach the community! This would not be possible without your regular giving to God's work at our church, so thank you for your contributions that make this possible. I pray that God will bless you for it.

There has been an amazing group of adults here to help this week and they have done an outstanding job so far. They are leading rotations, making snacks, leading kids around, teaching the Bible, snuggling babies, and more. I am so thankful for each one of them!

On Sunday morning, they will be sharing something special with everyone during our service. I hope you can all be there to see!

Please pray for our last night tonight. I have loved every minute and God has been at work. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Blessings, Lauren Brannan

## MEN'S MINISTRY

"Perseverance is not a panacea."

This line from the book caught my eye and not just for the alliteration. I would like to think that perseverance can conquer anything. But that is with a focus on my own perseverance. Truth is my own perseverance will fall short of conquering any obstacle.

This is how it is with us unless, in the midst of the perseverance, we choose to submit to God's perseverance and His righteousness. We have an idea of how things are supposed to be righteous and how you or me or this other person is supposed to navigate life's ocean. But our ways are not God's ways.

Paul, in Romans 10, talks about the difference between when we seek after our own manufactured version of righteousness (who's got their act together in our eyes versus who doesn't) and a righteousness that comes from God when we realize that we are all burned by sin and need a holy God to direct our thoughts and actions in faith. In the middle of our daily mini-trials and our life's big trials, we have to submit to God's version of perseverance. It's the only way we'll finish the race and finish it well!

It's been a real pleasure discussing the first book with my brothers. We'll be wrapping up the book Wednesday this week and moving on to the next book next week. God has definitely gifted Michael to lead others in the study of how He works in our lives to enrich us and encourage each other.

Pilgrim Heart by Darryl Tippens  
[https://smile.amazon.com/Pilgrim-Heart-Jesus-Everyday-Life/dp/0976779072/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1500414075&sr=8-1&keywords=darryl+tippens](https://smile.amazon.com/Pilgrim-Heart-Jesus-Everyday-Life/dp/0976779072/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1500414075&sr=8-1&keywords=darryl+tippens)

If you need a copy then please let me know this week and I will get you one.

Juan and Corey will be leading the discussion of the first 4 chapters (they're short chapters) on 26 July @ 7pm and Brian Devereaux will be leading the Saturday discussion beginning on 29 July @ 9am.

Don't forget to eat your Wheaties for this Sunday as we tear 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. Thank you for any help you might be able to offer!

"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

Romans 10:1-4 Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity.

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