

# The Link

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### MARCH CHURCH EVENTS

- March 4**  
Youth Fundraiser – Car Wash
- March 5**  
Church-wide Breakfast
- March 6**  
Church Council Meeting
- March 8**  
New Member Recognition  
Supper
- March 11**  
Woman's Missionary Union  
(WMU)
- March 12**  
Youth Fundraiser  
Spaghetti Dinner immediately  
after worship
- March 13**  
JOY Fellowship
- March 18**  
WM Spring Retreat
- March 19**  
Church Conference
- March 21**  
Charity SS Class meeting (FH)  
Ladies Circle of Friends (FH)
- March 24**  
Ladies Luncheon
- March 25**  
Church-wide Clean-up Day  
Inside & Outside
- March 26**  
BLOCK PARTY

### New Member Recognition Supper

**March 12, 2017**  
Fellowship Hall

Everyone who has joined the church since March 1, 2016 are invited to supper as our guests. They will receive invitations.

## From the Pastor . . .

Hope this article finds you well. We have had so much sickness going around in our church, but I want to thank you for still being faithful in attending Sunday School, our worship gatherings, and other events at our church. We have multiple things coming up in March that I want you to take note of, so you can be involved.

### In March:

**March 8th - New Member Recognition Supper** - Each year we host a supper for the people who have joined our church in the previous year. Please come out and enjoy some good food and fellowship as we recognize our new members.

**March 25th - Church Cleaning Day** - As we prepare for Spring and the Block Party, the Building and Grounds team is asking for volunteers to come and help clean our campus. See the bulletin for more details.

**March 26th - Block Party** - Our 2nd annual Block Party is Sunday, March 26th, from 3-6 p.m. We have inflatables, a rock wall, animals for a petting zoo, corn hole, and plenty of food! Please invite your neighbors, especially the ones who do not know the Lord. If you are interested in serving (and we really need a lot of volunteers), call the church office.

Keep all of these events in your prayers. The Lord is doing a great work in our church, and I am so excited about our future.

Serving Him,  
Jordan



## CHURCH CONFERENCE SUMMARY 2/19/17

**Nominating Committee:** Recommended Sandy Kline for Children's Church worker. Approved.

**Scholarship Committee:** Applications are available from church office until mid-April. Low interest rates means less money available for scholarships. Donations accepted.

**Disaster Relief:** Volunteers still needed. Waccamaw Association is cooperating with South Carolina Disaster Relief Team for clean-up from Hurricane Matthew. Training is required and a session will be held in mid-March in Florence. This is mandated by the Federal Government for insurance purposes. See Alan Cooper or Danny Miller. Men and women can volunteer.

**Personnel Committee:** Is currently interviewing candidates by phone and visitation for full time positions of Associate Pastor and Minister to the Next Generation (babies-college) and already funded by the 2017 General Operating Budget. Only men who are Southern Baptist ordained ministers have been selected for these positions so they can also preach at worship services. The Minister to the Next Generation will report to the Associate Pastor. No one will be needed for the part-time secretarial position as possible candidates are skilled in media/publicity. A job description for both positions is available from church office. Prayer is requested for the committee as they continue with the selection process.

**JOY FELLOWSHIP** The Long Bay Threshold Singers joined us in February.



They are a group of singers who bring comfort through song to persons and their families at the threshold of living and dying, and to others recovering from illness, shut in or simply downhearted. They sing spiritual songs and there is no charge for their service.

On **March 13**, Jeannie Rose Cradic will be our presenter. Jeannie is from a small town in Tennessee. She started singing at the age of 12 in her home church. She loves to sing and serve the Lord. Plan to attend JOY fellowship to hear Jeannie sing her gospel songs. We meet at **12:00 Noon** in the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)** meets **Saturday, March 11 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. **February 18 at noon.** Please bring your favorite finger food to share. Check the bulletin for details about the program. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Pat Hample 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056



- 1 – Jan Pugliese
- 1 – Francesca Smit
- 2 – Percy Denton
- 3 – Cliff Marcum
- 4 – Dot Champion
- 5 – Ronald Horton
- 8 – Angela Roddey
- 8 – Donna Fronduto
- 11 – Linda Griffin
- 11 – Michael Jackson
- 12 – Pat Hample
- 14 – Phyllis Gore
- 16 – Norris Short
- 16 – Joyce Anderson
- 16 – Jenny Middleton
- 17 – Marc Gore
- 17 – Tim Harrelson
- 17 – Patty Apple
- 19 – Tony Culpepper
- 20 – Tom Barnes
- 21 – Kathy Burton
- 22 – Tommy Spott
- 22 – Linda Estep
- 22 – Sheyanne Baker
- 24 – Dorothy Lane
- 26 – Mary Lou Kirkland
- 27 – Charlotte Collins
- 27 – Jordan Gandy
- 27 – Evans Price

*Happy Birthday*

### Together for His Kingdom

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—Our Goal: \$3,000**

**North American Mission Board—Week of Prayer, March 5-12**

Gifts through the Cooperative Program (38%) and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (49%) enables NAMB to equip missionaries for their service. Thirteen percent comes from other sources.

### DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders and Leaders

**APRIL 7-9**

Camp Pinehill, Bennettsville, SC

This weekend will be a FULL weekend of Bible study, learning how to give your testimony, fellowship, evangelism, games, music, and more. The goal is to learn and to share the Gospel.

# Varina's

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and concerns as I begin this new journey with my health. My family and I know Who holds my future...we are placing all into His hands.

## JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

- The children will sing Sunday, March 19 during the 11 o'clock service.
- Please invite new friends to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. RAs and GAs follow at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing YOU involved in our Wednesday night children's programs!

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

- We will meet Wednesday, March 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will then visit with a church member.

## 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 TEAM

- If you are interested in joining the Adult Praise Team, please see me. Vocalists and a drummer are needed.
- Please check Messenger for rehearsal schedule.

## **South Stand Helping Hand (SSHH)**

January is always the busiest month of the year and the most costly. Three-hundred twenty-five families received help: 296 got food, 45 received help with an electric bill, 13 with a water bill, 73 received clothing, 8 received diapers, 21 got dog food and 16 got cat food, two were helped with prescriptions, five got a voucher for gasoline and 26 were referred to other agencies.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** was **Sunday, February 5**. We had a great showing: \$961.20 and 300 cans of food was donated! Thank you very much for the support.

### **NOTICE: Proposed Revisions to the By-Laws**

The Church Council recommends the following revisions to the By-laws. They will be presented at the Church Conference on March 19 meeting at 6 p.m.

#### Proposed revision to **ARTICLE V-C1--MEETINGS**.

**1. Quarterly Church Conferences** shall be held during January, April, July and October at a time designated by the church subject to such exceptions as are agreed upon by the Church Council.

#### Proposed revision to **ARTICLE XI-L--FINANCES**

L. A monthly financial report will be printed and available in the church office in the months without a church conference. Reports will be presented at the next church conference for approval.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**RIMER, Alta**

**RICHARDSON, Jean**

**CONN, Larry & Sandy**

### **SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS**

March 6-10

To volunteer contact Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

By: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Last month I reported that our SS membership had been adjusted to 295. Well we have added to our numbers and it is now 298. Our average attendance this church year is 173.

Incorporating new teachers in the children's departments has gone well. In the 4-5 year olds Linda Faine uses videos to teach the lessons. This is the way kids learn today.

There was a positive discussion at Sunday's church conference of installing more televisions in the children's departments as teaching tools. Also it was agreed to use available dollars to paint and decorate the walls in the children's area.

May God bless you.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## Priscilla Shirer Simulcast - April 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Low Country Community Church (LC-3) Women's Ministry has invited us to participate with them for an amazing day with Priscilla. This event will challenge and encourage us all to know God's word and grow deeper in our faith. Tickets are \$15 and will cover a full day of music, worship, and an opportunity for fellowship with other women from the Murrells Inlet community. Also included: lunch and snacks. Any questions or to sign up see Barbara Roche. **Deadline to sign up is March 26.** Seating is limited.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY (WM)

By: Tish Walker

What a totally awesome God we serve!!! I'm so excited to be a small part of the many activities that serve the women of our church. When planning all of our activities we make sure they are Christ Centered, Bible Based, and Love Led.

On **March 9th** we start a new study on Thursdays 10-12 and 6-8 pm. Join us for **Beth Moore's David - Seeking a Heart Like His.** Be sure to sign up for this study.

Our **Spring Retreat - LORD FILL OUR CUP - Show us how to be more like You** - is **March 18th** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are now available with a list of activities.

If you would like to volunteer your help for any of our events please see me {Tish Walker} or any member of the WM team.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you Hope & A Future." Jer. 29:11-12

See you soon as we all serve our LORD.

Our **Widow's Ministry Birthday Celebration** will be for Pat's birthday, Sunday, **March 5** at Olive Garden. We will meet down front after the service to car pool. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Pat Hamble 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056. And as always give all the glory and praise for all He is doing through this ministry.

## LADIES CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

By: Yvonne Marcum

The month of February has already come and gone and the good news is that Spring is just around the corner! I feel so very blessed to be a part of the Women's Ministry Program and especially being able to be with the Ladies from Church and getting to know you better! That is why Circle of Friends was created. It is a chance to come together as women of the church and create friendships that are everlasting. And we all have the same thing in common! Our Love for the Lord!

**Circle of Friends** will meet **March 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Come and meet a new friend and if you have a friend you would like to invite please feel free to do so.

**Gospel Body** is still going good and enjoying the fellowship we have created. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of the church. So come and give us a try and see what you're capable of doing! Sisters In Christ!

**WIDOW'S MINISTRY** The celebration of love on Valentine's Day was wonderful, each lady had an opportunity to share something about their husbands and the love they shared. We would like to thank everyone who helped, especially Charlene Johnson for serving us. It made it possible for us all too just enjoy being together, and not have to serve the food. As you can see by the pictures it was delightful, and we are planning to have this celebration again next Valentine's Day.



The **Sunday afternoon Chronological Study of the Old Testament** is going well and it's never too late to become part of this group of more than 50 men and women from 4-6 pm



Widow's Ministry Memorabilia Table

**HEART TO HEART** kicked off with a new group of friends February 17th. It is not too late to join. We have an opportunity to bring new people into our life showing the love of Christ. As a result we may find ourselves with an unexpected heartfelt friendship—we all can use another friend. See Barbara Rocke to join the group.

# YARD SALE

April 1 ♦ Fellowship Hall

Please start collecting/saving things for the **WM Upscale Yard Sale**. No clothing, but shoes, bags and accessories are good. Remember, someone junk can be someone else's treasure.

**Save the Date! March 25 ♦ 8 a.m.**  
**Cleaning inside and outside**

**CLEAN-UP DAY**

## From the Media Messenger...

Chip and Joanna Gaines, stars of HGTV's *Fixer Upper* share their life story in this dynamic book, ***The Magnolia Story***. Both attended Baylor University, but their lives did not cross until Chip took his car to be repaired at the local Firestone Tire Shop where Joanna sat behind the counter. Even then Chip was an entrepreneur, running a lawn care business, selling fireworks, and flipping houses. Soon they married and began their first fixer upper as a couple. Four children and years later this Christian couple is still renovating houses. Read about their wedding, their financial ups and downs and their successes in ***The Magnolia Story***.

**Interesting point:** Bill & Jean Bufton's grandson's wife works for the couple as a designer, and earlier this month Chip and Joanna redid their older home as one of the TV episodes.



## CARING HEARTS MINISTRY.

I would like to thank all of you that serve on this ministry. Your willingness to give of your time and your loving spirits is so appreciated by those you help. Caring for a caregiver is not just important but a necessity as they need a break every now and then to regroup from their 24/7 job off caring for their loved ones.

If you know of someone that is in need of our services please call. If you have any questions, call. If you have an interest in joining our team, just call Shirley Oesterle at 843-748-0465.

With Joy We Serve Him

## LADIES LUNCHEON

Hi girls... Last month we went to Habaneros. Food was great and the service top notch. We had a packed house. It was so nice to have so many new girls join us. This is a great opportunity for those of us who worship together to get to know each other a little bit better. Always a great time.

We will be meeting the **4th Friday** of each month unless it interferes with other activities. **March 24th** we will be going to the Litchfield Beach Fish House. Sign-up sheets are at the front door of the church and in the side hall. It's most important to sign up as the restaurant hires extra staff to wait on us depending on how many we bring. Also, let us know if you will meet at the church or at the restaurant. Please include a contact number.

See you soon  
Shirley



### Youth Fundraiser

**March 4 at 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the  
Parking Lot of the Youth Building  
Help the youth and help your car!**

## SOLID GROUND STUDENT MINISTRY

Exciting things are happening in the Youth Department!



Mr. Chris Devlin is leading a study on the Parables of Jesus on Sunday mornings. On Wednesday nights for the last six weeks, Mrs. Melissa Reese has been leading a study on Radical Obedience. We've learned through looking at the lives of Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Esther, and Paul that sometimes God asks us to step out of our comfort zone, and how we should choose to respond. We also had a special guest the first week of February, as Mrs. Phyllis Gore came to share her testimony with us. We would love to have you stop over and visit with us on a Wednesday night to check out what we do!

On Feb.12 we met with Surfside Baptist Church's Youth Group for a fun afternoon playing kickball. We're hoping to get some of the other Youth Groups nearby involved as well.

Our big event for the spring is coming up on **April 29**. This year, Solid Ground is going to be racing a boat in the Dragon Boat Festival at Market Common. Ground Zero sponsors many events for youth on the Grand Strand all throughout the year, including speakers, concerts, and fun evenings of fellowship. The Dragon Boat Festival is a major fundraiser that they do annually, and we would like to give back to this organization that offers so much to us personally.

We would like to invite the entire church family to join us in this effort. **It is going to cost us \$150 PER PERSON to fund the boat, and the boat holds 21 competitors (20 rowers and a drummer) for a total of \$3,150.** We are planning to do a couple of fund raising events over the next few weeks to raise the cost; please keep an eye on the announcements on Sunday morning! If you would like to help us by rowing, or maybe sponsoring one of the Youth for any amount, please contact Chris Devlin or Melissa Reese.

Please check out our Facebook Page **SOLID GROUND STUDENT MINISTRY** for a quick view of everything that's happening!