



The Link

CHURCH EVENTS

January 1

Office closed

January 4

Women's Ministry Bible Study
RA/GA Leader Training by
Debby Akerman.

January 7

8:15 am Church-wide Breakfast
OT Study starts back

January 9

Charity SS Class Meeting

January 11

Men's Bible Study
Children's Ministry Committee
Meeting

January 16-23 (except 21)

Taking Photos for a New
Directory

January 18

WMU Meeting

January 19

WM "Dine by Design"

January 21

6 pm Church Conference

January 25

Lifeline Screening

January 26

12 pm Ladies Lunch-French
Twist Tea Room

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENUS

Week 1 – Chili/Cheese Biscuits

Week 2 – Fried Chicken, green beans,
potato salad, rolls

Week 3 – Baked spaghetti, garden
salad, Texas toast

Week 4 – Homemade beef stew,
garden salad, cornbread

Week 5 – Homemade Beef BBQ,
coleslaw, baked beans, buns

From the Pastor . . .

Happy New Year! I hope you are looking forward to what God is going to do this year! As your pastor, I am extremely excited! Here are some things to look forward to in 2018:

1. **New Member Recognition** - We have had so many new faces in our church over the last year. On **March 7th**, the staff and deacons want to take time and recognize our new church members. All adult programming will be in the fellowship hall.
2. **Partnership with Baltimore** - Pastor Wayne from Baltimore is preaching in our service, **Sunday, March 18th**. He is the pastor the missions committee believes God is leading our church to support in various ways. To learn more about Christian Liberty Church, visit their website, www.christianlibertychurch.org.
3. **Revival** - A week that I get excited about every year is Revival week. We will have guest speakers throughout the week to lead us in the preaching of the Word. Mark your calendar for **May 6 - May 9th**. More details to come.
4. **Kid's Choir** - God is doing some great things through the Imani Milele Children's Choir. We will be blessed by these children. To get a sneak peek of the choir, visit their website, www.imanimilele.com. They will be joining us **June 3rd**.

Keep these dates in your memory bank and on your calendar. I am excited to see what God is going to do through His people here at Garden City Baptist Church in 2018.

Serving Him,
Jordan

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

As we begin a new year, stop and take just a few minutes to reflect back on our church 1 year ago. We have a lot of wonderful new faces, some missing faces of those who have gone on before us and some who have moved away.

In Sunday School, our numbers continue to increase. For the church year, we are averaging 191 per Sunday of these 168 are members.

Soon we expect to name 2 more assistant teachers for adult classes. There is the constant need for workers in the children's Sunday School. Pastor Charlie is finalizing SS promotional literature.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

Meeting **Thursday, January 18** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is chili & cornbread, Please bring a dessert to share. Call Pat and let her know what you are bringing.

The topic will be getting ideas for the WOW item for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Some items that we can make during the year—crafted, knitted, crocheted, etc. All ladies invited, please come and bring any ideas.

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitators: Tish Walker & Mike Reese. You can start at any time. The class resumes **January 7** with Numbers.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

We had a great Christmas giving presents to parents for 527 children. The following churches provided the gifts: Belin UMC, St. Michael Catholic, Surfside Presbyterian, Trinity Presbyterian, Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran, Garden City Baptist, and Timberlake Baptist. Several individuals (men & women) came in and asked if we needed specific items; they took our shopping list and got what we needed to meet children's requests.

As usual there were tears (from clients & volunteers) and sad stories. Grandparents caught at the last minute with kids and no presents because mom just went to jail. One woman, trying to make it here with her kids, is hiding from an abusive husband. Her family doesn't know where she is.

As we get into January it is the busiest time of year. There is a tremendous need for food donations and money to help with electric and water bills. Please continue with your support for Helping Hand.

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

February 5-9 See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information.

A NOTE FROM THE DEACON CHAIRMAN:

By the time you read this, another Christmas and 2017 will have passed! Our Church has been so incredibly Blessed this past year with 3 Pastors that have worked so hard and been so faithful to God's calling to serve at His Garden City Baptist Church. Our Church is also Blessed to have 15 dedicated Deacons with great hearts for serving our Lord and all the members. You may not see them every day, but know that they pray for you and your family regularly! We meet every month and each Deacon has the opportunity to discuss his church families, both praises and prayers for your health, spiritual, and financial needs and blessings.

Our Deacons are very dedicated to our church; in addition to praying for and serving their families, they serve on other committees, work with our Pastors, and help keep our church running smoothly. We would also like to take this opportunity to lift up our Wives and the Ladies of the church for supporting us. You are all a blessing to us!

The 15 active Deacons are listed in the Sunday bulletin each week. For 2018, we ask for your prayers for us, our Pastors, and our Church! Since we have all been so Blessed, Satan will be looking for weaknesses to exploit both in our Church and family lives. We cannot let our guards down! Most of all, we should thank God for loving us and keeping His Holy Spirit active in our lives.

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.

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Monday, January 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon; fried chicken provided.

Program: A New Beginning with Pastors Jordan Gandy, Charlie Lanier, & Timothy Laurent & soloist: Lacey Gandy. Every one 55 and better invited.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY We are taking pictures for the new directory **January 16-20 and 22-23**. Our goal is to include everyone in the new directory. It's also a great time to get updated family photos. Go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7r9dzye/> to reserve a spot or call the office and we can make the appointment.

From the Finance Committee:

Receipts are required for reimbursement from budgeted and designated accounts. The IRS and our Audit Committee require receipts to justify the expenditure. Please don't put our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer on the spot by just turning in the green sheet for reimbursement. They have been instructed to not pay a request without a receipt. Any green sheet without a receipt attached will have to go through the Finance Committee with an explanation.

Thanks,

Alan Cooper, Finance Committee Chairman

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon at Olive Garden after the morning worship service on **January 14**. 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY IS SPONSORING OUR FIRST "DINE BY DESIGN" on January 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$12.00 (12 & under...\$6:00) Program provided by Chevelle Turner. For more information, contact Joan Brewer at 803-467-4464.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Women's Ministry does a great job decorating the Fellowship Hall. And they are always interested in acquiring new items, so as you take your decorations down consider donating good quality items to the Women's Ministry to be used in future years.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY. A study of *Hebrews* starts **Thursday, January 4** in room 109. Hours are the same, 10 am – 12 pm & 6-8 pm. Books will be available at the class.

Happy New Year!

Thank you Ladies, for a wonderful year of fellowship and fun times in **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**. For our December meeting there were 32 ladies for our Christmas party! Lots of fun and food! In January Circle will not meet but will return **February 20th at 7 pm**. So keep watching the monthly Link for details on that evening.

GOSPEL BODY is still exercising in the Fellowship Hall of the church. We meet **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am** for a 45 minute walk with music. Sometimes walking can be boring if done by yourself, but it is fun with other ladies. We have a morning prayer before we exercise and then get started. So if you're interested, come and join us. **I pray that everyone has a blessed 2018!**
Yvonne

OVERFLOW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

&

DIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Welcome to 2018!

2017 was a bit of a whirlwind year for me as I moved from the Carolina to our north back to my home state to be the Next Generation Minister at our great church. We've seen God do some mighty things already in our children's and youth ministries and I believe wholeheartedly that we'll continue to see Him move in GCBC's next generation. We have excellent volunteers who care deeply for our kids and teenagers and are seeking and taking advantage of the many opportunities they have to serve and teach them. Because they are doing such a great job, I'd like to make note below of those serving on our children's and youth committees. Please pass your thanks to them next time you see them!

Children's Committee:

Lorrie Beri
Lacie Gandy
Pat Hample
Terry Hawes
Tim Hutto
Ashley Lanier
Jimmy Pigate
Allan Wight

Youth Committee:

Chris Devlin
Margaret Howze
Melissa Reese
Jennifer Short

We look forward in 2018 to many opportunities for our children and youth, including children's outings, a DiscipleNow Weekend for the youth, a ski trip for the youth, and summer camps for both, **not to mention our first Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance on Feb. 9th, hosted by our Next Gen. Ministries!** God has lots in store for these potential-filled young people, please join me in prayer for them and their families as we watch them grow in 2018!

Timothy

LIFELINE SCREENING

in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday, January 25
Pre-registration is required.
Call: 1-888-653-6450.

The **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** needs your help if you work in the kitchen and/or use supplies.

When you see items that are getting low please see Yvonne Marcum or Jemmy Lea McSwain.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive + February 24

*Happy
New Year*

Varina's

I know a thank you has already been written on the staff's behalf for our Appreciation Sunday, but I wanted to thank each one of you personally. I appreciate each note written, each card sent, and your sweet generosity of money. I am thankful for you and look forward to worshipping with you each week.

Please continue to check 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.

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 until 6:30.
- The children will sing on Sunday, January 21 during the 11 o'clock service.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- January is a great month to become a choir member! Our rehearsals will resume Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30. We look forward to seeing YOU!

PRAISE BAND

- Rehearsals begin Monday, January 8 at 7:00.
- Please be in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning by 9:15 a.m.

From the Media Messenger...

Happy New Year from your Media Staff. It's a new year and it belongs to you. This is a perfect time to make lifestyle changes that can improve our lives. Hopefully, we read our Bibles or some sort of devotional each day. It's how we grow in the Lord. Think about this. If we buy a car the first thing we do is read the instruction manual so we know how to operate it. It's the same with God. We can't operate our lives if we don't read His instruction book, the Bible.

I hope daily Bible reading is included as one of your New Year's Resolutions for the coming year. GCBC Media Center can help. We have numerous commentaries available for you. There are books on Christian living, understanding God's Word, prayer, daily devotionals, and much more. If you haven't stopped by, perhaps you could put us on your New Year's List. We would love to see you. Come check us out!

Some Suggestions:

Step into the Bible by Ruth Graham

Know Why You Believe by
Paul E. Little

What's in the Bible by R.C. Sproul

My Upmost for his Highest by
Oswald Chambers

Jesus is Calling by Sarah Young

God's Promises for You by Max
Lucado



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Bette King
4 – Jean Warlick
5 – Lois Almond
7 – Bill Campbell
9 – Quincy Lucas
10 – Scarlett Vinot
10 – Rose Price
11 – Howard Thompson
11 – Sandy Conn
13 – Celia Pigate
14 – David Kearns
14 – Jerri Howie
14 – Anne Langlo
15 – Josh Huggins
15 – Jacob Devlin
18 – Charlene Ware
18 – Andrew Harrelson
19 – Carolyn Gates
20 – Aubrey Johnson
21 – Donna Hill
21 – Gary Hawes
22 – Cathy Menke
23 – Pauline Denton
24 – Debbie Bolynn
29 – Dawn Melvn
29 – Tanya Yow
29 – Ken Enzor
29 – Betty Robertson
31 – Jackie Aumiller
31 – Gage Thomas

THE LADIES LUNCHEON

Lunch at French Twist Tea Room at 4025 N. Kings Highway Ste 5, Myrtle Beach on **Friday, January 26th**. It's near the intersection of N. Kings Highway and 40th Avenue N. If you want to meet at church and carpool, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. We will leave the church by 11:15..... Come make new friends, all women invited. Any questions please call Shirley at [843-748-0465](tel:843-748-0465) or e-mail at Shirloest@aol.com

INFO Meeting

**Wednesday, 1/3
11:00 am in Rm #109**

Connections Center

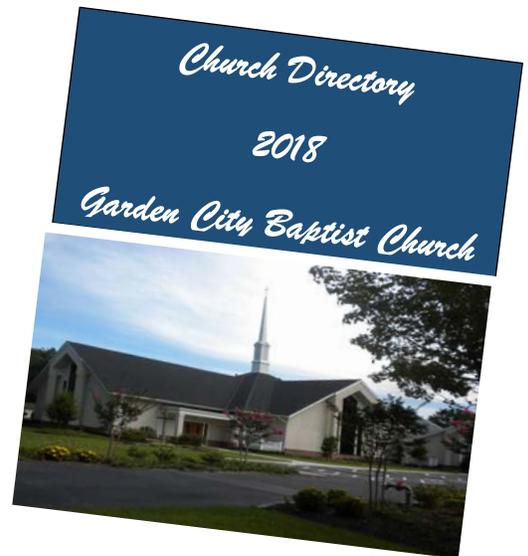
Starting in January 2018, the Connections Center will be in operation in the church lobby. Whether it's salvation, baptism, church membership, joining a Sunday School class, or volunteering to serve – we aim to help our guests “take their next steps.” We are looking for smiling faces to volunteer. If you are interested in serving on the Connections Center Team, consider attending the informational meeting on January 3rd.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS
Thursdays at 8:00 am
January 11 – March 15

Don't miss being a part of the 2918 Church Directory. Go online <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7r9dzyl> to register at your preferred date and time. OR you can call the office and we will make the appointment. Please don't wait until the last minute. **Our goal is 100%.**

Everyone gets a free directory, free photography session and a free 8x10 photograph for your families, and there are other items that can be purchased.

January 16-20 & 22-23. Hours on all days except Saturday the 22th are 1-8 pm; on Saturday the hours are 10 am – 5 pm.



STARTING POINT
THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING CONNECTED

Sunday, 2/11
3:00-6:00 pm
What Does It Mean...
to Be a Follower of Christ?
to Be a Baptist?
to Be a Church Member?
Sign up in the side lobby by the office workroom.

