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CHURCH EVENTS

May 4

National Day of Prayer
WBA Event at Conway
Courthouse at noon

May 6

WMU Meeting

May 7

Church-wide Breakfast

May 7-10

Revival

May 8

JOY Fellowship

May 14

Mother's Day & Offering
New Staff Members Arrive

May 17

RA/GA/MF Recognition
Ice Cream Social
Puppet Presentation

May 19

Women's Ministry Banquet
"Reflections of a Woman"

May 21

Church-wide Bowling Event

May 24 & 31

No Wednesday Night Activities

May 26

Ladies Lunch

May 29

Memorial Day
Office Closed

From the Pastor . . .

Can you believe it is already May? The weather is warmer, more folks are coming to the beach, and our two new staff people will be here before you know it! We have several things coming up this month that I really want you to take note of and get involved!

1. Seaside Testing - Next week (May 1 - May 4), Seaside is in desperate need of volunteers to serve as monitors during testing. This is another great way to love on our local school. Please consider signing up and serving Jesus as you serve Seaside.
2. Revival - I am so excited about Revival week at our church (May 7 - May 10). We have some great speakers lined up to share what it looks like for our church to be in Revival. Again, this is mainly for our church, and for the Lord to breathe new life into the body of Garden City Baptist Church. Each night we will have a light supper at 5:15pm and then the service to follow at 6:30pm.
3. Church-wide Bowling Night - Bowling night is going to be an exciting, cross-generational event. Surfside Bowling Alley is hosting us from 5:30pm - 7:30pm and is only charging us \$10 for 2 hours of bowling (shoes included), 2 pieces of pizza, and a drink. What a great night of fellowship!

Several great things are happening at Garden City Baptist Church. May is a packed month. Besides the events mentioned above, we have a special Mother's Day service planned for May 14th, a women's banquet (May 19th), and several church members are participating in the BCM golf tournament at Coastal Carolina University on May 20th. Please keep all of these events in your prayers!

Serving Him,
Jordan

Sports Camp

Garden City
Baptist Church

June 6-9
9 - 11 am



Free event for children ages 5K - 6th Grade
Basketball at Seaside Elementary School
Christian Dance at the Church

For info, call 843-651-3663 To register, visit gardencybaptistchurch.com

Join the deacons the first
Sunday of the month for an
amazing breakfast at 8:15
a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations go to the Deacon
Relief Fund to help members
who encounter a problem.

Church Conference Summary: 4.23.2017

Deacons recommended that the two (2) year term (2017-19) for one man and one woman on the Nominating Committee be Connie Miller, Chair and Allan Wight.

Approved.

Nominating Committee recommended Pat Carella as S.S. Nursery Teacher.

Approved.

Transportation Committee needs drivers for the Bus on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. Men or women. A regular driving license and good driving record is needed.

Ammons Scholarship Fund applications are under review. Donations to the Fund requested.

WMU: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering final total is \$3,590. 25 Health Kits were collected and delivered to the Waccamaw Baptist Association office. .

Finance Committee: Presented an Amended 2017 General Operating Budget for approval. This includes the salary packages for the two (2) new Staff members who will be on the field on May 14. **Approved.**

Missions: International Mission Trip rescheduled for 2018; National Mission to Lynch, KY on calendar for October; Local Mission involves Lunch for Seaside Elementary School Staff and Teachers on Monday, April 24; Military Appreciation is May 26-29. We will supply desserts under the direction of Linda Faine, new Chair; GA/RA Recognition will be May Wednesday, May 17 at the Prayer Meeting hour followed by Puppet Ministry presentation in Fellowship Hall; The Puppet Ministry will visit Ocean Lakes Campground in June; Lakewood Campground in July and Pirate Land Campground in August. Sanctuary Angels are needed to check pews (Hymnal, Bibles, remove old bulletins, etc.) replace offering envelopes and sharpen pencils as needed.

JOY FELLOWSHIP: We will have a lunch meeting at Capt. Dave's Dockside in, Murrells Inlet on **May 8 at noon.** For more information or to sign up call Barbara Rocke (540-548-8641).

WMU Meeting Saturday, May 6 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring sandwiches, vegetable tray, chips & dip or a dessert.

Diane Hutto with the Waccamaw Baptist Association will be sharing from her experiences on her mission trips to Guatemala working with battered women. Please plan to come and invite other ladies to join us. This is the last meeting until September. If you have any suggestions/questions, call pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056.

SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND (SSHH) Our numbers continue to be down since the hurricane in the fall. We're not sure of the reason. Did some of our potential clients leave town with the hurricane and not return? There is so much building around here, have people been able to get and keep jobs? Don't know.

A golf tournament on June 21 hosted by Myrtle Beach Golf Desk, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, and Arrowhead Country Club supports South Strand Helping Hand, North Strand Helping Hand and Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach. We need hole sponsors for \$100 apiece, if you can sponsor a hole please come by or call the church office.



- 1 – Karen Giusti
- 1 – Kay Souza
- 1 – Eric Rutherford
- 2 – Susan Peavey
- 2 – Del Champion
- 2 – Vern Rocke
- 2 – Pat Carella
- 2 – Mary Wight
- 2 – Linda Platts
- 3 – Joan Brewer
- 3 – Austin Carroll
- 4 – Arthur Langlo, Sr.
- 5 – Julie Todd
- 6 – Brock Howze
- 7 – Travis Dobbe
- 7 – Mary King
- 7 – Mary Ramsey
- 7 – Dorothy Butler
- 8 – Anne Prosser
- 9 – Gayle Reedy
- 10 – Mason Riker
- 10 – Emilee Jordan
- 14 – Bob Gray
- 14 – Tim Alexander
- 14 – Robert Pastormerlo
- 14 – Chris Owens (Elder)
- 17 – Chris Devlin
- 17 – Ann Melton
- 18 – Rebecca Bradley
- 18 – Betty Jordan
- 19 – Martha Clamp
- 20 – Lewis Simmons
- 22 – Linda Roof
- 24 – Edward Scott
- 24 – Bill Bufton
- 25 – Yoon Green
- 25 – Barry Gelman
- 25 – Cecil Lowe
- 25 – Jean Richardson
- 26 – Gerry Mundy
- 27 – Bucky Purser
- 29 – Kay Wilson

**SOUTH STRAND
MOBILE MEALS**

May 29 – June 2 ❖ Van 1
To volunteer contact Esther
Holland or Phyllis Melton

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY We will have our birthday celebration lunch at Damon's Grill on **Sunday, May 7th**. Our birthday ladies are, Joan Brewer, Mary King, Ann Prosser and Kay Wilson, We will meet down front after the service to carpool to Damon's. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Pat Hample 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056. And as always we give God all the glory and praise for all he is doing through this ministry.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

by: Yvonne Marcum

Circle of Friends toured the garden of Anita and Randy Lampley. We learned about some new flowers and saw some favorite oldies, such as Snapdragons!

Thanks to everyone that joined us and also for the ice cream social afterwards. We had lots of toppings and everything reminded me of childhood days. Our next Circle is the **16th of May at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall of the church. It will be our last one for a couple of months. Look for information for our August meeting!

Gospel Body will start at **9:00 am on the 1st of May** and will continue at 9:00 until September. No change on the days that we exercise.

Thank you everyone for all the prayers that was said for me and the problems with my knee. God provided and improved my knee. God Is So Good!

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY BANQUET

"Reflections of a Woman"

Friday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m.

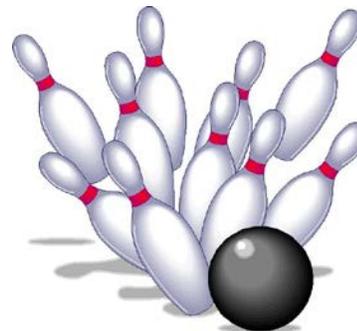
Tickets will go on sell **April 30th** in the side hall
Prices are \$10.00 for adult ladies,
\$5.00 for ages 4-12 and little ladies ages 3 and under are free.

Tickets after May 14th are \$15.00.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Instructor – Priscilla Shirer

The next Bible study will start in August.



Church-wide Bowling Night
Sunday, May 21 at 5:30-7:30 pm
at Surfside Bowling Center
510 Highway 17 North

**Make plans to come and show your skills—
have some fun too.**

Psalm 127:3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him.

Mark 9:36-37 He took a little child whom He placed among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Please prayerfully consider serving in the nursery during the worship hour. Every Sunday we need two workers in the infant room and two in the toddler room, plus one person for the computer check-in desk. Presently some workers are serving at least twice a month because we don't have enough volunteers.

If you feel lead to serve, you will be asked to complete a form giving information and permission to do a background check. The church pays for this service. Then all you need to do is let the committee know when you are available to serve. If you need more information, please contact the church office at 843-651-3663 or Connie Miller at 843-446-2943.

I want to convey to you how important this ministry is. Remember how Jesus felt about children.

REALTOR SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION & SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND

Church volunteers are still needed to collect the food from the real estate offices on some Saturdays in May at 11 a.m. for 1-2 hours. A sign-up sheet is available in the side hall.

Varina's

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- The children have been a joy to Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Yvonne, and me. They have been excited about learning to sing and sharing songs that praise and glorify the Lord. We will celebrate the children with a Pizza Party on Wednesday, **May 3 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

JOYFUL SOUNDS (open to all who are interested in visiting our homebound members)

- Will not meet in May.
- WILL MEET on Wednesday, **June 7 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Please consider joining the Chancel Choir for rehearsal on **Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** We also lead worship each Sunday morning during our 11 o'clock service. We would love YOU to join us!

ADULT PRAISE BAND

- Will have a short meeting, in the Sanctuary, on **Sunday, May 21.**
- If you are interested in joining the Adult Praise Team, please see or call me. Vocalists are needed (male and female).
- Rehearsals will begin in June.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

By: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Current enrollment -- 304

Average attendance for this church year -- 172

When our Next Gen Minister, Timothy Laurent comes to Garden City he will have many opportunities and challenges. However, he will find Lacie has been instrumental in putting some of the basic infrastructures in place for the children's Sunday School area. These include:

- A. Back ground checks are done before people can work with kids
- B. No married couples can work in the same class
- C. 2 teachers per class
- D. For security we have 1 entrance
- E. Kids are checked in at a desk by parent(s) or responsible party
- F. We have phone numbers of parent or the responsible party
- G. Name tags are given to the kids
- H. Only the parent or responsible party may pick up the kids

We have asked the SS classes if they will consider contributing to the **playground improvement**. This will continue at least through April. In the April 23 bulletin, the playground balance was \$16,070.

On April 23, several people donated with two SS classes contributing \$300.00 each and a couple gave over \$500.00 making our balance at least \$17,431. However, we still need approximately \$7600.00.

Pray for our Sunday School.

NEW MEMBERS

CATOE, Dan & Myra

OLDAKER, Bonnie

LADIES LUNCHEON

By: Shirley Oesterle

Lunch will be at **Charlies Studio Cafe** on **Friday, May 26 at 12 Noon**. Located in Murrell's Inlet at the intersection of Hwy 17 and Norse Drive.

Sign-up sheets will be on the tables in the front foyer and side hall.

From the Media Messenger...

Tracie Peterson – Author of the Month

Tracie Peterson is an author of Christian fiction. She writes many historical novels, with romantic threads in them, as well as writing with other Christian authors on joint novels. Many of her books are published by Bethany House.

Having given her heart to Jesus at age six, Tracie felt the call to some form of ministry and writing fulfills that mission call. She is a much requested teacher and speaker. Her home is in Montana.

Tracie Peterson Books in the Garden City Baptist Church Media Center

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| Across the Years | Colorado Wings |
| What She Left for Us | Beneath A Harvest Sky |
| Shadows of the Canyon | Embers of Love |
| To Have and to Hold | The Quarryman's Bride |
| A Treasure Refined | A Treasure Concealed |
| Steadfast Heart | Twilight's Serenade |



EXCITING TIMES IN SOLID GROUND STUDENT MINISTRY!!!!

We will be rowing for Ground Zero on Saturday.... Please pray for nice weather and come out to support us as we race! Everyone is excited for this event. Thank you again for all for your help to raise the funds for our boat. We couldn't have done it without your help!

The teens are looking forward to our new Next Gen Minister joining us. A new chapter is about to begin for the Student Ministry, and we can't wait to see what it brings!

Our study in John on Wednesday nights has completed, as has our study of the Parables on Sunday mornings. The teens decided that they want to do an in depth study of Genesis, so we are going to walk through Genesis for April and May. We're anxious to see what God reveals in some familiar stories.

We would like to invite you all to stop by any time to see what we are all about. Come spend a Wednesday night or Sunday morning with us!



PATRIOTS AT THE BEACH MILITARY WEEKEND -May 25-28
This is an opportunity to give back to our military. We have been asked to help provide deserts for 500 attendees at the beach getaway for military families. Baked or purchased cookies, cakes, brownies, muffins, etc. are much needed. (No pies, they are hard to serve.) More information to come.



The **Missions Committee** thanks everyone for their participation in the Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon. The teachers and staff were very appreciative to Garden City Baptist Church for the great food!!!

Mission Report from Lynch, Ky. – Eric & Sissy Rutherford



It's Been a Big Month

Forgive me if you've seen this on Facebook, but Sissy and I are happy to announce that our "little girl", Melissa was married this month to her college sweetheart, Nathan Burnham. Many of you have known Melissa since she really was just a little girl. They were married in a beautiful, outdoor, Low Country affair near Charleston. They met at and both graduated from the College of Charleston. You may also recognize Travis (at left with his sons Cade and Talon), then me and Sissy, Melissa and her Nathan, next to our son Nathan and his family, Jessica, Tavaris and our newest grandson Caelum.

Baptized at a Gas Station?

Well, not exactly. In another exciting event this month, one of the locals who Jim and Vickie Pinkley have been spending a lot of time with at Meridzo's [Black Mountain Exchange](#) gas station and convenience store, and subsequently [Community Christian Center](#), approached Brother T (C3's Lead Pastor and [Solomon's Porch](#) co-director) seeking baptism! At his request, a group of us met him that very night on the banks of the Cumberland River and did just that. Brother T performed the baptism. I was given the honor of presenting a Bible on behalf of the church and Lonnie presented his certificate of baptism.



Jim Pinkley is standing to the far left in the picture above. (Jim's wife and BME co-director Vickie is behind the camera.) As the team leaders for their ministry, Sissy and I could not be more humbled by their loving hearts and the way they are reaching our community for Jesus. This baptism was largely the fruit of their labor.

We look forward to the upcoming baptism of Dan, one of the coffee shop customers in the near future.

Garden City Baptist Church is making plans for the **Fall Mission Trip to Lynch, KY**. This year Lynch, Benham, and Cumberland are celebrating their 100th anniversary. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th. We are planning to leave the church on **Wednesday, October 11th and return on Monday, October 16th**. If you are interested in going or would like more information, contact Alan Cooper.

.The first day is a scenic ride up to Lynch. The next two days we help around the campus, doing repairs, cleaning, gardening and etc. You do what you are comfortable doing. Saturday is the big day of the festival. We cook the hotdogs. We were there when the festival first started and we have seen it grow from less than a hundred to between 400-500 people—many coming from the hills. Sunday is the day of rest and on Monday we head back to the beach. Meridzo Ministries is very diversified place with lots of mission work going on.