



AUGUST 2017

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

The Forecast is HOT, HOT, HOT for SUPER HEROES AT VBS - August 7-10. HEROES TO LOOK FOR - Wonder Becky, Tom Terrific, Super Sarah, Commander Cecilia, and Captain Carol who is calling the shots for HERO CENTRAL VBS AT CELEBRATION!

For August I have another favorite hymn of mine to share a bit of background on. **When Morning Gilds the Skies** is hymn number 667 in our new *Glory to God* hymnal. It was translated from a German hymn by Edward Caswall in 1853, and alternately in 1858. The hymns tune *LAUDES DOMINI* was composed by Joseph Barnby in 1868. Our hymnal includes four select verses of the many original verses.

1. When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from the depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, My song of love divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Sing this eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Tiffany Shomsky shares the story of **When Morning Gilds the Skies** on the web at Hymnary.org. Several of the Psalms begin and end with fervent declarations of praise, such as this: "Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ... Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 113:1, 9b ESV). Likewise, from the opening lines of early morning praise to the final couplet about eternal praise before the throne of God in heaven, this hymn has the constant refrain, **"May Jesus Christ be praised."**

No one knows the original author of this text, which was translated from the German. One German version with 14 six-line stanzas appeared in *Katholisches Gesangbuch* of 1828, published in Würzburg by Sebastian Pörtner. In 1855, another German version appeared in F. W. von Dittfurth's *Fränkische Volkslieder*. Edward Caswall translated part of it into English in 1854 for Henry Formby's *Catholic Hymns*, and translated the whole hymn – 28 couplets with the refrain "May Jesus Christ be praised" – for his own *The Masque of Mary, and Other Poems* in 1858. In 1899, Robert Bridges made another translation in 5 twelve-line stanzas for the *Yattendon Hymnal*, drawing on Caswall's well-known translation for continuity. These two well-known English translations are quite different and may derive from varying German versions. Both of these texts were quite long – longer than suitable for a hymnal – so various centos (excerpts) have been prepared for singing in worship.

The text is given in six-line stanzas in modern hymnals to fit the standard tune. Most hymnals have four stanzas, though some have five or six. The first and last stanzas are nearly always from Caswall's translation, with the few exceptions taking both from Bridges. While there is some agreement on the opening and closing stanzas, the middle stanzas vary greatly in theme.

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served August 6, 2017. Next Session Meeting is August 21, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Following are the actions from the July Session meeting

- ♦ A movie night is planned for August 2, Wednesday, at 6pm. The movie will be "The Shack". Light refreshments will be available during a short intermission.
- ♦ Overall, the church is performing better financially than the projected budget. During the summer, many are on vacation and Preschool is not in session, so cash on hand is lower than at other times of the year. We can all help by keeping our pledges current during the summer. Thanks to everyone for generously supporting Celebration!
- ♦ The Preschool Summer Camp is over. The children had a wonderful time. It is projected that the camp will end breaking even or having a small profit.
- ♦ The Mission and Ministry Planning Group will be reporting the final results of their process to the congregation in conjunction with the Stewardship campaign. Our Stewardship Theme is *Fifteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving*.
- ♦ A celebration for the fifteen-year anniversary of CPC is being planned.
- ♦ We will begin to use video clips in our social media and worship to share real-life looks at the happenings at our church.
- ♦ The United Way Day of Caring is September 15. Volunteers can sign up online and volunteer to perform service projects with others in our community. For more information, contact Cecilia Evans.
- ♦ The Missions Team is currently collecting Socks for Santa for the Salvation Army, planning another blood drive in November, and keeping all the regular activities moving along.
- ♦ Elders are reaching out to the members of the congregation on their "Shepherd Care" list. Expect to hear from your assigned Elder in the next month. Your Elder is always there for you in times of need. If you do not hear from an Elder, please contact Linda in the church office.
- ♦ Special thanks to the many volunteers who work so hard to keep our grass cut and gardens groomed.
- ♦ Vacation Bible School plans are well underway. Please encourage your friends and family to register on our website.
- ♦ Installation of LED light fixtures and bulbs is nearly complete. Preschool classrooms have been completed and work continues on other areas of the church.
- ♦ Two Task Forces have been named to work on the items identified in the Missions and Ministries Emphases. Everyone is encouraged to get involved with the work of the church.
- ♦ Shirley Moore was accepted into membership by letter of transfer. We are delighted to have her and Pastor Billy worshipping with us.
- ♦ Attractions Books will be offered again this year. The are still \$20 per book and have new area attractions.
- ♦ September 23 (rain date September 30) is set for a grounds clean-up. Volunteers should contact Barbara Barranco.
- ♦ Please continue to pray for the folks in our congregation who are sick or weary. Join the prayer chain by contacting Linda in the church office so you can join the "Prayer Warriors" in asking for God's mercies for our church family.

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By Tom Dendy

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Because of the wealth of material to draw from in preparing this hymn for publication, there are almost as many versions as there are hymnals. About half the hymnals take their text from only one of the English poets, while the rest combine couplets from both. Roughly a third of Caswall's text and half of Bridges's are never used in hymnals.

This hymn is often classified as a morning hymn simply because of the opening line. However, a number of places throughout the entirety of the text name other times of day; for example, "When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs." It is more properly a hymn of praise for various times of day and many situations of life – joy and sorrow, worship and work, and more.

STAY COOL, SEE ME IN CHURCH, and MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!

Love, Tom

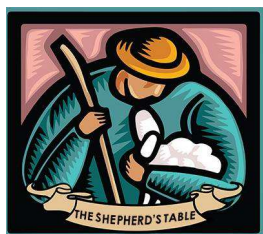
Youth of Celebration

YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

Calling all youth who would like to participate in Youth Sunday, August 13. If you play an instrument, sing or would like to participate in the service, please let Jackie Sinnet or Cecilia Evans know. Practice for the service will be at 9:45 AM on August 13.

If you have looked at the bulletin or heard Pastor Tom in recent weeks it has been mentioned that we are celebrating 15 years of ministry in the heart of Carolina Forest. This is an exciting time for the church moving from new church development to a time of growth at Celebration. With the change in status comes the discontinuation of New Harmony Presbytery's financial support in 2018. As we head into the Stewardship season we will be sharing with the congregation, community and the Presbytery our mission and outreach by highlighting our first **15 Years of Faithful Giving and Living**. Each of you are a vital part of the Celebration story. You may be asked to share what makes Celebration special to you? or What is your favorite thing about Celebration? Through the Stewardship season we will provide information on the surveys and small group meetings that were conducted earlier this year. As the vision from the survey unfolds, we hope that you give prayerful consideration to supporting the missions and ministries at Celebration with your time, talent and financial support.



THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT
CAPRICCIO
AUGUST 3
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MISSIONS

By Cecilia Evans

Believe it or not...Planning Starts early for **Shepherd's Table** dates for 2018.

This is a great opportunity to become involved in a worthwhile outreach project. You not only have the opportunity to prepare a meal quarterly for the guests of Shepherd's Table but it is a great way to work with a team from Celebration to get to know your fellow church members.

Please email Cecilia Evans if you would like to join a team. cebevans@aol.com

Socks for Santa

I am so excited to report that the socks for Santa Project is predicted to beat last year's success of 400 pairs of socks. Thank you for your generosity. You all rock helping the community!!!

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our July luncheon took us to Blueberry's Grill where we had a Breakfast Buddies some months ago. There were 19 Ladybugs in attendance, including Donna Woodard, who hasn't come in a while, so we were happy to have her.

We collected \$110.00 for charity. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

There was a mix-up in the reservation and we ended up having to sit outside in the 100 plus degree heat. Some ended up going inside to eat or moving to a table in the shade. We had umbrellas covering most of the tables but some were still exposed to the blazing sun. The "boss" came over later and apologized for the confusion and offered us a 20% discount on our lunch. Despite the heat and inconvenience, there was still much laughter and camaraderie going on.

The next lunch will be Thursday, August 3, at Capriccio located at 1285 38th Street, Myrtle Beach. Linda McCaskill will be our hostess. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited....hope to see you there.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week:

Aug 6—Nancy Resnick
Aug 13—Rick Thornburgh
Aug 20—Nancy Torcivia
Aug 27— Joe Alexander

Liturgist

Aug 6—Elizabeth Wills
Aug 13—Kathy Wechter
Aug 20—Nancy Torcivia
Aug 27— Elizabeth Wills

Visitors Table/Greeter

Aug 6—Betsy Hughes
Aug 13—Heidi Cherry
Aug 20—Margaret Reeder
Aug 27— Nanette Kelly

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Aug 6—Vicki Simon
Aug 13—Donna Woodard
Aug 20—Leslie Eckert
Aug 27— Vicki Jacobs

Media Shout

Aug 6—Katrena White
Aug 13—Bernadine Lamar
Aug 20—Katrena White
Aug 27— Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

Aug 6—Carol Butler
Aug 13—Carol Butler
Aug 20—Nicklaus McIlrath
Aug 27— Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month of August

Bob and Linda Miller, Leslie Eckert, Larry Dowd

Communion —

Priscilla Mulligan, Nancy Resnick, Nancy Torcivia, Terry Baker, Rick Thornburgh

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAY, PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP TO CHANGE WITH YOU. AFTER YOU HAVE CHANGED, PLEASE LET LINDA IN THE OFFICE KNOW OF THE CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT CELEBRATION!

CHURCH-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY



When you have company you spruce up your home and yard. Well, Celebration is having company in October. We are hosting the New Harmony Presbytery on October 10 and need to spruce up our grounds.

A church-wide clean-up is planned for Saturday, September 23, with a rain date of September 30. Mark your calendars now so you can come help get ready for company.

Shepherd's Table Teams for 2017

Team A: Nancy Torcivia, Dom Torcivia, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton

Team B: Roy Andrews, Laurie Andrews, Dot Crissey, Nancy Thornburg, Rick Thornburg

Team C: Kathy Wechter, Mike Wechter, Bob Stepanek, Carol Butler, Ken Krenzer

Team D: Anne Brallier, Sara Bamrick, Donna Woodard, Gerri Byrne, Mike Resnick

Team E: Jerry Rashid, Rosie Rashid, Leslie Eckert, Tom Dendy, Paul Youngblood, Patty Youngblood

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS YEAR.

Your dates will be listed on the calendar each month.



BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Aug 3—Grace Vought

Aug 5—Jim Stewart

Aug 6—Gloria Flowers

Aug 10—Griffin Coleman

Aug 11—Joe Alexander

Aug 21—Connie Dowd

Aug 22—Katelyn Belyski

Aug 25—Terry Baker

Aug 26—Bill Teal

Aug 28—Lynn Mason

Aug 30—Adam Belyski

Aug 30—Katelyn Burrows

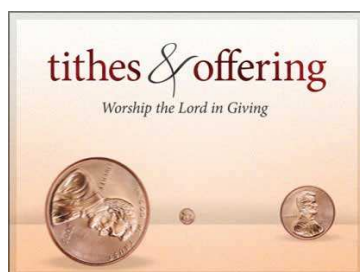


Wednesday Night at the Movies

The Shack

August 2, 2017—6pm

Short Intermission with light refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Joe Alexander

The church had a June deficit of \$15,204 and a YTD June deficit of \$14,090. These deficits have been affected by no Preschool income for June, pledges under budget for the month and YTD, and several expense accounts over budget. There should be some improvement in these deficit amounts by the end of the year.

Introduction to Preliminary Strategic Planning Review - by Elder Terry Pettijohn

Over the course of the past six months, our congregation has been engaged in a strategic planning process to help provide us with guidance for where God leads us during the next few years. Part of the process has been to learn about the members, and part of the process has been to discuss the ideas generated to develop a plan for our short-term future. This is the first of a number of informal reports to the congregation and when completed the entire survey and planning process outcome will be presented to the congregation.

Brief Summary of Survey Demographics

104 people were included in the analysis of the congregation survey (several people were visitors or did not completely fill out the form). Below are some of the major findings for demographics of the respondents. Some people did not answer each question, so the numbers vary from question to question.

Q60. How long have I been a regular participant at Celebration Presbyterian?

45 people (43%) of the congregation have been members for 3 years or less.

Q61. How long does it take me to travel to church?

People responded that **it takes from 2 minutes (1 person) to 40 minutes (1 person) to travel to church.** Times appear to be spread out, with the most frequent times being 10 minutes (23 people), 15 minutes (22 people), 20 minutes (19 people), and 5 minutes (18 people).

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Q65. Age (circle one): under 21; 21-30; 31-40; 41-50; 51-60; 61-70; 71-80; 81-90; over 90 years

78 people (75%) are between the age of 51 and 80! 6 people are over the age of 80. And 10 people are 30 years or less.

Q66. Gender (circle one): Male Female

Of those who responded to the survey, **38 (36.5%) were men and 65 (62.5%) were women.**

Q67. Marital status (circle one): Single Married Widowed Committed Relationship

With 73 people (70.2%), the majority of respondents were married. 15 people reported that they were single, 11 indicated they were widowed, and 4 people indicated they were in a committed relationship.

Very Brief Summary of Survey Findings

There were several areas that people responded to, and here are the number of people who agreed or strongly agreed that the area was a strength of our church.

In question 17 on **mission/service**, 94 people agreed or strongly agreed.

In question 26 on **member care**, 94 people agreed or strongly agreed.

In question 34 on **leadership**, 87 people (out of 98) agreed or strongly agreed.

In question 38 on **education**, 84 people agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

In question 45 on **stewardship**, 73 people agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

In question 51 on **property**, 35 people strongly agreed and 38 people agreed.

In question 59 on **identity**, 93 people agreed or strongly agreed.

Brief Summary of Results of Strategic Planning Sessions

During the course of the meetings many wonderful suggestions and wishes were expressed, lots more than could be accomplished any time soon. The process purposively focused on building on the strengths of Celebration. And this is an ongoing process, so more will be developed as we move to accomplish action plans. Some actions are immediate priority, while others are intermediate or long term priority. Three distinct groups of Ministry and Mission Emphases emerged from the process: 1) Visibility and Marketing, 2) Discipling Ministry and Establishment of Identity, and 3) Outreach and Mission. Here are a few highlights from each group.

In the **Visibility and Marketing** area, some immediate priorities include celebrating our 15th anniversary and deciding on parking and traffic patterns. Short term priorities include uses of church property (for example, garden, walking path, lighted cross on end of building, and signage. Long-term we need to develop a comprehensive land use plan for expansion.

Discipling Ministry and Establishing Identity actions include helping our congregation better understand our Presbyterian heritage and beliefs, providing regular financial reports to the congregation, and creating year-round mission education and stewardship development. Helping to discover and cultivate gifts of adults and seniors is a longer priority, as is providing assistance to seniors.


Outreach and Mission to the Community actions include reaching out to adults and young families in the community. Perhaps our older members have gifts that might help younger people near the church. Longer term priorities include creating a plan for ministry to older adults, reaching out to the community by providing classes, movies, or socialization, and advertising in Carolina Forest neighborhoods.

Some of these priorities involve funding, some of which we don't have at present. Other priorities involve people using time and talent. Again, these tasks and priorities can be modified. It is also important to note that the Session will be responsible for implementing these ideas. The congregation elects the Elders, who then serve as the ruling body for the local church.

Please help celebrate our 15th anniversary, and wait for the distribution of the final report in the months to come. The goal is to make Celebration an even better place to worship God and inspire us all to more fully bring Christ into our everyday lives.

August 2017

PRAYER OF JABEZ —“Oh that You would bless Celebration, indeed, and enlarge our territory, in your name. That your hand would be with us and that You would keep us from evil, that we may not cause hurt to others.” I Chronicles 4:10 (Adapted for Celebration)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Quilters 10am	2	3 LadyBug Luncheon at Capriccio 12noon	4	5
6 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Bible Lessons Communion	7	8 Quilters 10am	9	10	11	12
	Vacation Bible School—Monday-Wednesday 6pm-8pm Thursday 6:pm-8:15pm			6pm-8pm		
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Vacation Bible School!



Get ready to blaze your way through fantastic adventures as God's amazing HEROES beginning Monday, August 7, from 6-8pm through Thursday, August 10, from 6-8:15pm for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Come and meet Captain Shield and his friend, Flame the red panda. When we set off from Hero Central we'll be learning how to "do good", "seek peace" and "go after it". The Supersonic Shuttle Crew guided by Commander Zander, Agents Eagle and Falcon will direct us on a course of scientific experiments, Bible stories, games, crafts and tasty snacks.

Registration forms will be mailed to preschool parents early in July. You can drop off the registration forms at the church office from 9am-2pm, Monday-Thursday. You can also find registration forms online on the church website www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org and on FaceBook at Celebration Presbyterian Church. Volunteer forms are available and are located on the bulletin board between classrooms 2 and 3.

VBS Mission Project- School Supply Drive



Our VBS Mission Project this year is a School Supply drive for Help4Kid aka Back Pack Buddies. We are asking the children to donate school supplies each night to assist Help4Kids. This is a nonprofit organization that helps local, underprivileged children with the supplies they will need during their school year and over the summer. Items such as markers, crayons, glue, construction paper, etc. can be purchased at your local Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, etc.



The 2018 Attractions Dining and Value Guide Books are here. They are \$20 per book and can be used starting now. They are available in the church office.