



CHURCH EVENTS

June 3

Church-wide Breakfast
Campus Outreach Students IMAN
Children's Choir
4:00 p.m. IMANI Milele
Children's Choir Concert
5:30 p.m. Cookout for everyone

June 4

IMANI Milele Children depart
Church Council

June 6

Summer Kickoff for Youth &
Children

June 7

WMU Meeting

June 11-14

Sports Camp

June 12

Elections 6:00 a.m. – 7:00
p.m. Fellowship Hall

June 17

Father's Day

June 19

Charity SS Class Meeting (FH)

June 22

Ladies Lunch – Deck 383
Women's Ministry Lakewood
Campground Concert

June 25-29

Youth Camp

June 26

Runoff Elections

June 29

Women's Ministry Lakewood
Campground Concert

Groups not meeting during
the summer.

- WMU (July & August)
- JOY Fellowship
- Women's Ministry Circle of Friends
- Women's Ministry Bible Study (returns August 30)

From the Pastor . . .

What an exciting month ahead. While many churches inland tend to slow down during the summer, our church seems to go faster. I love the summer around here. Please take note of these events throughout The Link.

I wanted to use the majority of this article to hit some of the important points from a recent article I read. The article, "Seven things we can learn from the Attractional Church," is written by one of my favorite professors, Chuck Lawless. Here are some of the highlights:

1. We should constantly think about the unchurched. It pushes us to be outwardly focused.
2. We need to have an intentional strategy to reach people.
3. We need to maximize the opportunity to reach people. Lawless says, "We may get only one opportunity to proclaim the gospel to the unchurched person who unexpectedly attends our church. Tell it clearly. Tell it well." It is important for our greeters, Sunday school teachers, ushers, pastors, etc. to all point people to Jesus.
4. We have to promote excellence. The consumer-driven culture that we live in demands that businesses, churches, etc. strive for excellence. While it seemingly may go too far, we still must strive for excellence as we look to give our best effort before the Lord.

Hope this was helpful. I love our church, and I am so excited to see what the Lord has in store for the future of our church. Happy June!

Serving Him,
Pastor Jordan

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

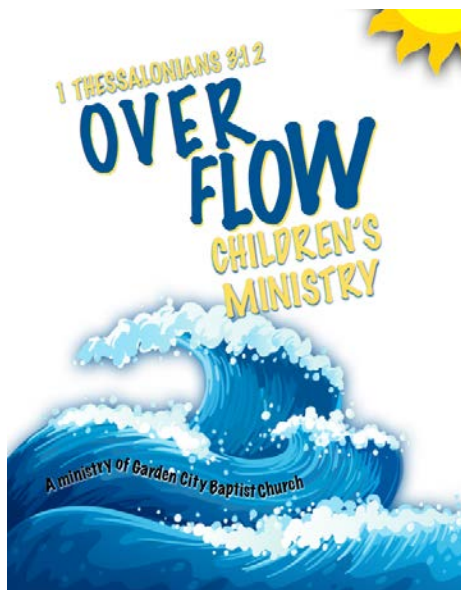
by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Since last month, our SS enrollment has decreased from 325 to 320. We started the year with 305. Monthly enrollment can fluctuate. Our weekly attendance for the year has been 184 compared to 183 last year.

SS classes that learned about Paul in I & II Corinthians will start studying 2 Samuel in June. David will be the primary character. One cannot go to Israel without thinking about traveling the same places as David, a shepherd, a poet, a man on the run, a warrior, a king, a murderer and a man of God. This will be a great study.

If you are like me, sometimes I wake up during the night and have a hard time going back to sleep. That's when I practice & analyze the Lord's Prayer, 23rd Psalm, Fruit of the Spirit and other Bible verses. I bet you do too.

Have a blessed day,



NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

by: Timothy Laurent, Minister to the Next Generation

The summer is here!

This is the most exciting time for our next gen ministries as we look forward to camps, outings, and events! Events are fun and outings are enjoyable, but *people* are most important. All of our events, outings, and gatherings are put together for the purpose of growing our kids and youth in Christ and further uniting them in camaraderie with each other.

We want to teach our teenagers to consistently *DIVE* into a deeper relationship with the Lord, always looking for the next step to a deeper relationship with Him. We want our children to *Overflow* with love for each other, for their friends, families, and most importantly for Christ.

Take a look at what's coming up in June for our children and youth!

- June 6th - Family Fun Night, Summer Kick-off (Food and games for kids/youth and families)
- June 10th - Ministry Track Evangelism Training (Youth MFUGE Participants)
- June 11th-14th - Sports Camp
- June 20th - Ministry Track Evangelism Training (Youth MFUGE Participants)
- June 25th-29th - MFUGE Youth Camp, Charleston, SC

From the Media Messenger. . .

Book Review: *The Shadow on the Quilt* by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Julianne Sutton has just about everything a woman could want. Her husband is one of the most successful men in the capital city of Lincoln. Julianne is involved in various charities. They are building a new home, a spectacular mansion, on five acres of land which will be the envy of everyone in the town when it's completed. Then a scandal erupts which will change everything.

Cass Gregory, the foreman overseeing the construction of the Sutton mansion has spent the last several years trying to untangle his own life. He wishes he didn't know the truth about his boss. He wishes he could comfort Julianne after the scandal, but he is convinced that her position in society and his past would make that impossible.

This is only the beginning. The book is filled with a cast of characters that are unforgettable. There are two aunts that are a hoot, adorable and loveable. The novel is one of grief, love and betrayal. One where everything looks great on the outside until you discover the real truth hidden within.

Stephanie Grace Whitson has been writing since she was a child, but her life as a published novelist began in the 1990s in southeast Nebraska. She and her husband have four children. History is an integral part of all her novels. Her interests include antique quilts, French, Italian, and Hawaiian language and culture. She also enjoys serving in her local church.



LADIES LUNCHEON at Deck 383 on June 22nd—all are welcome. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer and side hall
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.

The Missions Committee continues to promote support for South Strand Helping Hand (SSHH). Please remember to bring non-perishable foods on Wednesday nights and the first Sunday of each month to the church-wide breakfast. Also, when you shop for yourself include food for SSHH.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon **Sunday, June 24** at K&W Restaurant in Myrtle Beach to celebrate Kay Cravens' birthday. 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

The study of *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven* by Dr. David Jeremiah ends June 7. After taking a break for the summer, you can look forward to another study beginning August 30.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fiesta that was hosted by Roberta Collins. We had a fun evening filled with tacos and other Mexican foods. There was more fun with a piñata and doing the Macarena, followed by a craft with yarn and popsicle sticks. Everything was awesome. Thank you Roberta for planning the event. There will be no Circle for the summer but keep checking the Bulletin/Link and our Bulletin board for upcoming events.

GOSPEL BODY is starting at 9:00am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

During Sports Camp and VBS there will be no exercise during those times.

Sister in Christ,
Yvonne Marcum

MOMS & MORE . . . Friday, June 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Footprints in the Sand. We going to the beach. More details to come. Contact Pam at 843-907-3528 at least one week in advance if you are bringing children so sitters can be arranged.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

The meeting is **Thursday, June 7** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza is provided. Bring a salad or dessert. Tish Walker and Pat Hample will share their Baltimore experience.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

The **Post Office Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** on May 12 was phenomenal—more than 12,000 pounds of food. Several of us got involved in moving the food from the Socastee Post Office to Helping Hand on Monday. After we moved it into the building, food was piled up in every room except the restrooms. The carriers and the people on their routes did a wonderful job.

We've had our yearly meeting with United Way. It seemed to go well, we just have to wait to find out their support for 2018.

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

June 11-15 (Van 2) See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information. It's a great opportunity to serve. As a church we have it every six weeks, and each person only does it once during the week. You are taking food into a person who may not see anyone else that day.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PRAYER **June 25 starting at 8:00 a.m. until Tuesday, June 26 at 8:00 a.m.** Find a twenty-minute period that's dedicated to spending time with God. Let's have a continuous 24 hours of prayer. A sign-up sheet is in the side hall.

Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!



- 1 – Kaidyn Wakley
- 2 – Zayne Howze
- 2 – Pat Barnett
- 3 – Bonnie Oldaker
- 4 – Barbara Green
- 7 – George Richardson
- 7 – Juanita Henderson
- 7 – Jack Ramsey
- 8 – Howard Oliver
- 9 – Yvonne Marcum
- 9 – Roy Turner
- 10 – John Henderson
- 10 – Jeremiah Johnson
- 10 – Kathy Holloway
- 11 – Eva Marie Johnson
- 11 – Dorothy Collins
- 11 – Barbara Bayer
- 12 – Carolyn Roddey
- 13 – Nancy Rook
- 13 – Lee Ware
- 13 – Toby Waddell
- 14 – Charles Cooper
- 14 – Barbara Weeden
- 14 – Terry Lonas
- 15 – Jimmy Pigate
- 15 – Margaret Howze
- 16 – Connie Miller
- 17 – Bobby Jordan
- 17 – Warren Wing
- 18 – Brenda Litaker
- 18 – Ollie Paul
- 18 – Jean Beelendorf
- 19 – Rey Branton
- 21 – Bob Brown
- 21 – Peggy Waddell
- 21 – Cam Crawford
- 23 – David Finn
- 23 – Janice Johnson
- 25 – Bonnie Archer
- 25 – Heather Crawford
- 25 – Marvin Faine
- 27 – Bernice Burgin
- 27 – Kay Cravens
- 27 – Charlie Lanier
- 27 – Erma Mundy
- 28 – Jason Carroll
- 30 – Chris McSwain

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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)

- The children do not rehearse during the Summer months. We will resume in September. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who brought their child/children to rehearsal. We enjoyed having them! The children joyfully learned to praise the Lord which showed every time they sang on Sunday morning!

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- We are rehearsing our new music and look forward to sharing these beautiful songs with you soon!
- 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!

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.
- We are interested in someone playing the bass guitar. 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, June 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109.

BALTIMORE

A team from Garden City Baptist left midnight on Thursday and traveled through the night to Baltimore. What an amazing experience it was to serve alongside of Pastor Wayne and Christian Liberty Church. Our church raised \$2250 that was given toward equipment and supplies to be used by the CLC ministry. The team invited the community to church, packed a U-Haul slam full of the purchased equipment and supplies, cleaned chickens to be fed to the neighborhood, worshipped at Frederick Douglass High School, and helped serve food at the celebration that followed the Sunday service. It was an amazing, albeit exhausting trip. We are planning to return to Baltimore November 15-18. Please contact Pastor Charlie or Tish Walker if you feel led to go.



Left to Right: Tim Hutto, Marvin Faine, Pastor Charlie Lanier, Pat Carella, Pasha Lee, Pastor Wayne Lee, Pat Hample, Tish Walker



Sunday, June 3

11:00 Service - Special Music
4:00 pm- Concert and Cookout

Basketball and Dance

June 11-14

9:00-11:00 am

Free, K-5th



Sunday, July 8th

5:00-6:30 pm

Join us as we invite the neighborhood to our church. We will stop for ice cream afterwards. In order to help us plan teams, please sign up by contacting Pastor Charlie or the Church Office.



Sunday, July 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

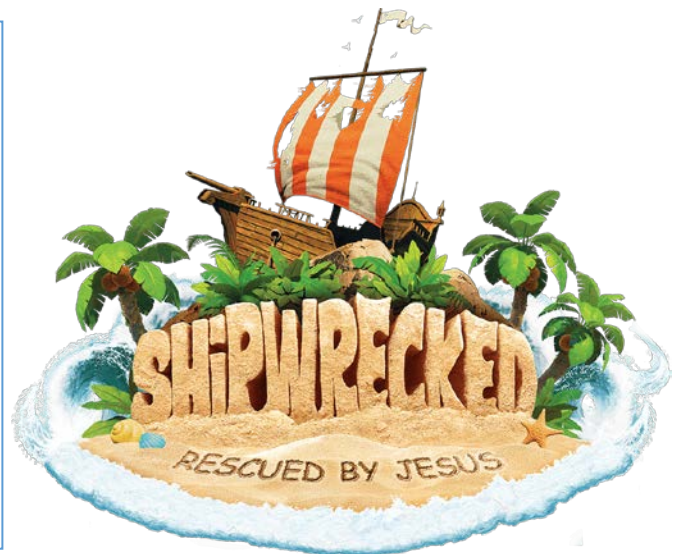
JULY 24-27

9:00-11:30 AM

preK-rising 5th Grade

REGISTER:

vbspro.events/p/66be10



MISSION UPDATE FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY – Eric & Sissy Rutherford



ONE OF THE LIVES GOD HAS TOUCHED (THAT HAS TOUCHED OURS):

Emma Pinkley (pictured between us at left) is the daughter of Jim and Vickie Pinkley, the directors of our ministry's Black Mountain Exchange gas station and convenience store.

Emma has worked with us at the Lamp House Coffee Shop on weekends and summer breaks since her family moved here to serve with the ministry. She recently graduated from Harlan County High School as a Salutatorian with a number of other honors to her credit. She will be leaving us soon to attend the University of Louisville in Kentucky on a partial scholarship.

Emma and I are both Mayday babies, born on May 1st (a few years apart). We have had a lot of fun driving Sissy crazy with our similar personalities. Sissy and I have enjoyed getting to know and invest in Emma, but she is ready to move on to bigger and better things! Emma consistently excels at anything she does, including winning our Lamp House Coffee Gingerbread House Competition, fulfilling another of her goals, which was to beat, specifically, me. We will miss Emma and ask you to pause now to lift a prayer for her as she steps out into adulthood.

SERVICES, SERVICES On May 20 after Sissy watched the royal wedding, I had another opportunity to bring the message at our ministry's Community Christian Center. Later that afternoon we attended the wedding of George and Karissa Otis, missionaries who met two years ago at Meridzo's Shekinah Village where they were wed. (George produced of the documentary *It's Only Cookie Dough*, which features our ministry, including the coffee shop. A copy is available in the GCBC Media Center.) Meridzo's co-founder Lonnie Riley performed the ceremony. I'll be performing my first wedding in October for a couple in Virginia; and, recently volunteered as Chaplain and driver for the Harlan County Emergency Rescue Squad's Tri-City Station, merging my passions for EMS and ministry.



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