

THE INFORMER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHERAW FIRST BAPTIST

Family Tailgate Sunday August 31st

**Continental
Style Breakfast
at 9 am**

No Small Groups

**Morning
Worship Family
Style at 10 am**

**Family Worship.
No Kids Church.**

**State Park
Lunch &
Swimming**

**After service, head to the boat
dock with your lunch, and let's
hang out and swim.**



**NEW MID-WEEK
SCHEDULE BEGINNING
THIS MONTH**

1st Wednesday: Men's Bible Study (begins August 6th)

The Titus Ten (sign up at the Welcome Center)

Women's Bible Study with Aleisha (starts Sept. 3)

Lyrics for Life (sign up at the Welcome Center)

****childcare can be provided if needed****

2nd Wednesday: Mission-focused (we will go outside the church walls!)

3rd Wednesday: Bible Study with Pastor Rod (Fellowship Building)

4th Wednesday: Prayer Time

5th Wednesday: Fellowship

MOO-VE UP SUNDAY!

AUGUST 3RD

SMALL GROUPS

3K (Potty Trained) to 4K
Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
3rd Grade to 5th Grade
6th-12th Grade

KIDS CHURCH

3K (Potty Trained) to 2nd Grade
**All kids/students will move
up to their current grade.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, one of our earliest statements of faith, states “the whole counsel of God concerning everything essential for his own glory and man’s salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated or by necessary inference contained in the Holy Scriptures.”

That statement means that early Baptist leaders knew that every truth revealed in the Bible is not explicitly stated but that some things are implied. For example, nowhere does the Bible state, “you should believe in the Trinity,” but many places in scripture infer the truth that God is Three in One. Another such inference concerns church membership. No book of the Bible says, “Thou shalt join a church” but there are several places in scripture that imply that early Christians joined churches. I’d like to share with you why becoming a part of a local church is implied in scripture.

First, several passages lead us to infer that early Christians joined local churches. The Bible talks about believers being ‘added’ to the church which to me implies church membership. When 3000 people believed in Jesus on the day of Pentecost, they were added to the number of Christians. In Acts 5:14, we see the same thing, the Lord ‘added’ to their number. What did these numbered people do? They “devoted themselves” to the things we do together as the church – the apostle’s teaching, fellowship, praying, breaking of bread (Acts 2:42-47). The early church kept a list of the number of people who made up the church. They were what we call church members. The list of church members was so accurate Paul could say to the Corinthians that they had acted, “by the majority” (2 Cor. 2:6). All the talk in the New Testament of who has been added to the church necessarily implies that Christians became devoted members of local churches.

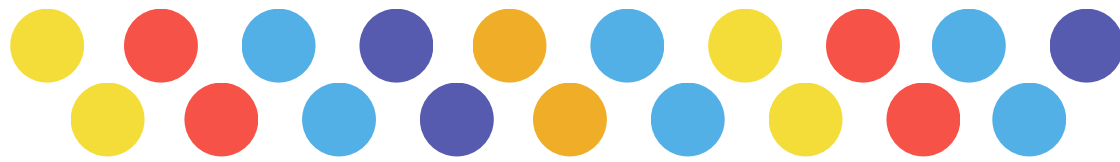
Secondly, early Christians were called to “obey your leaders” (Heb. 13:17). These words were spoken to the members of one church. Clearly, the author of Hebrews was not calling them to obey leaders in other locations but to obey their own local leaders. Likewise, we read in scripture that leaders are not called to watch over every Christian but rather to “shepherd God’s flock among you” (1 Peter 5:2). Again, believers were called to “give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you, and to regard them very highly in love because of their work” (1 Thess. 5:12-13). They had duties toward their leaders, and their leaders had duties toward them (Heb. 13:17). These verses imply a pastor-member relationship in every local church.

Lastly, early Christians practiced church discipline (Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:14; Titus 3:10) and they did it in a way that implied church membership. The Corinthians for example, acted as a church “by the majority.” How would they know who the majority was if they did not know who was a part of the church.

I share these comments with you because I believe the early church practiced church membership. Believers were baptized and then added to the churches where they devoted themselves to the teaching and oversight of local churches and pastors. It was in this context where they were equipped for ministry, learned to love one another, and were held accountable.

If you’ve been attending our church for a while or perhaps not long at all, I’d like to talk to you about joining our church. In fact, I’d like to do so during this month because on September 21st, is a day I’m calling “join the church Sunday.” On this day, I’d love to see many of you that have never “officially” become part of our church family, join on this date. So, make it a point to see me and let’s talk about membership.

This month we will continue the series “Get a Grip.” It’s a great time to invite someone to church!



As summer draws to a close, there's this natural tug to hold on to the last little bit of summer and move on to routines of fall. The long days of sunshine, late nights, and slow mornings are quickly replaced with alarm clocks, lunchboxes, and school supplies. Calendars fill up. Routines return. While many enjoy the routine the school year brings, others question how to get it all in.

I'm reminded of Jesus' gentle words in Luke 12:27: "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Lilies don't strive to be beautiful or worry if they're blooming on time. They don't carry the weight of the "what ifs" or "what nows."

As we step into this new school year, maybe we need to pause and "consider the lilies" too. We can trust that God is already in our classrooms, our routines, and our schedules. Trust that He's growing our children—even when we can't see. Trust that our worth is not in our productivity, our Pinterest lunches, or our color-coded planners—but in Christ alone.

So as backpacks are packed and first-day pictures are snapped, take a breath. Look around. Just like He clothes the lilies in beauty, He'll provide what you need—grace for the mornings, peace in the car line, and strength for the long days. Consider the lilies, friends, then you'll know.
Love you guys! Aleisha

Thank You!

To everyone who served in Cheraw Kids this past year church year—thank you! Whether you're moving on or continuing to serve, we're so grateful for the love, time, and joy you've invested in our children. Thank you for your faithfulness—your impact will last for years to come.

Because of your "yes," kids are hearing about Jesus and experiencing His love each week. Thank you for making a difference!

Nursery Dinner and Training
August 3rd @ 4:30 pm

Kids Church Dinner and Training
August 17th @ 4:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE: Cheraw Kids Service Kick-Off
September 7th @ 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Sunday Night Volunteer Dinner and Training - August 25th @ 6:00 pm



NEXT GEN NEWS

An update from Cheraw Students and Young Adults



DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, THE STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT ABBA'S HOUSE.

Summer Recap

We had a **FANTASTIC** summer this year! As I reflect back, there are several things we can be excited about as a Church:

1. Our students did a phenomenal job serving at VBS this year! From leading on stage, engaging with them at rec time, to walking hand in hand with the kids as they came alongside other Church family members to teach about God's unstoppable love, God showed once again through them that these youth are not the future of the Church... they *are* the Church **right now**.
2. Summer Salt, as always, was an amazing opportunity for our students to deepen their walk with Christ and relationship with their Church family. There are 3 things I think God really gifted them with this year: an understanding of **providence**, joy, and clarity in their **sanctification**, and confidence to share their **testimony**.
3. God blessed Catherine and I with the opportunity to buy a home in Cheraw. On Wednesday nights, our youth, young adults, and leaders come together to do Bible study and worship at our house, and it has become a beautiful thing. We have learned so much from one another through the Holy Spirit!

As for our Young Adults, God put a word on our hearts this summer, and that word was **wisdom**. We went through Ecclesiastes and James on Sunday mornings, and what God revealed through our study and discussion was incredibly edifying to our lives.

Now, as we journey away from the literature centered on Wisdom, we are going through the book of Titus, gaining insight on God's intention and blueprint for **leadership**.

Coming up:

August 10th: Back to School party at Cheraw State Park

August 22nd -23rd : Disciple Now Weekend with Lakeview Baptist Church

CHONDA PIERCE

Florence Civic Center

Ladies Night
Sign-Up Here



\$50

September 27th



Join us for a
Women's
Conference at
Central Baptist
Church

Conference fee includes all
sessions, materials, dessert
social on Friday night and
breakfast/lunch on Saturday.
Ticket cost is \$25.00. Scan the
QR Code to sign up.

Registration Closes on
August 15th.



September 19th-20th

GOOD SAMARITAN RIDE FOR REHAB

FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 9th @ 8am

\$25 for Rider/ \$15 for Passenger

1st Stop: Frontline Biker Church

Speaker: Preacher Cotton

2nd Stop: Macedonia Baptist

Speaker: Preacher David Sanders

Church Conference



August 27
6pm

in the Sanctuary

MEN'S RETREAT [AT] CENTRAL BAPTIST

Guest Speaker: Andy Cook,
Founder of Experience
Israel Now



Event Schedule

Friday, August 8th

6:30pm Prime Rib Dinner

7:30 pm Session One

Saturday, August 9th

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Session 2

10:00am Break

10:30am Session 3

Sign up Here.
8/3 is the last
day to sign up.



BOSTON MISSION TRIP September 12th-14th

If you are interested in
going with us for the
Boston Baseball Camp
Mission Trip in September,
please sign up at the
Welcome Center or
contact Kelli.

BUILT TO PRAISE:

A Worship Ministry Update

Can you believe it's already August and school is back in session for most of our kids? Time is flying—but do you know what else that means?

It means our worship ministry has been without a full-time worship minister for over a year now. Wow—hard to believe, right?

And yet, every Sunday, we've continued to experience powerful and meaningful worship together. That wouldn't be possible without God's grace and favor over our church. We are truly blessed with an incredible team of gifted leaders, musicians, singers, volunteers, and a supportive staff who have stepped up in amazing ways.

Behind the scenes, countless late nights, extra rehearsals, hours of personal practice, and sacrificial time have been poured into this ministry. Why? Because we believe God has called us to use our time and talents to glorify Him and help usher in His presence through worship.

Even in this season of transition, the Worship Ministry has not stood still. We've grown in number, welcomed new faces on instruments and in the choir, and brought in fresh help on the production team. We've faced challenges—like the sound system going out—but through it all, our dedicated leaders have guided us with grace and strength.

We've also introduced some beautiful new songs, like Made for More, Psalm 90, Psalm 8, and others that have resonated with our hearts and deepened our worship experience.

As we move forward, let's take a moment to praise God for all He has done—and all He continues to do in and through our church. We don't take His blessings for granted. So don't be afraid to clap your hands, shout His name, or lift up your best Hallelujah! He is worthy of it all.

And when you see members of the worship team lifting their hands, shedding tears, or passionately calling out to God—it's not for show. It's a response to His goodness and the transforming power of His presence in our lives. Let that be an invitation for you, too—to go deeper in your walk with our Lord and Savior.

We love you, church family. Keep worshipping, keep pressing in, and let's continue to pursue God together.

With love,

Majik Lowery

HOMEBOUN 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 August

Seth Myers
741 Old Cash Rd
Cheraw, SC 29520
Birthday: August 15th

GIVING

through
July 27

BUDGET
TO DATE:

451,379.70

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

GIVING:

452,451.84

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

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, August 3

Brad Redfearn, Frankie Joyner, Jodie Goodwin

Sunday, August 10

David Paschall, David Caulder, Randy Caulder, Darrell Burch, Jerry Dixon

Sunday, August 17

Tom Boan, Melinda Boan, Chris Sellers, Ron Watson, Kenny Robertson

Sunday, August 24

Bobby Roberts, Jim Kennedy, Jay Hinson, Eric Jones, Keith Thomas

Sunday, August 31

Brad Redfearn, David Paschall, Tom Boan, Bobby Roberts

Save
THE
Date

NOVEMBER 6TH

[AT] 6PM

Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner
at Cypress Music Hall

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

August 1

Catherine Fleming
Michael Smith

August 2

Annie Madden

August 3

Genna Fields
Brewer Ratliff

August 6

Taylor Novinger

August 9

Joel Dyson
Cookie Pearce
Cathy Phillips

August 10

Judy Chestnut

August 11

Karan Byrd

August 13

Meghan Kennedy
Norma Moore

August 14

Elise McIntosh

August 15

Seth Myers

August 16

Betty Board
Paula Floyd

August 18

Talitha Andreoli
Sylvia Crews

August 19

Jonathan Andreoli
Lisa Gainey
Charles Haley
Tana Murray
Hannah Turner

August 20

Andrew Elvington

August 21

Ellen Hurst
Sandra Redfearn

August 25

Lydia Fenters

August 27

Hunter Allison
Kim Cole
Lindsey Elvington

August 29

Charlotte Fleming

August 30

Scott Laney
Kelly Pelfrey
Isabella Stewart
Cindi Wallace
Aaron Wright

August 31

Jackson Byrd
Joey Polson

"PHOTOGRAPHERS" NEEDED!!



Are you good at taking pictures?

We do not need professionals...simply someone who has a good quality camera on their cell phone! We need 2 more "photographers" to serve on a weekly rotation. Let us know if you are willing to serve in this capacity!

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Promotion Sunday	4	5	6 6pm Adult Mid-Week Men's: <i>The Titus Ten</i>	7	8 Men's Retreat Central Baptist	9 8am Good Samaritan Colony Ride Fundraiser Men's Retreat Central Baptist
10 5pm Student Cook Out Cheraw State Park	11	12	13 6pm Adult Mid-Week Mission-Focused	14	15	16
17 Nominating Report Available	18	19	20 6pm Adult Mid-Week Bible Study	21	22 DNow @ Lakeview	23 DNow @ Lakeview
24	25	26	27 6pm Adult Mid-Week Church Conference	28	29	30
31 Family Sunday Lords Supper Vote on Nominating Report/Deacons						