

2025-2026 Deacons

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Deacon Assignments have been updated in each small group.

Investing in the Lingdom Philippians 2:4



2025

State Goal: \$2,220,100

Our Church Goal:

\$___\$7,000

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Rod

Happy September! This month as we start a new church year, I would like to talk about our small groups. Our groups meet on Sunday morning and night and a few meet throughout the week. In this article, I'd like to share the purpose and goal of our groups as well as define characteristics of healthy small groups. If you're not part of a small group, let me encourage you to join one this month. At our Welcome Center are a listing of current groups.



Purpose: Equip members of CFBC to grow in spiritual maturity.

Goal: Life transformation – every life being transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Mission: Create environments where everyone has the opportunity to:

- Hear the gospel in truth and fullness
- Engage in the Word of God together
- Pray with and for one another
- · Care for one another
- Serve together

Characteristics of a Healthy Small Group

Word of God – the Bible is our curriculum. Every Sunday morning/evening, our primary role is to lead our people to engage the Bible in such a manner that they grow in their knowledge and understanding of who God is and His ways. We desire for people to behold the glory of the Lord through His Word each Sunday, that they might grow in His likeness and fulfill His mission.

Prayer – We not only engage the Bible, but we pray the Bible together. John Piper says, "Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts." We pray for the lost and for one another.

Biblical Fellowship – Our times together are "spiritually intentional to sharpen one another while experiencing life together." The goal is spiritual development as each individual works together for the building up one another. Writing in regards to Hebrews 10:25-25, David Mathis says, "A literal translation is: 'Consider each other for love and good deeds.' Know each other. Get close. Stay close. Go deep. And consider particular persons and interact with them, such that you exhort and inspire them to love and good deeds specifically to their mix." In these hard days, we need one another, to "exhort one another…that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Evangelism – Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and He has called His disciples to follow Him! He calls us to be fishers of men, His ambassadors. As Small Group leaders, we are called not only to be His witnesses but to equip the saints to go and make disciples.

Multiplication – We see God's plan for multiplication throughout Scripture. Healthy disciples and churches multiply! As Small Group leaders, we teach in a manner that equips the saints to pass on to others, not only what they have learned but how they have learned it. Our desire is ultimately to see multiplying disciple-makers, multiplying leaders – multiplying Small Groups!

CHERAW

This is such an exciting season for all of our kids ministries! All of our Sunday morning ministries as well as our Sunday night services are kicking off a brand-new year this month. Throughout August, we've gathered with our volunteer teams—equipping and encouraging one another through meaningful conversations and God's Word. I'm am forever grateful to serve beside these incredible people. Take a look at what will be happening in these ministries during September. - Aleisha

Nursery

Babies are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and are capable of discipleship. While they may not understand every word, they are constantly learningthrough voices, songs, patterns, and presence. The Bible reminds us "from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures" (2 Timothy 3:15). These early years are not a waiting room for real faiththey are the beginning of it. So, with that, we are excited to begin a new nursery curriculum. The hope of this curriculum is to help create an atmosphere where babies experience the truth of God's Word, the joy of worship, and the nearness of prayereven before they have the words to say it for themselves.



We are gearing up for Soccer 2026 and would love for you to be a part. We are looking for coaches, concession stand workers, and referees! Please let me know if you would like to be a part.

Sunday Mornings

Our Sunday Morning kids ministries include Preschool (3K and 4K), Kids (Kindergarten to 2nd grade), and All Access. We've been able to add some additional volunteers to these ministries which is such a blessing to me, our families, the church, and the Kingdom! These teams will be teaching about wisdom this month and using God's direction to make good choices through the lives of people like Joshua, Daniel, and Peter. Our prayer is that every child begins to see that God's wisdom is not just for the Bible or adults but for their everyday life too. Will you continue to pray with us that kids will not only learn about wisdom but also take steps to live it out at school, at home, and with their friends?

Sunday Nights

On Sunday nights, Cheraw Kids looks a lot like our Morning Worship services, just tailored to children! Each Week, We Worship, look into God's Word, and respond. We experience Jesus in a way children can understand and apply to their lives. This semester, I'll be teaching through the book of Colossians, helping our kids see Who Jesus is, What He has done for us, and how that changes the way We live.

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

Join us as we pray that our children will have a life-changing encounter with

Jesus this semester.

Save the Date



Let me know if your child is interested in attending Kidsalt Summer 2026! Kidsalt is for children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

July 6-9

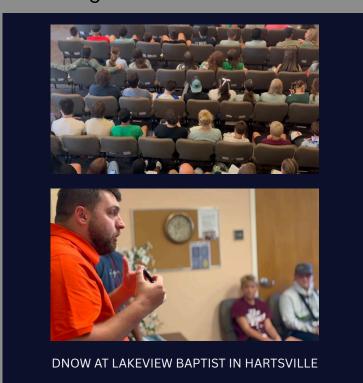
Thank You!

Thank you so much for all of the texts, calls, goodies, and meals we received during my recent surgery. Your kindness has meant the world to us and has truly reminded us how blessed we are to be surrounded by such a loving and supportive church family. You lifted our spirits and made this season so much lighter. We love you guys! Aleisha & Family



NEXT GEN NEWS

An update from Cheraw Students and Young Adults



COMING UP:

Sunday Nights: Back into the swing of things on September 7th at 5pm

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

Snapshot of This Semester

We are incredibly excited for our new series this year in Cheraw Students on Sunday Nights called "**This Is The Way**". The early Church was first called "followers of the way", and the goal of this year- long series is to dive into the Bible to learn "**The Way**", and to intentionally devote ourselves to being students of Jesus. Life really is better when we do it the Jesus way.

The series will explore four different areas of scripture: The Seven Woes, the book of James, Jesus' teachings in John at the Last Supper, and finally, the Sermon on the Mount.

If you look at our shirts, and at our new sign in the youth room, there are big objectives we are shooting for over the course of the whole series: be **with** Him, be **like** Him, and **do** what He does.

Reflecting on what God has done

This past month, two of our leaders and a small group of our students had the unique opportunity to help other Churches do Kingdom work in their own community. We participated and supported in a **Disciple Now** weekend at Lakeview Baptist Church in Hartsville. We were able to assist in service projects, face to face evangelism, and fellowship with teenagers from several other Churches in our area.

What has always really impressed me is that Cheraw First Baptist has had a strong "sending" culture in which we send people out for the work of the Gospel who make great impacts for the kingdom of Heaven!

Jour Worship Playlist 66

What song has God been using to encourage you lately?

PSALM 96:1

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

Share your playlist with someone! Send it to a friend or post to social media. It may be encouraging to others. Write down your Top 3 worship songs that have lifted your spirit or strengthened your faith.

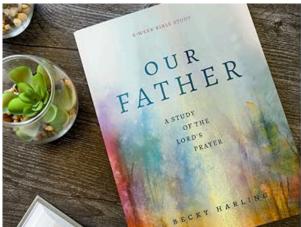
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Let's keep praising together—every song points us back to the victory we already have in Jesus.





Ladies Bible Study September 8th @ 6pm Soul Searchers Class

Lunch with the Staff

September 21 at Noon Fellowship Building

Are you new to Cheraw and want to learn more about First Baptist? Join us for a free, casual lunch, in a relaxed setting with a group of people who, like you, want to learn more about First Baptist and have the opportunity to connect with staff members. Bring your family!

Sign up on Realm or at the Welcome Center.

Join the Church Sunday

Septempber 28



If you have been contemplating joining the CFBC family, we'd like to encourage you to do so on September 28. Make sure you talk with a staff member before this day, but if you've been attending for some time, we encourage you to officially make us your home.

Janie Chapman Offering

The Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions was started as, and continues to be, the driving force for missions happening throughout our state. Almost 2,000 churches cooperate with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in missions giving, mission discipleship, and mission support.

Every year, the Janie Chapman offering helps South Carolina Baptists reach their lost neighbors, plant churches, send missionaries, serve communities in crisis, develop healthier churches, and much more. Each year, we spend one week in September highlighting how the Janie Chapman offering is used, as well as praying for those across our state. The hope of the gospel is made known because of your faithful prayers and generosity.

Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center Desk on September 7th.





We help the church develop a ministry that teaches and disciples biblical stewards, establishes trust through sound management of God's resources, and conveys vision for Great Commission ministries through the church.



Giving Services

We provide resources to help God's people participate in Great Commission work through giving of lifetime blessings for the church and other Kingdom ministries.



Beneficiary Services

We manage funds that provide ongoing support for churches, associations, South Carolina Baptist ministries and other evangelical ministries. Since our inception, we have distributed more than \$90 million to primarily Southern Baptist causes in SC and around the world.

VIP TRIP

September 18th @ 11:00

We will leave the church & head to McLeod
Farm & Big's
Meats & More for lunch and ice cream.

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 September

Mondell Brasington 114 Brasington Terrace Cheraw, SC 29520 Birthday: September 6 **GIVING**

You can give online at

through August 24 BUDGET TO DATE: GIVING:

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

cherawfbc.com/give, through the Realm app

SAFETY TEAM

Sunday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 28

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

Evening: Todd Garris & Tom Boan

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

November 6th @ 6pm at Cypress Music Hall

"FALL FOR CHERAW"

Month of November (stay tuned for more details)



AT THE LONG MIDDLE FOOTBALL GAME SEPT. 10TH AT 5:30 PM CHS FOOTBALL FIELD Join us as we cheer on the Warriors for their 1st Football Game of the season. We will be serving in various capacities and want you to be a part!

SHAPPY SIRTHDAY

September 1

Sherry Hedrick

September 2

Susan Robertson

September 3

Genelle Cole

September 6

Mondell Brasington

September 8

Zeke Velez

September 10

Ava Logan Betty Roberts

September 11

Julia Fenters Wayne Quick

September 12

Lora Chavis

September 13

Kellon Hall Ruth Keith

September 14

Mollie Phillips

September 16

Richard Board

September 15

Janet Caulder Laura Haley Ellie Tipton

September 17

Robyn Brown

September 18

Jennie Smith

September 19

Graham Kiser Zack Newton Natalie Phillips

September 20

Wesley Goldberg Ben Pelfrey Heather Worsham Lauren Worsham

September 21

Ashley Fenters Molly O'Neal Donna Teal

September 22

Evelyn Carter

September 23

Jerry Dixon

September 26

Courtney Sellers

September 27

Hope Burch

September 28

Leslee Nace Lily Pelfrey

September 29

Grace Hudson

September 2025

