



CHURCH EVENTS

- July 1
Church-wide Breakfast
- July 4
Independence Day
Office Closed
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES
- July 8
Community Visitation—Door to Door
- July 10
Charity SS Class Meeting
- July 11
Music Committee
- July 9-11
Children’s Camp
- July 13
Women’s Ministry Lakewood
Campground Concert
- July 15
Church Conference after morning
worship
Starting Point
- July 22
Church-wide Luncheon
- July 25
Gospel/Hymn Sing
- July 24-27
Vacation Bible School
- July 27
Ladies Lunch – Caledonia
- July 29
Lord’s Supper
Deacon Relief Fund
COM Luncheon
- July 30-31
24 Hours of Prayer

From the Pastor . . .

July is here! Can you believe it? We have several awesome things happening in our church during the month of July. Please take note of our events mentioned in this edition of *The Link* and get involved!

I want you to pray for 5 really important things this month:

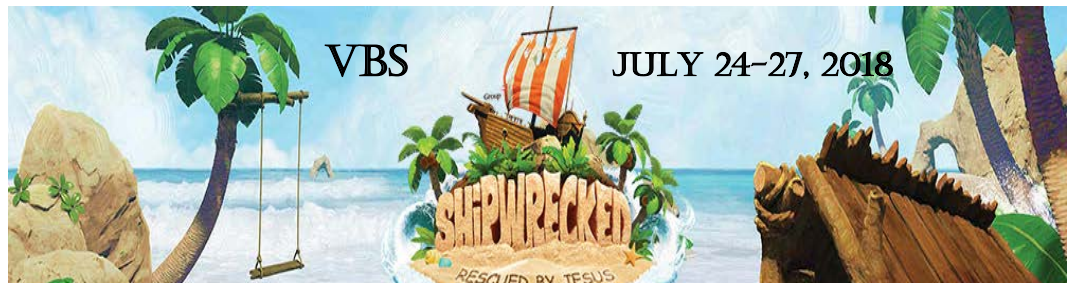
- 1) **The next generation:** Our next gen. group is growing rapidly and we need to keep them in prayer. By the time you receive this, our students (middle and high school) will have just gotten back from camp. I am confident the Lord used that week to work in their lives. July 9th-11th is Kid’s Camp at the Chapel. Timothy and the Children’s Ministry Leadership team has worked hard on this event. July 24th - July 27th is VBS. What a great week for God to move in the lives of our children.
- 2) **Evangelism:** Come and join us July 8th for our Church-Wide Evangelism night. We are going door to door sharing the love of Jesus. I promise you, it still works!
- 3) **Our staff:** It is so important that you keep the staff in your prayers. As we pray for the Lord’s direction for the church, keep us in your prayers. Leading a church can often be hard work because the devil is always looking to prevent great things from happening.
- 4) **Volunteer Support:** We need volunteers! We need volunteers! We need volunteers! Please consider volunteering in various areas of the church. We especially need volunteers in the children’s ministry, music ministry (choir), counter group, and the connection center. A church that thrives is a church that has a strong group of volunteers serving the Lord.
- 5) **Missions:** We support so many wonderful missions organization/groups. Please be in special prayer for our efforts in Baltimore, Kentucky, and our community missions weekend in October.

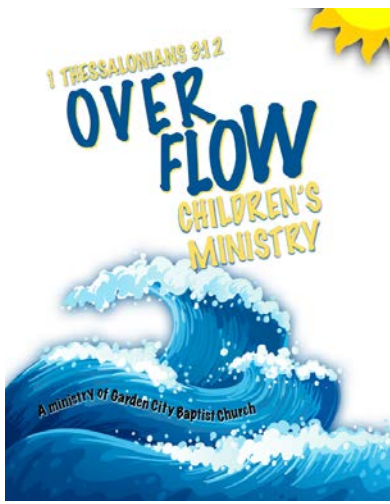
Praise God for what He is doing!

Serving Him,
Jordan

Groups not meeting during the summer.

- WMU (July & August)
- JOY Fellowship
- Women’s Ministry Circle of Friends
- Women’s Ministry Bible Study (returns September 6)





NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

by: Timothy Laurent, Minister to the Next Generation

Summer rolls along for our next generation ministries as we enjoy the blessings of warm weather and growth opportunities with new friends!

July 9-11 – Children’s Camp at Garden City Chapel – Ready, Set, Grow!

July 24-27 – Vacation Bible School – Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus
To register: vbspro.events/p/66be10.

July 8 – Here about the FUGE mission trip.

July 1 – August 12 – Youth Sunday Night Bible Study, 5-6pm

It's time to get ready for filling our shoeboxes. On **October 13** we have a party to celebrate Operation Christmas Child and pack shoe-boxes together. To prepare for the party, please contribute monetary donations so items for the boxes can be purchased. For every \$27 donated, \$9 will be used for shipping to the final destination. All donations are appreciated. This isn't to replace the boxes that we pack ourselves!

From the Media Messenger...

POP OPEN A GOOD BOOK

The Media Center is sponsoring a reading program during the month of July and the first two weeks in August. In order to participate, children in our church must pick up a reading packet from the Media Center the first Sunday in July. Children between the ages of 2 and 13 are eligible. You can pick up your packet later if you are not here.



Participation is simple. Your packet will contain a bookmark, tracking chart, and popcorn stickers. Every day your child reads or that you read to your child, he/she will place a sticker on his/her chart. I would love to see children read for 15 minutes, but **any** time spent reading qualifies for a sticker. My goal is to have children reading during the summer. Children who collect 30 stickers will receive a special surprise. All children who read will attend the party. The cutoff date is August 12, 2018. I will collect your tracking charts that Sunday.

Sometime in August we will have a party to celebrate our reading success. I will announce this at a later time.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Donate:

- to Acts 1:8 Fund for Mission Trips
- non-perishable food to South Strand Helping Hand

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The backbone of Bible study. Meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Come to breakfast this Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. and stay for Sunday School!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon is **Sunday, July 22** at Bob Evans to celebrate the birthdays of Esther Holland, Harriet Hutson, and Sandy Shell 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 next study starts **September 6** with Pricilla Shirer's *One in a Million*.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & THE LAKEWOOD CAMPGROUND CONCERT

Plans are to take the bus to the concert on **Friday, July 13** to hear Lumber River. The bus leaves the parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Call Pat Hample if you can go.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

We are a crisis intervention center and frequently meet the need of people who are out of food. I remember one mother who came in for food. The night before she and her husband had gone without food so the three children could share a can of soup. She and her husband were both out of work and couldn't find anything.

They never know how fast their situation is going to change. One day you go to work and at the end of the day the boss says, "don't come back tomorrow, there's no more work". **Donating food to Helping Hand is very important.**

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

July 23-27 (Van 1) 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.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PRAYER

July 30 starting at 8:00 a.m. until Tuesday, July 31 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.

CHURCH WIDE LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 22 at 12:30 p.m.
at Sara J's.

\$15 includes beverage and tax
--children are half price.

Tip is NOT included.

Limited space so if interested sign up as soon as possible. The sheets are in the side hall and front foyer.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Caledonia Golf and Fish Club
Pawleys Island

Friday, July 27th at Noon.

We will carpool and leave church at 11:30. Sign-up sheets are in the side hall and front foyer.

JULY



- 1 – Dotty Farrell
- 1 – Lois Skelton
- 2 – Pam Lampley
- 7 – Shirley Campbell
- 7 – Margaret Stewart
- 9 – Kaye Huffstetler
- 9 – Andrew Marsh
- 11 – Lorrie Beri
- 12 – Tom McDowell
- 12 – Jerry Rook
- 12 – Sandy Kirk
- 14 – Michael Walters
- 15 – Georgia Burgess
- 16 – George Pierce
- 16 – Arthur Langlo, Jr.
- 16 – Harriet Hutson
- 16 – Cathy Still
- 17 – Dorothy Vinot
- 20 – Terry Hawes
- 21 – Hope Brown
- 22 – Elsie Turner
- 22 – Ken Broz
- 22 – Donna Callahan
- 23 – Richard Giusti
- 23 – Sandy Shell
- 24 – Jeff Still
- 24 – Milton Eblen
- 24 – Dennis Johnson
- 24 – Scott Walker
- 24 – Charlene Papel
- 26 – Betty Jones
- 28 – Carrie Elliott
- 29 – Betty MacDonald
- 29 – Mark Hays
- 29 – Michael Jackson
- 29 – Zach Taylor
- 30 – Jim Clamp
- 31 – Esther Holland
- 31 – Matthew Huffstetler

Happy Independence Day – July 4

Varina's



Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. for our Gospel/Hymn Sing. We will sing your favorite hymns, sing wonderful gospel songs, and have special instrumental music. We will enjoy ice cream, in the Fellowship Hall, following the service. Looking forward to seeing you there!

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- We are participating in the Summer Program for the children. We are singing songs with choreography, playing musical games, and using rhythm instruments. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Recruiting continues for new members! Invite your friends to join us each Wednesday night for rehearsal.
- Calling all men to prayerfully consider joining the Choir. We need five more men to fill the second row of the Choir Loft. Looking forward to seeing you Wednesday night.
- Rehearsal is Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m.

PRAISE BAND

- 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

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109. Please note the date change for July only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Music Ministry video has been recorded and is in the process of being edited. It will be shown during pre-service announcements the end of June, July, and August and then will be placed on the website.
- Christmas is just around the corner – musically speaking! Music preview has been taking place for several weeks. Timothy and I will meet during July to plan our Christmas Musical which will include children, youth, and adults. Please pray for us as we plan this special event.
- Campus Outreach has been invited to participate in our services. Looking forward to working and serving with them.

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

The Fisher Family (Sue & Barry Gelman's daughter and her family) are in need of items for the ministry as well as personal items for Michelle, Ethan and the three boys. Their wish list is on Amazon at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2373RM1OF32QQ. The items will be sent to New Hampshire. The Fisher family will be there on vacation until August when they return to the mission field. Please place your order by August 1. If you would like to donate money, give it to Sue Gelman or through the church.

CAMPUS OUTREACH MINISTRY STUDENTS AND LEADERS

We are glad to be a help in their ministry. We enjoy worshipping with them on Sunday, and appreciated their contributions to our services.

Four days a week the leaders meet to study in our classrooms upstairs and on occasion they all have social events in the Fellowship Hall.

They will be our guests the last Sunday of July for our usual goodbye luncheon for them. There will be more information later.

Thank you to all who are hosting students!

STAY SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAY!!!



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
following the morning
service



QUARTERLY
CHURCH
CONFERENCE



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



GOSPEL HYMN SING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

6:30 PM

MISSION UPDATE FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY – Eric & Sissy Rutherford



ANOTHER ONE OF THE LIVES GOD HAS TOUCHED (THAT HAS TOUCHED OURS): Lynn Flystra (pictured at left with Sissy) is our summer intern this year at the Lamp House Coffee shop. She is a second-year English major at the College at Southeastern in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Lynn visited our ministry with a group of her fellow students earlier this year before applying to intern. During her stay, she will work alongside us at the shop; attend Bible study and church services; and participate in outreach opportunities. For example, she joined us at one of our CMA Bike Blessings and will sit in with us tomorrow as we share our testimony with one of the visiting mission teams. As the summer progresses we'll expect to see Lynn sharing her testimony, as well.

We're also doing the 16-week study *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* together to help her discover how she can and will be used by God in the future. One lesson Lynn shared that has already spoken to her was the author's statement suggesting "What is God's will for my life? is *not* the right question, I think the proper question [the author continued] is "What is God's will?" (teaching us that our primary focus needs to be on God, not our own lives.) That's good stuff. Our hope is this summer will result in emotional and Spiritual growth for Lynn; and, that we will all draw even closer to God as we minister together.

LOONEY TUNES: THE LOONEY CREEK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The coffee shop sits astride Big Looney Creek, next to the historic Lynch Train Depot where steam locomotives once exported coal and ran passenger service twice a day, bringing everyone from national politicians U.S. Vice Presidential candidates to immigrant workers recruited at Ellis Island.

Beginning this month the coffee shop is presenting free, monthly concerts for the community. (There is not a lot to do here and events like these are a great way for us to come face-to-face and build relationships with locals.



Our performers are all groups made up of mission team members who have ministered here in the past. One of the groups, The Jenkins Holler Band from North Carolina (who takes their name from a community here), has performed at the Fall Festival started by Garden City Baptist Church and a missionary appreciation dinner GCBC held. The Fruit Pickers hail from Florida and are from the church that started the Meridzo AgriBusiness Center that is farming mushrooms in the old miners' bathhouse. They also sponsored a free, city-wide cookout at our 100th Anniversary Celebration last year. The third group, Get Real, is from Georgia and they headlined our anniversary event. They also play each Christmas at the Benham Coal Mining Museum's Festival of Trees. Each is very talented and entertaining; and, all have demonstrated a heart for the people in this area and a

willingness to serve. (The groups are paying their own way here and are not paid to perform.) Listeners can expect a mix of country, gospel, and (of course here in the Appalachian mountains) bluegrass. We're also excited that one of our opening acts will be Paul and MaryJo Radosevich's kids. (Paul and MaryJo director Meridzo's Calvary Campus ministry.)

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