

# THE INFORMER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHERAW FIRST BAPTIST



## JULY 7-10

**Are you interested in being a prayer partner for Kidsalt 2025?**

We have 15, third to fifth grade children, attending camp this year. As a Prayer Partner, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Pray daily for your assigned child during their time at camp.
- Encourage them by preparing a small goodie bag filled with their favorite snacks and treats.
- Be a behind-the-scenes hero as you lift them up and support what God is doing in their life through this camp experience.

We'll give you a few fun facts about your child to help you pray more specifically and personalize your care for your child. We'll also give you a list of his/her favorite treats. Your prayers and encouragement can make a lifelong impact!

Reach out to Aleisha or contact Kelli in the church office for more information or to sign up!

## CFBC FAMILY NIGHT

with the  
FLORENCE  
**FLAMINGOS**



Scan Here to  
Sign Up!

**Tuesday,  
July 22nd  
@ 6:00 pm**

**\$10 per person**  
includes concessions,  
hat, and entry

# From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



When I think of the month of July, I often think of celebrating our nation's birthday and the freedom we enjoy as Americans. Speaking of freedom, people in our country typically believe they are free. For the most part, we can worship, speak, and travel as we desire. Yet despite all the guarantees of our Bill of Rights, countless Americans still live in bondage. This is because true freedom isn't something that can be legislated. Rather, true freedom is the ability to live a righteous life in the mercy, grace, goodness, and power of God.

What does true freedom look like? True freedom means:

**Through Jesus, we are redeemed from bondage to sin and its consequences.** God has adopted us into His family, and we are able to walk with Him in truth.

**Our hope is secure.** When a child feels safe in his parent's love and provision, he will thrive. We, too, can live with joy and confidence since we trust the Lord to care for us today and through all of eternity.

**God has enabled us to become all that He intended.** He has opened the door for us to release bitterness, low self-esteem, and other impediments that once had a grip on us. Furthermore, His Holy Spirit guides and enables so that we can do all that He desires.

**Through grace, Christ has freed us to relate to one another in a godly fashion.** We can love and forgive in God's strength, because we have experienced the same from Him.

This is true freedom. Is anything hindering this freedom in your life? Is anything hindering God's work in your life or interfering with your peace and contentment? The Christian life is a paradox: we are set free from bondage to sin yet choose to be bondservants of Jesus. Only when we fully surrender and sacrifice to Him can we truly live in freedom.

This month we have several things we are doing to prepare for the new church year which begins in September. You can assist the Nominating team by completing a nominating survey. The Nominating Team takes into consideration names of individuals asking to serve on ministry teams. Also, it's time to nominate Deacons. You may nominate as many men as you feel are qualified, and then the current deacon body will go through the vetting process.

As you look in this month's newsletter, I'm excited about the new twist on Wednesday nights beginning in August. We will talk more about that in the weeks to come.

Lastly, thank you for giving financially during the summer months. Your giving goes such a long way, and I thank you for not letting the summer disrupt your investing in your church and its ministries.







What do you get when you mix a bunch of energetic kids, a team of incredible volunteers, a hardworking kitchen crew, and the unstoppable love of God? VBS 2025, of course! All week, our church campus was filled with laughter, singing, painting, and a whole lot of children. We prayed, we played, and we saw little hearts learning big truths—about who God is, what Jesus has done, and how much they are loved by the Father.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who served, prayed, and gave. VBS was more than a week of fun—it was a week where eternity shifted for some young hearts, and I'm forever grateful.

Up next for July? Kidsalt! Love you guys, Aleisha



211  
Children

100+  
Volunteers

\$4430  
Raised in Mission  
Offering





## Youth

Cheraw Students went to Summer Salt... and it was an encounter with God!

This year, the theme was “Brand New”. The idea is this: we all have a “yesterday” that we can say goodbye to, and we all have the choice every day to live as a new creation in Christ.

Our speaker went through the entire book of Ruth during the week, and God brought something significant to our attention: that through His providence, He is working through small details you might never notice to make all things new and to see His divine plan for you and the whole world come to fruition.

We have described providence in Cheraw Students before as “God using his natural creation for a supernatural purpose.” We saw providence play out in our lives this week in several ways, so if you see a student around town or at the Church, ask them what providence is, and how they have seen God’s providence in their life. I think you’ll be joyfully surprised by their answer.

## Young Adults

This month in Young Adults, we finished our 12-week study through the book of Ecclesiastes, and we have had some serious questions on our minds as we have gone through it, like:

- What is wisdom?
- How can a person be wise?
- What makes life either meaningful or meaningless?
- What should we treasure in life?

I’m happy to say that through this series in Ecclesiastes, we’ve gained many answers to these questions, and we continue seeking God for help with them.

One of the things that God brought to our attention across many of the chapters is that the relationships that He gives us are also some of our greatest treasures and sources of wealth.

What relationships has God given you? Is there any that you may be taking for granted?

Let me encourage you to reflect on everyone God has put in your life and to be thankful for them, because they are gifts from above.



# Chair Drive

## FUNDRAISER UPDATE

**GOAL: 150 CHAIRS**

**GIVEN: 179 CHAIRS**

### DEACON NOMINATIONS

The 2025-2026 deacon nomination process will continue through Sunday, July 13. Pick up a deacon nomination form at the Welcome Center and place it in an offering box when complete.

The Nominating Ministry Team is working to fill our ministry teams for the 2025-2026 church year that begins September 1. The survey is located at the Welcome Center or you can simply scan this QR code and submit it online. Please prayerfully consider where God wants you to serve in the ministries of Cheraw First Baptist. Return all completed surveys to the church by Sunday, July 6.



## NEW MID-WEEK SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN AUGUST

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Men's Bible Study**

*The Titus Ten* (sign up at the Welcome Center)

**Women's Bible Study with Aleisha**

*Lyrics for Life* (sign up at the Welcome Center)

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Mission-focused** (we will go outside the church walls!)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Bible Study with Pastor Rod** (Fellowship Building)

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Prayer Time**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Fellowship**



# Summer Sounds of Worship:

## My Favorite Playlists for the Season

by Majik Lowery

I'll never forget one particular summer afternoon, riding down a sun-drenched country road with the windows down, the wind dancing through the car, and the sun kissing my face. The air smelled like freshly cut grass and hot pavement, and my speakers were blaring *Indescribable* by Kierra Shepard & BRL. Something about that moment felt sacred—free, light, and full of God's presence. I wasn't in a church building, but worship was happening all the same. That's the power of music—it carries us, it lifts us, and in the right moment, it takes us straight to the throne room of God.

As summer rolls in with all its warmth, adventures, and long days, I find myself leaning into playlists that match the season's vibe: joyful, refreshing, and full of praise. Whether I'm driving to work, heading to the beach, reuniting with family, or just taking a quiet walk, these songs keep my spirit aligned and my heart thankful.

Here are a few of my go-to summer worship playlists:

**Feel-Good Worship Vibes.** These are the songs that bring a smile to your face and a bounce to your step:

1. ***That's Who I Praise***- Brandon Lake
2. ***Kingdom***- Maverick City Music & Kirk Franklin
3. ***Your Way's Better***- Forrest Frank
4. ***Every Praise***- Hezekiah Walker
5. ***In The Room***- Maverick City Music ft. Tasha Cobbs Leonard

**Sunset & Reflection.** When the day winds down and your heart wants to reflect:

1. ***What A Beautiful Name***- Hillsong Worship & Brooke Ligertwood
2. ***All Hail King Jesus***- Bethel Music
3. ***I Speak Jesus***- Charity Gayle
4. ***So Will I***- Hillsong United & Benjamin Hastings
5. ***Come Jesus Come***- CeCe Winans

Music isn't just entertainment—it's a lifeline. It helps us remember who God is, even on our busiest days. This summer, I challenge you to make worship your soundtrack. Create your own playlist, rediscover old favorites, and maybe even share them with a friend who needs some encouragement.

So the next time you're driving down the road on a hot day with the music turned all the way up, let it be more than a good vibe. Let it be a moment of true worship.



## 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 July "VIP"

Maxine Allen  
106 Mary Rd  
Cheraw, SC 29520  
Birthday: July 19th

## GIVING

through  
June 22

BUDGET  
TO DATE:

376,149.75

You can give online at  
[cherawfbc.com/give](http://cherawfbc.com/give), through the Realm app

GIVING:

358,900.24

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

### SAFETY TEAM

**Sunday, July 6**

Frankie Joyner, Brad Redfearn, Jodie Goodwin

**Sunday, July 13**

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

**Sunday, July 20**

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

**Sunday, July 27**

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

## GOOD SAMARITAN RIDE FOR REHAB FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8am

\$25 for Rider/ \$15 for Passenger

**1<sup>st</sup> Stop:** Frontline Biker Church

Speaker: Preacher Cotton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Stop:** Macedonia Baptist

Speaker: Preacher David Sanders

### "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 3 more "photographers" to serve on a weekly rotation. Let us know if you are willing to serve in this capacity!



**Happy  
Birthday!**

**July 8**

Kip Kiser  
Ben Rivers  
Dick Young

**July 10**

Pat Godbold

**July 12**

Reed Tipton

**July 13**

Eryn Butler  
Tommy Creech

**July 14**

Temple Dyson  
Lanny Rayfield

**July 15**

Carie Huggins

**July 16**

Belinda Driggers  
Victoria Lowery  
Rhett Phillips

**July 17**

Doug Fields

**July 18**

Landon Goodwin  
Judy Sellers

**July 19**

Maxine Allen  
Marsha Porter

**July 20**

Abbey Novinger

**July 21**

Amy Allison  
Timberleigh Phillips

**July 22**

Randy King

**July 25**

Nathan Ainsworth

**July 26**

Jim Dickson  
Jodie Goodwin  
Jesse McGee

**July 27**

Kody Bozard  
Bill McIntosh  
Paul Velez

**July 28**

Tim Rogers

**July 29**

Steve Howler

**July 31**

Mary Bauman  
Wesley Dyson  
Belinda Southard

**July 1**

Victor Lowery

**July 3**

Jordan Wright

**July 6**

Barbara Babb  
Majik Lowery

**July 7**

Stuart Adeimy

# July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4th! Office Closed	5
6 Deadline for Nominating Survey	7 KIDSALT	8 4:30pm Men's Golf Outing	9 No Adult Mid-Week	10	11	12
13 Deadline for Deacon Nominations	14	15	16 No Adult Mid-Week	17	18	19
20	21	22 6pm Family Night with the Florence Flamingos	23 No Adult Mid-Week	24	25	26
27 3pm Deacon's Meeting 4:30 SCHOOL PRAYER WALK followed by a cookout in The Grove	28	29	30 No Adult Mid-Week	31		