

From the Pastor



A year or so ago, many of you participated in a study here entitled *Holding Up Your Corner*. We worked through a book of the same name by Rev. F. Willis Johnson. This study offered participants an opportunity to examine our own lives and how we might begin to live differently to break down some of the cultural and racial barriers that exist in our society.

Coming up in September, we will have another opportunity to gather some “tools” and learn about real opportunities in our own city to begin “building bridges across difference.” The weekend of September 21-23, Dr. C. Anthony Hunt will use the work of Howard Thurman and his “Search for Common Ground,” together with practical ideas for implementing the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Beloved Community” to offer real ways for churches and community leaders to build lasting change in communities deeply divided. As part of this event, on Saturday morning, Dr. Hunt will moderate a panel discussion with community leaders, where you can learn more about what is already happening in our city and community, and how you might be more involved as we all seek to “Renew the City” with God’s love. I hope many of you will make plans to attend. Below is the schedule. If you would like more information, don’t hesitate to ask Pastor Clair, and also let her know if you plan to participate. It’s free and will be a wonderful event!

Friday, September 21, 7-8:30pm – Plenary/Worship with Dr. Hunt

Saturday, September 22

9:30-11:30am – Plenary & Discussion Panel with Dr. Hunt & Community Leaders

7-8:30pm – Plenary/Worship with Dr. Hunt

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Clair



Grandparents Day Celebration

Sunday, September 9th

Mark your Calendars! On Sunday, September 9, we will celebrate Grandparents’ Day! Invite your grandparents, your grandchildren, and all the family for this special worship service followed by a potluck lunch in the gym.

The church will provide chicken and drinks; sign up on the bulletin board outside the office with the dish you plan to bring. This will be lots of fun for the whole family!

Happening In September

At the end of September, we will be **collecting shoes for foster children through the Mattress Firm Foster Children Shoe Drive**. Please begin gathering new shoes of all sizes (and keep in mind that most schools require close-toed shoes). We will gather during the Sunday School hour on September 30 to collect the shoes and join together in a time of prayer and devotion.

A new **Financial Peace University class** will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning September 23. If you or someone you know could benefit from Dave Ramsey’s proven strategies to get out of debt, make sure to check out this class and get registered. More information can be found on the church website, or by speaking with Suzanne Rogers.

The Sisters will start a new **Bible study, “Psalm 23, The Shepherd With Me”** on Monday, Sept 10. In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God’s compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd’s goodness throughout each season of life. Please see Pam Varnell if you are interested in participating in this study.

Beginning in mid-September we will spend five weeks exploring the **Book of James** through a worship series. James offers perhaps the greatest lessons on what Christian faith looks like in action. You won’t want to miss this great opportunity to see how Faith Works!

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, and food at the time of the loss of my son Alan. Your friendship and acts of kindness meant so much to me.

Hazel Garner

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Prayer Concerns

CURRENT CONCERNS: Dennis Billings (Memorial), Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, Deane Barker, Tom Steffner, Bonnie Hagaman (Mother of Debbie Hackney), Janice Coleman, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Joyce (friend of Ken Levi), Nikki Murdock (Sister-in-law of Martha Blabon), Satori Price (Friend of the Blabons), Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Shellie Thorne (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Pete Bryant

ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Don & Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Hope Atchley, Don Bowers (Father of D. J. (Valorie) Bowers), Betty Brickman, Steve Brothers, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Sara Feely, Hazel Garner, Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Sid Hodges (Brother-in-law of Margaret Ellington), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Becky & Harold Kailo and Judy Arp (Friends of Karen Mansfield) Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Susan & Ken Levi, Lydia Lloyd, Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Susie Magnuson (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Kathy Mansfield, Rev. Ben Matherly, Mike McAfee, David Minnick (Father of Kelsey Shaver), Jon Moeller (Brother-in-law of Pastor Clair and Ken), Dot Pate, Judy Phillips (Friends of the Blabons), Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Randy Starnes, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Becky Sullivan (Friend of Pam Varnell), Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

MILITARY: MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES: Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 321), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague – Southern Oaks (Room 210)

Attendance & Offerings for August 2018

OFFERINGS (For Month of August) \$22,420.28

Sunday School (Average) 32
Morning Worship (Average) 59

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Mike McAfee
Clara Rheay
- 11 Rick Mansfield
- 13 Suzanne Rogers
Becky Teague
- 16 Brynlee Thomas
- 22 Nancy Smith
- 23 Karen Mansfield
- 24 Heather Mansfield
Floy Strickland

IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF September 2018

USHERS/GREETERS

Eric Burnett, Harold Hendrixson
Martha Faye Blabon, Allison Hargis
Charlie Hargis

LAY LEADER:

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

09/02	Tom Steffner
09/09	Jerri & CD Hilliard
09/16	Eric Burnett
09/23	Connie & Naomi Hay
09/30	David Smith

ALTAR GUILD:

ALTAR FLOWERS:

AUDIO-VIDEO:

Charlie, Allison & Caroline Hargis
The Church
Dan Coleman & Kip Smith

A Meeting of the Staff Parish Relations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00pm in the Bishop Hunt Room.



We will have a church work day on Saturday, September 15, beginning at 9:30am. The primary project of the day will be to paint the Fellowship Room, but other small projects will also be happening. Please make plans to spend some time giving back to the church as we work to be good stewards of our great facilities!

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