



VBS 2026

May 31-June 4

6:00 Nightly

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God & Country

June 28th | 10am

MEET US AT CHERAW STATE PARK PICNIC SHELTER AT 5PM FOR A TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. DON'T FORGET A SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL IF YOU PLAN ON SWIMMING! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTIZED, SEE PASTOR ROD. THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE USING THE QR.

SCAN ME



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



The summer season is finally here. It's time for VBS, summer vacations, fireworks, cookouts and all the other fun activities we enjoy during this season. During these warmer months, many of you will find yourself on the lake, perhaps fishing, water skiing, or just hanging out on the pontoon (yes, I'm thinking of a song right now).

With boating on my mind, let me share something I recently learned. Historically, when navies were engaged in combat and one of the sides had reached a point of surrender, the common practice was to lower the flag (the "colors") that identified the ship. Lowering the flag was equivalent to conceding defeat.

But sometimes the ship's captain would declare he had no intention of surrendering. In order to formalize this commitment in a visible way, he would give the order to "nail the colors to the mast." In other words, he was taking away all options of the flag being lowered. It was instead to be hammered into the ship's very structure, impossible to be removed. The battle would be fought and won, or all on board would die in the attempt.

A British missionary in the late 1800's named C.T. Studd, used this word picture in urging believers to commit themselves unreservedly to the call of Christ, no matter the work or obstacles encountered. He once said:

Nail the colors to the mast! That is the right thing to do, and therefore, that is what we must do, and do it now. What colors? The colors of Christ, the work He has given us to do.

As followers of Christ, today we must decide to "nail the colors to the mast." We must declare our loyalty to God and His Word while reaffirming our wholehearted commitment to live for His glory in days that are increasingly perilous. At the same time, we must lower the flag of our hearts and surrender to the lordship of Christ.

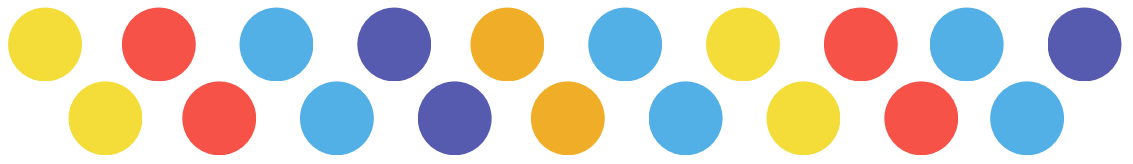
For the first few weeks of June, we will continue our series **Jesus is >** from the book of Luke. We then will pause for a series I'm excited about. I love preaching topical expository messages in the summer that are separate from preaching through books of the Bible systematically. This summer will be part one of the series on the Trinity. I'll focus a series of messages this summer on God the Father.

I hope you will make time to participate in our summer activities as well as slow down a bit. Jesus rested and I hope you can take some time this summer to rest as well and recalibrate your souls to Jesus.

Have a great summer.

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Many years ago, the month of June was named "Pride Month." Because of this, we hear the world talking about Pride Month, and they are talking loudly. Questions are coming up in our homes, in conversations with our children, during volunteer meetings, and among parents who simply want wisdom on how to respond faithfully and truthfully according to God's Word. Rather than avoid the conversation, it is important that we approach it with both truth and grace.

As Christian parents, we have the responsibility and privilege of discipling our children in a world filled with competing voices and messages. So, how do we speak into our homes from a Biblical perspective? Here are just a few ideas as we navigate this parenting journey together, seeking to help our children understand God's truth while also teaching them to love people well.

#1 Prayer must be our priority.

While you may read that and think, "well, duh," let me tell you, God hears the prayers of parents. Prayer changes things, friends. When Christ-following mamas pray (along with dads, grandparents, and the church), God hears. Offer prayers over your children that they would hear, know, and understand the truth of the gospel. Pray they would come to know this life changing Jesus and the love, peace, and power He gives. Pray they hear Him speak of above all else.

#2 Embrace the opportunity.

"Christian families are set apart. We don't just want our kids to grow up to be productive members of society. We hold to a higher hope, that they will become devoted followers of Jesus, committed to seeing His kingdom come. Therefore, our homes are to be incubators for discipleship." - Mama Bear Apologetics

Scripture teaches us that discipleship is not an activity that takes place; it is a way of life. Jesus models this Himself while He was on earth. Every moment was an opportunity to talk about God and His will. With that being said, let's use Pride Month as one of these opportunities. See a rainbow flag? Talk about the rainbow that symbolized a promise. See homosexuality on every channel? Talk with your family about taking a break from TV and spend time doing something together. See someone at the store with a gay pride t-shirt on? Take the time to talk about it. Pray as a family that they would surrender to the plan God has for their life.

Understand that while Pride Month is present, we do not have to react to this culture defensively. In other words, we can rest in teaching our children God's truth and take advantage of showing them how to walk out this Word that we talk.

#3 God is love.

Pride Month brings many catch lines; "love is love" and "love wins" are two that come to mind. While love does win, we know that God is love. God loves all people, and He has called His people to love. God gives us boundaries, because He loves us. So, in trying to convey His law, let's not lose focus of His love. We can live with conviction and with compassion. We can teach our kids to do both through our words and through our example.

As parents, moving through our culture can be a little daunting at times. But, remember, we cannot child-proof the world. We can, however, world-proof the child. Let's use what the world is giving us to speak the truth in our homes and shine the light of Jesus in the dark places. - Aleisha



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JULY 6th to 9th

KIDSALT PARENT MEETING
Sunday, June 28th
After Sunday AM Service



NEXT GEN NEWS

An update from Cheraw Students and Young Adults



The Future of NextGen Ministry

As a 26-year-old Youth Pastor, there are strengths and weaknesses that come with the role. One of the greatest strengths is that I still remember what it was like to be a teenager in the Church — because I was one not that long ago. And technically, I'm still what many would consider a young adult today.

As I reflect on my time growing up in church, I see trends that should continue, and others that I'm glad are beginning to fade away.

One of the biggest things I've noticed is this:

Church can't be all fun and games.

In many churches today, youth ministry (if there is one) can become centered around making church "as fun as possible." The weekly rhythm becomes heavily dependent on entertainment.

Now, I think fun matters. Church is far more joyful and life-giving than many people assume at first glance. But the youth of our day are looking for more than entertainment — they are looking for truth.

They are asking hard questions:

Why does a good God allow evil?

Why does the Bible call homosexuality a sin?

To what degree is our life shaped by our choices, and to what degree is everything determined?

Those are only a few of the conversations I've had with students this spring semester alone.

What I hear most often from our young adults, though, is the need for community. Young adults often live in an in-between space. They don't fully fit with the younger crowd anymore, but they also don't yet share the life experiences of older adults. They crave community. They crave belonging. They crave an identity and mission shared with others.

So what do we do with this?

The hill I will die on is this: our youth and young adults need intentional discipleship. They need someone willing to come alongside them and say, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

They need people to do life with them, learn with them, challenge them, encourage them, hold them accountable, and be accountable in return.

I am beyond blessed to pastor youth and young adults in a full-time capacity. While I personally try to fill my weeks with one-on-one meetings and small group discipleship, I'm thankful that our entire team shares this same vision.

Our youth leaders and young adult leaders consistently spend time with students week after week — discipling them, encouraging them, and simply doing life together. Sometimes that looks like having students over for dinner and conversation. Sometimes it's meeting for coffee to study Scripture together. Other times it's opening their homes for Bible study, worship, and community.

Our teams are deeply committed to intentional discipleship.

And if the Church, both FBC and the Church as a whole, is going to remain healthy and faithful 10 years from now — let alone 100 years from now — we must prioritize these intentional discipleship relationships today.

Coming up:

Summer Salt: June 29 - July 3rd



SIGN UP OR PAY HERE!

SAVE THE DATE

June

- 1-4 VBS
- 6 Ride for Rehab (Good Samaritan)
- 19 Atlanta Braves Baseball Game
- 21 Father's Day
- 28 God and Country Service
- 28 State Park Cook-Out
- 29 Students Leave for Summersalt

July

- 3 Students Return from Summersalt
- 6 Kidsalt
- 15 Florence Flamingo Game

August

- 2 Promotion Sunday
- 28-29 Women of Grace @ Central Baptist

Looking Ahead

Local Summer Missions - Dates TBA (Good Samaritan Colony & Connie Maxwell)
September - PR Mission Trip

Family Night with the Flamingos

July 15th
Cost: \$15



Lois McArn Food Bank presents
Cheese Biscuit Queen
Mary Martha Greene

Thursday, June 11 @ 5:30pm
Cypress Hall - Side B

Join us for an entertaining evening of storytelling and appetizer demonstrations.

Admission: \$45

(includes Mary Martha's New Cookbook)

See Levi Baxter or Tom Boan
to purchase your ticket.

HELP NEEDED

GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a part of our Greeter ministry, **please let Kelli know.**

This is such an important ministry and we could use YOU!

CHAIR TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve on our chair team. This is a weekly rotation.

Please see Pastor Rod if you are interested.

CAMPUS CLEAN UP

We could use some help with outdoor clean up projects. We have some outdoor signage, etc that could use cleaning/pressure washing. We could also use extra hands (and feet) walking the perimeter of the buildings and pick up any trash.

Contact Kelli in the office if you are interested!

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.



Angela Crawford
 Vocalist:Soprano/Alto

I was a very shy and quiet kid that grew up in a good home with godly parents. I did all the right things. I was kind, compassionate, and did what I was told. I even prayed. Again, because I did what I was told to do. Being good won't get you into heaven. Having a conversation with God won't save you from your sins. You must repent and receive Christ as Savior and follow Him. I got saved at church camp at 9 years old, was filled with the spirit and forever changed. I will never forget my youth leader made this statement, "I thought you were saved?!" My reply? "You thought I was, but I needed to know."



Dallas Keefe
 Drummer

God loved me first! And by grace I am saved, and I have a place in heaven. My whole life it felt like I was told what Christians were supposed to do to make sure you are right with God it felt like being a Christian was like a job. I realize now that grace is enough, it covers all my sins, and I do not have to work for my salvation. Total surrender to him brings peace and security. It is a privilege to help carry out the father's plan and go and do where he leads. We surrender God does the rest.



Amy Kulo
 Vocalist:Soprano

I always had wonderful parents and a church family who taught me about the God who loved and created me. But as an 11 year-old girl, God spoke to me during a time I was learning that life was not fair and people are flawed. In a season of heartbreak, I began to know God for myself. In those moments and through every moment of my life since, I have experienced the very presence of God. He sees me, holds me and I am never alone. The weaker I get when life is so hard, the power of Christ in me is my strength and the light of the Holy Spirit guides me. Sometimes it's through tears, but I will always say that God is good and I know I am a Daughter of the King who is so perfectly loved.



Aaron Parker
 Vocalist: Tenor

I was raised in church, but I didn't truly give my life to Christ until I was 18. I thank God every day for saving me, even when I know I didn't deserve it. I often wonder why Jesus would die for a sinner like me, but I'm constantly reminded of His grace, His mercy, and His unfailing love. I can never thank Him enough for what He has done in my life. I will spend the rest of my days sharing with others how good He is and all He has done for me, and I will serve Him for as long as I am able.



Paul Velez
 Vocalist:Baritone/Bass

I was raised in going to church and being a part of something greater. I was saved at a young age while watching others being baptized. I knew then what that something greater was. Yes I have fallen short many of times but the Lord has helped me up every time. I've learned, and try to help others understand, to lay all your problems at His feet. Then and only then will you see His path for you. You will see His love, grace, and mercy. That's why I love working with the youth and serving on the praise team.



Terri Woodham
 Vocalist:Alto

I was raised in church and taught everything there is to know about Jesus. When I went to college I put my faith on the "back-burner" and I thought I could do this life by myself. At age 33—after having a child of my own— I realized that I needed a Savior and that I could not handle life on my own. That's when my relationship with Jesus truly began and I now try to live everyday of my life for Him. Everyday I try my best to be more like Jesus— by loving others and pointing them to Him.

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

JUNE

Willa Johnson
P. O. Box 967
Cheraw, SC 29520

GIVING

through
May 24

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: **357,558.81**

GIVING: **337,543.77**

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, June 7

Brad Redfearn, Frankie Joyner, Jodie Goodwin, Jack Rhonemus

Sunday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 28

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SC LEGISLATION UPDATES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

Welcome
NEW MEMBERS

Leah Morrell by statement
Jacob Morrell by baptism

Ride for Rehab

Good Samaritan Colony Benefit
June 6th @ 9am

Driver: \$25 Passenger \$15

For more information, contact Jack Rhonemus



June 3
Terri Polson

June 4
Claudia Brown

June 5
Jeffshan John

June 6
Keith Thomas

June 7
Brandon Ford
Charlotte Hurst
Jackson Wynn

June 8
Cutter Newton

June 9
Cathy Coleman

June 11
Karen Adeimy
Linda Cardenas
Jackson Rainwater
Warren Surratte

June 12
Evie Cox
Tripp Wallace

June 13
Kaden Ratliff

June 14
Wade Kimrey
Jennifer Rayfield

June 16
Paige Kelly

June 17
Logan Byrd
Elizabeth Carter
Mary Davis

June 19
Levi Baxter

June 20
Mitch Harpe

June 21
Dorr Depew
John Kennerly
Katie Pelfrey
Jack Rhonemus

June 22
Sydney Haile
Kathryn James Sides

June 23
DaShawnana Baldwin
Madalyn Hurst
Rita Rhonemus

June 24
Brooklyn Driggers

June 25
Kyla Hudson
John John

June 27
Gary Carroll

June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Vacation Bible School 6pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm	Vacation Bible School 6pm		Good Samaritan Colony Ride for Rehab
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			No Evening Activities	5:30pm Lois McArm Fundraising Event		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			No Evening Activities		Atlanta Braves Game	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Happy Father's Day	Abba's House		No Evening Activities			
28	29	30				
God & Country Service 5pm Cookout @ the State Park	SummerSalt	SummerSalt				