



The

June 2017

SEARCHLIGHT

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From the Shepherd's Heart

Summer knocking at the door means VBS is right around the corner! There are still some places to serve if you have even a day or two to give as a volunteer. Contact Samantha Shepherd at shepherd.samantha13@gmail.com or (803) 402-9253.

Thanks to seven of you for your responses to my readers' inquiry last month. Although I hope more people actually read my article and just did not respond, it does highlight a need to improve the way we communicate as a church. This summer we will be working on some changes that will involve getting the word out in multiple and different ways. While we are gearing up for this change, let me remind you to give us your best and most current contact information. Without mobile phone numbers, email addresses, etc. we can't get news out to you!

Every Sunday in June is special, but let me remind you of some of the highlights to come:

- June 4 Graduate Recognition Sunday – come join us as we recognize those who have reached a special milestone in life.
- June 11 Matt and Libby Wright will be our guest worship leaders
- June 18 Father's Day – help us recognize our dads with a special gift and thank you. Vacation Bible School begins in the evening
- June 25 We will say thank you to all our exhausted VBS workers for a job well done!

Every Sunday I will be continuing our new series, "The Man Who Divided Time" on the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will be walking through the life and teachings of the greatest person who ever lived and still lives today! In June we will begin looking at what some call the greatest sermon of all time, "The Sermon on the Mount." It will provide the basis for a great summer Bible series to help us all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Pastor Craig Bailey

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our goal for the offering in 2017 was \$2,400. We made our goal this year, giving \$2,403. Your generous gifts will help support the SBC missionaries in North America and their many ministries.

Remember that donations to any of the mission offerings (Annie Armstrong, Janie Chapman, Lottie Moon) will be accepted any time during the year.

*Has your address
changed?*



*Keep us
posted!*

Please let the church office know when your address, phone number or email address has changed. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **SummerSalt.** June 5-9 and July 3-7, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for youth. Cost is \$250. Chaperone needed for every 7 campers of the same sex. For more info go to summersalt.org.
- 2 **Kidsalt.** June 10-13 and July 17-20, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for 3rd through 5th graders. Cost \$189 per student. One chaperone needed per 5 students. For more info go to kidsaltcamp.org
- 3 **Children's Music Mini Camp.** July 11-13, 2017, White Oak Conference Center. For students completing grades K-5 — 2. Cost is \$110.00 for campers and chaperones (before May 15) , after May 15 cost is \$120.00 for campers and chaperones. For more information go to www.scbaptist.org/worship and click on Worship Calendar event.
- 4 **Cleveland Vision and Mission Journey.** August 21-23, 2017. Purpose of the trip is for SC churches to form partnerships with Cleveland church planters. Cost is for air travel to Cleveland and some meals. NAMB will cover lodging and some meals. Contact S C Baptist Convention for application (803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org). To register go to www.inamb.net/send-cities/cleveland, under "Catch the Vision Tours" click on August 21-23, then "register".
- 5 **Southeast Asia Vision and Mission Journey.** September 14-25, 2017. To give participants hands on experiences in unreached areas with IMB personnel and national leaders. Cost: \$2,000 to \$2200. Must have passport. Application deadline is July 14. To request and application or more info contact Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org.
- 6 **Fall Jubilee 2017.** September 18-20, 2017. Gatlinburg Convention Center Gatlinburg, TN. Leaders include: Colingsworth Family, Phil & Kay Robertson, Johnny Hunt, Goodman Revival, Will Graham, Greater Vision, Steve Green, Primitive Quartet, Allison Speer, Dennis Swanburg. Cost \$129-\$179 for conference and 2 nights lodging or \$99 for conference only. For more info Call 800-616-8863 or jubileeconferences.com.
- 7 **Taiwan Vision and Mission Journey.** October 20-30, 2017. Will involve greeting Chinese tourists who go to Taiwan to welcome them and give them a New Testament. Need to be physically active. Cost: \$1300-\$1500 which includes lodging, meals, and transportation. Application deadline is August 1st. For application and info contact the Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org.

- 8 **Celebrators Conference.** October 16-19, 2017. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: David Jeremiah, Mark Lowry, Stan Whitmire, Annie Moses Band, Phil Waldrep, Greater Vision, Veritas, Max Lucado, Charles Billingsley (worship leader). Cost; \$125 for conference only, \$199-\$499 for conference and 3 nights lodging. October 23-26, 2017. Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: Rick Webb Family, Mike Whitson, Aaron Wilburn, Stan Whitmire, Allison Speer, Mylon Hayes Family , Dennis Swanburg. For more info call 1-800-374-1550 or on line at celebrators.org.
- 9 **S C Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.** November 7th. Shandon Baptist Church. The theme will be "Unite". During the afternoon volunteers will do prayerwalking, acts of kindness and other evangelistic activities to support existing or new ministries. If you want to become involved contact Cathy Locklear, 803-252-0116.

Ties and Offerings

My 5-year old son was proud of the fact he had graduated from bow ties to a necktie just like Dad's. But one Sunday morning, with his hand clutching his tie, I heard apanicked whisper, "Dad, why did Pastor say they're going to collect ties and offerings?"

G. Brian Manning

June Birthdays

- 1 Terol Hegler, Drew Spires
- 4 Randy Silvia
- 5 George Timms, Adrian Wilkes
- 8 Gail Parker
- 9 Tina Cunningham
- 12 Robby Lynn Wade
- 13 Shannon Baughman, Harold Ray Crocker
- 15 Michael Bunting Jr., Karen Chapman, Victoria Shepard
- 17 Daniel Kelly
- 19 Michael Shepard
- 20 Laura Bost
- 23 Charlene Yates
- 24 Hannah Phillips
- 25 Jane Gaddy
- 26 Lyle Burns
- 27 Lindsay Parris Cook

365 Days of Prayer

- 1 Ask God to provide the VBS budget and supplies needed to excel in doing His will.
- 2 Pray for God to prepare the hearts of the community to respond well and for new prospects to be discovered.
- 3 Ask God to prepare workers for each VBS class and to fill any open positions with the people He has called.
- 4 Pray that kids will learn to listen for God's direction and follow it. Isaiah 30:21
- 5 Pray for the VBS directors and all workers involved with the preparation and planning aspects.
- 6 Ask God to help kids know they can have a relationship with Him by trusting Jesus as their Savior. John 14:6
- 7 Pray that kids and workers will seek Jesus with all their hearts before, during, and after VBS.
- 8 Pray for a shield of protection around our church's VBS. Let no root of bitterness spring up to cause trouble.
- 9 Ask God to help the children who attend VBS to increase in wisdom concerning His Word.
- 10 Pray for the Bible Study Leaders to effectively communicate Bible truths to the children they teach.
- 11 Pray that the kids will choose to obey God no matter what. John 14:15
- 12 Ask for stamina and strength for those who are leading recreation during the week.
- 13 Ask God to help everyone involved in VBS to do everything with love.
- 14 Pray for the missions teachers. Ask that God will use them to spread enthusiasm for missions.
- 15 Ask God for creativity and patience for those working in the crafts rotation.
- 16 Ask God to help the kids know that His plan is for them to have a relationship with Jesus.
- 17 Thank God for His gift of eternal life and for the children who will accept that gift at VBS.
- 18 Pray that kids will trust that God's way is the best way regardless of their circumstances. Proverbs 3:5-6
- 19 Pray for the leaders who are preparing the meals each day. Ask for a special blessing on the snacks prepared and the workers.
- 20 Thank God for the strength He provides to deal

Columbia Metro Baptist Association Mission House Housewarming

In preparation for the next missionary family to move into the mission house this summer, there are a number of items that are worn out or broken and need to be replaced.

If you would like to help, just shop the registry at Target stores and bring the items to the CMBA office at 1929 Gadsden Street, Columbia. Or you can order on line and have it shipped directly to the CMBA office.

If you have any questions contact the CMBA office at 803-252-0116.

- with the schedule and needs that may arise during VBS.
- 21 Pray for those who lead music and the Worship Rally. Ask God to give them energy that will excite kids to learn through music and drama.
- 22 Pray that God will strengthen all the children and workers to follow the plan He has for them.
- 23 Ask God to keep discouragement from interfering with His plan for your VBS.
- 24 Ask God to help the church humble themselves before Him as they prepare for VBS.
- 25 Pray that the VBS Celebration provides a witnessing opportunity for parents and the community.
- 26 Thank God for telling us what is good and for the ability to trust Him in all things.
- 27 Ask God to help your church remember His plans are the ones that will prevail.
- 28 Ask God to bless the follow-up efforts to contact every prospect and invite them to join other church activities.
- 29 Pray for those making follow-up visits to clearly share the gospel.
- 30 Thank God in advance for the blessings and opportunities He will provide through VBS.

Interim Director of Missions
For
Columbia Metro Association

Dr. Andre Rogers

Dr. Andre Rogers has been selected as Interim Director of Missions for the Columbia Metro Association after the retirement of Bill Dieckman on May 31, 2017. Dr Rogers is pastor of Concord Fellowship Baptist Church. He has served as Mission Strategist for Columbia Metro Association since 2001.

Dr. Rogers is a native of Dillon, SC. He is married to Sylvia S. Rogers. They have 2 daughters: Adrianna, 18 and Savannah, 16.

Dr. Rogers earned a Bachelor of arts degree in Pastoral Leadership from Columbia International University, a Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral leadership from Columbia International University.

In 1999, Dr. Rogers became Professor of Church Ministry at Columbia International University. He came to Columbia Metro Association in April 1999 to plant a new Concord Fellowship Baptist church, where he is still pastor. In 2001 Dr. Rogers began serving Columbia Metro Association as Missions Strategist.

FBC Kids Ministry

This summer we will have open gym on Wednesdays, June 7th, July 5th, July 19th, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.. This is for Children age 2 years to 6th grade. Dress your children in clothes that you don't mind getting wet or dirty.

Vacation Bible School "**Galactic Starveyors**" is June 18-22. They will discover that God the Creator of all loves them and wants a personal relationship with them.

Youth News

The Youth will meet on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting on June 4th. (no meeting on June 11th)

There will be a Bible Study/Fellowship for college age young adults on Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m.

The Youth Mission Trip to Brunswick, GA will be July 26-31. A car wash fundraiser is in the planning stages to be before the mission trip.

The Youth are accepting donations for the Big Grab Yard Sale in September (No clothes, please). Donations may be placed in the youth office or youth room in the FLC.

Attention

Young Adults & College Students

Are you looking for a place to hang out this summer? The Carolina Baptist Collegiate Ministry is working with area churches planning events, day trips, worship nights and Bible studies for the summer.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry will have a Bible study every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the USC Baptist collegiate Ministry building at 819 Main Street.

Andy Weems is the Campus Pastor at USC. For more information contact him at carolinabcm@gmail.com.

A Father's Pledge

I accept my responsibility in the partnership of Parenthood. I count it a joy to share in this wonderful relationship with the mother of our children. I will give her the honor due her position and all my love and support her in her task.

I will be sensitive to our children and their special needs. I will seek to uncover their hidden strengths and talents and to encourage their development. I will offer gentle guidance toward pathways of useful service.

As God gives me strength, I accept my duty to earn a living for my family, to provide shelter, clothing, food. But more than house or fabric or bread, to provide a home for the soul, a retreat from rush and conflict and hurt, a place warm with love, security, trust.

I will take time to love, to be a real member of the family, to spend with them those hours which show their importance to me. I will take time to be a true parent.

I will give spiritual leadership to my family, in regular worship periods and day-by-day teaching. I will be a true follower of Christ myself and lead my family to live for Him, too. In word and deed I will endeavor always to be an example worth following.

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Address Service Request

Our Church Staff

Pastor Dr. Craig Bailey
Minister of Youth Brad Caulder
Chairman of Deacons Mike Robinson
Worship Pastor Donnie Smith
Organist Robby Lynn Wade
Sunday School Director Nancy Smith
Secretary Susan Creasy

Our Church Services

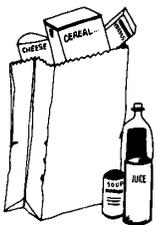
Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:30 PM	Youth
	7:30 pm	Young adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer/Bible Study

The Searchlight

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Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for June is Fran and Richard Kelly and their ministry to the Mandinka people in Senegal, West Africa. We will be collecting offerings to help with their ministry work. Keep Fran and Richard in your prayers. Get your copy of the June Mandinka Prayer Gram to get specific ways you can pray for the Mandinka people.



Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box in the lobby.

Nehemiah Fund Update

We have combined the primary issues for our Nehemiah Fund into five major categories. Each of these concerns will be addressed by a team of volunteers who will do some homework, get some estimates and make some recommendations to our Grounds and Facilities Committee. If you would like to help us with one of these, volunteer your preference to Pastor Craig or Joe Parker. The five projects are:

- Plumbing (outside connections and inside facilities)
- Parking/Sign (repair and/or resurface parking/drives; current and future signs)
- Kitchen (remodeling and updating)
- Audio Visual (sound/lighting/projection, etc. for worship and events)
- Floors/Ceilings (cleaning, replacing or repairing these in both buildings)