

# The Messenger

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**STATE STREET**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Pastor Visits with the  
Deacons of the Week

### TUESDAY

8:00 am Handy Hands Ministry  
10:00 am Pastoral Meeting  
11:00 am Church Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Adult Prayer Service  
6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MON-THURS. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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## Shoe Ministry

The shoe ministry at State Street began almost 4 years ago and over this short period of time we have collected over 16,000 pairs of shoes that have been sent to third world countries. We have no idea what it is like to have no shoes, but for so many, this is the first pair of shoes they have ever had. We also receive 40 cents per pound for the shoes we collect. While we are providing shoes for the people abroad, we are also meeting needs of our own people. We have received almost \$6,000 from the shoe ministry. With this money, we have been able to pay electric bills, water bills and meet other needs of people in our community. We have also helped the youth in our church with funds for the upcoming missions trip. In addition to this, we are donating the money from the next shipment of shoes to the Uptown Church planters, Chris and Dorothy Blalock in Charleston.

Please remember to donate any shoes you no longer wear to this worthy cause and spread the news to your neighbors and friends. You may contact Margaret Hutson for any questions you have for this worthy cause. Phone: 413-7233 or 794-8550.

## Senior Adults to Shealy's BBQ

The Senior Adult Committee is sponsoring a trip to Shealy's Barbecue on Monday, August 7, for lunch. The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes lunch and transportation, with the balance being paid from the senior adult budget. We are planning to travel by bus, but we may need to take several cars. We will meet at the church at 10:45 am and will leave shortly thereafter. Our plan is to eat at 11:30 am. It is important that you call Babs Martin at 606-3485 to be included in this time of good food and fellowship.

## Chet's Chat

Dr. Chet Andrews  
Senior Pastor



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Most people will not recognize the name of Julia Ward Howe. Julia was a social activist, particularly for women's suffrage between the 1860's and the 1890's. However she is best known for writing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". Most folks are familiar with the first verse and chorus:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

But few are familiar with the last verse that reads:  
In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

I love the line that says, "As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free." As we celebrate our independence as a country on July 4th, I pray we remember the sacrifice of Christ and His shed blood that freed us from the tyranny of sin. We call July 4th Independence Day and it deserves to be celebrated. Perhaps we should call the day we came to receive the gift of salvation from Jesus our Dependence Day, because it is the day our abundant and eternal life starts with Him. We are completely dependent on Jesus and His finished work via the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing"  
John 15:5.

I regret that I was not able to attend our Youth Sunday that was scheduled for Sunday, June 11th, but I did get to see the service via a video that was recorded. I am doing much better, and have recovered well. Thank you all for your prayers. I am so thankful for our youth and for the ministry and service opportunities of which they have been a part this past year. I am very thankful for Pastor Jed Stevens who has done an amazing job helping to lead these students in worship and teaching them how to worship. I am also very grateful for Pastor Chet Andrews who has encouraged our students to be a part of our worship services and making students feel like they are a very important part of the church body. I am very grateful for and pleased with all of our students, and I consider it to be an incredible privilege to be their Student Pastor. I am looking forward to what God has in mind for our future student ministry.

Bobby

**Homeless Ministry:** July 16

**Edenwood Swim Party:** July 28, 8-10 pm

**Wacky Wednesday Water Day:** August 30,

## Get ready for a new directory!

This September, we'll be taking pictures for a new directory! Lifetouch, the directory experts, will be on campus September 6-9 to get your family photos. In next month's newsletter, we will have information on how you can reserve a time for your photography session. For now, just practice your smiles!

### Photo Sessions are scheduled for the following dates.

September 6-9 (Wednesday-Saturday)  
Weekdays - 2-9 pm  
Saturday - 10-5 pm

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## Church Organist Needed

Church members, we have an upcoming opening for an organist on our worship team. We are sad to say farewell to Mandy Sherer as she has served faithfully and with excellence! We celebrate her family's upcoming transition to Greenville and will continue to pray for them as they seek out a church home in the upstate. The church organist contributes to our congregational worship through music. The organist is responsible to participate in Wednesday night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning worship services, and other events as requested by the Pastor of Worship. The church organist works in concert with the Worship Leader, pianist, and other musicians as part of a blended style of worship that includes ancient and modern songs. If you would like to apply for the organist position, please contact Jed Stevens at [jed@statestreetbaptist.org](mailto:jed@statestreetbaptist.org) or 803.796.6123. An audition will be required before a final decision is made.

## God's Helping Hands

God's Helping Hands is in need of food to replenish items in their food pantry. Donations are needed, but there is a great need, specifically, for jelly, cereal, cornbread mix, and juice. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off in the hall of the educational building on the wire rack labeled "God's Helping Hands". Margaret Hutson is the contact person for this ministry. Phone: 413-7233.

## Ministry Council Update

The Ministry Council met on Sunday, June 25 for its regularly scheduled meeting. The following is a highlight of matters discussed.

- The Finance Ministry Team continues to work on the 2017-2018 budget.
- The Property Ministry Team is working to secure a contract with a roofing company to repair a roof leak over the boiler room.
- The Missions Ministry Team reported that approximately 200 pairs of shoes were donated last week. In July, a special offering will be taken for Chris & Dorothy Blalock.
- The Deacons reported that deacon contacts were up 20% over last month.
- The Discipleship & Sunday school team reported Celebrate Sunday school was a success.
- Pastor Chet expressed his gratitude for the success of VBS and for the volunteers who made VBS possible. We will have a reception for the Jon & Mandy Sherer on July 30 at 3 pm to show our appreciation for their family.

The next Ministry Council meeting will occur on **July 23, 2017 at 4:15 pm**. If you would like to request time to address the Ministry Council, you may submit the request, in writing, to the Moderator, Tim Stack, at least 7 days in advance.

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## FACTS & FIGURES

### Sunday School & Worship Attendance

	S.S.	Visitors	Worship
June 4	168	14	197
June 11	159	16	191
June 18	165	11	174
June 25	164	12	207

### Tithes & Offerings

#### Receipts for June 2017

Budget Offering	\$38,134.63
Building	6,526.63
Mission Trip	490.00
God's Helping Hands	20.00
Rent	1,250.00
Quinn	100.00
Return to Budget	3,680.93
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$50,202.19</b>

YTD budget receipts through May 2017	\$421,107.29
YTD budget expenses through May 2017	\$439,149.65
YTD surplus or (deficit)	[\$18,042.36]

### August Newsletter Deadline

Friday, July 21

#### REVEAL GOD'S PLAN

(Building/Renovations Fund)

3-Year Commitment Total - \$452,283.65

Contributions Received as of 5/28/17 - \$376,062.18