



Celebrate HE IS RISEN.

FAMILY EASTER IN THE GROVE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 @ 6PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ 6 PM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE @ 7 AM
LANEY LANDING

EASTER MORNING AT CHERAW FBC

BREAKFAST @ 8:00 AM

SMALL GROUPS @ 9:00 AM

MORNING WORSHIP @ 10AM

NO EVENING SERVICES

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF

Prayer & Fasting

If my people humble themselves and pray... 2 Chronicles 7:14

In preparation for our up-coming revival, we are setting aside every Tuesday through April 21st for fasting and intentional prayer. There will be resources available at the Welcome Center as the time gets closer, but we encourage you to seek the Lord on what fasting these Tuesdays may look like for you. On each of these Tuesday mornings, we will also have a time of personal and cooperate prayer at 6:00 am in the Worship Center. Please make plans to be a part.

April 7th - Trusting

April 14th - Tarrying

April 21st - Thanksgiving

LIFE ACTION

Revival

April 26-May 3

We are in need of loaner vehicles. For vehicle information, please contact Mitch Harpe.

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

Amy Carmichael went to India as a twenty-eight year old single woman in 1895. What she discovered there were countless children and young women who had been taken captive and sold into the custody of the Hindu religious fathers, raised to be temple prostitutes. Her heart broke at what she saw.

So she stayed. For forty-five years. Without a furlough.

One life at a time, she and her little band of coworkers rescued children from the temples in which they were held. It was dangerous and difficult work. She had to withstand religious and cultural views that were entrenched in centuries of tradition and superstition. But she saw a need. She heard His calling. And she went against the flow.

When I think of her sacrificial life, I'm reminded of salmon swimming upstream to deposit the eggs that contain their young. The journey can leave them bloodied and beaten by the rocks and other obstacles they face along the way. But they are determined to give birth, to give life. Then, once their mission is accomplished, they die.

You wonder, who would choose such a path?

But what a picture of the heart of Christ – swimming upstream, against the tide, being beaten and bloodied on His way to giving spiritual life, even at the cost of His own physical life.

This is what we remember especially at Easter.

Like Amy Carmichael, we as His followers have been given the task of rescuing those who have been taken captive by the enemy. It can be dangerous and difficult work. It can be an uphill battle. It can be a swim upstream.

But is Christ not worth it? And are those souls He died to redeem not worth it? A life poured out on behalf of others is costly, but whatever sacrifices we may make in this life will surely be turned to great gain in the next.

I hope you will take part in our Easter services and activities. I'm looking forward especially to our Easter Family Event in the Grove on April 1. We will serve a hot dog supper and tell the Easter story in a unique way. I also look forward to sharing together the Lord's Supper in our Maundy Thursday service. This year, the service will be in the Family Life Center.

Thank you to those of you helping us prepare for our upcoming Life Action revival. You'll see elsewhere in the newsletter a picture of those leading us in revival and serving us while they are here. I'm expecting God to meet with us in a special way.



LIFE ACTION *Revival* FOR CHILDREN

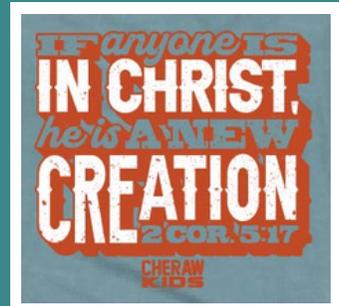
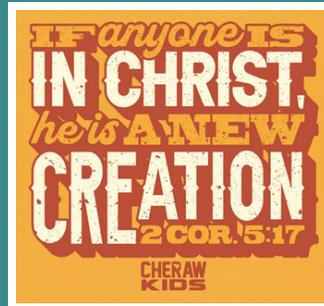
We hope all of our parents will plan on their children being a part of our Life Action Revival.

Our children 3K to 1st grade will be going to "Happy Heart City" and our 2nd to 5th grade children will be going to "Base Camp." Children will receive Biblical teaching and participate in activities that point to the gospel. There will be Children's Ministries offered each service. Nursery will also be available. I can't wait for our children to experience these few days of revival as we do! Love you guys, Aleisha

* Children will still be required to be checked in from the lobby. More details coming soon! *



Hey y'all! This past month has truly been amazing! So far, I have been able to help out with preparing things for VBS, different children ministry and DNOW projects, as well as some exciting Easter projects! We've also been spending time in God's Word and reading a book that is called "Jesus, Period." I'm really grateful that God has blessed me with this opportunity, and I can't wait to see what He continues to teach me through it! - Avie



This is our 2026 VBS T-Shirt! Purchase yours at the Welcome Center or scan the QR code.

May 31-June 4

If you are interested in serving & we haven't talked, let me know!





Disciple Now: A Weekend to Remember

This past month, our students experienced an incredible Disciple Now that challenged, encouraged, and inspired us all. Centered around the theme “Revival Not Survival,” we were reminded that our walk with Christ was never meant to be lived in a low-powered, barely-getting-by mode. Instead, God calls us to something greater—a life of spiritual vitality, purpose, and bold faith.

Throughout the weekend, students leaned into what it means to truly thrive in Christ. Revival isn’t just an emotional moment; it’s a transformation of the heart that changes how we live daily. Rather than simply surviving spiritually, we were challenged to pursue a deep, active relationship with Jesus that overflows into every part of life.

One of the most impactful parts of the weekend was our mission work on Saturday. Students stepped outside their comfort zones to live out their faith in real, tangible ways. Teams went into downtown areas, engaging in intentional prayer and gospel conversations with members of our community. Others spent time at local baseball and softball tournaments, connecting with families, encouraging people, and sharing the love of Christ right where they were.

It was powerful to see students not just talk about their faith, but boldly live it out. Many experienced firsthand the joy and challenge of sharing the gospel, realizing that God can use them right now to make an eternal difference.

Disciple Now wasn’t just a weekend event—it was a starting point. Our prayer is that what began here continues to grow into lasting revival in the lives of our students, our church, and our community. May we not settle for survival, but continually seek to thrive in Christ.

Coming up:

Graduation Recognition: May 17th
Email Kelli@cherawfbc.com

SummerSalt: June 29th-July 3rd
Cost: \$300

MEET THE TEAM



Felicity Dubs
Pianist
Berrien Center, MI



Shane Healey
Children's Minister
Indianapolis, IN



Abe Hertler
Worship Leader
Oneida, WI



Brent Jolly
Youth Speaker
Clarks, LA



Avery Merchant
Drummer
Fort Wayne, IN



Zeny Miller
Children's Minister
Johnson City, TN



Caed Morgan
Children's Minister
Andrews, NC



Anna Norris
Team Administrator
Cottondale, AL



Rachel Norris
Children's Minister
Cottondale, AL



Andrew Purvis
Vocalist
Sadler, TX



Micah Ruth
Guitarist
Mattawan, MI



Jonah St.Clair
Children's Minister
Toano, VA



Hayden Sutton
Audio Tech
Clarksville, TN



Moriah Underwood
Children's Minister
Freeburg, IL



Ella Vici
Business Manager
Dunnellon, FL



Kali Witherby
Children's Minister
Toano, VA



Ella Young
Family Assistant
Sparta, TN



Shane & Leigh Black
Revivalist



Zack & Heather Boller
Team Pastor & Team Director

Worship/Production Team Testimonies

One of the greatest blessings of our worship ministry is the people God has brought together—men and women with different backgrounds, stories, and journeys, all united with one purpose: to glorify Him.

This month, we're honored to share short testimonies from several members of our worship/production team. These are not just musicians, singers, or techs—they are worshipers who are growing, learning, and walking with God just like each of us.



Hope Burch

Vocalist:Alto/Soprano

I was raised in church and accepted Christ at the age of five, later rededicating my life to Him as a teenager. Being baptized by both my father and grandfather is a moment I treasure, and it represents the strong spiritual foundation my parents built in our home. Their faithful example taught me the value of raising children to know the Lord and shaped my desire to serve in worship and children's ministry.

Throughout my life, in both joyful moments and seasons of doubt or sadness, God has continually revealed himself to me through His goodness and guided me with His wisdom and peace.



Todd Garris

MC/Bass Player

Even though I had just started a new career and moved into a new home, I still felt something was missing in my life. Spending time with two godly coworkers and hearing their excitement about serving others made me realize there was a deeper fulfillment I didn't have—one that only Christ could fill.

After months of searching through holidays and milestones that came and went, Tommy Gaskins and Charles Thomas from Wallace Baptist Church asked me a life-changing question: "If you died today, would you go to Heaven or Hell?" On February 13, 1993, I knelt beside a blue Lazy-Boy chair, gave my life to Jesus, and while I'm not perfect, I am forgiven—and I finally found the missing piece in my heart.



Steve Howler

Vocalist:Tenor

Of all the songs I listened to as a teenager, my mother always loved The Boxer by Simon & Garfunkel, though I didn't understand why until reflecting on this testimony Ronald asked me to share. Now, I see it clearly—like the boxer in the song it states "In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter..." "I am leaving, I am leaving" but the fighter still remain", both my mother and I have felt the weight of every blow, especially as I've battled sin and Satan's lies since being saved at age 21. Time and again I've been worn down, but Jesus has always been in my corner—restoring me, strengthening me, and sending me back into the fight. So today, despite past failures, I'm asking the Lord to keep me in the ring—because even if I fall, I won't stop fighting for His kingdom and striving to please Him with my life.



Natalie Phillips

Tech/ProPresenter

I grew up in church and was saved at a young age, but my faith became real when I started studying Scripture and asking deeper questions for myself.

Through that process, God strengthened my understanding and drew me closer to Him. Now I serve on the production team and in student ministry, using my skills and creating space for honest conversations so others can build their own faith.

During this season of employment transition, I'm trusting Him to lead and holding onto Galatians 6:9.



Treacy Redfearn

Vocalist:Alto

I was saved at an early age, and even though I was young, I knew God was calling me to Him. Over the years, I've seen how He has guided and protected me, shaping my life in ways I didn't understand at the time. Growing up with His presence in my heart has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I'm grateful for the foundation He gave me and for the church family that has helped me grow in my walk with Christ.



Dave Webb

Vocalist:Bass

We all have grand plans for our lives when young, and typically we don't consult God when we make them. I was going to get a college degree to teach music in the Atlanta area, BUT GOD led my life down a different path that took me to Cheraw, with a career as an Engineer!

This path also started with my baptism at 14, followed by two decades as a very believable "Pretend" Christian. In my 30's, in the midst of much confusion and pain with life situations, I prayed one night for Christ to take over my life and direct my steps toward His will for me. Since that night I've celebrated over 35 years truly born again thru His Loving Grace. God is Good, Amen!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Each month, we will "spotlight" one of our homebound members. Feel free to send words of encouragement or even visit this member
(with their permission, of course).

Spotlight of the Month April

Joe Burch, Jr.
1150 State Rd
Cheraw, SC 29520
Birthday: April 27

GIVING

through
March 22

You can give online at
cherawfbc.com/give, through the Realm app

Text to give! Text **CFBC** to **73256**, followed by your gift amount (ex. \$50)

BUDGET
TO DATE: **204,319.32**

GIVING: **191,722.93**

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, April 5

Brad Redfearn, Frankie Joyner, Jodie Goodwin, Jack Rhonemus
Evening: Bobby Roberts & Jack Rhonemus

Sunday, April 12

David Paschall, David Caulder, Randy Caulder, Darrell Burch, Jerry Dixon
Evening: Jim Murray & Todd Garris

Sunday, April 19

Tom Boan, Melinda Boan, Chris Sellers, Ron Watson, Kenny Robertson
Evening: Jim Kennedy & Bob Whiteman

Sunday, April 26

Bobby Roberts, Jim Kennedy, Jay Hinson, Eric Jones, Keith Thomas
Evening: Todd Garris & Tom Boan



GRADUATE SUNDAY MAY 17TH

If you have a graduate who you would like to be recognized during our May Graduation Recognition service, please email Kelli at Kelli@cherawfbc.com.



April 1
Ed Madden

April 5
Baylen Thomas

April 6
Sebastian Bogden

April 7
James Newton
Madison Rushing
David Webb

April 8
Brad Porter

April 12
Matt Southard

April 13
Susan Howler

April 14
Dylan Byrd
Tyler Cole
Coit Chapman

April 15
George Rogers

April 16
Juliana Elliott
Sandy Garris
Adeline Shearin

April 17
JoAnn Gandy

April 18
Annabelle Claytor

April 20
Eli Fenters
Lanny Rayfield
Danielle Velez

April 21
Jean Allison
Elizabeth Hopkins

April 23
James Rushing

April 24
Katie Stewart

April 25
M. B. Godbold

April 26
Mary Lou Covington
Aaron Parker

April 27
Joe Burch, Jr.
Tegan Griggs

April 28
Renee Creech
Hans Daichendt
Brian Ratliff

April 29
Tommy Chavis

April 30
Marian Crawford
Alyssa Goodwin
Dianne Rogers

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
How It Works: Choose a day that matches your desired donation amount.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Every dollar you give goes directly toward sending your favorite camper to camp.
Thank you for your support!



**CHERAW
KIDS**

**CHERAW
STUDENTS**

**SummerSalt - June 29 to July 3
KidSalt - July 6 to 9**

We are counting down the days to Kidsalt/Summersalt! With that, we're encouraging our kids and students to take part in earning and investing in their own camp experience. If you want to support one of our children/teenagers, find your favorite camper and help them with their calendar. Let us know if we can point you in the right direction. We love seeing our children and teenagers learn the value of working toward something meaningful. Thank you for helping them grow, serve, and experience all that God has in store this summer!

Preparing Our Hearts for Revival

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>31 Prayer and Fasting Service at 6:00 am Turning</p> <p>Search my heart and reveal anything that is not pleasing to You. Psalm 139</p>	<p>1 Create in me a clean heart; renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10</p>	<p>2 Help me repent deeply and turn fully from sin. Acts 3:19</p>	<p>3 Restore my first love for You. Revelation 2:4-5</p>	<p>4 Break every area of complacency and spiritual dryness in my life. Revelation 3:15-16</p>
<p>5 Let repentance begin in me and in Your church. 2 Chronicles 7:14</p>	<p>6 Remove distractions that keep me from pursuing You. Hebrews 12:1</p>	<p>7 Prayer and Fasting Service at 6:00 am Trusting</p> <p>Align my desires with Your will, Lord. Psalm 37:4</p>	<p>8 Help me walk in humility and surrender. James 4:10</p>	<p>9 Fill me with the Holy Spirit and lead my life completely. Ephesians 5:18</p>	<p>10 Help me hunger and thirst for righteousness above all else. Matthew 5:6</p>	<p>11 Empower me to walk in love and truth daily. Ephesians 4:15-16</p>
<p>12 Strengthen me to live boldly and unashamed for You. 2 Timothy 1:7</p>	<p>13 Help me trust You with every area of my life. Proverbs 3:5-6</p>	<p>14 Prayer and Fasting Service at 6:00 am Tarrying</p> <p>Draw me near to You as I wait in Your presence. James 4:8</p>	<p>15 Teach me to be still and know that You are God. Psalm 46:10</p>	<p>16 Strengthen my prayer life as I wait before You. 1 Thessalonians 5:17</p>	<p>17 Renew my strength as I wait on You, Lord. Isaiah 40:31</p>	<p>18 Stir a deep hunger for revival among Your people. Habakkuk 3:2</p>
<p>19 Let my waiting produce deeper intimacy with You. Psalm 27:14</p>	<p>20 Help me remain faithful and expectant in Your presence. Lamentations 3:25</p>	<p>21 Prayer and Fasting Service at 6:00 am Thanksgiving</p> <p>Thank You for restoring the joy of salvation. Psalm 51:12</p>	<p>22 Thank You for bringing unity among believers. John 17:21</p>	<p>23 Thank You for opening hearts to receive the Gospel. Acts 16:14</p>	<p>24 Thank You for transforming lives and making all things new. 2 Corinthians 5:17</p>	<p>25 Thank You that everything will bring glory to Your name. 1 Corinthians 10:31</p>

Revival doesn't begin with louder worship or fuller rooms for a series of meetings. It begins with lives that are tuned to God's voice, with hearts that are surrendered. Through prayer and fasting, we quiet distractions, realign our affections, and incline our hearts toward the Lord so He can move in our hearts and lives.

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm Lenten Lunch First United Methodist Family Easter Event 6pm	2 6pm Maundy Thursday Service	3	4
5 7am Sunrise Service 8am Breakfast No Evening Activities	6	7 6am Prayer & Fasting	8 No Evening Activities	9	10	11
12 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	13	14 6am Prayer & Fasting	15 6pm Mid-Week Worship	16	17	18
19 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	20	21 6am Prayer & Fasting	22 6pm Mid-Week Worship	23	24	25
26 6pm Life Action Revival	27 6pm Life Action Revival	28 6pm Life Action Revival	29 6pm Life Action Revival	30 12pm Ladies Luncheon 6pm Life Action Revival		