



From the Pastor . . .

CHURCH EVENTS

August 1

Music Committee

August 5

Church-wide Breakfast

August 8

Missions Committee

Family Fun Night (Youth & Children)

August 12

Deacon Elections

August 14

Charity SS Class meeting

August 17, 24, & 31

Women's Ministry Lakewood

Campground Concert

August 22

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

ACTIVITIES

August 29

Fall Kickoff—everyone in the Fellowship Hall

What an awesome month July was here at Garden City Baptist Church. I am looking forward to what the Lord will do here in the month of August. Please take note of the exciting things planned for August, and make it a priority to attend and get involved.

I hope that you have been enjoying our sermon series, "A Summer in the Psalms." I hope that it has blessed you as much as it has blessed me. I want to go back to a quote I mentioned a couple of weeks ago. I said, "The value of the possession is seen in the intensity of the pursuit." The things that we pursue in life generally speak to what we value the most.

As a Christian, I strive daily to pursue Christ the most. I certainly hope you do as well. Here are 4 things you can do to pursue Christ, and show Him how much you value Him daily.

1. Read the Word - Often a neglected practice in our lives. Whether you have a devotional reading or read straight from the Word, make it a practice to read the Scriptures daily.
2. Pray - It is so important for us to pray to the Father daily. Take time each day to lift your heart up to the Lord.
3. Be in community with other Christians - People tend to underestimate the value of being in community with other Christians. Use your relationships with other Christians to build your relationship with the Lord.
4. Serve - Find ways to edify your relationship with Jesus by serving others. Many of you can serve on a daily basis, whether it is at Helping Hand, Mobile Meals, our church, beach evangelism, etc.

I hope this helps you. If you struggle to do these things daily, do not beat yourself up. Work at it harder tomorrow than you did today. The Lord will honor your commitment!

Serving Him,
Jordan

Groups not meeting during the summer.

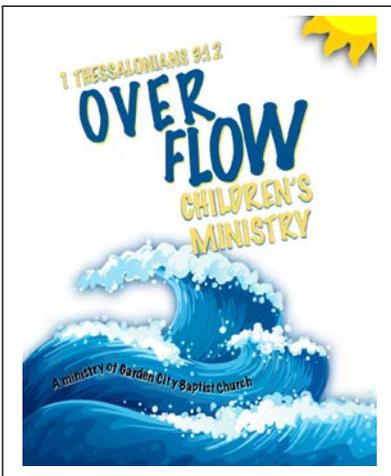
- WMU (July & August)
- JOY Fellowship
- Women's Ministry Circle of Friends
- Women's Ministry Bible Study (returns September 6)

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Sunday School Enrollment Sept. 2017 ----- 310	Enrollment July 22, 2018 ----- 313
High enrollment for this year ----- 326	
Average SS attendance last church year ----- 183	Average SS attendance this year thru July 22 ----- 182

Most adult teachers are in place for the new SS year. There are opportunities in the children's SS. If you have a heart for children, please see Timothy. We will be filling open positions soon. What an opportunity to enrich the life of a child by sharing the love of Jesus. Have a blessed day.



NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

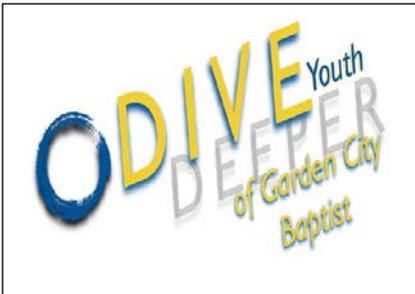
by: Timothy Laurent, Minister to the Next Generation

What a summer it's been! At the end of June our youth ministry took a group of 13 on a mission trip to Charleston where we were able to serve people and learn more to deepen our relationship with Christ. In July our children's ministry spent a few days at Garden City Chapel for our OCM Kids Camp where kids learned about God as the Creator of all things who made them intricately and loves them deeply. At the end of July we saw over 100 children and volunteers get "Shipwrecked" at our church for a fun and exciting week of Vacation Bible School!

But as exciting as this summer was, we are anxiously awaiting a fall filled with opportunities to serve the Lord in exciting and meaningful ways. On August 26th our youth ministry will begin what we will call "The Well" on Sunday nights (from John 4) in our youth house. This will be an engaging and worshipful experience for our youth each week that is sure to lead to life change. Please join us in praying for this endeavor!

As we begin the transition from summer to fall, please be in prayer for our youth and their families as school starts back and we look forward to what God is going to do in our two Next Generation ministries!

Tim

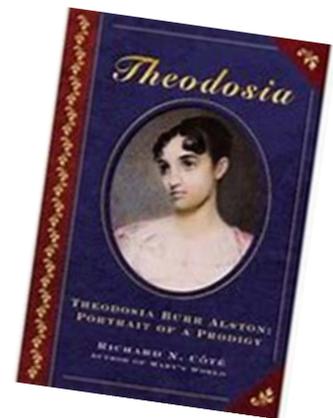


From the Media Messenger...

Theodosia Burr Alston: Portrait of a Prodigy

by Richard N. Cote

This month I decided to share one of my favorite biographies, Theodosia Burr Alston. By the time she could walk, Vice-President Aaron Burr had crafted a master plan for his daughter, Theodosia. He was not interested in turning out a smart, pretty girl, but one who would receive the same education as a boy and would someday become a president or queen. Her life in high society would lead her into a marriage with slave owner Joseph Alston from South Carolina. Later Alston would become Governor and for twenty-one days this amazing lady became the First Lady of South Carolina.



We all know the story of the Hamilton Burr duel from history. Following his acquittal, Burr went to Europe for four years. Upon his return to the United States, Theodosia decided to visit him. She boarded a schooner called the Patriot in Georgetown, South Carolina. (Interesting note: Theodosia actually boarded a small plantation boat at Brookgreen Gardens where a small stream carried her to the Waccamaw River leading to Georgetown.) On December 31, 1812 the Patriot left Georgetown, never to be heard from again.

For me this is the most interesting part of the book. It explores all the rumors, tales, and folklore of Theodosia's disappearance. Was she captured by pirates? Was there a storm at sea? Did the Patriot run aground and wreck near Kitty Hawk, just south of Nag's Head on North Carolina's Outer Banks? Cote exposes the nonsense and presents new evidence surrounding the mysteries of one of the most enigmatic women in American history.



It's time to start thinking about filling our shoeboxes. On **October 13** we have a party to celebrate Operation Christmas Child and pack shoeboxes together. To prepare for the party, please make 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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon is **Sunday, August 12** at JL Leonard's Restaurant (was Chelsea Joe's) celebrate the birthday of Alta Rimer. 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

The bus leaves the church at 6:30 p.m. on **August 17, 24, and 31**. Call Pat Hample if you can attend.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

The most often request for help we get is for food. Food is so important that even if the person does not live in our assigned area, we give them food and refer them to their location agency. **Donating food to Helping Hand is very important.** Please keep it up!

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

September 3-8 (Van 2) See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information. It's a great opportunity to serve. From January thru May 5,993 meals were served—3,119 at no charge. Total cost of Meals and transportation was \$28,904.10. The average cost of a meal was \$4.82.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PRAYER

August 27 starting at 8:00 a.m. until Tuesday, August 28 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.

New Members

CULBRETH, Sharon

WILLIAMS, Ted & Karen

LADIES LUNCHEON

Hi Girls, We are staying close to home this month since there are so many vacationers out there. We will be going to Raves at noon on **August 27th**. All are welcome---come and make new friends.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Shirley



- 2 – Tony Papel
- 4 – Norma Tuck
- 4 – Mike Dempsey
- 5 – Shirley Oesterle
- 7 – Jase Riker
- 10 – Kay Simmons
- 11 – Pat Chenault
- 12 – Calvin Dame
- 12 – Deb Snider
- 12 – Walker King
- 13 – Sandra Klinke
- 14 – Frank Oesterle
- 15 – Wayne Stewart
- 15 – Lacie Gandy
- 16 – Woody Gaul
- 16 – Pat Hardee
- 17 – Sue Hedge
- 17 – Harvey King
- 18 – Danielle Thompson
- 18 – Sandra Webster
- 19 – Katherine Flanders
- 20 – Alta Rimer
- 20 – Patty Woody
- 21 – Jeffrey Smith
- 21 – Donald Barron
- 21 – Tammy Michael
- 21 – Chris Arnold
- 24 – Clara Davis
- 25 – Carl Howie
- 25 – Shawn Sholtes
- 26 – Ric Beelendorf
- 29 – Terry Thompson
- 31 – Joel Reedy
- 31 – Kayla Patton
- 31 – Charlene Johnson
- 31 – Linda Purser

Varina's

We are *commanded* to "Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of saints". (Psalm 149:1 NIV) from Sing! p. 14

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- Our Wednesday night activities continue. Meet in the Choir Room for music, fun, and games! See you at 6:30 p.m.!
- Our Fall Kick-Off is Wednesday, August 29. Invite a friend to join you in choir!

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Looking for five men! Reading music is not a requirement! We need YOU to join us on Wednesdays for rehearsal and Sunday mornings to lead, with the Chancel Choir and Praise Band, in praising our Lord!
- Rehearsal is Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m.

PRAISE BAND

- Please continue to pray for us as we rehearse and praise our Lord during worship!
- We are looking for a bass guitarist. Please consider this important position in our Music Ministry. If interested, please contact me.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 109.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **CALLING ALL MEN!** Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 8 for our ALL MEN's CHOIR. We will rehearse at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8; Wednesday, August 15; Wednesday, August 29; and at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer and on the sign-up sheet on the Choir bulletin board. You will sing during the service on Sunday, September 9.
- Have you seen our new Music Ministry video? It will be shown during the service on August 26 and then will be placed on the church's website.

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

We are making plans for our Fall Mission trip to Lynch, KY. This will be the 10th anniversary of our support of Meridzo Ministries! Our church members, Eric and Sissy Rutherford, have answered God's call to be Missionaries with Meridzo. They have been a Blessing to the people in that area and have been very active in many ministries.

Eric has been licensed to preach and perform ceremonies and has done an outstanding job witnessing and preaching to the communities of Lynch, Benham, and Cumberland. Sissy has been very active bringing back the July 4th parade, witnessing to many ladies in the area, and serving on the Lynch town council. They have operated The Lamp House Coffee shop since it opened. They were a big part of Lynch's 100th anniversary celebration last year. God has used them in many more areas of His Kingdom work.

Our church members have supported the ministry by sometimes making 4 trips a year to work on projects. We have repaired a bridge to a local resident's home, installed flooring in several buildings, painted parking lines on the Solomon's Porch parking lot, performed lots of landscaping at Solomon's Porch and Shekinah Village, lots of painting and electrical wiring, purchased and installed a wood burning stove and built the rock facade in the bunkhouse. Our church donated our old church bus and the ministry is now using it as "Tri-City Trolley", giving free rides to local residents. Our church started the "Fall Festival" in 2009 and it has grown from app. 30 guests the first year to over 1,000 last year. We furnished the July 4th fireworks and served in the July 4th parade and festival at Shekinah Village for several years. God has blessed Garden City Baptist Church and Meridzo Ministries and the people of the Lynch, KY area.

You can get much more information by visiting www.Meridzo.com. Our fall trip will be October 10 - 15, 2018. If you would like to join us contact Alan Cooper or the church office. If you feel led to support this Mission but can't go, just designate "KY Mission Trip" on your offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.