



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

May

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"Honor... your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you...."

Deuteronomy 5:16

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Mary Tabor, Editor



As I move closer to my retirement date, I am reminded of the special privilege I have had to be your pastor. I can truly say I am blessed. McCormick First Baptist is a loving fellowship of believers making a difference in our community and beyond. Many of you are faithful and committed and I am sure God will continue to bless and use you for His Glory.

April was a good productive month at MFBC. We celebrated Easter together and we rejoice that we serve a risen Savior. At the end of April, on April 26, we started something new...a church wide fellowship . These will be held 4 times a year and are designed to help us know and appreciate our church family more. The first fellowship was well attended and we look forward to the next one. May will be a busy month as well. We will conclude the AWANA year with a AWANA program on Sunday evening May 17. We will recognize the AWANA children for their accomplishments. Let us come out and support these children and the adults who teach them each week. On Sunday morning, May 10, we will have a special Mother's Day Service with a baby dedication at the beginning of the service. On Sunday morning, May 17, we will honor our graduating seniors. Please keep these events on your calendars and make sure you attend. Speaking of attendance, I encourage you to faithfully attend all our services.

May God bless you and keep you. May we all continue to love each other and work together. I have no doubt that God has special plans for MFBC. Let us all trust in God and His plans for us.

Pastor Gary



**Congratulations
to our
2015 Graduates:**

High School

**George Brown
Taylor Buckner
Megan Seigler
Bria Walker
Hunter White**

College

Sylvia Smith

DEACONS FOR MAY

**GEORGE McCLAIN
ROY PHILLIPS
DAVE DERKS
FORREST GILMORE**

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW
by Noreen Eichen



The couple I would like to highlight this month is Keith and Margaret Creswell who are natives to McCormick County. Keith has lived here all his life and Margaret since she was 9 years old. Keith says he married his high school sweetheart at an early age. They have two boys and five grandchildren.

The Creswells lived in Parksville, raised their family there and were baptized there. Later in life the two of them moved to SLV and eventually chose to move their membership to MFBC. They found the people to be loving and friendly and enjoyed the visits from Pastor Gary when Keith was in a bad accident and in the hospital. Keith was well acquainted with MFBC as he had attended many youth and children activities here when growing up.

Keith loves hunting, fishing, golf, college sports, reading biographies and reading the Bible to start the day. Margaret loves to cross-stitch, read and loves being with her grandchildren. You may remember Margaret as a nurse who worked at the McCormick Family Practice for 35 years. She was the only one who could get blood from me the first time she tried. She is still working part-time every other weekend at Petra Health Care. Keith has retired (for now). He was with the SCNG and had a variety of duties over the years with the military.

The Creswells attend the Koinonia Sunday School Class. They love to travel with family and enjoy the lake and most boating activities with their grandchildren. Another little bit of information you may not know. Keith is a brother to Brenda Terrell who does a great job with our nursery.

Welcome Keith and Margaret to our fellowship.



Welcome
Our New
Members

Larry and Ann Hughes

*Watch the Chimes for a
future article on the
Hughes family.*

***Baby Dedication
Sunday, May 10***

If you are interested in having your child dedicated on Mother's Day please contact Associate Pastor Jared or call the church office.

Dedication is for a child of any age.

Sports Camp 2015

Isn't God good! We could all brag on Him in many ways. One verse comes to mind that speaks of how good God is:

"7 We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace & that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:7-8

Isn't that great! Out of all the great words in these verses, (redemption, blood, forgiveness, grace) I would like for us to think about the word: lavish. What a great word. In Greek, the word is *perisseúô*, which means to furnish one richly so that he has abundance. Think about that for a minute. What has God lavished upon us? Grace. He has given us more than we need or deserve.

How do we apply this concept? God's lavished grace should lead us to praise Him by living our lives as a living sacrifice.

I pray that His grace will be evident to others as you go about your day.

Associate Pastor Jared



June 22 - 26
Monday - Friday
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sports Camp is coming up fast and we need your help.

Last year we were able to minister to 100 children! We need help in several areas:

- Registration
- Transportation
- Refreshments / Meals
- Promotion
- Assistant Coaches
- Follow - Up

Please contact Associate Pastor Jared if you have any questions. 985.259.9459

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 competi-
tion with other men.

No matter where you are
in your life and faith, we pray you leave
encouraged and strengthened in knowing
God in a deeper way.

Registration deadline: May 7
Registration fee: \$50/person

Youth Fundraiser Sunday, May 3 Following morning worship

Enjoy a spaghetti/salad/dessert lunch.

Dine-in or Take-out available.

Donations to support the youth attending
M-Fuge at Charleston Southern University
will be greatly appreciated.

May 2015

1	Sherrill Browne Anna Cunningham Florence Kelley
4	Cliff Bell
6	Sharon Mowday
9	Imogene Lindley
10	Carolyn Gable
11	LouAnn Barnett Ralph Lee Norma Orsborne
14	Jim Currey
15	Wyolene Boersma
16	Annie Pearson
25	Johnnie Sevin Liz McLaughlin
27	Melissa Gable

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



Herbert Anderson, Jr.
Martha Butler
Kathy McDonald
Wallace Wright

Our Shut-ins:

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

Christian Education

The **Pathfinders Class** has experienced a population explosion with the addition of many new members. Being a few minutes late one Sunday, one class member even had to take the "Teacher's Pet" seat upon discovering that all other seats were filled! Not only are there new class members, but Wallace Wood also has a new co-leader, Marian Parnell. Wallace and Marian led the Pathfinders through a meaningful and thought provoking Easter season as discussion focused on how Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension affects the choices we make and what we do each day of our lives. Submitted by Gaye McKee

Joint Heir's Class is studying the Ten Commandments.

On Mount Carmel God's prophet Elijah went before the people and confronted them with their failure to give to God the loyalty He demanded and deserved. The people had tried to blend the worship of God with the worship of Baal. Doesn't sound any different in today's world!

God's demand for His people's total devotion is firmly based upon who He is and what He has done. He is both Creator and Redeemer. Exodus 20:3 - "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:4 - "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Pretty specific - His Word never changes. Submitted by Donna Derks

The G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Class

is beginning a new study on May 3rd. Please join us as we dive into the book of James. James is a very practical book on living out your faith. We will be looking at different aspects of Faith. Topics such as Faith that Preservers, Faith that Obeys, Faith that Acts and Faith that Last will be covered. We meet in the parsonage by the church on Sunday mornings at 9:45

6 a.m. Hope to see you there!

The **Koinonia Class** had some very interesting topics this past quarter, some topics that I think would be very difficult to teach such as "homosexuality" taught by George McClain and "pornography" taught by Charles Parnell. Both teachers did an outstanding job.

On February 21, we had "Game Night" with approximately 25-30 people attending. There were lots of snacks and we grazed all evening. On March 1, we had our usual quarterly breakfast consisting of egg casserole, fresh fruit, muffins, juices, coffee and the famous shrimp & grits. After breakfast Luther Warrick taught our class. We had 3 new people attend, Paula Palima, Eric and Lisa Oster. We hope they will decide to join us each week.

Next quarter, we will be studying "Like No Other - The Life of Christ" and "Like Glue - Making Our Relationships Stick".

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School Class, we would love for you to join us.

Submitted by Lois Fultz

The past several weeks, the **Jesus Seekers Class** has been focusing on a study: "The Life of Christ-Like No Other." As Christians, our ultimate relationship is with Jesus. Tony Evans, the author of this study, has been helping all of us see just who Jesus is and how every aspect of His life changes our own lives.



Preschool
Grade 1-3
Grade 4-6
Youth

New Horizon
Genesis
Koinonia
Joint Heirs
Deborah

New Seekers
New Beginning
Jesus Seekers
Pathfinders

Volunteer Schedule



May 3

Audio Adam McCoy
Projection Sylvia Smith

May 10

Audio William Matheny
Projection Joan Prince

May 17

Audio Len Daugherty
Projection Megan Seigler

May 24

Audio Larry Baker
Projection Gaye McKee

May 31

Audio Lynn McMahon
Projection Megan Seigler



May

Don Longshore

June

Rachel Watkins

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

May

May 3	Patsy Lee	852-2644
May 10	Melissa Gable	443-5705
May 17	Sherrill Browne	992-0378
May 24	Susan Wood	333-2393
May 31	Andrea Mann	852-6210

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
March 2015

Contributions YTD

Budget \$101,983
Actual \$108,916

Expenses YTD

Budget \$101,983
Actual \$101,279

Funds

Missions	\$10,927
Rebuild	4,922
Mission Trip	17,605
Capital Imp.	44,852
Misc.	1,679

*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.



GOOD NEWS CLUB ENDS
THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

GNC volunteers count it a great privilege and responsibility to have been entrusted with the work of reaching McCormick County children for Christ. This is God's work, not ours; we are stewards, having been set apart by our Lord for the purpose of evangelizing and discipling the children. "All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we walk in the name of the Lord our GOD for ever and ever." Micah 4:5



Rosie Canady

Ms. Mary Goens

Notes

Dear Church,
Just wanted you to know how nice your church is to host a group of ladies who make these beautiful quilts. The colors make the day a little bit brighter. My family and friends have tied knots for me along with my Hospice group. I thank you for your prayers.

Love,
Carolyn Dickerson

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, food, cards/emails and prayers during my recent knee replacement surgery. We truly appreciate your love and concern. God has truly blessed us with a loving and supportive church family.

Love,
Tony McKee

Deadline for June Chimes is May 10. Email information to church office or drop in *Chimes* tray located by secretary's office.

Dr. George McElhenny

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tarbet
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Henderson
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips
Ms. Valorie Roper
Ms. Shirley Bussey
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Currey
Mr. Larry Baker
Hillside Inc.- Forrest View Manor

*Our Christian Love and Sympathy
is extended to
Marie and Tim Harris
in the loss of Marie's step-father,
Mr. Charlie Stone*

*We extend our Christian Sympathy
and Love to
Mrs. Polly Reese
in the loss of her sister,
Mrs. Laura Bussey*