



# 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

## March

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## "THE STORY"

As told through the great hymns of the Church

Presented by:

*McCormick First Baptist Church Choir*

Friday, March 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
(followed by an Ice Cream Social)

-and-

Sunday, March 29, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.



*While Pastor Gary is recuperating he would like you to remember these upcoming dates and mark your calendar.*

March 5 - Ladies Evening  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
in the parlor

March 6 - World Day of Prayer  
at Light of Life Church  
9:30 a.m.

March 27 - The Story  
7 p.m.  
(Ice cream social follows)

March 29 - The Story  
11 a.m.

April 4 - Easter Fest 2 pm to 4 pm  
The Mack Park

April 5 - EASTER  
Invite your family, friends and neighbors  
to church.

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**Ladies Evening  
Bible Study**

"Children of the Day"  
by  
Beth Moore  
1 & 2 Thessalonians

**Begins Thursday, March 5**  
6:30 p.m. in the parlor  
Beth Hodges, Facilitator

**Pastoral Search Committee**

Bubba Combs

Donna Derks

Jason Hodges

Charles Lewis

George Patterson

Sherry Phillips

Charles Parnell

The Pastoral 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.

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.

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**DEACONS FOR MARCH**

JOHN TABOR  
DAVE NAWYN  
BUBBA COMBS  
MARK YOUNG



**2015**

Paul Bollman  
Edwin Combs(Bubba)  
David Derks  
Ed DeVos  
Forrest Gilmore  
Tommy Henderson

Jason Hodges  
George McClain  
David Nawyn  
Roy Phillips  
John Tabor  
Mark Young

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

by Noreen Eichem



Usually I know the people I write about in this column, but this month I'm getting acquainted with Patricia (Pat) Ferdinand as you are through this article. Pat has kept a low profile in our church and is much better known to the children and young people.

Pat was born in Willington, moved to New York and then back to McCormick in 1987. She has retired from McCormick Correctional. She has a passion to keep young people from going down the wrong path. Pat teaches the lesson on Wednesday night to our young people and again helps out at the Armory on Sunday evenings. She is also helping with the Good News Club at the Armory. She has put feet and a voice to her passion in helping Pastor Jared with the youth.

She enjoys reading the Bible, working with children and spending time with the Lord. Pat has also been in our Tuesday morning Bible Study. Pat has 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

We welcome her into our fellowship. If you haven't had a chance to meet please greet her and introduce yourself. We welcome you Pat and thank you for your desire to serve the Lord here.



- Carolyn and Jake Trantham had a grandson added to their family. Brooks Trantham was born January 12. Congratulations as you join our other grandparents with a new grand baby. These are special times for these families.

- June White was treated to a special weekend in Charleston with her daughter, daughter-in-law and 2 granddaughters. We have it on good authority that June behaved quite well and didn't embarrass any of the girls. Aren't families wonderful June?

- The Koinonia just had a game night with over 30 participants. They invited guests to join them, had lots of finger foods to eat, played a variety of games, and ended with the traditional Dictionary games which the men won again. The loudest table were the ones playing Spoons with KC one of the 8

REMEMBER - Keep those notes coming.

## *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.*

**Deadline for April Chimes is March 8. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.**

## Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach

One of my favorite books of the Bible is Psalms. I love the book because it is the most quoted book in the New Testament, it is used in Jesus' teachings and it seems to have been a regular part of worship in the early church. I have many favorite Psalms but the one we will look at today is Psalm 8. This is a psalm of praise and wisdom. It seems to be a reflection of Genesis 1, expressing awe and wonder at creation and toward the Creator.

Psalm 8:1-4

A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

The space that I am given here is not adequate to exegete this beautiful passage fully. Therefore, I would like to dwell on one particular aspect: The Creator. Scholars believe that this Psalm was written at nighttime, since there is no reference to the sun, but only to the night stars (v.3). You can just imagine David out in the fields tending his sheep one night, star gazing and reflecting on creation. There is something about taking in the beauty of creation that causes one to wonder about the Creator. I know that when I take time to look up at the night sky, gaze at a beautiful ocean or admire the Grand Canyon, I think about how awesome and majestic God must be to have created such picturesque images with His spoken word. Wow! And to think that the Sovereign God of all creation cares about us. Our words should echo those of David in verse 4, "What is man that you are mindful of him?" This should lead you to a powerful praise session. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

I pray that you will take time today to enjoy the Creator for what He has done.

*Associate Pastor Jared*

## Martha Ministries

### MARTHA MINISTRIES CRAFT ITEMS

These are just a few of our available items. To see more, stop in the Craft Room off the Fellowship Hall. For special requests, please contact Ellen Muller. All proceeds support Missions.

#### FOR CHILDREN:

Animal Characters Apron  
Animal Hand Puppets  
Art Smock/Crayon Pocket Apron  
Clemson Pillow Case Dresses  
Fish Puppet Wash Cloths  
Little Chef Apron  
Tooth Fairy Pillows

#### FOR THE KITCHEN:

Baked Potato Bags  
Basket Liners w/Warmer Pocket  
Decorative Towels  
Place Mats & Table Runners  
Pot Holders  
Scrubby Dish Cloths  
Variety of Aprons

#### FOR INFANTS:

Bib & Burp Cloth Sets  
Character Bibs  
Pacifier Holder  
Quilts (made to order)

#### ORGANIZERS:

Arm Chair Caddy  
Bed Caddy  
Hidden Pocket Hangers  
Plastic Bag Holders  
TV Remote Caddy

#### TOTES

#### SEASONAL DECORATIVE ITEMS



"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

—Maya Angelou

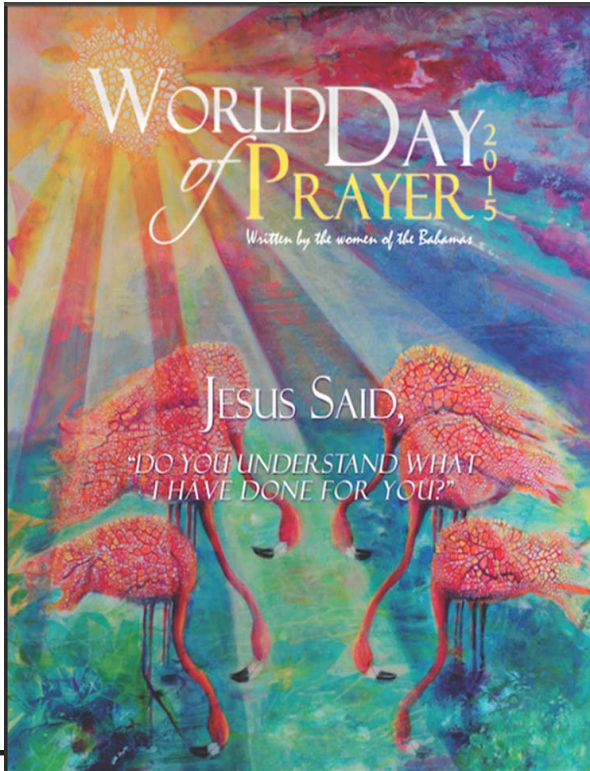
## Ministry of Fellowship



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



## March 2015



3	Mary Hurt
6	Jo Nawyn
7	Joe Gibbons
	Leah Hodges
	Nathaniel VanLandingham
9	Joy Roberts
13	Beth Hodges
14	Alice Watts
16	Miriam Patterson Azevedo
17	Kathryn Mann *
20	Don Wenzel
21	Cathy Gibbons
	Billie Harry
	Ashley Shealy
23	Del Owen
24	Andrea Mann
	Tom Mowday
26	Sylvia Smith
28	James Barnett
	Jan Willis
31	Wayne Sumi
	Troy Freeman

Friday, March 6, 2015  
Light of Life Church  
Highway 28 South, McCormick  
9:30 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Program

Light refreshments following program

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



### Our Shut-ins:

Herbert Anderson, Jr.  
George Gable  
James Daniels  
Glenna Grove  
George McElhenny  
Agnes Moragne  
Pastor Gary DeBerry

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

Pray without ceasing  
The more we pray, the more we shall want to pray. The more we pray, the more we can pray. The more we pray, the more we shall pray. He who prays little will pray less, but he who prays much will pray more. And he who prays more will desire to pray more abundantly.

—C.H. Spurgeon

## Christian Education

**Jesus Seekers** is a class for adults who are no longer in high school all seeking to know Jesus, sharing their life experiences and helping each other face life's joys and challenges. Since the beginning of December, our class has been studying the book of Psalms. We all face challenges in our lives that make us want to run for cover. As Christians, however, we have a place to go whenever we need shelter from life's storms and that is right into the arms of God. The book of Psalms is helping us know that we are never alone, that God is always with us when the tough times come.

**Joint Heirs Class** is studying "Being A Child of God". Do you have a visible birthmark? Most of us do someplace on our bodies. Did you know that there are recognizable birthmarks of a true child of God? These are birthmarks of the new life! Are they visible in your life? Come join us.

**New Seekers Class** will be starting a study of the Gospel of John on February 8. There is more to this Gospel than "meets the eye". For John, there is special meaning in the events of the life of Jesus. John wanted his readers to see things beyond the details of each event. Uncovering these meanings should provide an interesting study. New members are always welcome at any time.

**G. I. F. T.** is a new Sunday School class for adults with children still in the home. The class is taught by Associate Pastor Jared Walley and it meets in the parsonage next to the church every Sunday morning. G. I. F. T. is an acronym for Growing In Faith Together. Currently we are studying the fruit of the spirit God has shown us in His Word. Please join us.

**New Horizon Class** was pleased to have the Joint Heirs class join them for Christmas Dinner. This class welcomes each new season with a potluck dinner following worship service. May we all remember the love God displayed at Christmas by sending His Son and at Easter by the sacrifice of His Son for us.



Preschool  
Grade 1-3  
Grade 4-6  
Youth  
6 Pathfinders

New Horizon  
Genesis  
Koinonia  
Joint Heirs

Deborah  
New Seekers  
New Beginning  
Jesus Seekers

**Children's Moment** is a short Bible lesson presented in the sanctuary to the children during Sunday morning worship. Each Sunday a team of rotating leaders prepare and present the lesson. All children are welcome to come down front and hear the lesson.....parents are welcome to bring their very little ones.

**Junior Church** meets each Sunday morning following the Children's Moment in the sanctuary. Ages range from 6 - 11 years old and they leave the sanctuary and head upstairs with their leaders James Tennant and Jason Hodges. The curriculum which they use is called "Super Book" a Biblical DVD that teaches children about Bible characters from the Old Testament as well as New Testament. The children love seeing men and women of the scriptures come to life and tell their story about God working in their life. All children are welcome to attend and are released to a parent/guardian at the close of the worship service.

### Children's Department:

Nursery	Infants up to age 1
Pre-school	Age 1 - 4
Elementary	Grades 1 - 3
Elementary	Grades 4 - 6

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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



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

## Volunteer Schedule



### **March 1**

Audio            Len Daugherty  
Projection      Sylvia Smith

### **March 8**

Audio            Adam McCoy  
Projection      Joan Prince

### **March 15**

Audio            William Matheny  
Projection      Megan Seigler

### **March 22**

Audio            Larry Baker  
Projection      Sylvia Smith

### **March 29**

Audio            William Matheny  
Projection      Gaye McKee



### **March**

**Larry & Judy Brown**

### **April**

**Phil & Liz McLaughlin**

### Nursery Volunteer Schedule

#### March

March 1	Andrea Mann	852-6210
March 8	Patty Henderson	391-3656
March 15	Diane Young	391-5522
March 22	Susan DeVos	391-2346
March 29	Gail Collier	

## BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary  
January 2015

### General Contributions

Budget \$34,097  
Actual \$34,621

### Expenses

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

*Thank you for your  
continued contributions*

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.



**Sunday, March 8**



## Notes

A message from the McElhenny's . . . . .

Thankfulness Throughout  
and  
Challenging Changes

### Helena Faulkner

Mrs. Louise Sanders  
M/M Darrell Newby

### Mary Elizabeth Garrett

Mrs. Louise Sanders

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*Our love and sympathy is  
extended to*

*Marshall and Anne Pearson  
in the passing of Marshall's mother,  
**Rosie Canady***

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*We extend our love and sympathy to  
Susan and Wallace Wood  
in the passing of Susan's brother-in-law  
**Rick Crider***

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The family of Helena W. Faulkner wishes to  
thank our MFB Church family for all you did  
during her sickness and passing.  
Your prayers, visits, cards and the meal meant  
so much to our family.  
May the Lord Bless you.

In Christian Love,  
The family of Helena

God has given us so many reasons to be thankful. We have family, friends, neighbors, hospice, private caregivers and our church that are wonderfully caring and supportive during this season of our life. We are blessed to be fed spiritually and emotionally with continual thoughts, prayers, visits and written forms of communication. We are being kept well nourished. As we reflect and prepare for each day, we give thanks to God for His provisions. We are appreciative, grateful and honored to be surrounded by His care. Throughout all our unexpected and unsettling times we are standing firmly on our solid rock of God.

We are experiencing daily bits of sinking sand moments of decline in George's health. Our road map for direction in decision making continues to be with God's strengthening and reassurance of His love and His plan for our lives. As 2014 has brought us to "Challenging Changes", join with us in prayer and support for each other. This encourages and enables us to demonstrate our "thankfulness throughout" this season of life journey.

As always,  
Taking one day at a time  
This to shall pass  
God Is In Control  
George and Katherine

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Thank you so much for your support. Your donation of toys to the McCormick Children's Home is greatly appreciated. It is because of wonderful people like you, that we are able to do so much for our children. Your kindness allows us to open doors for our children that might otherwise remain closed to them.

Thank you for your support,  
Laurie Franklin  
McCormick Children's Home  
Executive Director