



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

August

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*McCormick First Baptist
Welcomes
Reverend Michael Allen
and his wife, Michelle*



*Michael will serve as our new
Senior Pastor
beginning August 1, 2015.*

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Dear Church Family,

I am so excited to be coming to serve as your pastor! Michelle and I are grateful to each of you for how you have made us feel welcomed and we look forward to getting to know each one of you better in the days ahead. Michelle and I both really sought the Lord in prayer as He moved us from the mission field in northern Madagascar to South Carolina, and have no doubt that God led us to McCormick FBC. We are grateful to our Lord for His guidance to both us and the pastor search committee.

I really look forward to seeing what God has in store for all of us at McCormick FBC in the future. Starting August 2 on Sunday nights, we will concentrate on discipleship for the entire church. Right away, I will give you an overview of discipleship, laying out seven principles of growth in Christ that I feel are extremely important to each of us individually and to McCormick FBC as a whole. I know many of you may be traveling this summer, but if there is any way you can attend on Sunday nights, I encourage you to be there.

Then on Wednesday nights, we will be praying as a church body, seeking the Lord's power and direction for McCormick FBC. I challenge you to make this meeting a priority as we pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Please also call out to the Lord in your daily time with Him, asking Him to revive us and make us into a church that wants to reach every person possible for Jesus Christ.

I can't wait to be with you to worship our Lord together. Have a great week.

In Christ,
Michael

P.S. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us move in to the house on Maple Street and also for pounding us! Ya'll are too gracious!

SAVE THE DATE

LADIES "FALL" BIBLE STUDY
STARTS
TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

9:30 am - 11:30 am

UPPER ROOM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lisa Harper's
'HEBREW'S'

The nearness of King Jesus

Jesus is our accessible KING
Jesus reigns supreme—He is superior to all
YET

He is not a far-away God
He is our close-up, approachable Redeemer
He kneels, comes down beside us, & draws near to
US
with compassion, empathy, & love with no end.

Join us

:-) We'll scoot a little closer to Him together :-)

Let's , as women in the Word, exemplify and prove
what Charles Spurgeon said:

"A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to
someone who ISN'T."



On Friday, July 10th, ten ladies from our church family joined together at the McCray House for the first of hopefully many "Sisters Luncheons". Susan (DeVos) and Katherine (McElhenny), Mary (Goens) and Anne (Pearson), Donna (Derks) and Linda (Crocket), Eunice (Dorn) and Evelyn (Burns), June (LeRow) and Fran (Becker).

Could there possibly be another 'set of sisters out there within our church body that we aren't aware of? If so, please contact Fran Becker (391-5602) so that we can plan another 'Sisters Luncheon some time in the future.

**Ministry of
Evangelism and Outreach**

CHILDRENS MINISTRY IS MOVING TO WEDNESDAY!

Changes are underway in the Childrens Ministries at MFBC. Summer meetings with the Children and Youth Committee, GNC Chairperson, Awana Commander and Assoc Pastor Jared have outlined some positive steps to make our family ministries more productive. The biggest change is the transition of our childrens ministry program (formerly, Awana) from Monday nights to Wednesdays. This will establish a discipleship program for all age groups on Wednesday evenings.

After much prayer and research we feel that God is leading us to Lifeways TeamKID program. TeamKID (Kids in Discipleship) will build upon the foundation we started with Awana over 6 years ago. TeamKID is designed for children (ages 3- sixth grade) to do more than just memorize Scripture. It helps them to understand what the verses they memorize mean because all parts of each TeamKID meeting focuses on one Bible message each week. Non-competitive games, Bible story, memory verse, missions, refreshments and conclusion all contribute to help children understand and apply Gods Word to their lives. The "clubs" will be divided by age groups similar to the Awana program. Meetings will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day and follow the school calendar. TeamKID will not meet when there is no school.

Any successful ministry begins will prayer and preparation. Please begin praying now that the lives of each family that we minister to will be changed and that God will be glorified through our efforts. Ask God if He is calling you to this challenging task. If this sounds like the ministry for you, we will be holding two training sessions for TeamKID coaches.

It will be necessary for all TeamKID coaches attend one of these sessions. They will also need to complete a background check if they have not had one in the past year. Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19 and again Wednesday, August 26. A sign up sheet is on bulletin board in the front lobby. Please indicate which training session you plan to attend. For all other questions, please contact Randy Lindsey at 864-993-3019 or email villagere@wctel.net

What fun we had and what talent we saw! The second Sunday night **Quarterly Fellowship** was attended by approximately 70 members and guests. The first act was performed by Mary and Bryant Hurt's granddaughter, Brittany Hurt and friend, Carson Kervin. Second, we were entertained by performers, Magic and Just-in-Time (Ernie Willis and Justin Hodges). No one disappeared but where did all those knots go? Although Cliff Bell, our resident poet, couldn't be with us, he submitted a limerick entitled "The Lady from New Yawk." George Long gave it his best southern drawl. Randy Lindsey dusted off his props and perfected his juggling act. Then the "man in Black" entered, almost unrecognizable. What a lot of soul he had. Mr. Roy Phillips, music extraordinaire, entertained us with his harmonica and swagger.

Thank you to the Joint Heir's and Genesis Sunday School classes for hosting this quarterly event. Stay tuned for the next one scheduled for October.

Janie Chapman State Missions

As believers and followers of Christ, Southern Baptists recognize our relationship with Him is our most basic and important need. Helping others recognize this need in their lives is a priority for missions. Across South Carolina in September, we will be focusing on the Season of Prayer for State Missions with "Pray Radically" as our theme for 2015. Our focal Scripture passage, Acts 4:31, reminds us to prioritize our activities with prayer, "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." As we learn more about this year's mission focus areas, we can choose to "Pray Radically," to speak the truth of God boldly, and to give generously.

God is providing opportunities and bringing together people from other countries and across the state so South Carolina Baptists can meet their needs, building relationships that will allow the Gospel to be spoken boldly. Through this year's week of prayer, we want to open eyes to what is God is doing. As you learn more about this year's focus areas, you are asked to pray radically and to give generously to the Janie Chapman State Missions offering so the Gospel can continue being shared. Examples of South Carolina mission work include:

- 30 North American Mission Board missionaries serve in SC.
- English as a Second Language ministries served over 1300 adult students from 61 different countries
- The Baptist Collegiate Ministry missions program supported 104 students to serve in mission projects around the globe during the 2014-2015 school year
- During 2014, 670 SC Disaster Relief volunteers served on 139 teams in 53 different locations in SC and beyond
- In 2014, 1366 campers attended Camp LaVida. 225 commitment decisions were made including 45 professions of faith.

The Janie Chapman Season of Prayer and Offering for State Missions is named for Mrs. Janie Weston Chapman, first president of the SC Womans Missionary Union to honor her strong missions leadership. Our 2015 missions emphasis week is September 13-20. Our state goal is \$1,850,00. McCormick First Baptist Church's goal is \$2500. Please give generously to support this important work in our state.

Mark Your Calendar

Back to School Party
Saturday, August 29
For 1st through 6th grade students
2 PM - 4 PM
Fellowship Hall

Jayne McMahan will be in charge of the lesson but is looking for volunteers to help with games, activities, refreshments or decorations.

Call Jayne
at 391-3779 or
jmcmahoon@wctel.net.

Promotion Sunday
August 16



For all children K - 7th grades.
A new classroom, new leaders, and
a new adventure await all preschool
and elementary-aged kids !

McCormick Angels Baseball Team
will visit our morning worship service on
August 16
They will be dressed in their uniforms
so watch for these young men and
welcome them to our church and ask
about their team.



Herbert Anderson, Jr.
 Catherine Gilbert
 Glenda Lewis
 George Shrine Jr.

Our Shut-ins:

George Bolin
 Lillian Brown
 Margie Bussey
 Sandra Gordon
 Marvin Hammond
 Dessie Jennings
 John Talbert

*Our Christian love and sympathy
 is extended to
 Susan Everett and family
 in the loss of
 Bob Everett
 July 5, 2015*

*We extend our Christian sympathy to
 Belton Goff and family
 in the loss of his sister,
 Betty Ann Teasley
 July 10, 2015*

***Birthday
 Blessings***

August 2015

- 1 Jack Grove
- 2 Larry Hughes
- 3 Donna Derks
- 5 Bubba Combs
Ken Thornton
- 8 Kendarius Blair **
- 14 Haley Keown *
- 15 John Grooters
- 16 Elzy Jones
Ashley Keown
- 17 Tim Harris
- 18 Larry Baker
Rachel Watkins **
- 19 Janis Lindsey
- 22 Susan Wood
- 28 Richard Tempest
- 29 Gail Collier
- 31 Lillian Brown

* Child
 ** Teen



Bob Everett

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tarbet

Mr. Larry Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn McMahon

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shaffer

Christian Education

Pathfinders Class

Who are the Pathfinders? Some of us are single; some of us are married; some are employed, some are retired; some have children at home, some are empty nesters; some were born and raised in McCormick, some have lived in many cities and states; some became Christians at an early age, some are new Christians. A diverse group of men and women with one thing in common—we love God. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class, we invite you to join us as we seek Christ through the study of God's Word and prayer. This month we see the need to have a closer walk with God as we complete our study, "Awake: The Call to a Renewed Life."

The **New Horizon** class had an appreciation dinner at J Peters in Greenwood for Len and Bernice Daughtery on July 9th. Len has been the faithful teacher of this class since it was originally begun over 13 years ago. Len and Bernice will be attending a church in Greenwood. Thanks Len and Bernice - we will miss you!!!! Cliff Bell and Larry Brown will be leading this class through September.

A tidbit from the **Deborah Class**....

I need Jesus Christ for my eternal life and the Holy Spirit of God for my internal life.



Preschool
Grade 1-3
Grade 4-6
Youth

New Horizon
Genesis
Koinonia
Joint Heirs
Deborah

New Seekers
New Beginning
Jesus Seekers
Pathfinders
G.I.F.T. Class

The Joint Heirs' Sunday school class had a social, Thursday night, July 9th at Parson's Mountain in Abbeville. There were 23 class members, spouses, and guests in attendance. Does chicken, Jello salad, green salad, potato salad, broccoli salad, pasta salad, rolls brownies, banana pudding, and Bene' wafers sound good. I think we were missing the grits. A few men tried to catch some fish but that wasn't entirely successful.

George Patterson and Wayne Sumi tied for first place in a true and false trivia game (9 of 12 correct). One of the funniest questions was: Sri Lanka's name comes from the Laotian word for "too many darn elephants." I hope everyone answered false to that. However, an interesting fact was the Lincoln's dog was also "assassinated," by a drunk in Springfield. Submitted by Donna Derks

Ministry of Fellowship

On July 23rd the **Joyful Mixers** left the church at 4 pm to travel to Old McDonalds Fish Camp to eat seafood. The restaurant is out in the county with a pond, ducks, geese and goats. As you go into the restaurant you walk over a bridge that is stocked with geese and huge catfish that fight for the food that you give to them. The food in the restaurant is delicious and they have a huge pot of grits and hush puppies that you can help your selves, it comes with the meal. Everyone had plenty to eat and many left with takeout boxes. We had 39 people to go and enjoy the meal. Thanks to Dave Nawyn and George Long for driving us to North Augusta for this meal.

Audio/Visual Ministry

The A/V Team is pleased to announce that our new sound system has been installed and will be operational Sunday, August 2.

The A/V Team welcomes two new volunteers to the staff: Andrea Mann and Diane Shaffer have joined the team. Thank you for serving.

Volunteer Schedule



August 2

Audio Adam McCoy
Projection Joan Prince

August 9

Audio Lynn McMahon
Projection Andrea Mann

August 16

Audio Larry Baker
Projection Gaye McKee

August 23

Audio Adam McCoy
Projection Joan Prince

August 30

Audio William Matheny
Projection Diane Shaffer

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
June 2015

Contributions YTD

Budget \$203,965
Actual \$218,127

Expenses YTD

Budget \$203,965
Actual \$192,845

Funds

Missions	\$ 4,340
Rebuild	4,923
Mission Trip	17,605
Capital Imp.	27,901
Misc.	2,821



August

Noreen Eichen

September

Roy Brooks



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or visit us on Facebook

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

August

August 2	Patsy Lee	852-2644
August 9	Mary Tabor	391-3307
August 16	Melissa Gable	443-5705
August 23	Susan Wood	333-2393
August 30	Andrea Mann	852-6210

Notes

On behalf of the personnel committee I would like to thank all those who helped make Pastor Gary and SuEllen's last Sunday with us a nice celebration of their time with us in McCormick. Thanks to committee members Noreen Eiche, Marian Parnell, Lynn McMahan, Tommy Henderson, and George Long. Rose and Bubba Combs along with Marian Parnell, Julie Henderson, Barb Bollman and all those who made dishes did a fabulous job, Mary Tabor helped with so many administrative duties, June White and Evelyn Burns provided the decorations and flowers, Susan DeVos for the beautiful memory book, and many kind words by Mark Young and Paul Bollman made the morning so special. A special thanks to all of you who donated for a trip to California for Pastor Gary and SuEllen that he has had on the top of his "Bucket List" for a long time.

Sincerely,
Dave Nawyn
Personnel Committee Chair

The past 6 months have been a real challenge for Ron and I, but also a real blessing. The cards, the visits, the food, the sincere words of encouragement are so appreciated. Most importantly, your prayers have given us both strength and hope. Thank you all. And a special thank you to each of the ladies who shared their stories of their personal journey with this disease and their ultimate remission. Bless you all.
Norma Godre

Deadline for September Chimes is August 16. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.

Dear Church Family,
I am writing this note to thank you for your kind gift of a NKJ Bible on the occasion of my high school graduation. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

With love,
Hunter White

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We want to thank everyone that participated and prayed for 2015 GNC CCC Sports Camp this year. The children had a great time and learned some important Bible lessons. It made such a difference to spend a week in God's Word and be surrounded by the light from our precious Christian volunteers. We had one child who ran up and gave a big hug stating "This is the best day ever" another child started the week with not the best attitude but by the end of the week she seemed changed and couldn't stop talking about camp & God, she had a small New Testament and put cut up post it notes tabs on so many pages the Bible couldn't shut right. We had an estimated 60 children & 25 parents at our Family fun day where they participated in GNC followed by getting cooled off when our fire dept. hosed them down, super cool! Keep praying for our children as we will begin Good News club again on Sept. 14th. We hope everyone will be returning to volunteer and we encourage new volunteers to jump on this fascinating ride. Only eight more weeks before our first club. Please contact Donna Derk's as soon as possible to let her know your availability for this year and in what way(s) you would like to participate.

Much love in Christ,
Karen Willis and Donna Derks

DEACONS FOR AUGUST

ROY PHILLIPS
DAVE DERKS
FORREST GILMORE
GEORGE McCLAIN