

THE INFORMER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHERAW FIRST BAPTIST

2025-2026 Deacons

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Deacon Assignments have been updated in each small group.

Investing in the Kingdom
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!



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 learning—through 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 faith—they 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 prayer—even before they have the words to say it for themselves.

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.



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.

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



DNOW AT LAKEVIEW BAPTIST IN HARTSVILLE

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!



Your Worship Playlist



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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2

3

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

CHONDA PIERCE

Ladies Night
Sign-Up Here



Florence Center



Cost: \$50
September 27th

OUR FATHER

A STUDY
OF THE
LORD'S
PRAYER

BECKY HARLINE

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

September 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.

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FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

HELPING
GOD'S PEOPLE
FUND THE
GREAT
COMMISSION

Who We Are

Founded in 1950 by the SC Baptist Convention, The Baptist Foundation of SC is a Convention partner ministry. Our purpose is to serve the Lord and His Church through faithful stewardship of the resources God has provided. We encourage God's people to consider how God's blessings today can support God's work tomorrow.

Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

PSALM 102:18A



Financial Services

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

**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER**
November 6th @ 6pm
at Cypress Music Hall

"FALL FOR CHERAW"
Month of November
(stay tuned for
more details)



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

GIVING

through
August 24

BUDGET
TO DATE:

511,563.66

You can give online at

cherawfbc.com/give, through the Realm app

GIVING:

509,030.84

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

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 Garriss & 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 Garriss & Tom Boan

MISSIONS NIGHT 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!

Sign Up Here



September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6pm Adult Mid-Week Men's & Women's Study	4	5	6
7 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	8 6pm Women's Bible Study	9	10 5:30pm Adult Mid-Week Missions @ LMS Football Game	11 Boston Mission Trip	12 Boston Mission Trip	13 Boston Mission Trip
14 5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups	15	16	17 6pm Adult Mid-Week Bible Study Missions Team Meeting	18 11am VIP Trip to McLeod Farms & Big's	19 Women of G.R.A.C.E. @ Central Baptist	20 Women of G.R.A.C.E. @ Central Baptist
21 12pm Lunch w/ the Staff	22	23	24 6pm Adult Mid-Week Prayer Time	25	26	27 Chonda Pierce @ Florence Center
28 Join the Church Sunday	29	30				
5pm Cheraw Kids/Students Adult Small Groups						