

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

9.27.17 No Men's Bible Class tonight

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

9.29-30.17 Men's Retreat. Please RSVP by 9.27 to Brian Devereaux, call or text (803) 422-8178

10.1.17 Ladies Retreat Meeting, right after Services in the overflow room next to the sound room. Retreat is 10/6-8/2017

10.20.17 Youth Lock-In Opened to all 6th-12th Grade

## 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
- Kimberly Craig, Kathy Upton's Daughter
- 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
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Robin Smith
- AJ McElfresh
- Wanda Pearson-Danae's Mother

## "THY KINGDOM COME"

Jesus said this is how we should pray "Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." People take so many bad angles on understanding this verse. How senseless for humans to pray "God you have your rule on this earth. After all, isn't He God and why would he not have his rule here. God is sovereign and of course He is going to have his way. It almost seems silly. To others it seems so rote, old, and churchy, especially the Thy parts. In even other cases some think His kingdom came on the day of Pentecost and therefore there is no reason to pray such a prayer, anymore.

Like the prayer says Thy will be done on earth as it is *in Heaven*. Our Father's will is done in heaven and it is done in the natural world. The question is will the Father's will be done in my life and yours. The essence of our prayers should be about the Father's sovereignty in our deepest place.

This is the single best Life Coaching idea ever. To pray this prayer sincerely one must ask what the rule of Our Father looks like in our own lives. The phrase "Thy Kingdom come" is about searching your inner being to discover what his kingdom is, what subjecting yourself to Him looks like, in your heart. This prayer leads one to parse out what your will is versus what God's will is. It then teaches individuals to select God's will from among all the choices.

This prayer is an affirmation and it is an invitation for God to move in and show us His reign and His will. He said in the same chapter "seek ye first the kingdom of God." These prayerful words ask us to seek, to discover, to live an uncertain adventure. These words ask us to accept and love the Father's desire for our lives and give up our own. They ask us to live lives of uncertainty and mystery mixed with hope and expectation. We can never totally grasp what God is doing or wants to do in our lives, but we can hope and expect for good reasons. It is our job to invite God in, to expect it will be marvelous, and to hang on for the great adventure. This call on our lives is very distant from a rote religion or a fixed idea about things. God himself is the certainty we long for. We must rest in the idea that we do not make the future but we know the one who does. It has been said this way, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

But it's not lollipops either. Any life well lived involves risks, pain, suffering and loss. The affirmation Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done becomes even more central in times of pain and loss. Joy is produced when pain and suffering are mixed with faith and submission. It's God's way. One may experience this in a life of continuous discovery and application of "thy kingdom come, thy will be done. Look at Jesus. In his deepest trials, Jesus said these very words "nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." The Hebrew writer said, "for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross." Job said: "Though He slay me yet will I serve Him."

In summary, we must all learn to cry out from our deepest place: Thy kingdom Come thy will be done! If you want adventure and excitement this is the way. If you want great expectations in an uncertain world, this is the way! If you want joy under suffering, this is the way. If you want God in your life no matter the circumstance, this is the way. If you want an abundant and joy filled life, this is the way. Invite God in, Invite God's sovereignty, give up the reign and let God take over.

Thy Kingdom Come!

Thy Will be done!

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 107  
 AM Bible Class Average 90

AM Assembly 136  
 AM Assembly Avg. 130

Contribution \$3,684.00  
 YTD Average Weekly \$7,393.82  
 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

### Special Prayer Event

LICS & Providence Lutheran Church is hosting an Evening Prayer Service at the Icehouse Amphitheater on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 7:00p.m... There are 46 churches that support LICS

### Anniversaries:

9.29 Gregg & Penny Steinmeyer  
 9.29 Terry & Kayla Kneee  
 10.12 Robin & Mandy Akers  
 10.20 John & Mary Turner  
 10.26 Rick & Sandi Chamberlain

### Birthdays:

9.28 Derek Baxley  
 9.30 Mary Shokes  
 10.4 Sara Hanle  
 10.5 Aubree Martin  
 10.8 Kelli Daniel

**Lexington Church of Christ**

**101 Ballpark Road  
Lexington, SC 29072**

Phone: 803.359.2002  
Fax: 803.359.5734  
E-mail: office@lexingtonchurch.net  
Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/50417968423>

**Online Giving!**

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

Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve**

**October 1, 2017**

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**

Chester Warren

**Lord's Supper:**

David Dowdy

**Servers in October:**

Larry Baker

John Turner

Corey Wisniewski

Nick Joy

Hayden Oliver

**Door Greeters in October:**

Stephen & Amanda Wood

**Nursery:**

Mary Turner

Katie Kirby

**Toddler:**

Valerie Baker

Robin Kellis

**Address**

Billy "Patrick" Hutto Jr.

356437 D3/B14

WRCI

P.O. Box 189

Rembert, SC 29128-0189

E4 Specialist, Carter, Grayson

Fort Riley, KS 66442

**Ministry Leaders**

James Bost, Guest Relations	360-3693
Karen Bost, Guest Relations	609-2847
Krysten Miller, Guest Relations	(304) 771-1126
Sharon Carter, Fellowship	957-4625
Sandi Chamberlain, Missions	920-5211
Carol Brown, Ladies Ministry	446-5285
Justin Muery, Men's Ministry	(801) 726-6996
John Turner, Grounds	356-8153
Corey Wisniewski, Finance	951-8981
Lauren Brannan, Children	331-0155
Michael Spance, Security	600-2288
Cale Ferguson, Life Groups	212-5202

**Minister: Keke Brooks**

Cell Phone: (803) 608-8436

E-mail: kekebrooks204@gmail.com

**Youth Minister: Dawn Wisniewski**

Cell Phone: (803) 348-0084; 951-8981

E-mail: dawn@lexingtonchurch.net

**Counselor: Karen Close**

Cell Phone (803) 261-9889; 520-7821

E-mail: KClose@sc.rr.com

**Secretary: Sharon Carter**

Cell Phone 803.665.6015

E-mail: office@lexingtonchurch.net

**Missionaries:**

Guyana, South America: Basil Seeram and Ronald Thompson (romtom15@yahoo.com)

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

**YOUTH NEWS**

**MEN'S NEWS**

We have exciting things going on with the youth group! The kick-off of our new Sunday series ***Beyond Reason, But Not Without*** has been going well. The High School teens are gleaning from the wisdom of Mark Cox, learning about the scientific evidences and proofs that lie behind our biblical traditions in both the Old and New Testaments. Our Middle School teens are learning about the Bible, the Trinity, Creation, and other doctrinal issues that are important stepping stones to faith. And Keke is doing a fabulous job showing us that most importantly, our faith requires us to step out into the unknown and trust God with everything we can't fully understand.

Wednesday nights have been awesome!

Keke opened up our series ***The Gospel Is For Everyone*** with a powerful message about how every single one of us is a soul, loved by God, and in need of his grace. Cale followed up with a message last week about how we are to treat those souls. He contrasted the story of Eddie Lacy, a star running back for Alabama, who endured fierce criticism and shaming on social media after he had gained a lot of weight to the way Jesus handled the Woman at the Well with kindness and compassion after she admitted to having five husbands. Jesus' way inspired the woman to go and live a new life. We are called to imitate Jesus, not the ways of the world. Just imagine if we all infiltrated our social media with words of encouragement and inspiration, rather than use it to tear people down and pick them apart! I can't wait to hear what David Dowdy has to say this week!

Mark your calendars for October 20<sup>th</sup>. I can officially declare that the lock-in is on! Rob Brannan and Brian Devereaux, are helping me plan this exciting event. It is open to all our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and their friends. I'll be sending out more details soon. See you all Wednesday!

Blessings,  
Miss. Dawn

I have been blessed to be able to spend time reading and learning from others, well, my whole life, but particularly in the past year. One thing seems to permeate all facets of life as I connect the dots and it is this...

As leaders, we are never responsible for filling anyone else's cup. Our responsibility is to empty ours.

My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—when you already have it with you.

Proverbs 3:21-22, 27-28

Solomon says that we should be wise by giving the good away that we have.

What does that look like for you? Is it being kind to the "black sheep" in your family? Is it stopping to help someone on the side of the road? Whatever it is for you, today, Solomon is saying that it is the wise thing to do to help those who need it even if at the time it seems like you are just being "put out". Come to think of it...that reminds me of another helpful verse to nudge us in the right direction.

For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

1 John 4:20

**Men's Retreat Itinerary: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>,**

8pm - dinner

9pm - fireside chat

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

7am - coffee & mission brief

8am - breakfast

9am - meditation / solitude

10:30am - small group (discussion/confession/prayer)

12:30pm - lunch

1pm-3pm - free time

3:30pm - flag football kickoff

7pm - dinner

Dinner on Saturday night will be the last scheduled event. Feel free to travel back Saturday evening after dinner or Sunday morning.

Please bring a hard copy of The Bible, athletic gear for playing flag football, and a winning attitude. Please call or text Brian Devereaux @ 803-422-8178 to confirm your participation NLT Wednesday 27 Sep.

Be courageous. Fear God not man. Speak the truth in love.  
#grabtheoar  
-Justin