



CHURCH EVENTS

November 3-4

Women's Ministry Retreat

November 5

Church-wide Breakfast
3-6 p.m. New Member Class

November 11

Children Ministry Training

November 12

DIVE Youth Fundraiser
(Spaghetti Dinner after Worship)

November 13

JOY Fellowship & Deacons meet

November 14

Charily SS Class meeting (FH)

Ladies Circle of Friends

November 15

Shoeboxes due & Dedication

November 16

WMU Meeting

Shoeboxes Delivered

Children's Ministry Meeting

November 17

Ladies Lunch

Moms & More Event

DIVE Youth Progressive Dinner

November 19

Widow's Luncheon

November 22

NO Wednesday Night Activities

November 23

Singles Thanksgiving Dinner

November 26

Staff Love Offering

November 27

24 Hours of Prayer

From the Pastor . . .

Happy November! Can you believe Thanksgiving is quickly approaching? As the weather gets a little chillier and the days get shorter, it is a perfect time to catch up on some good reads. I want to recommend some excellent books out there for you to read.

- 1) **Deep and Wide (Stanley)** In his book, Andy Stanley addresses the idea of creating churches that unchurched people love to attend. While I am certainly not suggesting we adopt all his concepts, I find the book helpful in understanding what the lost culture looks like and how we can change some things methodologically to reach these people.
- 2) **Faithful Preaching (Merida)** This is an excellent book to understand how I generally go about preparing sermons. His foundational chapters, 1) preaching for the glory of God, 2) preaching Christ from the inspired Scriptures, and 3) preaching by the power of the Spirit are the convictions by which I preach (and hopefully others too!).
- 3) **Fusion (Searcy)** I am not sure you can find a better book on how to turn first-time guests into fully-engaged members of the church. Searcy offers very helpful universal ideas for an effective assimilation process.
- 4) **Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches (Hammett)** If you would like to read a book on Baptist theology, you would have a hard time finding a better book than this one. Dr. Hammett is very insightful on what it means to be Baptist!

Hope this helps. I believe you can never learn too much. The Bible is the most important book and I believe we should always treasure the words of Scripture. At the same time, try to read other important books as well. If you want some more good reads, stop by and see me.

Serving Him,
Jordan

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENUS

Week 1 – Fried chicken, green beans, potato salad & roll

Week 2 – Homemade Beef Stew salad & cornbread

Week 3 - Turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole & roll

Week 5 -Chicken casserole, corn, potato salad & roll

Serving starts at 5:15 pm. Use the insert in Sundays' bulletin to make your reservation. There is a special kid's menu each week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

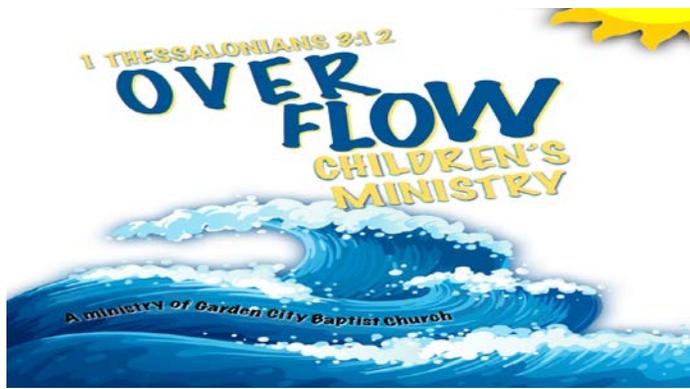
by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Have you looked at the back of your Sunday bulletin to see what the other SS classes are studying? Here's a recap:

- Adult classes are studying Exodus, I Kings, Romans, and Luke.
- There is the Messenger Class (our newest class). They are studying The Gospel Project. This study coincides with what the youth and children study in SS. During the week, parents and children can review what was learned on Sunday in SS.

I hope when you attend SS or church and look at the back of the bulletin you will get a bigger picture of the SS blessings.

Have a blessed day.



Leaves are changing, temperatures are dropping, and anticipation is building as the calendar creeps closer to the end of the year. I know I am not considered “old” yet (well, I guess it depends on who you ask!) but time seems to jet by faster and faster every year...I am excited to be turning 27 this month! The Lord has done a lot in my life in 2017, but I know that just as the year is unfinished, so is He. He brought me to Garden City in May of this year, and as a still relatively new member of Garden City Baptist I have enjoyed becoming entrenched in the work of this great church. As we move into the last couple months of the year, I cannot help but think that as "Old-man 2017" makes his way out, fresh-faced and blossoming ministries called “Overflow Children’s Ministry” and “DIVE Youth Ministry” will continue to grow under our noses...and as our new friend 2018 arrives soon, I know the Lord will allow these ministries filled with little people that He loves and cares for deeply to flourish just as the new year does.



Our children are involved in being taught sincerely about Jesus each and every week, and our youth, along with their Sunday school teaching, are being challenged by a Wed. night study of Genesis and a series called “Faith Factor” to discipline themselves spiritually to grow in Christ. Won't you join me in praying for the next generation at Garden City Baptist Church? And won't you eagerly dust off those old parenting books as you anticipate taking our growing number of little ones under your own wing?

In Him,
Timothy
Minister to the Next Generation

JOY FELLOWSHIP Monday, November 13 at noon for a covered dish luncheon—fried chicken provided. . Everyone 55 and better invited! The program is *An Introduction to Puppet Outreach*. Come for food, fellowship and meet some of our funniest friends and see how they minister to others.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU) meets **Thursday, November 16** at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch will be soup (provided) and bring a sandwich. Contact Pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056 There will be a program and a prayer time for missionaries. Plans will start for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering December 3-10

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



120 boxes were packed during the parry on Oct. 21.

Now it is time to pack our own shoeboxes. The goal is 461. Please bring them to the church by **Wednesday, November 15**. They are to be delivered to the drop-off point on Thursday. All of the shoeboxes will be dedicated on Wednesday night during Prayer Meeting. Any monetary donations for this year must be made by November 5.

Pamphlets with instructions and boy/girl labels are on the tables in the front foyer and side hall.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

We need help for Thanksgiving—monetary donations for turkeys. We plan on feeding 250 families for Thanksgiving dinner—giving them all the fixing.

During November I will be asking you to adopt children for Christmas—buying toys and clothes for their parents/guardians to put under the tree.

You did a fabulous job on the food drive, but it goes so fast. Please continue to bring food throughout the year. Each Sunday there are items listed in the bulletin that they particularly need.

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

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See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information.

Join the deacons for an amazing breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of each month. Donations go to the Deacon Relief Fund to help members who encounter a problem.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon at Driftwood Restaurant after the morning worship service on **November 19** to celebrate Nita Hefley's birthday. Meet down front to carpool. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056. As always we give God all the glory and praise for all He is doing through this ministry.

GOSPEL BODY EXERCISE PROGRAM meets in the Fellowship Hall for an hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OVERNIGHT ROAD TRIP to Narrowway (a dinner theatre) in Fort Mill to see the REAL Christmas Story. **December 4 - 5!** Leaving at 10 am (lunch on the way). We will go to the South Park Mall in Charlotte for a day of shopping, viewing Christmas decorations, and eating at the Cheesecake Factory (optional). Cost - \$85 for ticket plus two in a room or \$60 for ticket plus four in a room. Sign-up sheets on the WM bulletin boards. Call Joan Brewer at 803-467-4464 for more information .

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Facilitators: Tish Walker & Mike Reese The last Sunday in Exodus is November 5, then on to Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Numbers and Joshua.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY Dr. David Jeremiah's *Is This the End?* will be over December 8. The next study starts Thursday, January 4

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is **Tuesday, November 14th** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. We are making fleece blankets, so if you are interested in learning how to make one, this is the time. You need to purchase the fleece of your choice and get about 1 & 1/2 yards. If you are making one with a logo, like the Gamecocks or other, you would purchase the panel whatever size it might be. So bring your fleece and a pair of scissors for cutting. Even if we don't finish at church you can take this home and finish it. They make nice Christmas gifts. Bring a snack to share with others! Hope to see you there!

Yvonne Marcum, Sister in Christ

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Be refreshed at "Sweet Life Café". Six sessions taught by six women. Cost \$20

November 3-4

Friday night 5:30-8:30

Dinner: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lunch: Soup, Sandwich & Dessert
Music, Games, Crafts, Homemade Bread Tasting & Fellowship

From the Media Messenger...



Charles Martin earned his B.A. in English from Florida State University and his M.A. in Journalism and Ph.D. in Communication from Regent University. He served one year at Hampton University as an adjunct professor in the English Department and as a doctoral fellow at Regent. In 1999 he left a career in business to pursue his writing.

He grew up in Jacksonville, Florida where he did his fair share of fishing, hunting, and canoeing. Charles played football in high school and was a walk on at Georgia Tech in 1999, playing one year under Bobby Ross. Following college his brother-in-law gave him a job selling insurance. Two years passed and to make a long story short, a fortune 500 company offered him a VP's position with a 6-figure salary plus a 6-figure signing bonus. He turned them down, resigned from the insurance agency, and began pressure washing, building docks, etc., and began pursuing his writing and promoting his novels.

He and his wife, Christy, live a stone's throw from the St. John's River in Jacksonville, Florida, with their three boys.

"Charles Martin understands the power of story and he uses it to alter the souls and lives of both his characters and his readers..."

— Patti Callahan Henry, NYT Bestselling author

2018 Calendar Dates

January 16-23

Taking pictures for a new directory

January 25

Lifeline Screening

January 28

Church-wide Bingo

February 16-19

DIVE Youth Ski Trip

February 24

ARC Blood Drive

Varina's

Please continue to check for our "SONG OF THE WEEK" on our church's website. You can connect by going to "Ministries" and clicking Music. You will find the song at the bottom of the page. Please listen to the song and sing along with the lyrics. We will then use the song in our worship the following Sunday. Looking forward to worshipping with you!

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- The children rehearse each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- Our rehearsal includes praising God through singing and playing instruments, learning singing techniques, and playing games that teach rhythm and listening skills.
- Our Christmas program, with the Youth, will be on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19. We will sing during the 11 o'clock service.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Christmas cantata rehearsals have begun! We encourage anyone, who enjoys singing, to join us for this exciting time of worship. We rehearse each Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. "The Christmas Story" will be presented Sunday, December 3 during the 11 o'clock service. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!
- Regular choir rehearsal begins at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We ask you to pray for the choir as we prepare for the cantata and each Sunday service.

PRAISE BAND

- We rehearse each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- We also lead worship, along with the Chancel Choir, during our 11 o'clock service.
- If you are interested in joining the Praise Team, please contact me.

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

- Rehearsals will begin soon! Check with Timothy for the schedule.



Esther Touchberry, long-time secretary at Garden City Baptist Church died October 18 at the age of 93. She was a loving very caring person with a strong faith. She always said her life was divided in 20-year segments. The first 20 was spent growing up and going to school, the second 20 she was a pastor's wife and mother, she and Furman had many churches. The third 20 was spent at Baptist College (Charleston Southern University) as a "residence mother" and the fourth 20 was spent at Garden City Baptist Church. She retired in 2008. She could have been a lot older than 93, she celebrated her birthday the entire month of May not just a day. For all who knew her, it was a great honor knowing her and being a part of her life.

LADIES LUNCH November 17 at noon at Salt Water Creek Cut off will be Nov 15th. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer and side hall. All are welcome!

Remember if you sign-up it's important to be there are call Shirley in advance – 843-748-0465.



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Paul Warlick
- 1 – Mark Brown
- 2 – Terry Thompson
- 3 – Landon Hamilton
- 3 – John Platts
- 3 – Ed Keith
- 4 – Mason Papel
- 4 – Andrew Papel
- 4 – Roger Turner
- 4 – Charles Hill
- 5 – Jennifer Harrelson
- 6 – Vinson Ward
- 7 – Sharon Stewart
- 7 – Sue Rives
- 8 – Louise Chestnut
- 8 – Sissy Rutherford
- 11 – Jennifer Short
- 11 – Stephanie Short
- 11 – Jane Pierce
- 13 – Mary Ann Teems
- 14 – Esther Farabell
- 14 – Cynthia Martinez
- 14 – Sue Gelman
- 14 – Gary Robertson
- 14 – Charlie Hill
- 15 – Tim Laurent
- 17 – Kathy Graham
- 20 – Barbara Graham
- 20 – Eva Hinds
- 20 – Angela Brown
- 20 – Christian Hopkins
- 22 – Jo Anne Lee
- 22 – Margaret Smoak
- 22 – Don Hardee
- 24 - Madi Evans
- 25 – Donna Doudican
- 27 – Danny Miller
- 27 – Richard Holloway
- 27 – Martha Spotts
- 27 – Linda Faine
- 29 – Jewel weaver
- 29 – Nancy Barron
- 29 – Becca Peterman

Reflections

“Identity in Christ”

by Pastor Charlie Lanier

After watching the 1980 movie Superman II as a young kid, I actually believed that I was Superman. *“Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings at a single bound! Look! Up in the sky! It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s Superman!”* I stood on the edge of the bathtub, raised my arms up in the air and jumped off. Maybe I just assumed that I would fly straight through the ceiling and roof, because I didn’t even bother to brace for impact. Reality quickly set in when my mouth hit the sink and I heard pieces of my front teeth sliding down the drain.

Who you believe you are profoundly affects what you do and how you live. How do you identify yourself in Christ - are you a sinner or a saint?

It takes little effort to convince yourself and others that you are a sinner. It’s easy to point out your faults, shortcomings, struggles, and addictions. However, try telling members of your family or a group of your coworkers that you are a saint. It’s unlikely that they will let you get away with such a bold statement. As you look at the sin in your life, you may have difficulty believing it yourself.

As a believer in Christ, there is a change in your identity. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).* You may continue to fall into sin as a believer, but you are no longer identified by your sin. You are no longer an enemy of God storing up wrath on the day of judgment. You are no longer a gossip, a liar, an adulterer, or a killer.

You are now identified as being “in Christ.” Jesus switched places with us. *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).* He became sin for you so that you take on his identity. You are a new creation. As difficult as it may be for you to say or for others to hear, in Christ, you are a saint. It is not a statement of vanity or arrogance, but a statement of faith. By faith, you are holy and blameless because he is holy and blameless.

As you identify as a sinner, your behavior will match your belief. You sin because you are a sinner. There is fear of judgment, of smite, of enmity. There is a reluctance to enter into the presence of God. There is guilt and hesitation to approach him in prayer.

As you identify as a saint, your behavior will begin to match that of your Savior. You love because you have been loved, you forgive because you have been forgiven. There is confidence to approach the throne of grace, knowing that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

To all the saints in Christ Jesus...grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:1

Mission Report from Lynch, Kentucky – Eric & Sissy Rutherford



“And let us not be weary in doing well...” Gal. 6:10 (KJV)

At left, Alan Cooper and Shekinah Village Director Chad Morgan catch their breath at the Fall Festival. (GCBC cooked and served hundreds of hot dogs and held puppet shows throughout the day.) The Bible is clear we shouldn't – in fact, we can't – minister in our own strength (not for long anyway.) Galatians 6:9-10 says, *“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...”* This time of year we look forward to some down time. We're excited about coming to South Carolina for Thanksgiving to reconnect with our kids, grandkids, and hopefully many of you.

It's been a very rewarding and productive year. I look forward to sharing some of the ways God has been working in our year-end wrap up email later this year. Today alone was a remarkable little snapshot of how God is reaching people. Sissy and I started before 7 a.m., she opening the Lamp House Coffee shop, greeting people in His name from all walks of life and working alongside Beth, one of the five local women we employ; while I reported to Faithfully Fit, the ministry's gym to train one of two new employees working there. (The aptly named Noah, pictured below left is a student at the local community college. We cooperate with their work-study program to provide supervision and real world work experience.)



By 10 a.m. I was back at the coffee shop calling the number on the collar of a lost dog, before switching to my driver "hat" to run the Tri-City Trolley bus (the former GCBC bus). We took one lady (who recently made a profession of faith through our ministry) to the grocery store and our Hope House mission for help with a new grandbaby; and helped another local man who has survived a stroke take care of some business at the bank, pharmacy and Dollar Store. I hurried back to the gym by one o'clock to check in with our other new gym host; then scampered back to the coffee shop in time to relieve Beth for the afternoon, where I found a young man in need of borrowing our phone. Also waiting for me at the shop was Chuck Todd, the director of our Meridzo Agri-Business Center asking to schedule meetings tomorrow and Thursday to help him share what God is doing through our new mushroom factory in the old bathhouse building. Above right, GCBC members got to tour the mushroom facility during their recent mission trip. It was so good to see them. Sissy and I were thrilled everyone stayed through Sunday to join us for Sunday School at the coffee shop and worship service at C3. We also got to break bread a couple of times. As I wrap up this report just in time for our deadline for *The Link*, Sissy is meeting with the mayor of Lynch at the next table discussing city business wearing her proverbial city council hat. We praise God for letting us be a part of so much, and for promising us rest and a time of reaping.

Thank you all who support our ministry through prayer, encouragement, and giving! – We love and miss you, Eric & Sissy