

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

9.15-17.17 FALL RETREAT!
Myrtle Beach!

9.16.17 Men's Bible Study
9:00a.m.

9.17.17 2018 Honduras Mission
meeting right after Sunday
School

9.21.17 Ladies Night Out,
6:30p.m. Karen Bost is teaching
a Pilates class. Bring water
bottle and a mat or towel.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter-- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Poland/Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii-- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright and Jeanie Frazier, Karen Oliver's Uncle and Cousin
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Kris Black & SCE&G
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker
- Mark Black-Kris Black's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- The Close Family
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Robin Smith
- AJ McElfresh
- Wanda Pearson-Danae's Mother

"BURIED OR PLANTED"

Do you ever feel overwhelmed and buried under a mountain of pressure or demands? Do you ever feel like you will never get out from under the stress of family, of financial concerns, or never ending demands from the job or even the boss? Do you have a medical condition that's got you down and out? Do you have deep personal losses such as death of a family member or the ending of a relationship? Sometimes we all face more than we can hold up under!

And sometimes these things are our own doing, such as sinful choices and lazy habits. We then allow our shortcomings to make ourselves think we deserve the burial we are experiencing. Why tell yourself ½ the truth? Especially, when you leave out the good part.

There is a saying hanging on the door of the red room that says: "in times like this it is always good to remember there have always been times like this." It is so true that there have always been times like this. But, may we all together make this unified declaration. I am planted, I am not buried. The reason you are not buried is that dead people are buried but people with everlasting life are only planted. Not only that we are God's planting. We have within us the DNA of an indestructible God. The circumstance of being underground and overwhelmed in the darkness is the exact place that new life sprouts forth. God allows and perhaps causes his children to be overwhelmed, tested, planted, challenged etc. But the purpose of it all is to bring forth new life, new transformation, a brand new you. Buried may be an okay word for a Christian, but, only if it comes with the resurrection.

This is the Gospel, the Good News. That is that Jesus was beaten, tortured stretched beyond his very life and then placed in a dark lonely place for dead people. But God had in mind the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus makes my entire point. We are only licensed to believe in His death when coupled with His resurrection. By extension we believe in our own resurrection. This resurrection does deal with the end of our lives but it also deals with the life we have today. God is continually desiring to grow His own Spirit within you. Sometimes He uses the crushing blows of daily life to make new the life He desires within us. Therefore, we say "we are planted under circumstances but not buried under circumstances."

So, when you begin to think you are buried or life has taken you under, just believe the truth. **You are planted, not buried, and new life will spring forth.** Trust God with it all. He has His Spirit in you and it will bring forth new life.

Lay your dirty doing down,
Down at Jesus feet.
Trust in Him and Him alone,
Gloriously complete!

Your Sepherds.

Assembly Times

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

Weekly Statists

AM Bible Class 127
AM Bible Class Average 90

AM Assembly 171
AM Assembly Avg. 130

Contribution \$6,542.68
**YTD Average Weekly
\$7,523.90**
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fellowship Needs:

Ruben Macedo needs help with taking Geoffrey Cottrell to lunch and home on Sundays, so please consider signing up on the calendar that is on the podium in the entrance.

Suzanne Kennedy also needs a ride to and from church on Sundays. Sheet is on the podium

Anniversaries:

9.1 Vernon & Karen Lowe
9.4 Eddie & Alma Ulmer
9.8 Steve & July Baker
9.29 Gregg & Penny Steinmeyer
9.29 Terry & Kayla Kneece

Birthdays:

9.15 James Bost
9.15 Anna Kaitlin Baxley
9.15 Kierstin Baxley
9.17 Mary Joy
9.18 Karen Oliver

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**Opportunities to Serve
September 17, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Burress

Servers in September:

- Ernie Oliver
- Jake Wisniewski
- Vern Lowe
- Steve Baker
- Brian Devereaux
- Hayden Oliver

Greeters in September:

George & Christine Stewart

Nursery:

- Alma Ulmer
- Karen Bost
- Sharon Carter

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

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

I love the fall, and everything it brings with it! I love the warm colors, the oranges, yellows, browns, reds and purples. I love the cooler weather, along with the leggings and sweaters, boots and scarves. I love football season, cheering on the local high school football teams on Friday night, and then watching college football on Saturdays. And I love the holidays, Halloween with all the family festivals, games and costumes, Thanksgiving for spending time with family and enjoying amazing food, and Christmas for celebrating the birth of Jesus, as well as the anticipation of giving and receiving gifts. The common theme that runs through all of this is relationship. I love the fall because it means being together with people, with friends, family, and community. Fall seems to bring people together, and what could be better than that?

Speaking of bringing people together, I am so excited about the new fall series that we are kicking off tonight. *The Gospel is For Everyone* is intended to draw all types of people, those who are rich, and those who are poor, those who are full, and those who are empty, those who are struggling, and those who can help, those who are popular, and those who are not, those who are strong, and those who are weak, those who are spiritual, and those who are worldly...Jesus was able to reach everyone with the Good News, and I hope that by using many different voices on Wednesday nights, we will collectively reach many different teens with the Gospel, so please join us at 7pm and bring your friends. Keke Brooks will get us started tonight! I hope to see you there!

Here is the line up for the next several weeks...

9/13	Keke Brooks
9/20	Cale Ferguson
9/27	David Dowdy
10/4	Justin Muery

Blessings,
Dawn

The men's group is wrapping up our second book study since we kicked things off back in June. All I can say is that I have been really encouraged to hear Michael, Corey, Juan, and Brian lead our discussions. Also, it's like seeing the tip of the iceberg since there are others who will take the torch and keep running with it as we move through other books.

Travis will be our next torch bearer and I'm really excited to hear his perspective based upon how God has worked in his life.

I have copies of the next book, Sinai Summit, in Mrs. Sharon's office. Just let me know if you don't have a copy and I'll get one to you!

Thank you for everyone's participation so far. It has been great starting to get to know each and every one of you that much more through our class time.

See you on Wednesday night @ 7pm or Saturday morning @ 9am.

We'll have a big opportunity to continue to get to know each other and get to know God at the retreat in a couple weeks. Some of the focus items will be Disconnecting & Reconnecting, Prayer, and just being men around men. Stay tuned for an itinerary in the next week.

Men's retreat is scheduled for **29,30 September** in Candor, NC. It's gonna be an epic opportunity to be "rough around the edges" without getting glares from your wife, girl-friend, mom, or sister.

Be courageous. Fear God not man. Speak the truth in love.

#grabtheoar
-Justin