

# THE INFORMER

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## BABY DEDICATION



May 10th  
Mother's Day



### VBS 2026

Sign your child up by scanning the QR.



VBS 4K-5th Grade Volunteers Meeting May 11th OR 12th @ 6 pm

All Other VBS Volunteers Meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> after service

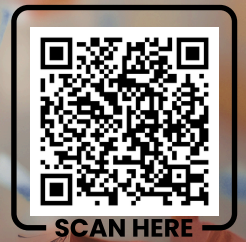
## May 31-June 4

6:00 Nightly

## GRADUATE SUNDAY MAY 17TH



If you have a graduate who you would like to recognized, please scan the QR.



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# From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



"I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears"  
Psalms 34:4

What is it that you fear? I'm sure there are times when all of us have to battle our fears. Perhaps along with the excitement of graduation, our graduates may fear beginning a new chapter of their life. There is fear of different seasons in life. Fear related to job loss or a new job. Fear associated with health scares. There is much to fear in life.

Well, the antidote to fear is faith.

When I toss and turn in the middle of the night, worried and fearful over something that is impending in my life or the life of someone I care about, I am comforted and calmed as I meditate on who God is. It helps me plant my faith in Someone who is bigger than my fears. I'd like to share with you how you can conquer your fears because Jesus is bigger or greater than your fears. Perhaps this chart below will help. He is...

Able (2 Timothy 1:12)	Merciful (Daniel 9:8)
Benevolent (Ephesians 1:3)	Near (Philippians 4:5)
Compassionate (Psalm 145:8)	Omniscient (Luke 9:47)
Dependable (Psalm 119:138)	Powerful (Numbers 14:13)
Eternal (Deuteronomy 33:27)	Quick (Deuteronomy 33:26)
Faithful (Lamentations 3:23)	Right (Ezra 9:15)
Good (Psalm 73:1)	Sufficient (2 Corinthians 3:5)
Holy (1 Peter 1:16)	Truthful (John 3:33)
Immortal (1 Timothy 1:17)	Unique (Psalm 72:18)
Just (2 Thessalonians 1:6)	Victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57)
Kind (Jeremiah 9:24)	Wise (Romans 16:27)
Loving (1 John 4:16)	XYZexalted! (Psalm 92:8)

Next time fear comes knocking on the door of your heart, let Jesus answer because Jesus is greater.

May is busy. I have finally discerned over all these years that May is one of the busiest months in the life of any church. Perhaps I'm just now admitting it. Please be aware of the dates of special events in the life of our church. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend! We're better with you than without you!

I'm excited for the messages this month. I love preaching on special days and occasions and we have two such days in May. We will also get back into Luke's gospel for four messages I'm calling Jesus is Greater.

Thank you for participating in our Life Action revival. I know it was tiring but I hope the pause in doing the ordinary will lead to something extraordinary in your life.

Faithfully serving,

Pastor Rod

## May 31 - June 4

# VBS PRAYER CALENDAR



- 1 Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to receive Jesus. 1 John 1:9
- 2 Thank God for providing all we need to abound in His good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8
- 3 Thank God for giving life that we will teach during VBS. John 20:31
- 4 Pray for all of the VBS volunteers as they prepare and plan for each night of VBS.
- 5 Ask God to give strength and power to the volunteers. Isaiah 40:29
- 6 Ask God to place protection over the church's VBS and all who attend along with Tom Boan and the safety team.
- 7 Pray for the people that will be serving in the nursery so mothers/fathers can serve in other capacities at VBS.
- 8 Thank God for sending Jesus to do His will. Ask that God will help kids and leaders to do God's will in their lives. John 6:38
- 9 Pray for Majik Lowery, Elesha Quick and team who will lead kids to worship Christ through music and drama.
- 10 Pray for the crew leaders and helpers. Ask God to lead them as they lead the kids attending VBS.
- 11 Pray for Ryan and his team as they lead recreation each night.
- 12 Pray a blessing over the small groups who serve meals nightly (Soul Searchers, Mixed Nuts, Daughters of the King, Jesse McGee and Friends).
- 13 Pray for Kelly Pelfrey and her team leading art each night.
- 14 Pray for every volunteer as they show the love of Christ through their words and deeds.
- 15 Pray for the volunteers to do everything with kindness and love, passion and energy. 1 Corinthians 16:14
- 16 Thank God for His gift of eternal life and for the children who receive that gift at VBS. Romans 6:23
- 17 Pray for everyone at VBS to have a love for God's Word. Psalm 119:97
- 18 Pray for Pastor Rod as he meets and builds relationships with kids and families. John 11:25
- 19 Pray for Marc and Ashley Goldberg as they lead missions. Pray that our children will have a heart for spreading the Gospel.  
Matthew 28:18-20
- 20 Ask God to help kids know that His plan is for them to have a relationship with Jesus.
- 21 Pray for a spirit of unity in the bond of peace at VBS. Ephesians 4:3
- 22 Pray that VBS will bring families to our church and when they come they will receive the love of Jesus.
- 23 Ask God to help kids know Jesus is the only way to everlasting life. John 14:6
- 24 Pray for our greeters and registration teams as they are the first face most of the families will see.
- 25 Pray for Ronald and the band as they lead worship each night along with everyone else who has a part in the opening and closing.
- 26 Pray everyone involved will seek God with all their hearts and grow in their relationships with Christ.
- 27 Pray for Aleisha as she builds relationships with kids, shares the gospel, and leads our VBS.
- 28 Pray for boldness in church families to invite new people to VBS. Luke 19:10
- 29 Thank God for all He will do through VBS. Pray our VBS efforts continue to bear fruit all year long. John 15:8, 1  
Thessalonians 5:18
- 30 Ask God to provide a time of rest & refreshment for all those who will be serving in VBS when it is over. Matthew 11:28
- 31 NIGHT ONE OF VBS - Pray that God will accomplish all that He desires, and we will be found as faithful followers. 2  
Thessalonians 1:11-12

## Sending Out Our Seniors

There are moments in ministry that feel like snapshots of something sacred—moments you wish you could pause, hold, and revisit. Our recent senior trip to the beach gave us one of those moments.

As we sat on the beach, we opened our Bibles together to Psalm 26. We talked about integrity, walking closely with the Lord, and what it means to live a life that reflects Him even as seasons change. Sitting there, surrounded by God's beautiful creation, it felt clear: God has been at work in these students, and He isn't finished yet.

One of the most meaningful parts of the evening was the chance to read a letter I had written to the senior class. In it, I shared how I see God's hand in each of their lives—how He has uniquely shaped them, grown them, and is continuing to lead them. It was a chance to speak encouragement over them, to remind them of their identity in Christ, and to call them forward into what God has next. There was gratitude, there was joy, and even a couple of tears.

Afterward, we headed to dinner at The Hangout at Broadway at the Beach, where we talked, joked around, and had an awesome dinner together. It was a perfect reminder that while this season is coming to a close, the relationships and impact don't just disappear—they deepen and continue in new ways.

This trip wasn't about saying goodbye. It was about something much more intentional.

We aren't losing these seniors—we are sending them.

Sending them out with truth rooted in Scripture.  
Sending them out with encouragement spoken over their lives.  
Sending them out with the confidence that God goes before them.

Our prayer is that they leave knowing they are loved, supported, and equipped—not just for what comes next, but for a lifetime of walking with Jesus. And while their role in our ministry may change, they will always be part of this Church family.



### Coming up:

**Graduation Recognition:** May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Email [Kelli@cherawfbc.com](mailto:Kelli@cherawfbc.com)

**SummerSalt:** June 29th-July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cost: \$300

# SAVE THE DATE

## May

- 3 Life Action Revival
- 3 Kidsalt/Summersalt Parent Meeting
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 7 NETC Penning in WC
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 VBS Teacher Meeting
- 12 VBS Teacher Meeting
- 17 Graduate Recognition
- 17 Man Church
- 20 Hymn Sing, Cheraw Post-Acute
- 24 VBS "All Other" Meeting
- 31 First Day of VBS

## June

- 1-4 VBS
- 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
- 6-9 Kidsalt
- 13-17 Boston - Soccer Camp
- 15 Florence Flamingo Game

## Looking Ahead

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



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GREAT COMMISSION CHRISTIAN? THEN CONSIDER PRAY & GO, AN OUTREACH STRATEGY FOCUSED ON PRAYER. CONTACT PASTOR ROD OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THE KICK OFF IS MAY 13TH.

## EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>How It Works: Choose a day that matches your desired donation amount.</b>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Every dollar you give goes directly toward sending your favorite camper to camp. Thank you for your support!

**CHERAW KIDS**

**CHERAW STUDENTS**

# **BUILDING THE SOUND. STRENGTHENING THE HOUSE.**

**“Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God, for who He is and what He has done.”**

## **Vision:**

We lead people into a deeper relationship with Jesus through passionate and authentic worship—bringing unity, growing faith, and lifting praise to God as we go out to share Christ with the world

## **Team Focus:**

### **Worship Matters**

Worship is why we were created. More than what we do, it’s who we are, bringing our hearts before God and making room for His presence.

### **Unity Creates Power**

When we move together in unity—vocals, band, and production—we remove distractions and create space for people to encounter God.

## **S c r i p t u r e F o c u s :**

Psalm 100:4

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!”

We don’t just visit His presence, we’re invited into it. As we come with praise, we make room for a deeper encounter with God.

## **COMING THIS FALL:**

### **“Fall Into His Presence”**

A night of worship and encounter open to our church and community.

# 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

May

Millie Boan  
P. O. Box 967  
Cheraw, SC 29520

GIVING

through  
April 26

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

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

BUDGET  
TO DATE: **289,452.37**

GIVING: **279,371.27**

### SAFETY TEAM

**Sunday, May 3**

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

**Sunday, May 10**

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

**Sunday, May 17**

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

**Sunday, May 24**

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

**Sunday, May 31**

Bobby Roberts, Tom Boan, David Paschall, Brad Redfearn  
Evening: VBS Team

Take Dad or Grandpa to a Braves game  
for Father's Day!



June 19th  
Cost: TBA



Scan the QR or sign up at the Welcome Center. Deadline is May 10th

Family Night with the  
Flamingos

July 15th  
Cost: \$15

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**May 1**  
Jennifer Fenters

**May 3**  
Ashley Phillips

**May 4**  
April Newton  
Randy Sandifer

**May 6**  
Greg Bauman

**May 7**  
Janice Kiser

**May 8**  
Jay Hinson

**May 14**  
Melody Crawford  
Pat King

**May 15**  
Grant Hall  
Gayle McPhatter

**May 16**  
Sarah Elliott

**May 19**  
Allie Huggins

**May 20**  
Noah Huggins  
Davidson Sides

**May 21**  
Seth Elliott  
David Sides  
Sandra Yarborough

**May 22**  
David Caulder  
Huey Wallace

**May 24**  
Ronna Johnson

**May 27**  
Kim Allison

**May 28**  
Crawford Poole  
Heather Kennerly

**May 29**  
Chase Phillips

**May 30**  
Scott Carter

# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 5pm Camp Parent Meeting 6pm Life Action Revival	4	5	6 No Evening Activities	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Baby Dedication No Evening Activities Happy Mother's Day!	11 6pm VBS Teacher Meeting	12 6pm VBS Teacher Meeting	13 6pm Pray & Go	14	15	16
17 Graduation Recognition Service 5pm Cheraw Kids/ Students	18	19	20 10:30am Hymn Sing @ Cheraw Post-Acute	21	22	23
24 11:30am VBS Volunteer Meeting No Evening Activities	25 ABBA House Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27 No Evening Activities	28	29	30
31 6pm Vacation Bible School						