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Birtha	lays			<u>Anniversaries</u>	
2 Sidney Bailey	12 Claire Smoak	18 Roy DeWitt	25 Jesse Cook	8 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Smoak	
3 Laura Spivey	13 Norma Weeks	20 Meagan Drawdy	28 Debbie Avant	17 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Odum	
4 Travis Avant	13 Alberta Fillers	20 Greg Spivey	30 Gene Padgett	18 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Whiteley	
4 Billy Rogers	15 Margaret Johnson	24 Taylor Avant	31 Kelsey Kinard	18 Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Carter	

25 Donald Herndon

25 Beth Benton

Save the Dates!!

19 Mr. & Mrs. William McGrew

24 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Cook

29 Mr. & Mrs. Tanner Bunton

Mon., Sept. 17 and Tues., Sept. 18: Church Directory Photos

LifeTouch will be photographing church members on Mon., Sept. 17 and on Tues., Sept. 18. These photos will be included in our new Church Directory. Beginning in August, we'll be making appointments for church members' photo sessions. Please plan to participate!!

Date	Deacon of the Week	Ushers	Greeters	Security
July 1	Decky Avant	Richie, James V., Henry, Marshall A.	Colleen & Ronella	Gene Padgett
July 8	Daniel Beach	Daniel, Madison, Billy, Harry	Phyllis & Kathleen	James Varnadoe
July 15	Henry Cook	Ronnie, John R., Bill P., Harold W.	Mary & Cecily	Marshall Avant
July 22	Everett Crosby	Madison, Marshall M., Gene, Michael K.	Colleen & Ronella	John Ridgle
July 29	Fred Crosby		Phyllis & Kathleen	Daniel Beach

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July Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 1

11:00 Guest Speaker - Missionary Eric Sumner

12:00 Special Business Mtg. to begin Deacon elections *Fellowship meal following morning service (Please bring main dishes & desserts to share.)

6:45 Organizational Meetings

7:30 Choir Practice

Monday, July 2

7:00 Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed/No Meetings or Services

Saturday, July 7

Mission Serve arrives in Walterboro

Sunday, July 8

11:00 Deacon Ballots collected (No Special Business Mtg.) Mission Serve squad at DCBC

> Morning Worship followed by a Church-Wide meal provided by the Men's Ministry

(Please bring desserts to share.)

*Youth leaving for World Changers in NJ!!

Mon. - Fri., July 9 - 13

Mission Serve ice, drinks and lunch delivery

Wednesday, July 11

6:45 Preschool/Children/Youth Classes

6:45 Prayer Meeting

7:00 Business Meeting

Sunday, July 15

11:00 Guest Speaker - Roger Quesenberry

7:00 Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 Fall Festival Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 18

6:45 Preschool/Children/Youth Classes

6:45 Prayer Meeting

Saturday, July 21

9:00 Brotherhood CarWash/Oil Check Event

12:00 Special Business Meeting: Deacon nominees

Wednesday, July 25

6:45 Preschool/Children/Youth Classes

6:45 Prayer Meeting

Thursday, July 26

2:00 Current Mission Group Meeting

Sunday, July 29

6:00 5th Sunday Sing at Black Creek BC

Pastor's Paragraphs

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On July 4, 1776, representatives from the 13 original colonies were at the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and signed the Declaration of Independence. That document declared that the colonies were at war with Great Britain and was the first step in officially establishing the United States of America. This year we celebrate our nation's 242nd birthday.

Independence is a big deal for Americans. We love our independence and we see examples of that every day, everywhere we look. You can see it in how we dress, what we drive, where we live, and so on. Independence is defined as: 1) Not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself, 2) Not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction; autonomous; free, 3) Not influenced by the thought or action of others. And while, as Americans, we prize our independence, as Christians we must realize that we are NOT independent. As a matter of fact, Christianity is a public declaration that we are VERY dependent. Not dependent on man, but dependent on Almighty God.

In John 15:1-5 Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do *nothing.*" (NIV) This is the very antithesis of independence.

So how do we reconcile Christianity with American independence? It's not hard. We begin by acknowledging that we are Christians first and Americans second. That means we admit our total dependence on God for everything (our life, our talents/abilities, our family & friends, our possessions, our salvation, etc.). Then we use our national and political independence (freedom) to proclaim the greatness, glory, and salvation of God! It is a great combination!

The only issue we have is when we get the order reversed and think of ourselves as Americans first and Christians second. If that happens we fool ourselves into thinking that our independence supersedes God's Sunday, July 22 - (Observance of the Lord's Supper) authority. We act like God is in charge of salvation, but we handle the rest. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's God's world, we're just living in it.

> As we celebrate our national independence this month, I encourage you to take some time and thank God that we are NOT independent from Him! Thank Him for His care and provision – and then use some of that national freedom to share the Good News of His love.

> > Soli Deo gloria! Brother Kevin

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Youth News

Youth Director Position Open

If you know of someone who may be interested in applying for the Youth Director position, please contact a member of Personnel Committee. Harold Whiteley is the Chairman.

Music Notes

Music Director Position Open

If you know of someone who would like to apply for the part-time Music Director position, please contact a member of the Personnel Committee. Harold Whiteley is the Chairman.

Shoe Box Ministry

We need a volunteer to head-up this ministry this year!

If you are interested, please contact

If you are interested, please contact Amy Avant.



Men's Ministries

by Gene Padgett, Reporter

The Men's Ministry met on June 3rd following the Sunday Night meal. We had 15 present for our meeting. Harold Whiteley had the program. He spoke on serving in the church.

We will have our 2nd Car Inspection on July 21 from 9-12. We invite all men to come out to our meeting.

Thanks to everyone who helped on our trash pick up! We invite all men to come out to our meeting.

WMU

by Ellen Fender, WMU Director



2018 VBS

Thanks to everyone who played a part, large or small, in making our VBS a success!

Casey Beach, Director



ONE DAY VBS!

Sunday School
by Bill Polk, SS Director

Total Enrollment 93 Average Attendance 62



Remember!

We are collecting money for Billy and Alberta Fillers to help the family while Billy recovers from his treatments. Please pray about how you might be able to help.



July Deacon Election...

First Sunday following the morning worship service (July 1), there will be a Special Business Meeting called for the purpose of initiating the nominating and electing procedure for Deacons. Ballots will be distributed to each member present. The following Sunday (July 8) after the morning worship service, the ballots will be collected. Church members who did not previously receive a ballot may obtain one at this time and record their nominations. The names of the nominees who have agreed to serve will be brought to the church for final approval at a Special Business Meeting Sunday (July 22) after the morning worship service.

THE CREEK SPEAKS

FINANCIAL NEWS
by Jeynean Tant, Church Treasurer

General Fund Deposits

June 3	\$ 4,799.00
June 10	\$ 2,445.00
June 17	\$ 2.988.00
June 24	\$ 3,148.50

Designated Deposits

PRTC Capital Credit	\$ 59.98
Women of Joy	\$ 200.00
Sumner Mission	\$ 40.00
Mission Dignity	\$ 2,555.00
Fillers Fund	\$ 310.00

Sun., July 1 11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker - Eric Sumner

Church-Wide Fellowship Meal (Bring Main Dishes, Desserts & Drinks.)

6:45 p.m. Organizational Meetings

> 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Mon., July 2 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wed., July 4 -Church Office Closed/ No Meetings or Services



Wed., July 11 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 7 - July 14 Mission Serve

July 2018



Our church will host a Mission Serve Squad this year.

This includes having them as guests for our Morning Worship Service on Sunday, July 8, and the Men's Ministry is hosting a meal following the service. Please bring desserts.

We also need to deliver coolers of ice and water/Gatorade to the job sites in the mornings and pick-up and deliver the mid-day meal (prepared by "In His Name") around 11:30 daily. We need donations of bottled water and Gatorade and volunteers to help with this ministry. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.



Jersey Shore, NJ

July 8 through July 15

Pray for our teens & leaders as they serve with World Changers in Jersey Shore, NJ.

Thurs., July 26 Current Missions Group Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Tues., July 17 Fall Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sat., July 21

Men's Ministry Car Wash/Inspection Event

9:00 a.m. - Noon Bring your car/truck in for a "check-up" and car wash!

Sun., July 22 (Observance of the Lord's Supper)



Sun., July 29 Multi-Church Fifth Sunday Sing

(with Black Creek BC, Peniel BC, Hendersonville BC, Great Swamp BC and Shiloh BC)

at
Black Creek
Baptist Church
5:00 p.m.

*Fellowship Meal provided following the Sing by BCBC

(If you would like to sing, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.)

