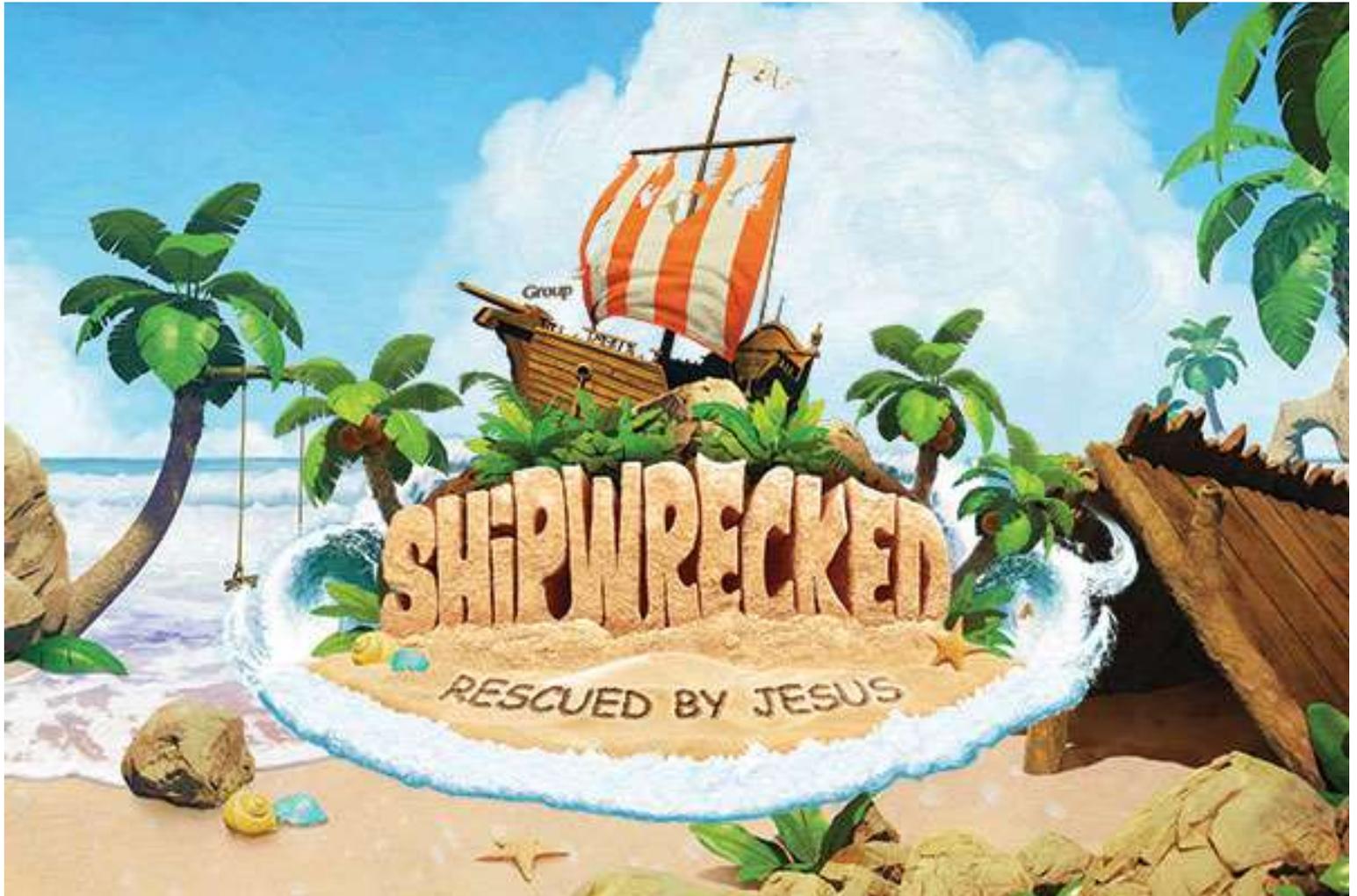


Chester Baptist Church



Join us for a week of Vacation Bible School
Fun & Learning, July 29-August 2!

Dinner 5:30 p.m.
VBS 6:00-8:30 p.m.

VBS Kickoff Party on Saturday, July 28
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Lloyd's Lines—Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor



There are so many wonderful things happening around Chester Baptist Church! We have implemented our new worship schedule and it is going really well. I have been so pleased to see how this transition has been taking place. The Early Bird Sunday School class began in the conference room, but has outgrown that space and has moved upstairs where the Berea Class (Room 302) meets. The Contemporary and Traditional Worship services have been wonderful and I love being able to attend both complete worship services. I was fine with the previous schedule but I much prefer to be able to attend both services instead of running back and forth.

I really appreciated Rusty Peaks preaching while I was on vacation recently. Rusty & Jacqueline are doing a wonderful job leading the Contemporary Worship Service. I had a nice family vacation at Myrtle Beach with Madison and my parents. Last summer I decided I wanted to do fun memorable activities with my children. Last year Madison & I went parasailing and Blake and I went skydiving. While on vacation last week Madison and I had our picture taken with a tiger, lion and monkey. For those who are concerned about me doing this – these were baby animals under close supervision! It is fun to have these experiences with my children.

I also wanted to share another piece of good news. I recently came across some data about our church attendance. As most of you know Chester Baptist has been in decline since around 1979. The data I found was a study and analysis of the attendance from 2001 – 2015 with projections into 2018. Based on the study it was projected that for the 2nd quarter of 2018 the average attendance would be 138. This time period is April, May and June of this year. The actual average attendance was 187. It is great to see how over the past 2 years this trend has reversed and we are experiencing not decline but growth!! More important to me than the attendance however is when I see life change- people accepting Christ and recommitting their lives to God. Some really good things are happening. Continue to pray for our church. Pray that we will keep our focus on God. That we will grow closer to God and have a greater impact on our community by sharing His love with others.

One way to share that love is through Vacation Bible School and we are gearing up for that now! Our VBS will be July 29 – August 2. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will have a kick-off party on Saturday, July 28th 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. We need lots of volunteers. Our director is Crystal Williams. Get in touch with her to let her know how you can be a part of this fun week of Bible Study, Worship, Music, Games and Crafts. VBS is a wonderful time for our children but also a great time to reach out to other children and families in the community! I hope you will volunteer to help and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you.

There is much pain and difficulties in our world. As Christians may we be light pointing others to God.

Peace,
Lloyd

Prayer-Be Still

Life is hard. We have good days and bad days and some days, we just don't ever want to repeat. But when we accept Jesus as our Savior we also have Him, the Holy Spirit, within us to help. Bible study should be a part of growing closer to Him. And Prayer. We "talk" to God, tell Him our woes, our heartaches, our fears. Sometimes we remember to thank Him for all our blessings. Most of us, however, don't have a conversation with God as much as a monologue. Psalm 46:10 (NIV) says "Be still, and know that I am God." When you pray, especially if you're looking for an answer or bearing a heavy burden, stop and just wait. Be still. Let God's Spirit speak to you.



Prayer Ministry Team

Dr. Bill Damon to Retire

Dr. Damon has announced he will be retiring effective September 1, 2018. He joined our church staff as Associate Pastor on July 15, 2001. We are grateful to him for his service over the past 17 years! Dr. Damon's ministry includes serving as office administrator. He oversees the church website, keeps records and shares emails and other communication with the church family. Beyond his day to day ministry, Bill and Roberta are active participants in many areas of our church. They are both in the choir. Bill occasionally will sing a solo and Roberta teaches Sunday school. They plan to continue to be a part of our community even though Bill will no longer officially be on staff.

For those who are not aware of his background, Dr. Damon was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University, with a B.A. in History, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Religious Education degrees. He and Roberta met while in seminary, married and have two boys, Mark and Kenneth Paul.

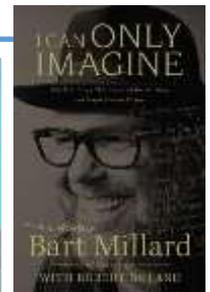
The Damon's served several churches in Oklahoma and Texas before being appointed by the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) in 1965 to Brazil. They served on the field for 17 1/2 years. In 1980, Bill was assigned to the Texas Baptist General Convention as Coordinator of Mission to Brazil, a partnership between Texas and Brazil based on the service of the first missionary to Brazil who was from Texas, William Buck Bagby.

Bill was asked by the Foreign Mission Board to become the first Associate Director for Eastern South America (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay). His missionary status ended when he joined the FMB staff on January 1, 1983. He served in the home office until his retirement on April 1, 2000. He served as interim Music Director for Goochland Baptist for 7 months before joining our staff. He was owner of Damon Vending Company for two years from 2000-2002.

Library News

The library staff has been busy again in the month of June both adding books as well as getting the library entered into the computer system. The Fiction section is now complete. They also have started using automated checkout for the library patrons. Stop by the library today and check out all of the new items for all ages as well as complete a new library membership card.

New in the library: Best selling fiction author, Karen Kingsbury's - The Baxter Family Series which includes her newest book *To the Moon and Back*.



Celebration Corner

Wedding

Kate Lawrence & Sebastian Cepeda were married here at CBC on June 30!

Wedding Anniversaries

Ed and Dorothy Stansfield celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 2.

Jim and Deanie Clements celebrate their anniversary on July 1

David and Hazel Taylor celebrate their anniversary on July 13th.

Glen and Alice Boquist celebrate their anniversary on July 19th.

Bernie and Judy Morris celebrate their anniversary on July 29th.

Staff Anniversary

Bill Damon celebrates 17 years with Chester Baptist on July 15th.



Rusty's Rap Session



As we enter the month of July we always think about Freedom. Every 4th of July we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence and what we refer to as the Birth of the United States of America. We commonly refer to this as the birth of our Freedom as a nation and the individual freedoms that we hold as well, however, that Freedom did not come easily and it was not free. A price had to be paid for it and our forefathers had to fight for it. It is no different in the realm of the Fruit of the Spirit. These are; love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

In the world where we live, we need to fight spiritual battles every day to hold onto these character qualities that are the evidence of a Spirit-led life in Christ. These are the characteristics that must be demonstrated in our day to day lives for us to be effective witnesses for Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:17 states, "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Where the Spirit of the Lord is we will find the Fruit of the Spirit. We will also find a battle!

Our carnal human nature will try to rob us of the Fruit of the Spirit. The everyday things that happen in life work against us to rob us of Joy; to rob us of Peace; to rob us of Patience... and the list goes on. It's up to us individually to fight the good fight of faith by submitting to God, His Word and His Spirit in order to be the over comers we are called to be. When sorrow, or discouragement try to overwhelm us we need to call upon the Lord Jesus and hold fast to the Joy that is rightfully ours. When life becomes hard and it seems that evil is carrying the day, we need to hold onto God's promises and His goodness. Whenever life and the devil tries to bring anything evil or negative into our lives we must draw from the well that is God's Word. We must rely on His promises. We must hold fast to our faith. We must put up the good fight of faith. Sometimes we need to fight to hold onto the goodness and promises of God.

During this month when we celebrate our individual and national freedoms, let us also remember to celebrate the liberty that comes in knowing Christ and being led by the Holy Spirit. Let us not give in to the temptation to be over whelmed by sorrow. Let us return love when we are treated unlovely. Let us hold on to the peace that passes understanding when turmoil tries to loosen our grip on life. Let us patiently endure the tribulations that come our way. Let us treat others with gentleness when they suffer loss. Let us be good in spite of the evil that exists. Let us hold on to faith when doubt tries to reign supreme. Let us approach others in a meek and humble spirit, after all "the meek shall inherit the earth." Finally, let us practice self control and discipline to always be in control of how we respond to whatever comes our way. We can only do this by submitting to the principles found in God's Word.

James 4:7-8 ESV

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Middle District Missions

July is the month that Chester Baptist remembers the Middle District Missions. Please prayerfully consider giving as they do mission projects for the area that includes Chester Baptist Church. Our goal is \$1000.00. Specially marked envelopes can be found in pew racks, and on the Welcome table in the Great Hall.



Welcome New Members

Please help us give a warm welcome to our newest church member.

Cecelia Kitson joined our church on June 17, 2018.

We are happy you are part of our church family.



Youth News!!!!



Tuesday Hangs Return!

Beginning July 24th (9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

We'll head to the movies, lunch at Pietro's then back to the church to practice for Youth Sunday. FREE!!!

Youth Sunday is Coming Soon!

Sunday, August 12th

The youth will lead the entire worship service for the congregation. Afterwards we'll head to the pool at Stoney Glen for a cookout and pool party!!

Don't miss these upcoming youth activities!

July 15-22nd: Junior/Senior Mission Trip to Memphis, TN

Tuesday, July 24th: Tuesday Hang (9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, July 31st: Tuesday Hang (9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 7th: Tuesday Hang (9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

5 to Attend the Junior/Senior Mission Trip to Memphis, TN

July 15-20th **Houston Blake, Corinne Hornberger, Jessica Parrish, Molly Gallagher and Kim Blake** will be headed for a mission week in Memphis, TN! The team will participate in Inner City Missions with MissionBASE, a program of Passport Camps!

Please pray that God will prepare their hearts and their bodies for the work that lies ahead! Pray also for the community of Memphis- for the work that God is already doing there and for the folks our students will meet.

Thank you!

Dear Chester Baptist Church,

On behalf of the Ecoff Elementary School, I'd like to extend a huge thank you for once again supporting our students and families with food each weekend. Your generosity is so valued and appreciated! We look forward to our continued partnership! We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Joshua Cole (Principal), Renee Shimko-Daye (Assistant Principal) & Lauren Watts (Counselor)



Chester Baptist Church,

When a child is ill, nothing matters more than having mom or dad nearby. The money we get for recycling your donated pop tops helps ensure that the Ronald McDonald House can continue to provide a "home away from home" so they can be there when their hospitalized children need them the most. Your support means a lot and we and our families thank you.

Best Wishes,

Nichole, House Volunteer



A special thank you to Tim and Liz Brownie for saving so many tab tops and donating them to our collection for the Ronald McDonald House! We appreciate you!!

Sue Hart

Shipwrecked VBS

July is here! That means one big thing for the children here at Chester Baptist. Know what it is? If you guessed VBS you are correct! Hi everyone. This is Crystal Williams, this years VBS director and I'm so excited to share our theme and volunteer opportunities with all of you! This year our VBS will run from Sunday, July 29th to Thursday, August 2nd. Each night dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6 pm and VBS will run from 6 to 8:30 pm.



And now for the fun part, this year we've picked Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus. Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac, and Moe are ready to help the children sail away to a shipwrecked island adventure to learn that when they're lonely, worried, struggling, wrong, and powerless...Jesus rescues! From the Bible stories and ship rec games to castaway sing & play and imagination station, it's going to be a blast learning about how Jesus rescues! We're finishing the last night off with an ice cream social from 7:45 to 8:30 pm. So bring your children, grandchildren, family, friends, and neighbors and be ready for 5 nights of learning fun and yummy treats. They do not need to be members of Chester Baptist. Any child is welcomed to attend. Each child and volunteer will receive a Chester Baptist VBS Shipwrecked t-shirt as well. I'm getting super excited just thinking about everything the children are going to experience and learn!

We will also have a VBS kickoff/pre-registration event on Saturday, July 28th from 2 to 6 pm at the church. Our hopes are for great weather and we will be outside with bounce house fun, face painting, snow cones, games, hot dogs, and hopefully some live music.

With all that said, now I'm ready to help the Shipwrecked characters teach the children about the power of Jesus, are you? We have fun, creative opportunities in all aspects of VBS like station leaders, crew leaders, crew members, kitchen crew, decorating crew, preschool crew, nursery crew, and a crossing guard crew member. I may have a few more stow-a-way crew opportunities as well. Want to be a part of our crew? Give me a call at (804) 986-7471, email at crickle78@aol.com, or come see me after Sunday services and I'll get you signed up or be able to give you more information about any of these fun opportunities. We will also need volunteers for the kickoff party on Saturday, July 28th from 2-6 pm for things like snow cones, face painting, bounce house, and more. Child care will be provided during VBS if there is anyone wanting to volunteer, but will need child care for little ones not old enough to join the pre-k tidal pool just yet.

We're working on a VBS website for easy sign up for both children and volunteers and will pass that information along once available in the Sunday bulletin. I ask that you please prayerfully consider volunteering this year. We need you, all the wonderful folks of Chester Baptist, to make our VBS a success for the children that will be attending. I volunteered last year and I think I had just as much fun as the kids. So much so that I still catch myself singing the catchy "I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N" song in my head! I can't wait to see all your smiling faces at VBS!

Prayers for PASSPORT Staffer Chris Berger

Christopher has officially begun his summer internship with Passport Camps! Please be in prayer for Chris this summer as he ministers to youth from across the country in Greensboro, NC. Consider sending him a note or a care package to let him know you're praying for him!

Chris Berger, PASSPORT staff
PASSPORT at Greensboro College
815 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Weekly at CBC



Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Bible Study (including Children)
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Great Hall)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Bible Study for Youth, College & Career, and Berea

Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Sept.-May)

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Sept.-April)
6:30 p.m. Activities for all ages (Sept.-April)
Children's Activities (Nursery-Fifth Grade)
Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
College Age & 20 somethings
Lecture Series
Ladies' Bible Study
Men's Bible Study

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday-Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Chester Baptist Preschool

For an accurate and complete list of all scheduled activities, please access the church calendar at the following website:

<http://chesterbaptist.mhsoftware.com>

Building Lock-up Schedule

Mike Williams	July 1-7
Michael King	July 8-14
Bill Damon	July 15-21
Ashley Williams	July 22-28
Bobby Parrish	July 29-August 4



July

- 1 Alice Clarke, Terri West
- 2 Landa Cook, Diana Lee, Steven Mayo, Colin Sapko, Stephan Wildeus
- 3 Diane Elliott
- 4 Ray Beale, Nancy Berger
- 5 Carlene Wiseman
- 6 Sue Kochel
- 9 Allison Jeter, Louise Jones
- 13 Joann Hymes, Debbi Miller
- 14 Matthew Charters, Jason Moore
- 15 John Jones
- 16 Adam Riveland
- 17 Donalda Engleman
- 18 Sandi Baldwin, Kate Lawrence
- 19 Emma McNew
- 20 Christine Jaciuk, Jerry Matthews, Darla Mills, Dan Truett, Mildred Turner
- 21 Dorothy Stansfield
- 22 Ray Tucker
- 23 Jaxson Austin
- 25 Cecilia Kitson, Steven Martin
- 26 Lloyd Braswell, Kathy Carpenter, Austin Jeter
- 27 Melissa Setterholm
- 28 Taylor Rinker, James Setterholm, Kyle Wildeus
- 30 Paul Sasser, Caylee Spence
- 31 Sandy Ahern, Shawn Davis, Ken Hymes, Kathy Smith

Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor
Dr. William J. "Bill" Damon, Associate Pastor
Randy McConnell, Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Alice C. Clarke, Minister to Youth
Rev. Rusty Peaks, Contemporary Worship Leader
Edye Parrish, Church Secretary
Susan Meredith, Financial Administrator
Ellen Sapko, Pianist



Sunday Child Care
During Worship Services

DEACONS
For the Week of

Deacons

Pam King	<u>July 1</u>	Sue Hart	Kathy Lilley Ashley Williams	<u>July 1</u>	748-6576 748-9205
Kendall Bozarth	<u>July 8</u>	Robert Wray	Paul Sebra Landa Cook	<u>July 8</u>	748-0686 639-0588
Judy Morris	<u>July 15</u>		Susan Meredith Melinda South	<u>July 15</u>	530-3084 530-0313
Gayle Fitzgerald	<u>July 22</u>		Ashley Williams MaryKay Hornberger	<u>July 22</u>	748-9205 717-5328
Crystal Hill Robert Wray	<u>July 29</u>	Kimberly Sasser	Nina Greene Ellen Sapko	<u>July 29</u>	704-2087 814-5566
			<u>Deacon Chairperson:</u> Gene Raines		518-5807



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**Our mission is to create devoted followers
of Jesus Christ.**

Each Sunday see calendar for possible changes:

Morning Worship Contemporary (Great Hall) 9:45 AM
Traditional (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM

Sunday School 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:00 AM