



# THE CHIMES

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to:

**Glorify** and Praise God

**Grow** and develop disciples

**Go** into our community and bring people to Christ

## OUR GOAL

We are Committed to:

**L** ordship of Christ Mt 22:37

**O** ngoing Stewardship Mal 3:10

**R** eaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20

**D** isciplineship Training II Tim 2:15



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## Youth Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 3**  
**Following morning worship**

Enjoy a spaghetti/salad/dessert lunch served by our youth and youth leaders. Dine-in or Take-out.

Several of our youth will be attending M-Fuge at Charleston Southern University from July 13-18. They will be joining hundreds of other youth on various mission projects in the city. There will also be Bible study, worship, fellowship and fun.

Donations to support the youth trip will be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars now for this event and plan to enjoy a good meal for a good cause.



I would like to thank all of you for your prayers after my brief stay in the hospital. I appreciate all of you who helped and encouraged me. I had to make a few adjustments in my diet and add a new medication, but I am doing well now.

March has been a busy month. I know the choir worked very hard preparing for the Easter musical. As always, the hard work was evident in their presentation. Thank you Dave, choir and all those who helped in the presentation of "The Story". It was a very moving musical. Also, we are thankful to Sylvia and the Children's Choir for the Sunday night musical. The children did a wonderful job and we are thankful to those who help with the children every week. We want to continue to pray for the AWANA ministry as they move into the final weeks of their program. We also appreciate all those who work with Good News Club. It was another good year for the Good News program.

Now, we look to Easter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has defeated death and the grave and He lives forever more. Because He lives, we who believe and follow Him have the assurance of our own resurrection.

I am thankful to all who are willing to give of their time to visit others. Many are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. They need a visit and a touch from someone who cares enough to talk with them and listen.

Let us continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee. I know they are working hard to find the right man for the job. Finding a preacher is not hard, but finding the right pastor requires a lot of prayers and effort.

Finally, let us continue to love and support each other. Some of our church families are facing trauma and grief. Ask God to lead us all as we minister to one another.

*Pastor Gary*

**Pastoral Search Committee**

Bubba Combs

Donna Derks

Jason Hodges

Charles Lewis

Charles Parnell

George Patterson

Sherry Phillips

Please keep these committee members in your prayers each day as they seek God's guidance and wisdom in selecting the right shepherd for our congregation.

The Pastor Search Committee encourages your comments and thoughts. Email to: [mcparnell@wctel.net](mailto:mcparnell@wctel.net) or place them in the box by the outer office door.

**DEACONS FOR APRIL**

TOMMY HENDERSON  
JASON HODGES  
PAUL BOLLMAN  
ED DeVOS



2015

Paul Bollman	Jason Hodges
Edwin Combs(Bubba)	George McClain
David Derks	David Nawyn
Ed DeVos	Roy Phillips
Forrest Gilmore	John Tabor
Tommy Henderson	Mark Young

## PROFILE OF AN AWANA WORKER

I am a minister. I minister to the largest mission field in the world. I minister to children.

My calling is sure. My challenge is big. My vision is clear. My desire is strong. My influence is eternal. My impact is critical. My values are solid. My faith is touch. My mission is urgent. My purpose is unmistakable. My direction is forward. My heart is genuine. My strength is supernatural. My reward is promised. And my God is real.

In a world of cynicism I offer hope. In a world of confusion I offer truth. In a world of immorality I offer values. In a world of neglect I offer attention. In a world of abuse I offer safety. In a world of ridicule I offer affirmation. In a world of division I offer reconciliation. In a world of bitterness I offer forgiveness. In a world of sin I offer salvation. In a world of hate I offer God's love.

I refuse to be dismayed, discouraged, disgruntled, or distracted. Neither will I look back, stand back, fall back, or sit back. I do not need applause, flattery, adulation, prestige, statue, or veneration. I do not have time for business as usual, mediocre standards, small thinking, outdated methods, normal expectations, average results, ordinary ideas, petty disputes, or low vision. I will not give up, give in, bail out, lie down, turn over, quit or surrender.

I will pray when things look bad. I will pray when things look good. I will move forward when others stand still. I will trust in God when obstacles arise. I will work when the task is overwhelming. I will get up when I fall down.

My calling is to reach boys and girls for God. It is too serious to be taken lightly, too urgent to be postponed, too vital to be ignored, too relevant to be overlooked, too significant to be trivialized, too eternal to be fleeting, and too passionate to be quenched.

I know my mission. I know my challenge. I also know my limitations, my weaknesses, my fears, and my problems. And I know my God. Let others get the praise. Let the church get the blessing. Let God get the Glory.

I am a minister. I minister to children. This is who I am. This is what I do.

"The Calling"  
by Roger Fields  
(COPIED)



## *Easter Fest*

*Saturday, April 4*

*2 PM to 4 PM*

*The Mack Park*

*Easter egg hunt, games, prizes,  
snacks, cookies and cupcakes  
galore!!!*

*Children of all ages are welcome.*

## Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach

Last month I mentioned that the book of Psalms is one of my favorite. This month I'd like to continue sharing my favorite passages with you:

Psalms 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;  
8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine  
gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honey-  
comb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping  
them there is great reward.

This psalm is a nice example of Hebrew parallelism. In the English language we use rhyme and meter to construct poetry. In Hebrew they used parallelism, which is conveying the same message by using different words. In this passage David uses six synonyms that describe God's Word, followed by six verbs.

First, David focuses on the character of the Word of God. God's Word is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean and true. That is one impressive list of traits but these fit perfectly with the Word of God. This list should cause you to sit up and take notice. But wait, there's more! Next, David focuses on the effect of God's Word. It revives, makes wise, rejoices, enlightens, endures, and reflects what is right. We all know people who need reviving, who need joy in their life, who need to be shown the way, etc. We should be encouraging, promoting and advancing God's Word to others. We should not take lightly the responsibility and command to share with others the amazing character and effect of God's Word.

## Ladies Bible Study

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY "BREATHE"

Making room for Sabbath

As our study has been completed, we look back on key truths and big ideas presented and realize that even in the senior season of our lives, we too need to set aside activities and busyness that swallows up our rest and peace and choose to "Breathe" by building margin into everyday for God. Only then can we have our souls revitalized and rejuvenated and released to be all that God created us to be.

Here are some of the BIG IDEAS we learned:

Recognition is the prerequisite of liberation

The Sabbath principle is the key to freedom

Parameters keep things in place

Boundaries are not burdens; they are gifts

Just say NO!

It takes discipline to decline

The Sabbath is about surrender

Obey -God will take care of the rest

Take care of God's business—Let Him take care of  
yours

As we release our excess & extra - God will release a  
miracle in us

Margin keeps us from marginalizing God.

The Sabbath is a statement about God's sovereignty  
These valuable truths and principles gave us deep  
thought on what it means to make room for Sabbath in  
all areas of our lives.

Pricilla Shirer stated: "When you choose to have a Sabbath heart about your activities and possessions, you're doing more than just keeping yourself from living a stress-filled, clutter-laden life. You are also honoring God's purpose by setting aside space and time to foster holy intimacy. The break we take from the regular pattern of our lives in any area gives us occasion to see Yahweh clearly without the distraction and distortion of excess."

She also stated: "Margin gives time for us to breathe in and out—stilling ourselves in the presence of God and allowing all the things which have hustled our attention to be cast aside in favor of a purposeful look at our God. Sabbath dulls down the noisiness of our ever-pulsating activities, invites us to refocus our attention on His character, and all He has done for us. It helps us be thankful. It gives us space.....to worship. It keeps us from squeezing the Giver out of the gift."

How grateful we are for the Word of God and those who present it for a fresh perspective and application in  
our lives.

Susan DeVos

**Ministry of Fellowship**



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
Plan to bring a dish and join us at 5:15 PM for a good time of food and fellowship.



**CAMP  
MCCALL**

**2015 SPRING MEN'S  
ENCAMPMENT**

**MAY 15 - 16**

COME ENJOY A MOUNTAIN-TOP  
RETREAT WHILE  
SPENDING TIME IN FELLOWSHIP  
AND COMPETITION WITH OTHER  
MEN.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE  
IN YOUR LIFE AND FAITH, WE  
PRAY YOU LEAVE  
ENCOURAGED AND STRENGTH-  
ENED IN KNOWING  
GOD IN A DEEPER WAY.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 7

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50/PERSON

For details see David Derks

**April 2015**

- 6 George Long  
Glenn Wright
- 9 Taylor Lynn Buckner
- 10 Paula Hegler
- 11 Roy Brooks
- 17 Phyllis Ward  
Judie Warrick
- 20 Forrest Gilmore  
Anne VanLandingham
- 22 Annette Jones
- 23 Evelyn Burns  
David Nawyn
- 24 Leroy Terrell
- 25 Beth Downtin
- 28 Cathy Patterson
- 29 David LeRow

(Is your name missing from the birthday list this month?  
Please stop by or call the office to update  
your membership record.)

**Camp McCall  
Work Week-End  
Friday and Saturday  
April 17 - 18**

We will be preparing the camp for the summer season. If you are interested in helping, please contact Paul Bollman at 864-746-6284 as soon as possible so that plans can be finalized.



**Our Shut-ins:**

- Herbert Anderson, Jr.
- George Gable
- James Daniels
- Glenna Grove
- Agnes Moragne
- George Bolin
- Lillian Brown
- Margie Bussey
- Sandra Gordon
- Marvin Hammond
- Dessie Jennings
- John Talbert

## Christian Education

A study just revealed that although we inherit genes from both our father and mother, we more often tend to incorporate, use, & favor more of our father's genes in our lifetime.

As the **Joint Heirs Sunday School** class went through Warren Wiersbe's study on "Being a Child of God", we learned that these are the traits or nature we are to exhibit in our lives from our Heavenly Father in our Christian walk.

These should be our "birthmarks."

We are to have an appetite for the things of God  
We are to walk in the "light" keeping ourselves unspotted from the world

We are to enjoy fellowshiping together and share mutual encouragement

We are not to govern our choices by what others do, but seek God's will for our life and conduct

Christians don't have the "habitual" desire to sin  
Christian's lives are motivated by "love" not selfishness

Christians born of God "overcome" the world by not giving into its pressures

Christians overcome the Devil through putting on the armor of Christ

We keep on "growing" in God spiritually and building godly character through truth

We seek a "unified" and "simplified" life

We as a people & as a church are called out, called together, called forth to share Christ, and one day we will be called up.

Wiersbe says:

"As children of God our Father, becoming like Jesus Christ is not just our ultimate destiny, it is also our immediate responsibility".

What a challenge these Sunday School lessons were as we looked in the mirrors of our hearts and asked, "Do I look like and favor my Heavenly Father"?



New Horizon

Preschool  
Grade 1-3  
Grade 4-6  
Youth

Genesis  
Koinonia  
Joint Heirs  
Pathfinders

Deborah  
New Seekers  
New Beginning  
Jesus Seekers

**The Jesus Seekers** continue their study of how to minister to those in crisis—those who are hurt, enduring struggles or illness, or having trouble resisting earthly temptations. We talk about how important it is to speak God's truth but to do it with the love that Jesus has poured out on us. This poem by Derek Tasker really challenges us to live the life of Christ.

*"I wonder what would happen if I treated everyone like I was in love with them, whether I like them or not and whether they respond or not and no matter what they say or do to me and even if I see things in them which are ugly twisted petty cruel vain deceitful indifferent, just accept all that and turn my attention to some small weak tender hidden part and keep my eyes on that until it shines like a beam of light like a bonfire I can warm my hands by and trust it to burn away all the waste which is not nor ever was my business to meddle with."*

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### G.I.F.T. Class

will be having a cook-out on  
Saturday, April 18

at the home of Jason and Beth Hodges.

If your not plugged into a Sunday School Class & you have children in your home, then please join us.

For details see Beth or Jason.

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**THE ARMORY**  
**SUNDAY EVENINGS**  
**6:00PM-7:15PM**



**D-GROUPS**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
**5:45PM-7:15PM**

**Volunteer Schedule**



**April 5**  
 Audio Lynn McMahon  
 Projection Sylvia Smith

**April 12**  
 Audio Larry Baker  
 Projection Gaye McKee

**April 19**  
 Audio William Matheny  
 Projection Joan Prince

**April 26**  
 Audio Len Daugherty  
 Projection Sylvia Smith

**BUDGET REPORT**

Financial Summary  
 February 2015

General Contributions  
 Budget \$31,476  
 Actual \$30,786

Expenses  
 Budget \$34,097  
 Actual \$31,000

*Thank you for your  
 continued contributions*



**April**  
**Phil & Liz McLaughlin**

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**May**  
**Don Longshore**



Every Sunday we record the entire 11:00AM Service on CD. These are mailed weekly to our shut-ins. If you know of someone who should or would like to receive one of these, please let us know so that we can put them on the distribution list. We usually have a couple extra that we are now putting in a basket in the foyer on the table. Please feel free to take these.

If there is a particular Sunday you wish to have a CD for, contact Mary, she has the master to make you a copy. We keep the recordings on file for several months.

Also, the sermon is posted on our website and left there, you can access it by going to the "resources tab" and selecting "sermons", then pick the date you want to hear. The sermon notes are listed with the audio to follow along with.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule		
April		
April 5	Ashley Keown	852-9387
April 12	Judy Brown	391-3706
April 19	Joy Roberts	391-3625
April 26	Melissa Gable	443-5705



Not receiving e-mails from the church? That means we do not have your e-mail address. Please provide your address by sending a message to [officemfbc@wctel.net](mailto:officemfbc@wctel.net)

## Did You Know.....

The Good News Club has expanded by opening a new club at the Inspiration and Hope Center located in the Armory. They meet every Tuesday after school with 20 - 30 children attending weekly. This is in addition to the 30 - 40 children which already attend Good News Club at the elementary school on Mondays.

This quarter 2 children received Jesus as their personal Savior and trusting Him to guide and direct their paths.

With so many children needing to know God's love and grow through His Word, there are wonderful opportunities for volunteers in this special childrens ministry. For details see Jayne McMahon or Donna Derks .

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The Joyful Mixers recently attended the Wild Game Supper at Sweetwater Baptist Church where they were treated to smoked meats of various kinds such as opossum, raccoon, wild boar, venison, alligator along with burgers and hot dogs. Roy Brooks shares that they enjoyed a guest speaker, a raffle and other entertainment and he highly recommends this event and hopes more will plan to attend next year.

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Kitchen Angels served 165 dishes of ice cream on Friday night following the musical presentation of "The Story". Our thanks for their dedication and ministry.

**Deadline for May Chimes is April 12. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.**



### **Rosie Canady**

M/M Vann Cleveland

### **James Workman**

M/M Marion Henderson

### **Joe Hartline**

M/M Marion Henderson

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*Our Christian Sympathy  
is extended to  
Katherine McElhenny and family  
in the loss of  
Dr. George McElhenny*

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To Pastor Gary and our  
McCormick First Baptist family.

We thank you all for your prayers, cards of condolence and phone calls during our time of bereavement in the loss of our Mother, Rosie Canady.

We are truly blessed to be family members of this wonderful church body. God has given us the comfort and peace that we needed during this time of healing.

Thank you all and may God richly bless each of you.

Marshall and Annie Pearson