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THE INFORMER

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FALL FOR CHERAW

NOVEMBER 5TH - BLOOD DRIVE



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NOVEMBER 9TH - FILL THE FRIDGE
CHERAW KIDS & STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 12TH - CONNIE MAXWELL
JOIN US TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 18TH - VIP THANKSGIVING MEAL
DELIVER MEALS TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 19TH - FEED THE NEED
CHICKEN BOG PLATES
WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY PLATES AGAIN! IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE SIGN UP AT
THE WELCOME CENTER.

NOVEMBER 23RD - FRIENDSGIVING
CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY-STYLE MEAL

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Join us for dinner & unforgettable
entertainment!
We could not do what we
do without you!

November 6th @ 6pm
Cypress Music Hall

SIGN UP HERE!
CHILDCARE PROVIDED.



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod



It seems like every year Christmas decorations come out earlier and earlier. Walking through one of the big box stores recently, I noticed Christmas trees and other items we could already purchase to decorate for the holidays. Although it was just a few items already on display it had me thinking, whatever happened to Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving isn't necessarily more biblical than Christmas, but both have become treasured holidays. While Christmas is celebrated all over the world, Thanksgiving is uniquely American. With religious and historical roots dating back to the early colonists in Plymouth, Mass., this celebration has symbolized and served as a reminder to Americans everywhere of our dependence upon God's mercy and grace.

Almost every president since George Washington has made special declarations regarding a national day for giving thanks to God. Perhaps the most memorable declaration from a United States president was made by Lincoln during the Civil War. In 1863, in the middle of our nation's darkest hour, he declared a National Day of Thanksgiving, for the purpose of giving thanks for the "gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

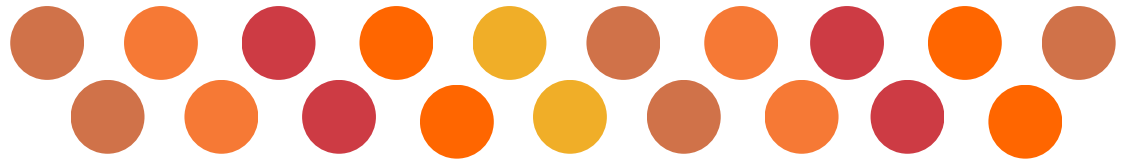
In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the bill that made the fourth Thursday of November a national holiday. Thanksgiving is certainly a part of our heritage and tradition as Americans, but is it a part of our heart and soul? Is it possible one of the reasons we allow a consumer fed, commercialized Christmas to crowd out Thanksgiving, is that we are no longer a grateful nation?

For followers of Christ, Thanksgiving is more than a holiday. It is a day to be grateful for the many blessings we have as people of God and as a nation. However, our gratitude to God isn't just a one-day event. It should drive and define us every day. It is an attitude of our hearts, and it reveals itself in the depth of our spiritual dependence on God. Most importantly, our gratitude to God is the heart of true worship.

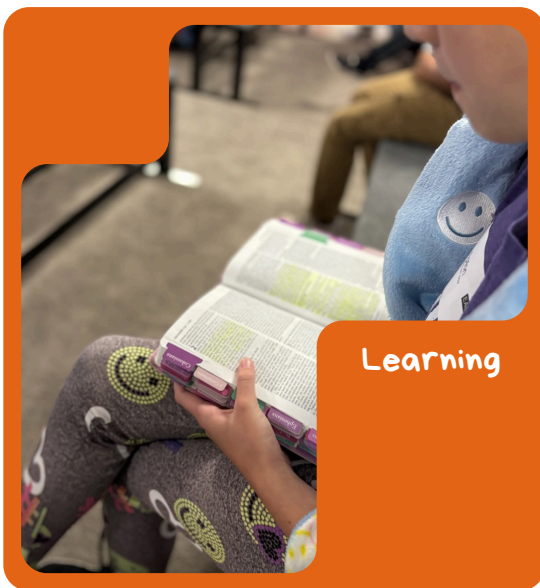
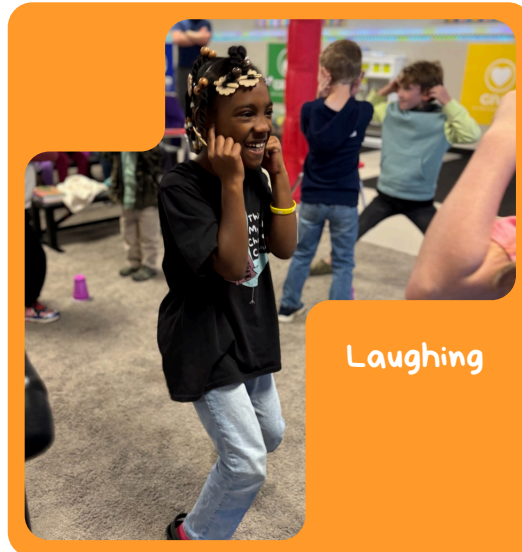
So this month, I hope you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving but also let's use this month to love on our community. Throughout the newsletter, you'll find our Fall for Cheraw events. I hope you will make plans to help us as you are able. It's going to be a fun month and a busy month.

As I close, know how much I am thankful and grateful for you. Thank you again for recognizing me on my five-year anniversary with you. We have accomplished much together. I'm also so very thankful to serve with our staff. I think we make a great team and for that, I'm thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving.



A Sunday in the Life of a Cheraw Kid



A day in the life of a Cheraw Kid is all about understanding who Christ is and who He has called us to be — loving others like Jesus, growing in His Word, and building relationships that point to Him.

We're not here to simply keep kids busy — we are ambassadors of Christ to them. We are a royal priesthood, God's special possession called to declare the praises of the One who brought us out of darkness and into His marvelous light—and that calling extends to the way we lead and love His children. Every word we speak, every moment we listen, and every act of love we show is a living reflection of Jesus Himself. Thank you for investing in our children.

Love you guys, Aleisha

NEXT GEN NEWS

An update from Cheraw Students
and Young Adults



Coming up:

Boys Bible Study: at the Cow every
Tuesday at 4:30PM

Youth Bible Study: Wednesday nights
at 6pm at Pastor Ryan's house

Snapshot of This Semester

This past month, we wrapped up the first part of our **Following The Way** Series, which was the seven Woes of Matthew 23. The Woes that Jesus ascribed to the Pharisees were so much more than a slap on the wrist; they were expressions of grief straight from the heart of Christ and were warnings that save the hearers and recipients of them from following the way of sin and death. We need this kind of "tough love" from God so that we do not adopt the ways of the scribes and Pharisees.

We have now entered into the second part of our **Following The Way** series, which is an expositional walkthrough of the book of *James*. We know James to be the half-brother of Jesus, who became (as the book of Acts would say) a "**follower of The Way**", after his encounter with the resurrected Christ Jesus. James became a pillar in the Church, and his writings are referred to by some as "the Proverbs of the New Testament" because of the practical wisdom they teach to their readers.

Wisdom is what we are searching for as we go through the book of James. James 1:5 encourages us to ask for wisdom. So, that is our request to you as our Church family: to pray on our behalf as we go through this series, that God will give us wisdom as we seek and ask Him for it.

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PRACTICE PRAISE PRESENCE

Psalm 96:1

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."



1. **Again I Say Rejoice- Israel H. & New Breed**
2. **Friend of God- Israel H. & New Breed**
3. **Freedom- Eddie James**
4. **Holy Spirit Come- Patrick Mayberry**
5. **You Are Good- Israel H. & New Breed**

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Up-Coming
Playlist



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YouTube Music

This November, as the praise team begins to learn these songs we want to introduce these new songs to the church that will energize our praise and deepen our worship. These songs remind us who we are in Christ and invite us to celebrate His goodness together!

- "Again I Say Rejoice" – A powerful call to lift up joyful praise, no matter the circumstance.
- "Freedom" – A declaration that we are set free in Christ—no longer bound, but alive in His Spirit.
- "Friend of God" – A song that reminds us of the incredible truth that the Lord of all calls us His friend.
- "Holy Spirit Come" – A prayer of invitation for God's presence to fill our hearts and our gatherings.
- "You Are Good" – A celebration of God's unchanging goodness and mercy toward us.

Each song will help shape our praise this month—lifting our spirits, uniting our voices, and preparing our hearts for the season of thanksgiving.

"As we introduce these songs, remember—worship isn't just music; it's our response to God's goodness. Let's come ready each week with open hearts and expectant spirits, believing that through our praise, God will move mightily in our midst."

— Ronald Crawford, Worship Minister



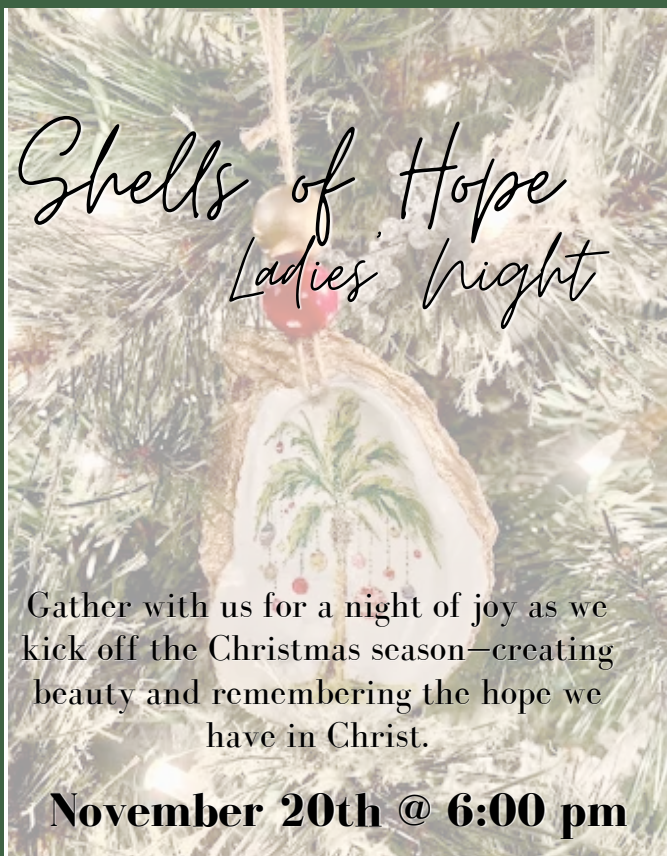
PACK A BOX

Impact a Life

**Collection Date
November 16th**



Join us for a new event for guys we're calling 16:13. The name 16:13 reflects 1 Corinthians 16:13 that says, "Be watchful, stand firm, act like a man, be strong." We are excited to spend intentional time together, diving into God's Word, and learning what it looks like to be a man who pursues after God. This event will be full of intentional teaching, dinner, fun, and bonfires.



Gather with us for a night of joy as we kick off the Christmas season—creating beauty and remembering the hope we have in Christ.

November 20th @ 6:00 pm



Join us for a family style meal immediately following our Thanksgiving Communion Service on November 23rd at 6pm. Please sign up here or at the Welcome Center. This is for all ages!

sign up here!



VIP THANKSGIVING

November 18th @ 12pm

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Lunch. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Be sure to let us know what side or dessert you are bringing!

HOMEBOUN 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

November
Stephena Griggs
56 Laney Road
Cheraw, SC 29520
Birthday: November 1

GIVING

You can give online at
cherawfbc.com/give, through the Realm app

through
October 26

BUDGET
TO DATE:

646,977.57

GIVING:

640,744.56

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

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 30

Bobby Roberts, Tom Boan, David Paschall, Brad Redfearn
Evening: Todd Garris & Tom Boan

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Josh & Cameron Wynn - by baptism
Joe Wheeler - by baptism
Jenny Keefe - by baptism
Eli Parker - by baptism
Kailan Smith - by baptism

Judy Knight - by statement
Ronald Crawford & Family - by statement
Alex Chavis - by statement
Sue Buck - by statement
Leah Hurst - by letter
Tom & Joyce Smith - by letter
Elesha Quick & Family - by letter
PJ & Summer Jordan - by letter
Daniel & Mary Davis - by letter



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

November 1

Randy Caulder
Stephena Griggs

November 2

Melissa Andrecioli

November 4

Audra Butler
Annanell Freeman
Rebekah Ratliff

November 5

Jessie Polson

November 6

Barry Hurst
Jake Mitchell

November 7

Todd Garris
Archer Polson

November 8

Elisabeth Brown
Dana Burch

November 9

Laney Rogers
Izzy Velez

November 10

Lee Chestnut

November 11

Ethan Ainsworth

November 12

Collin Burch
Todd Byrd

November 13

Henry Brown

November 14

Katlyn Garris
Leah Hurst

November 16

Eric Ange
Andrew Hall

November 17

Leland Assef

November 18

Ashley Goldberg
Camden Jones
Temple Jones

November 19

Andy Poole

November 22

Jean Young

November 24

Kadin Thomas

November 27

Chris Sellers
Jimmy Toole
Mary Louise Long

November 28

Clyde Rogers

November 29

Rick Phillips

November 30

Marie Jordan

November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	3	4 Voting in the MPR	5 "Fall for Cheraw" Blood Drive	6 6pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	7	8
9 5pm "Fill the Fridge" Adult Small Groups	10	11	12 "Fall for Cheraw" Connie Maxwell	13	14	15
16 OCC Collection Sunday	17	18	19 "Fall for Cheraw" Feed the Need	20 6pm Ladies Night Men's Night	21	22
23 5pm Communion Service 6pm Friendsgiving	24	25 12pm VIP Thanksgiving Luncheon	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
30 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups						