



CHURCH EVENTS

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:15 a.m. Church-wide Breakfast
Worship Services at 9:30 & 11a.m.

No Sunday School

April 2

Office Closed

April 4

Music Committee

April 5

WM "Heaven" Study starts

Saturday, April 7

WMU Meeting – Guest Speaker

April 9

JOY Fellowship

Deacons meet

April 12

VBS Meeting (for all who are interested) in being a part of VBS)

April 13-14

WM Upscale Yard Sale

April 15

3:00-5:45 p.m. Starting Point

Church Conference

April 19

CPR & First Aid Training

April 20

Moms and More . . .

April 21

Block Party

April 29

Lord's Supper

DIVE Youth Fundraiser

April 30

24 Hours of Prayer

From the Pastor . . .

My goal for this year is to read at least one book per month. This month I am working through one of my professor's book, *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out*. I wanted to take a few moments to share some important insights I have found while reading. Hope you can find a way to apply these findings to your own spiritual life.

Insight # 1 - A LifeWay discovery found that out of eight attributes of growing believers, sharing Jesus ranked at the bottom. Church, if we believe Jesus came, died, and resurrected to save sinners like you and me, why are we not telling others about him?

Insight #2 - When we share the message of hope found in the Gospel, make sure to share the WHOLE of Scripture. Walk the unbeliever through the metanarrative of Scripture (Creation, Fall, Rescue, Restoration).

Insight #3 - Dr. Reid encourages the reader to "Shift from giving an evangelistic presentation to having an evangelistic conversation" (41). People can notice three important things when you have an evangelistic conversation with them. 1) People can tell you care about them. 2) People can tell you believe what you are talking about. 3) People can tell the hand of God is on your life.

Insight #4 - Where you live does not make you a missionary, the mission you are on does, regardless of your vocation or location. We are all called to live missional lifestyles (living like a missionary) right where we are.

Hope these insights have been helpful. Join me in sharing with others about King Jesus in our community. Help them know that true life can only be found in Christ. May we magnify His name!

Serving Him,

Jordan

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENUS

Week 1 – Fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, rolls

Week 2 –1 or 2 hamburgers with fixings, baked beans, potato salad

Week 3 – Baked spaghetti, garden salad, Texas toast

Week 4 – Faine's Beef BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Sunday School attendance remains high and enrollment is close to a modern high. We can always use more substitute teachers for adult Sunday School classes but a **BIG PRAISE** is we have a few extras. Please pray for His Sunday School, His church and His pastors so that more might be saved.

Have a blessed day.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

Saturday, April 7 at Noon. Guest Speaker, Samantha Sammis, Loving America Street. Come and get an update on the organization. Bring finger foods to share. Call Pat Hample at 704-460-4056 with what you are bringing. **Notice the day of the week has changed!**

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Monday, April 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon; fried chicken provided. Please bring \$2 to help with the cost of the chicken.

Be entertained by the musical tones of ***The Six Wonders*** sharing their repertoire of hymns. They will be accompanied by Varina Alexander on the piano. Everyone 55 and better is invited! It's a fun relaxed time.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PRAYER April 30

starting at 8 a.m. until Tuesday, May 1 at 8 a.m. Find a twenty-minute period that's dedicated to spending time with God. Let's have a continuous 24 hours of prayer. Sign-up sheet in the side hall.

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitators: Tish Walker & Mike Reese. You can start at any time. Deuteronomy and Joshua are next.

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

April 30 – May 4 (Van 1) See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information.

Making a **Health Kit** is a tangible way to meet the physical needs of those in our community.

Health Kit includes:

- 1 toothbrush
- 1 toothpaste (6 oz.)
- 1 soap (4.5 oz. bath size)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath towel
- 1 comb

Placed items in a 2-gallon Ziploc type bag. Return to the church office by **April 23**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here soon and we need your help. The VBS interesting meeting is on **Thursday, April 12** in the **youth house** at high noon! We'll have all the food downstairs and the meeting upstairs. This will also give us a chance to show off our youth facility to some who maybe have never seen it.

We will introduce the theme, talk about positions available, and I will cast a vision for our 2018 VBS week.

Please join us and volunteer for this great adventure!

From the Media Messenger...

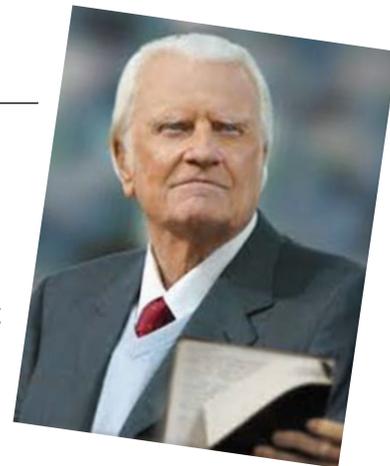
Billy Graham

The passing of Billy Graham has renewed people's interest in his writing and teaching. We were blessed to have him visit Garden City Baptist Church in 1989 following Hurricane Hugo. Many of our members and people in the community were privileged to hear him speak. What an honor and a day to remember.

Billy Graham conducted more than 400 crusades in 185 countries and territories on six continents during his ministry. Graham's early crusades were segregated, but he began adjusting his approach in the 50s. During a 1953 rally in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Graham tore down the ropes that organizers had erected in order to segregate the audience. In his memoirs, he recounted that he told two ushers to leave the barriers down "or you can go on and have the revival without me." He was a friend and served as a spiritual advisor to nearly every sitting president during his ministry. There is not enough room or time to write about his accomplishments.

Graham's tombstone says, "Billy Graham, Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ" accompanied by the Bible verse, John 14:6, "Jesus answered, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me." I think that says it all.

In the media center we have more than twenty books written by Billy Graham and ten written by his wife, Ruth. There are six written by his son, Franklin Graham.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon **Sunday, April 22** at Damon's Restaurant. Meet down front after the worship service 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.



No clothing, but shoes, bags and accessories are good. Remember, someone's junk can be someone else's treasure. Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 11**. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry bulletin board, **if anyone is interested in helping during the setup (Thursday) or sale (Friday or Saturday) please sign-up.**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

The study of *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven* by Dr. David Jeremiah starts **April 5**. A comprehensive book packed with verses, references, and insights from Scripture to encourage you to pursue your own Bible study about heaven and begin thinking often about the glorious future God has planned for you. Classes meet 10 a.m. – Noon and 6-8 p.m. in Room 109. Sign-up sheets are on the Women's Ministry bulletin boards in the front foyer and side hall.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS will not be having a meeting in April. But I look forward to Roberta Collins' Mexican Fiesta Night in May. So keep watching for the date of that event.

A huge **thank you** to the ladies that send out cards to the women of our church. They are Lois Almond, Chris Aynes and Dawn Melvin. So if you have received a card from the Women's Ministry, it is because of their dedication. Give them a high five!

GOSPEL BODY exercise class is doing well.

Sisters In Christ, Yvonne Marcum

NOTICE: Revision to the By-Laws

The Nominating Committee and Church Council have unanimously recommended the proposed changes to the bylaws. The changes will be put up for a vote at the Church Conference on **April 15**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please contact Pastor Charlie.

I. It is recommended to add the following under Article XIII - Committees.

Safety

- a. *Shall be composed of not less than four members plus the at-large members as follows: the chairperson of the ushers and the chairperson of Building and Grounds.*
- b. *Shall evaluate and recommend actions for church consideration to enhance the overall safety of the church.*
- c. *Shall develop a team of volunteers responsible for developing procedures and maintaining the overall safety of the church.*
- d. *Chairperson to serve on the Church Council.*

II. It is recommended to make the following changes to the Missions Committee, in effect removing term limits and the restriction to the number of members allowed.

Missions

Omit

XIII--B15h

See Article VIII-B4 page 7

Omit

VIII--B4

Missions Committee: The (6) members shall serve terms of three (3) years from September 1 through August 31. Each year the assigned term of office of one-third (1/3) of the members shall expire. There shall be a lapse of one year (1) before eligible for another term unless member has served less than one (1) year.

Addition

XIII--B15a

*Insert **at least** before (6) members . . .*

Varina's

We are continuing to recruit members for all choirs and we look forward to seeing YOU at rehearsal! Please be in prayer as we promote serving our Lord through music. Throughout God's Word, music has played an important part in the worship of our Lord. We are looking forward to where He leads GCBC's Music Ministry. It's an exciting time to serve and worship Him through song!

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.

My office hours are Monday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 p.m. Please come by to visit about what our Music Ministry is doing and how you can be a part of serving the Lord through this ministry.

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- Rehearsal is on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- The children will sing on Sunday, April 15 during the 11 o'clock service.
- Prayers continue for an accompanist who can read music and be able to play correct rhythm. This is a volunteer position. Rehearsals are each Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. September through May. Please contact me for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Rehearsal is on Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Recruiting continues for new members! Invite your friends to join us each Wednesday night for rehearsal. Let's fill the second row, of the Choir Loft, with men!
- We are thankful for and welcome Jan Register as a new choir member.

PRAISE BAND

- Rehearsal is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m.
- Band members: please check Messenger/text for Sunday morning rehearsal time.
- If you are interested in joining the Praise Band as an instrumentalist, please contact me.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

- We meet once a month to review song selection, evaluate our recorded services, review performance levels of each team (choral/praise), and analyze the overall environment of services and events.
- Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 4** at 4:00 p.m.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

This year we are exceeding assistance in all categories compare to last year. We are especially high in helping with electric bills. We need food on a daily basis. Please consider donating. When I shop for myself and my cats I also shop for Helping Hand. One for them one for me and so forth. Also, there is a tote in the Fellowship Hall to catch a can of food when you come to eat (you eat, they eat). .

We have a president for the remainder of the year—Beth Kohlmann has agreed to stay on.

Thank you for supporting SSHH.



1 – David Lane
1 – Rayne Stoll
3 – Maddox Gandy
3 – Faith Hopkins
3 – Steely Hays
3 – Olivia Dorman
3 – Bill Bayer
6 – Marlene Keith
9 – Elaine Harrelson
10 – Chris Aynes
11 – Caden Devlin
12 – Randy Lampley
13 – Jerry Dean
14 – Jaceb Brown
16 – Allene Whiteaker
17 – Hayden Broz
17 – Donna Nathlar Shirley
18 – Aaliyah Hucks
19 – Joe Brown
20 – Vivian Parker
20 – Allan Wight
20 – Randy Roof
21 – Tony Aumiller
24 – Ted Williams
24 – Mary Payne
24 – Julian Riesland
25 – Bothwell Painter
25 – Kate Evans
26 – Nicole Doudican Jones
26 – Sandra Painter
27 – Varina Alexander
29 – Betty Jo Grice
29 – Bernie Woody
30 – Barbara Anthony
30 – Tierney Riesland
30 – Nancy Gaul

THE LADIES LUNCHEON

On **Tuesday, April 10** we are going to the Culinary School leaving the church by 11:15 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the side hall and front foyer. All who are going must pay in advance. (\$20 all-inclusive. Give the money to Shirley Oesterle or Pat Carella in an envelope with your name.)

Any questions please call Shirley at [843-748-0465](tel:843-748-0465) or e-mail at Shirloest@aol.com

MISSIONS

Remember **Acts 1:8 Fund**. Donate to help cover costs of mission trips.

Garden City Baptist Church Missions Committee is hard at work opening new fields to plant seeds for Christ. We are more involved than ever spreading the Good News for Jesus Christ. Don't forget to bring your non-perishable foods for South Strand Helping Hand on Wednesday nights and to the church-wide breakfast the first Sunday of each month.

Caring Hearts . . . Caring for those who care for others and more. We have been able to give several caregivers a much needed break from their 24/7 job. This two-four hour break gives the caregiver an opportunity to get out to run errands and get a breath of fresh air and rejuvenate themselves. We have numerous families still in need of our help. Would you please consider joining our wonderful team?

Our ministry has expanded to include visits to our people who have been shut in. It is so necessary to check with those who live by themselves, especially if you haven't seen them around church for a while.

Adding more people to our team means you would probably only be called upon to help once a month or possibly less. We are in great need for a few men to step up. If you have any questions or would like to help us please call Shirley Oesterle at 843-748-0465 to join the Caring Hearts team.

AMMONS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND is accepting applications until **April 15**. "The purpose of the Endowment is to provide scholarships to individuals undertaking post-secondary or graduate education at an educational institution whose expressed purpose is to provide academic training in a Christian environment." All applications are evaluated. Applications are available from the church office. Due to low interest rates, the amount available from the endowment for scholarships is also low. **Please consider donating for scholarships to be used this year.**



NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

What a special time of year this is for God's people! As nature is awakened to Spring we are reminded that our Savior was awakened and raised from the dead to defeat death and confirm Himself as the Messiah, the Way to the Father. Easter may be on April 1st this year, but it is only the fool who denies the existence of God (Psalm 14:1). In this season let us not only proclaim loudly that God exists, but that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ and that we can all know the Father personally through the Son.

Upcoming:

- 4/8: Good News Club kids and families from St. James Elem. will join us for morning worship
- 4/12: VBS Interest Meeting, 12 p.m., Youth Building (lunch will be served)
- 4/19: CPR Certification Class, 3-6:30 p.m. (sign-up in office hallway next to the sanctuary)
- 4/29: Youth FUGE Fundraiser Lunch immediately following morning worship service

Timothy
Minister to the Next Generation

*Easter Sunday
April 1
Service at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

New Members

CALLAHAN , Donna	FLANDERS , Tom & Kathy	HOPKINS , Faith & Christian
KACHAYLO , Donna	PETERSON , Donna	SMITH , Hervey
SMITH , Jeffrey & Rachelle	WAKLEY , Kelly & Kaidyn	WILLIAMS , Ted & Karen



Women's Ministry Bus Trip

**Consignment Shopping in
Calabash, NC**

April 23

**Watch the bulletin for more
information**



Sunday, May 13

To celebrate Mother's Day, we plan to have a baby dedication at the beginning of our morning service. If you are interested in having a baby dedicated, please contact Pastor Charlie.

Church Conference

Sunday, April 15

6:00 pm

Saturday, April 21

4:00-6:00 pm

Inflatables, DJ, Concessions, Games,
Face Painting, Prizes, Hotdogs



Basketball and Dance

June 11-14

9:00-11:00 am

Free, K-5th



STARTING
new
HERE → **POINT**

Sunday, April 15

3:00-5:45 pm

Starting Point is a class for prospective members to learn more about taking their next steps. Anyone interested in joining the church, or learning more about Garden City Baptist, is encouraged to contact the church office. (843) 651-3663, joanne@gardencitybaptistchurch.com

MISSION UPDATE FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY – Eric & Sissy Rutherford

“but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15 (HCSB)

One of our most important responsibilities here in eastern Appalachia, where there is rampant unemployment, real poverty, and substance addiction on an epidemic scale, is to share with others our reason for having hope where many of the residents face real hopelessness. When Sissy and I decided to come here, my father cautioned us that the problem here was the economy, which after being devastated by the decline of the coal mining industry, he assured us, we would not fix. As Christians, I explained, our hope is not in money or jobs, but is in Jesus. While economic poverty is real and present here, Spiritual poverty is an even greater concern.

While our intentions include helping to create job opportunities, which God has allowed, our *mission* is to extend the love of Jesus; pointing others to Him so that He might offer them a new and lasting kind of hope. I too doubt the economy will be completely changed or restored during our stay, but I *know* that the lives of individuals here can be. We had already seen evidence of lives being changed and restored on the mission trips we experienced with GCBC in the past. We know that because of God’s love and grace; with assurances in His promises; and as evidenced by His faithfulness; that He *will* protect and provide for that which is His. Our goal then remains simply to introduce others to Him, that they might become His.



March is typically a month of gradual transition from quiet winters to busy summers. This year, however, March has come in like a lion. In just three weeks we have already encountered large groups including almost fifty seminary students (from Southeastern), 100 school children and their leaders from five counties here studying energy and history, dozens of veterinary students working animal clinics with Dr. Bradford and his wife Debbie who run God’s Creatures (a veterinary outreach of

our ministry), and a group of forty-nine mission team members from Texas (pictured at left) working with Feed the Hunger providing meals and other ministry to our community. (Many of them kids who got to experience snow for the first time!) Each encounter has been an opportunity to “give a defense” for our hope, sharing how God works through the coffee shop, our involvement in the Christian Motorcyclists Association, the Celebrate Recovery program , and Meridzo Center as a whole.

We also had a very special visit from two Garden City Baptist alumni (and two of my personal mentors and dearest friends), Darryl Rogers and Denley Caughman (pictured below with me between them). We were originally introduced to the work here in 2009 in a GCBC Sunday School class led by Darryl. Denley, of course, pastored GCBC for 22 years, including when our family first started attending; and, as I was nurtured from a young believer into an ordained deacon. Now a full-time missionary and licensed minister, I was honored to show them around and share how important they, and Garden City Baptist Church, have been to us and the journey that led us to where we are today.

Thank you all for your continued love, prayers, and support! In His love and service, *Eric & Sissy*

