

THE INFORMER

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MEN'S MINISTRY

STEAK DINNER

AUGUST 11TH | 6:00PM

Cost: \$10

CHERAW MEN
IRON SHARPENS IRON

**GREAT FOOD. GREAT FELLOWSHIP.
STRONGER TOGETHER.**

CHERAW

Women

AUGUST 4TH

@ 6PM

Dinner at
Fiesta Tapatia

GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMPANY.
We can't wait to see you there!

SUNDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Games. Worship.
Bible Study. Community.

August 2nd @ 5:00 pm

**CHERAW
KIDS**

**CHERAW
STUDENTS**

**Adult
Small Groups
Opportunities**

Andrecioli Small Group
Goldberg Small Group
Pastor Rod's Small Group
Lora Chavis' Small Group
(this group will not begin until Sept. 13th)

It is "POP" up Sunday!

Sunday, August 2nd

**Promotion
Sunday**

We will have a
photo booth and a
pack of popcorn for
everyone "popping"
up to celebrate!



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12

Nancy Leigh DeMoss once said she was glad her dad didn't live to see the days of personal computers and the Internet. She didn't think he could have stood it. She believed that because her dad was intentional about everything he did – work, worship, family time, even downtime and recreation – and he was especially cautious about anything that consumed large chunks of time with little to show for it on the other end. She reasoned, if he thought television was a time-eater, he could not have imagined what was coming.

She said about her dad, "In a variety of ways, he exhorted us with this saying, 'Don't spend your life – invest it.'"

God has given us a finite number of minutes, hours, and days. They are His, not ours, and He has entrusted them to us as stewards of that which belongs to Him. One day we will each stand before Him to give an account of what we did with the few short years He allotted to us on earth. How will we not regret all those hours we mindlessly idled away on "trivial pursuits," while giving little or no thought to how our lives could bring Him pleasure and advance His kingdom?

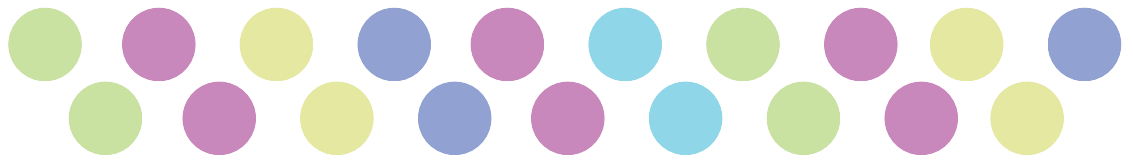
Perhaps you're still young and not consciously mindful of the value of each day. I assure you that the investments you make now, using your time, abilities, and opportunities to bring glory to God, will multiply through your life and beyond.

Or perhaps you're not so young anymore, and you realize you've squandered too much of your life on things that will bring little return in eternity. Then start afresh today, recapturing the joy of investing yourself in worship, ministry, service, sacrifice, and renewing neglected relationships. It's not too late – or too early – to start investing your life with the long term in view.

Jim Elliot once said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Let's live as with eternity in view.

There are many things planned for this month and for the fall in general. Later in the month of August, our Sunday night activities will resume. Kids, Students, and small groups resume on August 2nd. The nominating report will be out August 9th and deacon election will take place on August 16th. We will also observe the Lord's Supper on August 23rd as part of our worship service. Though we're in August, put on your calendar September 25th for a special night of worship as we host Ivan Parker. It's been a while since we had a night of worship like this and I know you will want to be part of it. You may remember Ivan from his time as a prominent featured soloist for 16 years on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos. He also was lead vocalist for the Dove-Award winning group, Gold City.

Lastly, we finish up our series on God the Father this month and move back into the gospel of Luke in September. Thank you for the honor of serving and doing life with you.



In today's world, family life moves fast. Between school starting, fall sports, homework, work schedules, and endless activities, it can be difficult to find time to simply talk together. But one of the most powerful places to shape a child's heart may not be a classroom, a church building, or a ballfield. It may be your dinner table or bedside or a car ride.

Deuteronomy 6 (take a look 😊) reminds us to talk about God throughout the normal rhythms of life. One of the most encouraging truths in Deuteronomy 6 is that God doesn't ask parents to become Bible scholars before they disciple their children. He simply calls them to love Him deeply, treasure His Word personally, and make conversations about Him a regular part of family life. Whether you're sharing breakfast before school, giving your children a bath, or tucking your child into bed, those ordinary moments become opportunities to remind your children who God is, what He has done, and how much He loves them.

So what does this look like practically? Simply ask questions like:

- What made you smile today?
- Was there anything that was difficult today?
- Did you notice God at work today?
- How can we pray for each other tonight?

Those conversations may seem ordinary, but God often uses ordinary moments to do extraordinary work.

This month, even with the hustle and bustle of getting back into a routine, challenge your family to protect these moments. Turn off the television. Put away the phones. Eat together. Talk together. Pray together. Moments of connection today create a lasting impact tomorrow. Love you guys! Aleisha



EQUIP

CLASSES



STARTING
SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6PM



MEN'S 33:
*A Man and
His Design*



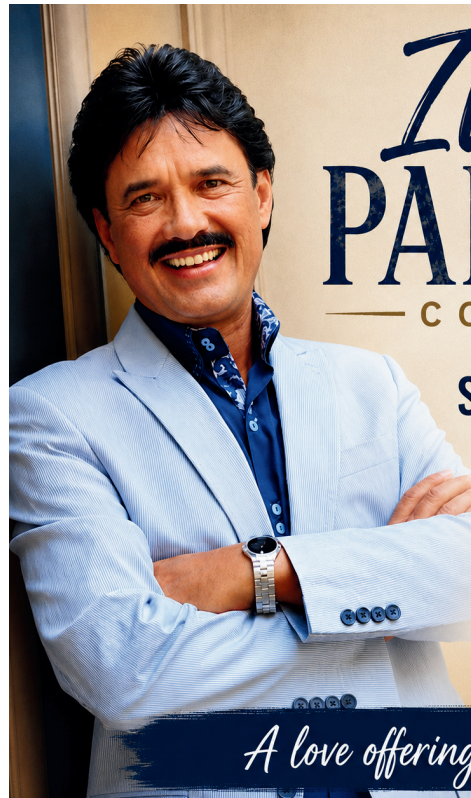
MAKE ROOM:
*Opening Our
Hearts, Homes
& Lives to Others*



THE AWE OF GOD:
*The Astounding Way
a Healthy Fear of God
Transforms Your Life*

These classes will be offered for
MEN, WOMEN, AND CO-ED.

If you are interested in leading a class,
please see Pastor Rod.



Ivan PARKER

CONCERT

**SEPTEMBER 25TH
@ 6:30PM**

CHERAW
FIRST BAPTIST

126 Greene Street
Cheraw, SC
843-537-3863

A love offering will be collected.

GET AWAY. GET FOCUSED. GROW TOGETHER.

MEN'S Retreat

A WEEKEND TO REFRESH YOUR SOUL
AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH.



NOVEMBER 13-15
FRIDAY EVENING – SUNDAY MORNING



at **CAMP McCALL**
SUNSET, NC

COST: \$100
(INCLUDES LODGING AND 4 MEALS)



GOD'S WORD
& TEACHING



BROTHERHOOD
& FELLOWSHIP



OUTDOOR FUN
& RELAXATION



GOOD FOOD.
GREAT COMPANY.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT,
REFLECT, AND GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH GOD.

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



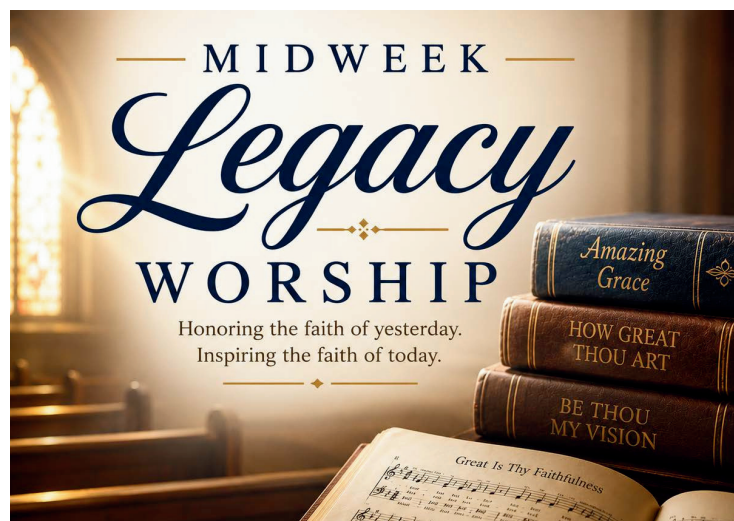
Young Adult Women

Ephesians Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6pm

Contact Leah Hurst

843-703-9835



MIDWEEK

Legacy

WORSHIP

Honoring the faith of yesterday.
Inspiring the faith of today.

Amazing Grace
HOW GREAT THOU ART
BE THOU MY VISION
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

IN THE SANCTUARY
Wednesdays at 11am.

BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 9TH

TRADITIONAL HYMNS. TIMELESS TRUTH. LASTING FAITH.

CHERAW WOMEN

UPCOMING WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



AUGUST 4TH @ 6PM
MEET AT FIESTA TAPATIA



SEPTEMBER 1ST @ 6PM
SELAH PRAYER NIGHT
(PRAYER IN SANCTUARY WITH
SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER)



OCTOBER 11TH @ 11:30AM
"FAST FRIENDS"
(BRING A BAG LUNCH)



NOVEMBER 3RD @ 6PM
TASTE & SEE
SHARE A FAVORITE RECIPE THAT HAS
NOURISHED YOUR BELLY AND THE
SCRIPTURE THAT HAS NOURISHED
YOUR HEART



DECEMBER 1ST @ 6PM
ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



Make Room BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 9TH

*Opening our hearts,
homes & lives to others*

CHESTERFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FALL Mission Trip



SPRUCE PINE, NC



OCTOBER 4TH - 10TH



DEADLINE TO
SIGN UP IS

AUGUST 15TH



CHERAW MEN
IRON SHARPENS IRON

UPCOMING MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



AUGUST 11TH @ 6PM
STEAK DINNER



SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 6PM
COLLEGE FOOTBALL KICK-OFF
WING NIGHT



OCTOBER 13TH @ 6PM
FISH FRY



NOVEMBER 13TH-15TH
MEN'S RETREAT @ CAMP MCCALL

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



MEN'S 33

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 9TH



STUDY SCRIPTURE
WRESTLE WITH THE MEANING
APPLY IT TO LIFE
TALK WITH GOD AND OTHERS

SWAT

FRIDAYS @ 6:30AM
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 18TH

GREAT FOOD. GREAT FELLOWSHIP. STRONGER TOGETHER.

Use whatever gift
you have received
to serve others.

— 1 PETER 4:10 —



Upcoming SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SEPTEMBER 23RD @ 12PM
VIP LUNCHEON

FOLLOWING MID-WEEK LEGACY WORSHIP

*Great food.
Great fellowship.
Great time!*



OCTOBER 8TH @ 8AM
MYSTERY DAY TRIP

STAY TUNED FOR HINTS AS TO
WHERE WE WILL BE GOING!



NOVEMBER 11TH @ 12PM
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

FOLLOWING MID-WEEK LEGACY WORSHIP

*Grateful hearts.
Great food.
Great fellowship.*

*Growing in Faith.
Building Friendships.
Enjoying the Journey.*

♥ ALL SENIOR ADULTS ARE INVITED! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

TRAINING Opportunities



AUGUST 10

Nursery



AUGUST 12

Safety Team



AUGUST 17

Kids Church



AUGUST 19

Missions Team



AUGUST 26

Greeter Team

*Equipped to Serve.
Ready to Make an Impact.*

"Make Room"



Our Hearts For Fall Into His Presence

Luke 10:39-42

"Mary has chosen the one thing that is necessary."

As summer begins to wind down, schedules slowly return to normal.

School starts. Vacations end. Calendars fill up once again.

But before we step into another busy season, God is inviting us to do something different...

To slow down.

To listen.

To make room for His presence.

Preparing Our Hearts:

Over the next several weeks, we encourage our church family to begin preparing spiritually.

This isn't about perfection / It's about making room

Ask God to search your heart / Spend time in His Word

Set aside moments of quiet prayer / Invite someone who needs hope

Come expecting God to move

We believe God's presence...

- Restores weary hearts
- Strengthens faith
 - Brings peace
 - Breaks chains
- Draws people back to Jesus
 - Changes lives

Prayer Challenge

Pray Every Day Until September 22

Ask God...

Who needs to come?

What do You want to do in me?

Help me hunger for Your presence.

Prepare our church for revival.

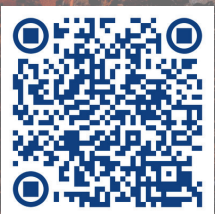
Revival has never started with a crowd.

It has always begun with hearts that were hungry for God.

We believe He is preparing something special.

Let's prepare with Him.

Youtube Playlist



Spotify Playlist



"Come expecting. Leave changed."

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 August

Charles & Laura Haley
330 Sunset Cottage Lane
Darlington, SC 29532
Charles' Birthday: August 19th



August 1
Catherine Fleming
Michael Smith

August 2
Annie Madden
Betsy Lowry

August 3
Genna Fields
Brewer Ratliff

August 5
Elesha Quick

August 6
Taylor Novinger

August 9
Joel Dyson
Cookie Pearce
Cathy Phillips

August 10
Judy Chestnut

August 11
Karan Byrd
Payden Watts

August 12
Ronald Crawford

August 13
Sue Buck
Meghan Kennedy
Norma Moore

August 14
Elise McIntosh

GIVING

through
July 26

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:

510,798.30

GIVING:

474,766.63

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, August 2

Bill McIntosh, Frankie Joyner, Jack Rhonemus, Brandon Pelfrey,
Mitch Harpe

Evening: Bobby Roberts & Jack Rhonemus

Sunday, August 9

David Paschall, David Caulder, Randy Caulder, Darrell Burch

Evening: Todd Garriss & Jim Murray

Sunday, August 16

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

Evening: Jim Kennedy & Bob Whiteman

Sunday, August 23

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

Evening: Tom Boan & Todd Garriss

Sunday, August 30

David Paschall, Tom Boan, Bobby Roberts



Debbie Adams
Robin Johnson
Rachel Johnson

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
Summer Jordan
Kelly Pelfrey
Isabella Stewart
Cindi Wallace
Aaron Wright

August 31
Jackson Byrd
Joey Polson

August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 9th—Nominating Report Available August 16th—Deacon Election August 23rd—Vote on Nominating Report (no discussion)						1
2 "Pop Up" Sunday 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	3	4 6pm Ladies Night @ Fiesta Tapatia	5 Praise Team— Encounter Night	6	7	8
9 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	10 6pm Nursery Training	11 6pm Men's Steak Dinner	12 6pm Safety Team Training	13	14	15
16 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	17 6pm Kids Church Training	18	19 6pm Church Conference Mission Team Training	20	21	22
23 Lord's Supper	24	25	26	27	28	29
5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups			6pm Greeter Team Training			
30 Family Sunday 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	31					