

# The Link

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## CHURCH EVENTS

**June 4**

Church-wide Breakfast

**June 5**

Church Council

**June 6-10**

Sports Camp

(Basketball & Christian Dance)

**June 10 – 11 am**

Hot Dog Party (Sports Camp)

**June 7**

Children's Summer Program

**June 12**

Finance Committee Meeting

Deacon Meeting

**June 23**

Ladies Luncheon

**July 18-21**

Vacation Bible School

Organizations/Groups not  
meeting during the summer

JOY Fellowship

WMU

Ladies Circle of Friends

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.

## SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

May 29 – June 2 ❖ Van 1

To volunteer contact Esther Holland  
or Phyllis Melton

*From the Pastor . . .*

The summer is here. The college students from **Campus Outreach** will be here June 4th. We need more families to adopt students for the summer. If you are interested in helping, or want more information, call the office and **Jo Anne** can help or connect you with **Tiffany Carol**.

**Sport's Camp** starts June 6th. We need more volunteers to help with registration, food, and coaching. We are very thankful for the help that **Silver Lining** will provide during the week for Christian dance. Over at Seaside Elementary, **Ken Broz** (a former high school basketball coach and church member), will lead the basketball portion of camp. There will be a quick meeting directly following the service on the 4th.

On **Wednesday, June 7th**, we will start our summer programming. I will do a special study during the summer for our normal Bible study time, and the children and students will be kicking off a summer full of events and fun on this night as well. More details on those events and studies to come.

I am appointing a **playground planning team** to consider different options with some of the bids received. Members on the team include: **Timothy Laurent (Next Gen. minister)**, **Ashley Lanier**, **Lacie Gandy**, **Danny Miller (Head of Building and Grounds)**, **Tracy Devlin**, and **Ken Broz**. We anticipate, based on previous conversations that our goal (25k) will be met by the end of June.

I am excited about what the Lord is doing here. Next month you will hear more about some exciting things coming up in July and August.

Serving Him,  
Jordan

**Sponsored by Garden City Baptist Church**

**Sports Camp**  
June 6-10  
9-11 a.m.  
Seaside ES  
Gym

**Christian Dance at  
the Church**  
Ages 5K  
thru 6th  
Grade

**Basketball at  
Seaside ES**

For details/to register call  
843-651-3663 or visit  
gardencitybaptistchurch.com

To my new church family,

It has been a tremendous joy getting to know you all! I have really enjoyed the move down to this area (it's so nice living only a few blocks from the ocean!) and I thank you all for the warm reception.

That being said, I know there is work to be done. God has called me here to serve our children, our youth, and their families, and I feel extremely blessed to have been put in this position. God is at work in GCBC and in the surrounding community, and He has called us to be a part of this great gospel-advancement!

One of my favorite verses is 2 Timothy 4:5 which says, "But as for you, keep a clear head in all things; endure hardship; do the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry." As your Minister to the Next Generation, you can trust that I will do whatever I can to follow these words of Paul. The Lord has continuously looked out for me and guided me in my ministry endeavors, teaching me the importance of relying on Him in all things.

We are looking forward to many exciting opportunities coming up for our children and youth, including a summer children's program beginning June 7th and a Sunday night youth gathering beginning in August. I ask for your prayers for myself and our youth/children and their families as we begin working together! His glory is my goal.

Tim Laurent

**SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND (SSHH)** It's summertime and it seems many people are working and aren't needing as much help. That's a good thing, but we still get many requests for food. And just in time, we received 6,500 pounds of food from the Us Post Office Food Drive during May from the Surfside Beach and Socastee Post Offices.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** -

It's time to start planning for our **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox collection in November. In preparation for a **packing party in October**, please contribute monetary donations so items for the boxes can be purchased. As we donate, **for each \$25 donated, \$7 will be set aside for shipping to the final destination and items for the box will be purchased with the remaining money.** All donations are appreciated. **This isn't to replace our own personalized boxes that we build each year!**

We are very excited about this summer's VBS!

Our theme this year is "**Maker Fun Factory**" where kids will learn that they are "Created by God" and "Built for a Purpose!" VBS is **Tues. through Fri. July 18th through 21st from 9am to 11:30am.** All children from birth to fifth grade are invited, so spread the word!

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS please see Pastor Tim or Pastor Charlie!



- 1 – Abigail Schlueter
- 2 – Nathan Schlueter
- 2 – Zayne Howze
- 3 – Bonnie Oldaker
- 4 – Barbara Green
- 7 – George Richardson
- 7 – Juanita Henderson
- 7 – Jack Ramsey
- 9 – Yvonne Marcum
- 9 – Roy Turner
- 10 – John Henderson
- 10 – Kathy Holloway
- 11 – Dorothy Collins
- 11 – Barbara Bayer
- 12 – Carolyn Roddey
- 12 – Nancy Rook
- 13 – Lee Ware
- 13 – Toby Waddell
- 14 – Barbara Weeden
- 14 – Terry Lonas
- 15 – Jim Pigate
- 15 – Margaret Howze
- 16 – Connie Miller
- 17 – Bobby Jordan
- 17 – Warren Wing
- 18 – Brenda Litaker
- 18 – Alice Bowman
- 18 – Ollie Paul
- 18 – Jean Beelendorf
- 19 – Rey Branton
- 21 – Bob Brown
- 21 – Cam Crawford
- 23 – David Finn
- 23 – Janice Johnson
- 23 – Barbara Tyner
- 25 – Bonnie Archer
- 25 – Heather Crawford
- 25 – Marvin Faine
- 27 – Bernice Burgin
- 27 – Charlie Lanier
- 27 – Kay Cravens
- 27 – Erma Mundy
- 28 – Jason Carroll
- 29 – Jennifer Pierce
- 30 – Chris McSwain
- 30 – Michael Arnold



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**WIDOW'S MINISTRY** We will be celebrating the birthdays of Kay Cravens and Barbara Weedon at J.L. Leonard's (Formally Chelsea Jo's) on **Sunday, June 11**. Meet down front after the service to carpool. 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

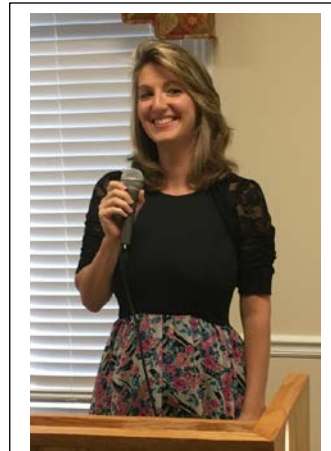
At **Circle of Friends** we made fans to keep us cool. There were nine ladies and a special guest at our meeting! Mums, the word, but we allowed Pastor Charlie to join us, as he wanted to learn more about the church!

I hope that you enjoy your summer and look for upcoming events! I always look forward to learning more about the members of our church and how we help others.

**Gospel Body** is still going on and we have changed our time during the summer to 9am. That gives you plenty of time to go and enjoy the ocean and hot weather. Or maybe even gardening. I hope that you can join us some-times for a good workout. No laying down on the floor just walking to music and great fellowship.

## THE ARMOR OF GOD Instructor – Priscilla Shirer

The next Bible study will start in August.



Lacie Gandy, Soloist



Varina Alexander  
honored for her work at  
GCBC

The Women's Ministry of GCBC held a banquet "REFLECTIONS of a Woman" on May 19th. We would like to thank Cherie Nettles (speaker/Christian Comedian), Lacie Gandy (soloist), Stephanie Short (soloist), Alan Cooper (Kitchen Head Honcho) & the men who served, Tim Alexander (sound), the decorating committee, JoAnne Lee (church secretary and **ALL** the ladies who supported us with their attendance!!!



# From the Media Messenger...

## Terri Blackstock—Author of the Month

Terri Blackstock is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-seller, with over seven million books sold worldwide. She is the winner of a Christian Retailers Choice Award and a Romantic Times Book Reviews Career Achievement Award. She has had over thirty years of success as a novelist. Terri spent the first twelve years of her life traveling in an Air Force family. She lived in nine states and attended the first four years of school in The Netherlands. Because she was a perpetual “new kid,” her imagination became her closest friend. That, she believes, was the biggest factor in her becoming a novelist. She sold her first novel at the age of twenty-five, and has had a successful career ever since.

Terri has appeared on national television programs such as “The 700 Club” and “Home Life,” and has been a guest on numerous radio programs across the country.



Terri Blackstock Books in the Garden City Baptist Church Media Center:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cape Refuge                     | Covenant Child        |
| Intervention: A Novel           | Breaker’s Reef        |
| River’s Edge                    | Season’s Under Heaven |
| Southern Storm                  | Vicious Cycle         |
| Line of Duty                    | True Light            |
| Evidence of Mercy               |                       |
| Last Night: A Restoration Novel |                       |



Uniquely HIS (Hands Interpreting Scripture) presented our Blacklight Program May 17th. A BIG "Thank You" to all who attended!



DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

**SUNBURN CARE UNIT** sponsored by the Waccamaw Baptist Association. The unit is in the Surfside Beach Pier Parking Lot. **Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** running from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors are greeted with free sun care and a cup of cold water in God’s name. Two people are needed at all times; teenagers must be accompanied by an adult. You can work the hours you want. Volunteers are needed. Please call Martha Bullard at 843-995-1320 for information/to volunteer.

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

### LAMP HOUSE SPONSORS CENTENNIAL 5K

As part of the [100th Anniversary Celebration](#) for the city of Lynch, there was a 5K and Kids Fun Run. [Lamp House Coffee](#) sponsored the medals and trophies; provided a water station; and, drove the chase car behind the runners. Some of our local employees also participated in the 5K (neither of us!) and volunteered at the registration table. One family was having a reunion and family members from all over Kentucky, Florida, and North Carolina participated. (Pictured below with their "Mamaw", as the call their grandmothers here in that Appalachian mountains.)



### AGRI-BUSINESS CENTER & BLACK MOUNTAIN EXCHANGE PROVIDE FIRST JOBS

In addition to the coffee shop; Sissy and I have been entrusted with the oversight of the Meridzo Center Development Corporation, which is the business outreach branch of the ministry. It also includes the [Black Mountain Exchange](#) gas station and convenience store and [Faithfully Fit](#), a gym and wellness center in nearby Cumberland. The newest venture is the Agri-Business Center where plants including Shiitake Mushrooms will be grown in the lower level of the old bathhouse building, where the cool, dark climate is perfect. To date we have provided about 15 part-time jobs through the Development Corp. At left is a picture of a local young man, Kenny, who is splitting time between the Exchange and now the Agri-Business Center, making him their first employee!



### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Sissy and I, along with others from our church, are in Leadership Training at [Community Christian Center](#) to help with the [Celebrate Recovery](#) program being started at the church. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-Centered Recovery Program. A new, women's drug rehabilitation center called Lydia's House recently opened in Benham and our church is also leading a Bible study for the residents who called the new Celebrate Recovery program, "An answer to prayer!"

*-Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry here through prayer, encouragement, and giving! – Eric & Sissy*

**SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**  
**@ GARDEN CITY BAPTIST**

Bible study  
for kids of  
all ages!

6:30-7:30pm every  
Wednesday night  
over the summer!

3 FAMILY FUN NIGHTS!

6/7: Game Night  
7/19: Movie Night  
8/9: Group Outing to  
Broadway @ the Beach!

We'll see you this  
**SUMMER!**

# Reflections

## ***"Here Today, Gone Tomorrow"***

***by Pastor Charlie Lanier***

*"As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him." (Psalm 103:15-17)*

For those living close to the river, there is an odd phenomenon that occurs each year. A peculiar looking insect called the Mayfly can be spotted for a brief period of time. Depending upon the circumstances, the bugs can suddenly inundate an area in plague like fashion. It's been said that some annual swarms can be tracked by radar. They don't bite or sting, but they can leave behind a pretty big mess.

The Mayfly only lives out their adult phase in about 24 hours. They would all molt wings and fly at roughly the same time. For a day, these bugs can take a town hostage, completely covering the railings on bridges and dimming street lamps. During this one day they mate. The females land on the water, lay their eggs, and are likely eaten by fish. The males venture off over land, destined to get hit by a windshield, or fly till they fall to the ground to fly no more. After a heavy rain or strong wind, the Mayfly is quickly forgotten until the next year.

James, the brother of Jesus, writes, *"Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."* (James 4:14)

Among other things, the Bible compares our life to the flower quickly fading, to a vapor – a mere puff of steam. Life is short and death is certain. In view of eternity, our 100 years is but a blink of the eye. Our possessions, achievements, experiences – all gone at sunset. We are here today and gone tomorrow. We are as fragile as the Mayfly.

Because life is so short, we are tempted to cry out with King Solomon, *"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."* However, we are created in the image of God and with purpose. God has created us to long for meaning and significance. We are created deep down to long for the eternal. This painful yearning is a void only Jesus can fill.

At the end of Solomon's search for meaning in Ecclesiastes, he finally finds what he's searching for. *"Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God."* In a hundred years, in a thousand years when our names are no longer remembered, there's God. The only thing that will last, the only thing that truly matters is God.

When the Son of God walked the earth, quite a few people approached him asking, "What must I do to inherit eternal life? What must I do to enter the Kingdom of God?" They were in effect asking how they could escape death.

In response Jesus proclaims the Gospel – *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* (John 3:16-17)