



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:

Lordship of Christ Mt 22:37

Ongoing Stewardship Mal 3:10

Reaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20

Discipleship Training II Tim 2:15

September



Sunday

September 27

Baker Creek State Park

Fellowship at 3:00 PM

Dinner at 5:00 PM

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Mary Tabor, Editor



Dear Church Family,

Wow this first month has gone by quickly! The Lord has been working in our midst and I am really excited to see what He wants to do here at McCormick FBC in the future. Michelle and I have been so blessed by each one of you, your hospitality, your giftedness, and your desire to seek the Lord. We have spent considerable time with some of you, but little or no time with others. Michelle and I want to get to know every one of you personally, but it will take some time.

In order to facilitate us getting to know each other, we will hold three meet and greet parties at the pastorium at 415 South Maple Street in September. Here is how these events will work. Every person is invited: church members, attenders, visitors, anyone who wants to come. The primary purpose of these parties is for Michelle and I to meet and get to know you better. I am sorry we can't logistically serve supper to everyone, but we will serve drinks and light snacks. Please eat supper before or after you come. Each event will be a drop by any time from 6:30-9:30 PM. You can come whenever you want and stay as long as you like. The deacons and their wives will help facilitate the event.

Since we are such a large group, we will divide up into the following three groups according to the first letter of your last name.

- 1) Saturday, September 12 - if your last name starts with A-H
- 2) Saturday, September 19 - if your last name starts with I-P
- 3) Friday, September 25 - if your last name starts with Q-Z

If your schedule does not allow you to make the night you should come according to your last name, feel free to come one of the other nights. I will be announcing these events from the pulpit as well. Michelle and I look forward to seeing you at our house one of these nights. God bless you.

In Christ,
Michael

**Ministry of
Evangelism and Outreach**

”But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5

Redeem. What a great word. We live in a culture that is very familiar with the concept of redemption. Sports figures often “redeem” themselves when they make a great play. Don’t we all love to “redeem” gift cards? However, our spiritual redemption is much more valuable than a great play or a spent gift card.

Paul writes that when God sent Christ, it was for our redemption. We were bought out of the law (slavery and death) for the purpose of adoption (life). John MacArthur writes that the word redemption “has the basic meaning of buying, especially of buying back. It was used of buying a slave in order to set him free.” This idea should make you want to praise God! We who believe have been set free! Since you were purchased, you are not your own. You belong to the One who paid the price for you. So you should want to live in total commitment to His will.

Father, thank You for redemption! We owe all we are to you. Help us live a life that is pleasing to You, Our Redeemer.

*Associate Pastor
Jared*



B e g i n s

Wednesday, September 9

5:45 - 7:05 PM

Preschool - 6th grades

Children will memorize scripture and learn how it applies to everyday life.



Monday, September 14
after school in the
McCormick Elementary School Cafeteria
for boys and girls in grades 1st - 5th.

Registration forms may be picked
up in the school office.

Authors Corner

Announcing that Ed De Vos' latest Christian historical novel, *Revenge at Kings Mountain*, is now available in local stores as well as through national and regional outlets. This book is the third in a series of historical novels which focus on men who face a crisis in conscience. *Revenge at Kings Mountain*, published by Deeds Publishing headquartered in Athens, Georgia, paints the picture of what many have described as the Revolutionary War battle that turned the tide which led to the ultimate Patriot victory at Yorktown. If you have any questions, please see Ed or give him a call at (864) 391-2346.

Ladies Bible Study

LADIES "FALL" BIBLE STUDY

STARTS
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
9:30 am - 11:30 am

UPPER ROOM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lisa Harper's
'HEBREWS'

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."

Susan DeVos, Facilitator

Study books (\$13) available in church office.

Sisters Loved by God Bible Study

Starts Tuesday

September 8

6:30 PM

*Meeting in the parsonage
next to the church*

Lisa Harper's

"Hebrews"

The nearness of King Jesus

*This is the same study which the
Ladies Bible Study is doing
on Tuesday mornings.*

*Now you have the option of a
morning or evening study.*

Beth Hodges, Facilitator

Study books (\$13) available in church office.



SuEllen DeBerry
Glenda Lewis
George Shrine Jr.

Our Shut-ins:

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

Mark Your Calendar

Family Fellowship Night

News Flash!!! Stop what you are doing right now and pick up your calendar. Turn to the month of October. Slide your finger down the calendar until you reach **October 18th** and circle that day. Put in the center 6:00 p.m. and write **Family Fellowship Night** in bold letters. Now you can return to your normal routine. The Fellowship Night will be hosted by the New Horizons and New Seekers Sunday School classes. Bring your friends and neighbors for this special evening. We are asking that those who attend bring finger food to share and join us for FELLOWSHIP and FUN. Stay alert for more info on this upcoming event.

Larry Brown



September

- 1 Polly Reese
- 1 Tommy Henderson
- 1 Patricia Ferdinand
- 7 David Derks
- 7 Lavinia Newell
- 12 George Patterson
- 13 Judy Brown
- 19 William Matheny
- 21 Carolyn Trantham
- 22 George Bolin
- 22 Al Clark
- 23 Agnes Moragne
- 24 Jimmy Collier
- 25 Beth Firce
- 26 Diane Shaffer
- 28 Barbara Keller
- 29 Wayne Gable

Sept. 19th is the day to Stake Your Claim and Mine for those unique Gold Nuggets that you will find only at the **Martha Ministry Booth** in back of the Mack at the Gold Rush Festival. We offer a wide variety of items for children and adults, seasonal decorations, etc.. All items are hand crafted and all proceeds go to missions. Be a Claim Jumper and get a Jump start on your Christmas shopping. Any special orders can be placed with Ellen Muller now for Christmas. The Martha Room, located off the Fellowship Hall, can be visited Mon. thru Thurs. from 10am to 3pm. See Mary in the office for questions and payment. We'll look forward to seeing you on the 19th!

Ministry of Fellowship

The **Joyful Mixers** traveled to West Side Baptist Church in Greenwood to listen to the Lakeland Baptist Church Choir Gospel Sing on August 28. Our own Jan Willis was in the choir and also sang in a quartet. The choir was so wonderful that it inspired clapping and amens through out the program. The band was also fabulous and included a banjo and trumpet as well as great vocalists. I received a blessing and I'm sure the rest of the Joyful Mixers did as well.

Afterward, we made a stop at Wendy's before heading home. Thanks to Dave Nawyn for driving the bus for us.

Mary Hurt

Christian Education

In October we will hold two fifteen-minute meetings for all Sunday School teachers in the Fellowship Hall right after the morning worship service ends. We ask that all Sunday School teachers attend one of these two sessions.

On Sunday, October 4th, this meeting will be primarily for all those who teach the Pre-school through high school ages. On Sunday, October 11th, the meeting will be geared more toward those of you who teach in the Adult Sunday School classes.

If your schedule does not permit you to be at the meeting geared toward the particular age group you teach, please feel free to attend the meeting on other Sunday. Thank you. We look forward to seeing all Sunday School teachers either the 4th or the 11th of October.

Pastor Michael

Ed DeVos, Sunday School Superintendent

Y o u t h

Sunday Night JAM (Jesus and me)

**Begins Sunday, September 13
6:00 PM**

JAM sessions (choir),
JAM Journey (Bible lessons)
and more.



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

On August 2nd , Emmy Perry, the very talented granddaughter of Cliff and Dot Bell, sang in our morning worship service. Emma sang the beautiful song, Blessings. Emma is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. She and her family live in Atlanta. Cliff is co-teacher of New Horizons.

From the **Deborah Class:**

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

- GOD is like Hallmark Cards....He cares enough to send His very best.
- GOD is like TIDE...He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- GOD is like DELTA...He's ready when you are.
- GOD is like ALLSTATE....You're in good hands with Him.
- GOD is like GENERAL ELECTRIC....He brings good things to life.
- GOD is like VO-5 HAIRSPRAY....He holds through all kinds of weather.

Bless someone today.

Volunteer Schedule



September 6

Audio Lynn McMahon
 Projection Joan Prince

September 13

Audio Larry Baker
 Projection Andrea Mann

September 20

Audio Larry Baker
 Projection Diane Shaffer

September 27

Audio Adam McCoy
 Projection Joan Prince

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
 July 2015

Contributions YTD

Budget \$237,959
 Actual \$251,103

Expenses YTD

Budget \$237,959
 Actual \$221,718

Funds

Missions \$ -0-
 Rebuild 4,923
 Mission Trip 17,605
 Capital Imp. 28,425
 Misc. 4,060



September
 Roy Brooks

October
 Ricky Banks



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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		
September		
September 6	Mary Tabor	391-3307
September 13	Susan DeVos	391-2346
September 20	Diane Young	391-5522
September 27	Gail Collier	

Notes

When times are challenging you experience what a caring church family we have. I've been blessed by all the calls, flowers, visits, meals, prayers and cards folks have provided during the past three weeks. Thank you for your love and concern during this adventure.

Glenda Lewis



Dear Church Family,
SuEllen and I want to express our deep appreciation to all of you for the wonderful retirement gift. Your generosity touched our hearts. A trip to California has been a life long dream and you have provided the funds for the trip. Because of your generous gift, SuEllen is especially grateful that we won't have to eat at McDonalds every meal. Not only did you bless us with your financial gift, but the retirement service and the dinner were so meaningful and the book of memories will be cherished as long as we live.

May God bless you all. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Gary and SuEllen DeBerry

Dear Church Family,
Just a quick note to thank you all for welcoming our children with open arms - showing so much love and generosity.

Sandra and Charles Allen
(Michael's parents)

Bob Everett

Mr. and Mrs. Don Longshore

Ms. Mary Goens

Dear friends & members here at MFBC, Thank you so much for blessing us in such an incredible way! Michael and I have been more than pounded; we have been spoiled rotten. I have tried to write thank you notes but several of you gave anonymously. So if you gave without including a name or note, this card is especially for you. Michael and I feel so blessed by the Lord to be a part of this family of believers. We greatly appreciate all you have done to make us feel welcomed.

With love,
Michelle Allen

Deadline for October Chimes is September 13. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

BUBBA COMBS
MARK YOUNG
JOHN TABOR
DAVE NAWYN