



CHERAW

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March 13-14

Join us for a weekend of worship, missions, Bible study, and fun.

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING



Church Goal:
\$8,000

We will be collecting through Easter Sunday. Be sure to grab a week of Prayer Guide from the Welcome Center.

SAVE THE DATE

April 26-May 3



We are in need of housing and loaner vehicles for 8 ladies and 8 guys.

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



Some of you grew up listening to Casey Kasem count down each week the top forty songs on the radio. I wasn't an avid listener, but I listened. Mostly, I enjoyed tuning in Bob Kingsley as he counted down the top country songs of the week. I'm not going to take you down memory lane with a top ten list of songs but I do want to share with you some of the worst guest experiences people have encountered in church. It's important that we know these because we are quickly approaching the time of year when we should see an uptick in attendance. See if you have ever experienced or heard of these five along the way and may we learn from them so that we can be hospitable hosts to members and guests alike.

Our church is not for you. A guest visiting a church for the first time, was told by a member that she didn't belong there. Why? Because she was a different race. No one intervened. No one apologized. The church has since remained an all-white congregation, but it is declining rapidly—spiritually and numerically. The damage caused by that one comment cannot be overstated.

You're too late. You can't come in. Two guests arrived late for a worship service. They were unaware that the church website had published the incorrect service time. When they finally found the right door, the ushers blocked them and told them the service had already started. They turned around and left.

We're at capacity. You'll have to leave. A single mom brought her young children to church, looking for spiritual support and a safe place for her kids. But when she arrived at the children's area, she was told the rooms were full—and that there was no room for her children. No alternatives were offered.

That's my parking spot. A guest attempted to park in an available space near the main entrance. Just as she was pulling in, a longtime member drove up, honked loudly, and told her the spot was his. The confrontation left her rattled. She drove off and never came back.

You'd be more comfortable somewhere else. A woman walked into church wearing clothing that didn't match the unspoken dress code of the congregation. She was doing the best she could with limited means, but a member pulled her aside and suggested she might fit in better elsewhere. She never entered the sanctuary. Her only experience of that church was rejection at the door.

These are just five of the worst guest experiences. They are real accounts from real guests who took a chance on visiting a church like ours only to be met with indifference, inconvenience, or outright unfriendliness. I wish these were funny stories (and I have some) but these are painful to hear but they matter. They reveal what happens when a church turns inward, when tradition trumps mission, and when “welcome” is just on a sign. Let these be reminders to us that this is a church we never want to be as we live out our mission here in our town.

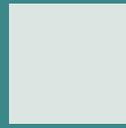
And with Bob Kingsley and two particular country songs in mind, let us “love deeper” and always strive to be “humble and kind.”

We are in the season of Lent and preparing to celebrate Easter. Our Easter signs will be available this Sunday for you to pick up and place at your home as a testimony of your faith in Jesus. Please only one sign per family. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you'll see the dates of Lenten lunches. The first lunch will take place on March 11 here at our church with my friend Jason Vanadore preaching.

Easter week will be full of activities in the life of our church. Family Sunday takes place on Palm Sunday. Family Sunday is when our kids and students actively take part and lead with us in worship. There is no kids church this day nor Sunday night activities. Families...put on your calendar Wednesday, April 1. We will have a fun, family friendly event in the Grove with games and hotdogs as we celebrate Easter.

Lastly, we observe during this season the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This Sunday, prayer guides will be available in the foyer and we will share videos of missionaries we support on Sunday mornings.

Happy Spring...and Easter. Love you all.



One issue that stands front and center in our world today is the understanding of absolute truth. For many, it no longer exists. Our culture has dramatically shifted in the way it defines truth, moving from what is fixed and objective to what is personal and subjective. Relativism is not just present; it is pervasive. Postmodern thought tells us there is no absolute truth. Existentialism suggests that your truth may be different from my truth; what is right for you is right for you, and what is right for me is right for me. In other words, if something feels acceptable or works for me, then it must be good.

But here is where this becomes deeply personal for us as parents and as a church. If truth is fluid, then what are we anchoring our children to? We are not simply raising children to navigate culture. We are raising them to stand firm in it. And that requires something solid, unchanging, trustworthy; a truth that does not shift with opinions or trends. If culture is racing to shape our children with its "-isms," then we must be quicker to shape them with truth.

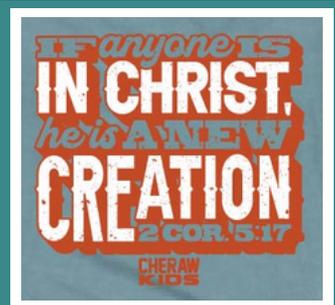
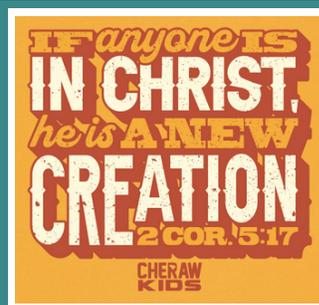
So let's teach them to stand on the gospel and give them Jesus. Not as an optional add-on to life, but as the very foundation of it. The gospel is not a preference; it is reality. Christ is not one voice among many; He is Truth itself. When we root our children in Him, we are giving them a firm place to stand when everything else around them shifts. Love you guys! Aleisha

Cheraw Kids Update

Our children's ministries are going well. We are welcoming new babies into the nursery. Sunday Morning small groups, preschool church, kids church and All Access are all going to be digging into the early life of Jesus and how He teaches us to live throughout the month of March. On Sunday nights, we are taking an exploration through God's Word to learn some fundamental truths to help us understand that God is real and that we can trust Him and His Word.



Soccer season is a wrap! We served 85 families with around 120 children. Thank you to everyone who played a role in this ministry this season!



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!





NEXT GEN NEWS

An update from Cheraw Students and Young Adults



Coming up:

Disciple Now March 13th - 14th

Senior Trip: April 10th - 12th
See Ryan for more info.

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

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

Serving From The Overflow

This year, God has graciously opened several doors for our youth ministry team to be poured into, trained, and strengthened so that we can better serve the students of our church and the wider community. We are deeply thankful for these opportunities, recognizing that healthy ministry flows from faithful preparation and spiritual renewal.

In January, our team attended Conclave, a time of focused training and encouragement that helped ground us in our calling and reminded us of the importance of intentional discipleship. More recently, on the 19th of last month, we traveled to Columbia to attend the South Carolina Baptist Convention's Impact Conference. Both of these experiences provided space not only to learn, but also to reflect, pray, and be refreshed alongside other ministry leaders from across the state.

The Impact Conference offered a variety of breakout sessions and classes designed to equip church leaders for the realities of ministry today. Our team received training in areas such as cultivating a culture of evangelism within the local church, thoughtfully engaging with emerging topics like artificial intelligence and its implications for ministry, and discerning how to call out and equip those whom God is leading into vocational ministry—whether in local church leadership or as missionaries serving in other nations.

What stood out most was the reminder that effective ministry is never sustained by effort alone. Scripture teaches us that we cannot pour from an empty cup, and these gatherings served as a tangible reminder of God's provision for those who serve Him. Through teaching, fellowship, and shared worship, the Lord used these moments to pour into our team—spiritually, emotionally, and practically.

As a result, we return more equipped, encouraged, and unified in our mission to disciple the next generation. Our prayer is that the fruit of these experiences will be seen not only in our planning and programming, but in the way we love, shepherd, and point students to Christ each week. We are grateful for the church's prayers and support, and we look forward to continuing to pour into our youth out of the overflow of what God is doing among us.

TOWN OF CHERAW

49th Spring Festival 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 (10:00AM - 6:00PM)

We will be hosting a Baby Changing Station again this year. Sign up here if you would like to serve our community in this way.



Ladies' Spring Tea

March 29th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Building



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 from March 31st to 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.

March 31st - Turning April 7th - Trusting April 14th - Tarrying April 21st - Thanksgiving

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 @ 8:30 AM
SMALL GROUPS @ 9:00 AM
MORNING WORSHIP @ 10AM

NO EVENING SERVICES

Community Lenten Services

March 11th @ 12pm
Cheraw First Baptist

March 25th @ 12pm
First Methodist

March 18th @ 12pm
Cheraw First Baptist

April 1st @ 12pm
First Methodist



More information to follow.

7 WORDS THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU WORSHIP

HOLY ROAR

The worship team is working through the 7 Words that Will Change the Way You Worship. Take a look at the first four.



#5 - BARAK

Scripture: Psalm 103:1 – “Bless (Barak) the Lord, O my soul...”

Devotional Thought:

This word calls for stillness, humility, and reverence. Sometimes the loudest worship happens in quiet surrender.

Reflect:

- Do you take time to be still before God in your worship?
- What does reverent worship look like for our team?

Prayer:

Lord, teach us to kneel before You in our hearts and minds. We bless Your name in awe and humility.

#6 - TEHILLAH

Scripture: Psalm 22:3 – “You are holy, enthroned on the praises (Tehillah) of Israel.”

Devotional Thought:

This is unscripted worship—songs that overflow from a heart full of God. We make space for the Spirit to lead.

Reflect:

- Are you open to spontaneous moments in worship?
- How can we grow in listening to the Holy Spirit as we lead?

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, lead us into new songs that express what You are doing right now. Let our hearts sing freely to You.



#7 - SHABACH

Scripture: Psalm 117:1 – “Praise (Shabach) the Lord, all you nations!”

Devotional Thought:

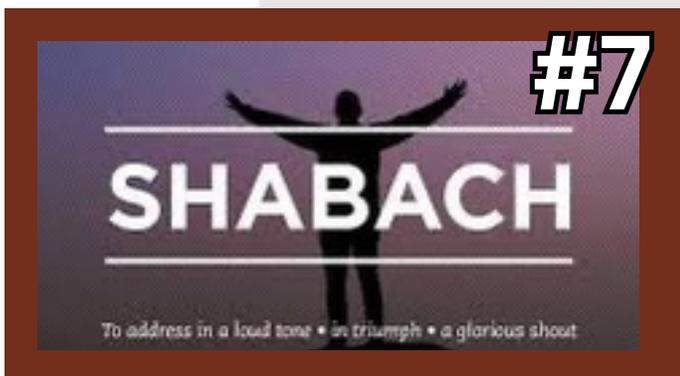
Worship should be bold—declaring the truth of who God is with power. There’s a time to get loud and proclaim God’s greatness.

Reflect:

- Do we bring boldness to our worship?
- What does victorious praise look like in our context?

Prayer:

We declare Your greatness, Lord! Let our worship roar with Your truth and power.



PRACTICE PRAISE PRESENCE
DON'T JUST STUDY THE ROAR — RELEASE IT. THIS IS YOUR DAILY ROAR. PRESS PLAY, TRAIN YOUR HEART TO PRAISE, AND LET REVELATION BECOME EXPRESSION EVERY SINGLE DAY.



Apple Worship Playlist



YouTube Worship Playlist



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 March

Maxine Allen
106 Mary Rd
Cheraw, SC 29520



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](mailto:kelli@cherawfbc.com).



March 1
Harper Allison
Dylan Driggers
Jodi O'Neal

March 2
Bob Whiteman
Trippe Harrington
Hope Hurst
Cohen Ratliff

March 3
Raina Wallace

March 5
Oliver Goldberg

March 6
Ethan Short

March 7
Bennett Cole
Bradford Dyson
Kathy Treadaway

March 11
Wayne Driggers
Anderson Elvington

March 12
Nancy Martin
Dick Mullis
Finleigh Southard
Noah Southard

March 14
Rachel McGee

March 16
Cale Burch
Melanie Hall
Joy Myers

March 17
Ricardo Andreoli
Marilyn Collins

March 19
Charlene Ange
Allen Hopkins

March 20
Darrell Burch
Rodney Byrd
Harley Chewning
Rachel Kulo

March 21
Laci Chewning
Charleigh Cole

March 22
Rod Elliott
Becky Mullis

March 25
Clayton Hurst

March 26
Caio Andreoli
Pat Graham

March 29
Terrie Caulder

March 31
Ethan Quick

GIVING through
February 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: **136,212.88**

GIVING: **127,395.54**

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 29

Bobby Roberts, Brad Redfearn, David Paschall, Tom Boan
Evening: Bobby Roberts & Jack Rhonemus

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS APRIL 15TH.

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	2	3	4 6pm Adult Mid-Week Connie Maxwell	5	6	7
8 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	9	10	11 12pm Lenten Lunch Mission Team Meeting	12	13 Disciple Now	14 Disciple Now
15 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	16	17	18 12pm Lenten Lunch 6pm Adult Mid-Week	19	20	21
22 4pm Deacon Meeting 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	23	24	25 12pm Lenten Lunch	26	27	28 Spring Festival
29 2 pm Ladies Tea 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	30	31 6am Prayer & Fasting				