



**CHURCH EVENTS**

- November 4**  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
8:15 a.m. Church-wide  
Breakfast  
Starting Point after worship
- November 6**  
Election Day
- November 7**  
Music Committee
- November 11**  
Safety Committee Meeting
- November 11-14**  
Fall Revival
- November 12**  
JOY Fellowship  
Finance Committee  
Deacons meet
- November 13**  
Charity SS Class Meeting
- November 15-18**  
Missionaries in Baltimore
- November 16**  
Ladies Lunch—Valentino's
- November 19**  
Widow's Lunch—Red Lobster
- November 21**  
NO Wednesday Night Activities
- November 22**  
Thanksgiving Day  
Office Closed
- November 27**  
Women's Ministry Day Trip  
Mepkin Abbey

**CHURCHWIDE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, November 4  
Deacons start serving at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
  
Come and enjoy the food and fellowship then at 9:30-9:45 a.m. you're ready for Sunday School

**2018 Fall Revival ❖ NOVEMBER 11-14**  
Light Supper at 5:15 p.m. & Revival Service at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Rev. David Neace</b> Director, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, WBA	<b>Rev. Jeff &amp; Carolyn Sifford</b> Associate Pastor of Worship, FBC Darlington
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dr. Bob Teems</b> Retired & Preaching	<b>Lacie Gandy</b> <b>GCBC Men's Choir</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dr. Charles Hook</b> Pastor, FBC Ellore	<b>Chevelle Turner</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Wilkes</b> Pastor, Rose Hill Baptist Church	<b>The Chancel Choir</b>

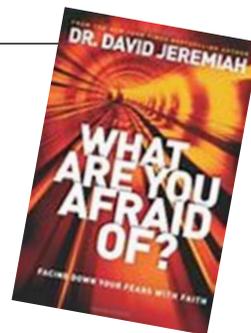
**JOY FELLOWSHIP** meets **Monday, November 12** at noon for a covered dish luncheon with Fried Chicken provided. Please bring \$2 to help with the cost of the chicken.

Myrtle Mae is our guest entertainer. She is full of surprises and guaranteed to entertain you. Everyone 55 and better is invited!



## From the Media Messenger...

The Bible has much to say about fear. According to David Jeremiah "fear not" is one of the most repeated commands in the Bible. For many people worry and anxiety are constant companions. Some worry about death, disease, losing their money, and rejection to name a few. These fears lead to depression, crippling the person, and worst of all, keep them from leading the life God intended.



Dr. Jeremiah believes that as Christians we have been given all the tools to tackle the most frightening and unexpected obstacles that fear can present. In his book, **What Are You Afraid Of?** Dr. Jeremiah explores those fears. Job faced depression. Hezekiah faced disease and Peter felt rejection. Studying and identifying these Biblical characters and others will teach us how to overcome fear in our own lives.

Fear is an emotional response that arises suddenly in the face of information or circumstances. Because we can't control it, trying to eliminate it is impossible. We can learn how to replace fear with faith in God whose plans and promises can be trusted in spite of anything that may happen in our lives.

Dr. David Jeremiah is an evangelical Christian author, founder of Turning Point Radio and Television Ministries, and Senior Pastor of Shadow Mountain Church, El Cajon, California.

### NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

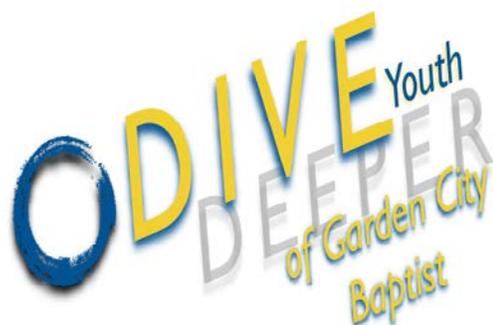
by: Timothy Laurent, Minister to the Next Generation

November is here! This month we stand on the doorstep of Thanksgiving and Christmas and look forward to all the holidays bring! Our kids continue to learn about Abraham and Isaac in Sunday school and have been a big part in helping us pack our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! The children have also begun bringing in money as an offering each week to support David Valle, the seven year old boy in El Salvador that our children's ministry is now sponsoring!

Our youth have been involved in outreach as well. We have begun visiting some of our shut-ins in an attempt to meet and care for them. We also were involved in a neighborhood outreach on Halloween that allowed us to meet people around us and invite them to our church! Our youth are learning along with the kids on Sunday mornings about God's promises to Abraham and Isaac, and are working through a series at The Well on Sunday nights about God's design for marriage and human sexuality.

Please continue to be in prayer of both of our ministries! Our children and youth are special, and they deserve sound Christian leadership from us.

Tim



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** It's time to start filling our shoeboxes for children in need all over the world. The shoeboxes are to be in the church for delivery by **Wednesday, November 14**. Pamphlets with instructions and boy/girl labels will be on the tables in the front foyer and side hall. Our goal this year is 453.

When you complete your boxes put them on the steps in the Sanctuary.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Due to the weather and church closing, The Bible Study "One in a Million" didn't finish as originally planned. There are several sessions remaining. Keep watching the bulletin for information on the next Bible study "7 Churches of Revelation".

## LADIES LUNCHEON

The luncheon is **Friday, November 16** at the Original Valentino's in Surfside Beach at noon. To carpool meet in the church lot by 11:30 a.m. All are welcome... Come make new friends.

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Shirley Oesterle

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)** meets **Thursday, November 1** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring sandwiches or a dessert, soup will be provided. The program is missions and refugees from Clarkston, Georgia.

## SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND

We have signed families up for Thanksgiving Dinner. Each family gets a turkey and all the fixings to prepare a great meal at home. To help please donate money for turkeys and canned pumpkin, canned cranberry sauce, dressing, cornbread mix, canned yams, etc. Please have all donations in by November 18.

We are in the process of registering kids in the Christmas Program. It is going a little slower than normal. People have been distracted by the hurricane and flooding and some families have moved due to the flooding. You will be hearing more about the program and its needs next month.

## LYNCH, KY MISSION TRIP

This is the summary of our mission trip in October. We traveled 1,013 miles. We completed several work projects - built a 21' long 6' high wall inside the storage shed; cleaned and organized the canteen; pulled weeds and cleaned up flower beds around Shekinah Village; swept and cleaned the bunkhouse; cleaned 4 outside bathrooms; and cleaned the classroom at the stables. All this in addition to feeding and serving over 500 locals and volunteers at the Fall Festival! Also, we provided all the food for the cookout and donated a new nail gun and \$200 to help pay for the materials to build the wall.

Chad was very impressed with our work and enthusiasm! Hopefully, we have all recovered physically and can look back with fond memories of our trip. Also, we all feel Blessed for helping with God's Kingdom work!

On Sunday, we joined Eric and Sissy for a Bible study at the coffee shop and worship service at their church. We rested Sunday afternoon and headed home early Monday morning.

Alan & Wanda Cooper  
Harriet Hutson  
Rev. Jordan Gandy

Gary Hawes  
Chris Aynes  
Marvin Faine

Karen Siracusa  
Yoon Green

## November Birthdays

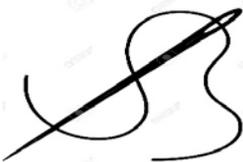
1 – Paul Warlick  
2 – Terry Thompson  
3 – John Platts  
3 – Ed Keith  
4 – Andrew Papel  
4 – Mason Papel  
4 – Charles Hill  
5 – Jennifer Harrelson  
6 – Vinson Ward  
7 – Sharon Stewart  
7 – Sue Rives  
8 – Tara Watts  
8 – Louise Chestnut  
8 – Sissy Rutherford  
8 – Karen Williams  
11 – Jennifer Short  
11 – Stephanie Short  
11 – Jane Pierce  
13 – Mary Ann Teems  
14 – Sue Gelman  
14 – Gary Robertson  
15 – Tim Laurent  
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 Luzzi  
25 – Donna Doudican  
27 – Danny Miller  
27 – Richard Holloway  
27 – Martha Spotts  
27 – Sharon Culbreth  
27 – Linda Faine  
29 – Jewel Weaver  
29 – Nancy Barron  
29 – Becca Peterman

## MOBILE MEALS OF THE SOUTH STRAND

**November 26-30 (Van 2)**  
See Esther Holland or  
Phyllis Melton to volunteer  
or for information.

## NEEDED

Fabric new or old, threads and elastic needed for a local group that make children's dresses for those in need. Any questions you can contact Shirley Oesterle at 843-748-0465.



# Varina's

## JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

- The children are having fun learning songs about angels for our Christmas program which will be Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to mark your calendar and come celebrate our Savior's birth!

## CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Men: we now have only four (4) seats to fill in the second row of the Choir Loft! Please remember you do not need to read music to join the Choir. We look forward to seeing YOU Wednesday at 7:30!
- We are excited to welcome our new choir members Sharon Culbreth and David Finn. We look forward to getting to know them and serving the Lord with them.

## PRAISE BAND

- John Speziale has joined the band as a new drummer. We are thankful for him and his talent!
- Praise Band rehearsal is every Monday at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact one the members for information.

## MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109.

<b>New Members</b>
<b>GAUL, Woody &amp; Nancy</b>

## *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



## GCBC MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY – A report from Eric & Sissy Rutherford



In 2009, we came on our first mission trip to Lynch with GCBC to help with the first Fall Festival at Meridzo Center's Shekinah Village. It rained and our team outnumbered the locals who turned out that year. Despite that, I assured the staff here that at least one life had been changed forever that day (mine). This year more than 500 locals came and it took five churches to run the event. The rain held off, but temps "plummeted" into the 50's. Members from our church (at left) cooked and served more than 400 hot dogs and managed

to ward off frostbite by huddling around the grill.

**What's Uber?** As the festival wound down, Alan Cooper asked if there was a way to get Pastor Jordan back to town to tend to some urgent business. (Catching the Gamecocks game. *See Matthew 7:1*) I explained we don't have Uber here and asked, "How badly do you want to see that game?" We were able to secure V.I.P. transportation for our visiting dignitary. The game was actually a great chance for me to spend some time with Pastor Gandy. He was called after Sissy and I were sent to Ky. We discussed ministry, football, and had an opportunity to get to know each other better.



On the Thursday before the Festival, some of the team joined us at our Celebrate Recovery program at Community Christian Center (C3). We worshiped; heard powerful testimony; and Wanda Cooper joined me at the altar to minister to one of the women who came down wanting prayer. Beside us Sissy prayed with another. We all rejoiced as another next to her chose to trust Jesus that night. "I have never felt this kind of peace in my entire life." she told our Pastor. Sunday we met at the coffee shop for Bible study, then at C3 for Sunday service. Sissy and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of the mission team members for coming to serve with us; and, to the church for your ongoing love, prayers, and support. It's wonderful to know that despite the time, distance, and many changes, that you have not forgotten us up here in the hills!

I've also had the chance to preach a couple of times lately; and, Sissy was invited to be the keynote speaker at the annual Coal Miner Appreciation Day event, which we consider a very high honor since we did not grow up here or ever work in the mines. Sissy and I both stay very busy, but we are grateful to have so many opportunities to serve here. We love and miss you all!

*In His Love and Service, Eric and Sissy*