



The Good News Letter

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God's "ABC" Plan To Redeem Fallen Man.

A- ADMIT

Admit to God you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

B- BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin. John 3:13

C- CONFESS

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9-10, 13



"God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."
—Billy Graham



"Faith doesn't get us out of trouble; it gets us through it."



HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

ALWAYS A SPECIAL SERVICE!!

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING 187 YEARS
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS !! COME JOIN US!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM
LUNCH TO FOLLOW / NO EVENING SERVICE

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



NEWS FROM OUR SPIRITUAL WARRIORS WITH HELEN KING, DIRECTOR

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July celebration and kept cool throughout another hot month. Several of our seniors have been “under the weather” so continue to remember them in your prayers.

We are now back to the regular meal and meeting the first Wednesday of each month which will be Wednesday, August 3 at 11:30. There are a lot of seniors in our church who have not made this a regular monthly part of their schedules, and you are missing some good entertainment, food, and fellowship with our faithful Spiritual Warriors. So everyone 55+, this is a special invitation to you to join us this month.

Rufus and Beulah from Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community will be here to entertain us with their fun skit. (Check it out on Youtube and Facebook.)



A group trip is planned for Thursday, August 25 to tour the Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center at Laurens, SC, touring the historic Italian Villa built in 1859 and visiting with residents, with a complimentary lunch on them. When we go, plan to bring a small gift for one of the assisted living seniors as a ministry outreach. More details and the sign-up sheet will be at the August Meeting. At the meeting you will have a choice to add or not add another stop on the way home which is a tour of the Farmers' Market and then eat at their restaurant.

Hope to see all seniors at the Spiritual Warriors meeting Wednesday, August 3 at 11:30!

Pictures above are used by permission by the Martha Franks Retirement Home.

MUSIC NOTES WITH SHERRELL OTT, WORSHIP LEADER

August Music Notes....

Wow, where did the summer go?? It flies by when you are having fun!

We now are looking forward to Homecoming this month. Please join us and if you have friends who have moved on to other churches or towns, give them a personal invitation to come back home for that Sunday. It is great to see old friends and catch up and truly a personal invitation goes a long way in letting people know we miss them!

We are still working with Joyful Noise to put together their first complete service in about 6 years.... pray for our youth as they continue with this project. We are close (I think...) to getting it all together and will soon be able to share with our church family some songs, humor, and drama to present our message on being light in a dark world.

We are thankful for the new choir members in our adult choir and we always have room for more! Join us Sundays at 5:00 in the choir room if you are interested in singing!

Well, back to school for our teachers and students...pray for them!!

Hope to see you in church!

Joyfully Serving,

Sherrell ☺



**SING PRAISES
UNTO THE LORD**



August is here, school will be starting back, students and teachers will be getting familiar with one another. In the same manner we can become familiar with many mission projects coming up over the next few months.

The summer Bible study with the GAs & RAs on the "Fruit of the Spirit" went very well during the summer. I want to send a special thank you to Jimmy Cox who helped both with teaching the class and providing real fruit to go with each Biblical fruit we studied. The kids seemed to have a great time. Also thank you for all who brought items for the BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH on **July 30**. Faith Baptist was the host church and many children were helped through these efforts.

August will be a busy month with the following projects:

August 1...Ladies meeting 7:00 pm – Gaston First Baptist

August 6...Church WMU Training – Trinity Baptist Church – 9:30 am – 1:00 pm (\$10 Registration fee)

August 19-20...WMU Training & Member Retreat-Camp LaVida (\$40 registration fee)

August 31...GA & RA Recognition – 7:00 pm (Reception following)

The **GA & RA Recognition** will be in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Girls and Boys will be recognized for projects they did during the year and will receive badges earned. This will be a special program since we have not had the RAs involved previously. Please be in prayer for these children as we prepare for this service.

The Lexington Baptist Association Office still has mission opportunities available to everyone. Ms. Linda Hite will be coordinating many Prayer Walking events. Please keep the following dates on your calendar and be in prayer for how you may wish to participate.

Prayer Walking in Lexington, SC.....August 3; Dec 7, 2011

Prayer Walking in Atlanta, GA.....November 1-3, 2011

Prayer Walking in London, England.....July 7-14; October 6-13, 2011

Prayer Walking in Halifax, Nova Scotia.....September 2-8, 2011



Many of these events are both Prayer Walking and Mission Trips. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Linda Hite or David Lee at the Lexington Baptist Association Office at (803) 356-2543.

Coming in September are the following: new GA & RA classes **September 7**; the Camille G. Graham Correctional Institute Picnic – **September 10**; Season of Prayer for State Missions – **September 11-18**; Lexington Baptist WMU Fall Festival **Game On! For Missions – September 24**. More information will be in the September news letter about these and the upcoming State Fair Ministry opportunities.

As always thank you for your support with all our mission projects and continue to be in prayer as to how you can become involved in missions.

Love in Christ, Margie Rish & Cindy Furtick

**NEW MEMBERS
FOR JUNE**

Hallie Collette ~ Winter Emert
Rachel Partin

Welcome!!

ULTIMATE COMFORT

"For each of us, the time is surely coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will all be swept away. ... To the man of pseudo faith, that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith, it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain."

—A.W. Tozer

True Leadership Begins with a Servant's Heart

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Leadership in the kingdom of God is different from leadership in the world. Kingdom leaders are people who lead like Jesus, not by the world's standards. Leadership through service is how Jesus modeled and taught discipleship among those closest to Him. Servant and leader should stand together for those entrusted with the well-being of a group. Just as the role of deacon is to serve by conducting the caring ministry of the church through benevolence, visiting the sick, and being alert to the spiritual needs of church members; likewise, every church leader should serve his or her assigned group.

During the past church year, Discipleship Servant Leaders have faithfully served those who desired to grow in their walk with Christ. A highlight for me was seeing first hand, youth through senior adults learning and sharing together in a Bible study. And it was heartwarming to serve with many of you as we served dinner to our guests at this year's Sweetheart Banquet. Your willingness to serve instead of being served was clear evidence of a servant's heart. Discipleship doubled this year in average attendance and quadrupled in the number of persons reached through this ministry. On behalf of all who were touched by your service, I offer a sincere thank you!

~~~~~ Coming Soon ~~~~~

Help & Hope for Single Parents

If you are a single parent, you're probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit underappreciated. Single & Parenting was created to help you find rest, hope and encouragement. At a Single & Parenting group, you'll participate in video seminars to learn tips and parenting wisdom that will explain how to wisely encourage your kids to obey, help your hurting child, eliminate debt, and figure out what your emotions are telling you. You'll discover how to deal with your deep-down worries and your day-to-day struggles. Detailed information will be made available soon.

SINK OR SWIM?



People's stories about learning to swim often sound like this: "My dad tossed me into the water. I didn't have a choice — I flailed around until I found myself swimming!"

But an elderly Christian tells a variation of this story: "Wanting to teach me to swim, my father threw me off the dock into the lake. I sank." But then he goes on: "So my father jumped in with me."

The storyteller's wisdom shines in his application: "God doesn't toss us into life and leave us alone to sink or swim. By sending Jesus, God jumped right in with us to save us from death, hold us protectively and help us navigate life."

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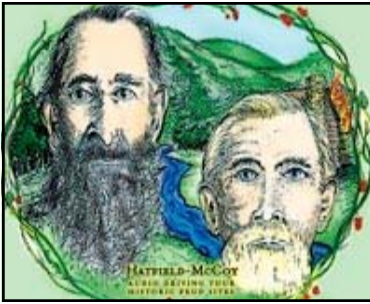
A WORD FROM MATTHEW HENRY

Seventeenth-century Bible scholar Matthew Henry had great insight into God's will when he proclaimed, "When God intends great mercies for His people, He first of all set them a'praying." Did you ever consider that when you feel the urge to engage in deep meaningful prayer, it might be God's preparation for "great mercies".



—The NewsletterNewsletter

*The Forgiveness 'man'date*



It seems that people are fascinated by a feud. Whether it is the Hatfield's and McCoy's, Jefferson and Adams, 'The Rock' and 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin, Conan and Leno, or Charlie Sheen and the civilized world, feuds sell papers, magazines, and books; light up internet sites; and support enterprises (there would be no 'Wrestlemania' without feuds). Feuding is not limited to individuals as businesses and countries can engage in what amounts to feuding - Pakistan and India (Kashmir), Apple and Adobe (digital pictures), and Microsoft and the civilized world. Feuds may be fascinating to watch, but they never produce anything positive unless they are settled.

Once a feud begins it takes on a life of its own, especially if more than two people are involved. Jefferson and Adams feuded for twenty five years because of a misunderstanding. Anse Hatfield and Randall McCoy feuded over a pig, but it grew to include their extended families and led to murders and retaliations for 13 years; finally ending when they died.

Some feuds are 'unspoken' or 'cold war' feuds. There is no war of words or hostile actions; they do not produce any entertainment; and sometimes they last so long that neither party remembers why they are feuding. Grudges can cause people to make decisions and engage in actions that harm or hurt the other person indirectly. Congress is probably the best example of this...and I will leave it at that.

Because we are proud and very sensitive to perceived disrespect, men are prone to forming and holding on to grudges or openly feuding. When we think or realize that we have offended someone we are quick to seek forgiveness, but often we are unwilling to extend forgiveness. Social propriety may dictate that we forgive the person asking, but sometimes the hurt does not heal.

The song 'Mighty to Save' lyrics say "Everyone needs compassion A love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations. Savior He can move the mountains." In Matthew 18, Jesus taught about a slave who owed a debt he could not pay, but was forgiven of the debt by his master. In return the slave acted unmercifully toward a fellow slave, who owed him a trivial amount. When the master heard of it he required the full payment of the unmerciful slave's debt. Then Jesus says "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart." Mat.18:35 NAS



Forgiving may be the most difficult thing we do, but we have a Savior who forgives and can move a mountain. If we ask, certainly He will give us the strength and compassion we need to let go of the grudges, end the feuds, and not think more highly of ourselves than is proper.

**WORDS COUNT**

The six most important words in the English language are: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words in the English language are: "You did a good job."

The four most important words in the English language are: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words in the English language are: "If you please."

The two most important words in the English language are: "Thank you."

The one most important word in the English language is: "We."

The least important word in the English language is: "I."

The two least important words in the English language are: "I can't!"

The three least important words in the English language are: "You messed up!"



## "Blast A Few Walls"

***"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given the glory." Romans 15:7***

*"Fans rooted for the competition. Cheerleaders switched loyalties. The coach helped the opposition score points. Parents yelled for the competition. What was this? This was the brainchild of a big-hearted football coach in Grapevine, Texas. Kris Hogan skips the successful program of Faith Christian High School. He has seventy players, eleven coaches, quality equipment, and parents who care, make banners, attend pep rallies, and wouldn't miss a game for their own funeral.*

*They took their 7-2 record into a contest with Gainesville State School. Gainesville players, by contrast, wear 7 year old shoulder pads and last decade's helmets and show up at each game wearing handcuffs. Their parents don't watch them play, but twelve uniformed officers do. That's because Gainesville is a maximum-security correctional facility. The school doesn't have a stadium, cheerleading squad, or half a hope of winning. Gainesville was 0-8 going into the Grapevine game. They'd scored two touchdowns all year.*

*The whole situation didn't seem fair. So Coach Hogan devised a plan.*  
- From ***Outlive Your Life*** by Max Lucado

As another school year begins it is a good time for parents and students both to devise a plan to break down any walls in the school room or extracurricular activities that would hinder bringing the love of Christ to those who may feel ostracized.

Ask yourself, as a Christian how well do I live out Galatians 3:28-29 and erase divisions between myself and others? What unspoken rules of separation promote a subconscious prejudice? Be honest with yourself.

As a parent ask, what are my actions teaching my children? Am I involved in cliques or groups in regard to differences in skin color, economics, politics, culture or even 'team loyalty'?

Read *Outlive Your Life* to learn the plan devised by Coach Hogan and ideas on how you can "be a bridge and not a wall".

***The Library staff continues to pray for Peter and we look forward to his return to his church family and to the Media Library.***

## CHILDREN'S NEWS WITH RHONDA PARRISH, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

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School will be starting back in just a couple of weeks and I'm sure most kids will be using a backpack to carry their books and school supplies. Backpacks are usually very heavy with all of the many things inside.



Life is a lot like that too. Sometimes we have some pretty heavy burdens that we try to carry around with us, like we carry a backpack at school. You may be worried about making good grades, or that the other kids at school may not like you.


But you don't have to carry all of those worries around with you! The Bible tells us that you can give those burdens to GOD Who will take them and carry them for you. Psalm 68:19 says "May the Lord be praised! Day after day He bears our burdens; God is our salvation"

**"Lord, thank you for bearing our burdens for us! We love you so much."**

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| Sunday                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                     | Tuesday                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                  | Friday                                                                      | Saturday                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                         | 1<br>Brenda Jeffcoat<br>Cathy Miller<br>Woody Stanley<br><br>♥Glenn & Sunnie<br>Gail Pound | 2<br>Kaitlyn Mincey<br>Robin Peterson              | 3<br>Stan Jeffcoat<br>Boyce Rampey<br>Olivia Speares<br>Melinda Starnes<br>Pam Thomas<br><br>Spiritual Warriors<br>Luncheon 11:30<br><br>All Mission Groups | 4<br>Melody Feaster                                                                                                                       | 5<br>Kimberly Cornette<br>Shirley Pound                                     | 6<br>Lucas Ward<br>♥Jim & Pam<br>Thomas                                                             |
| 7<br>Scotty Clayton<br>Josh Reynolds<br>Shirley Rosenheim<br><br>♥Willima &<br>Debroah<br>Whittington                   | 8<br>Margaret Corne<br>Reese Speares<br><br>♥Mitchell & Pearl<br>Dowd                      | 9<br>Tony Ayers<br>Clara Mack<br>Barbara Pratt     | 10<br>Trey Dowd                                                                                                                                             | 11<br>Emily Baker<br>Lauren Dowd<br>Caidence Fickling<br>Jason Luther<br>Cierra Melton<br>Deborah<br>Whittington<br><br>♥Joe & Helen King | 12                                                                          | 13<br>Savannah Furtick<br><br>♥Dickie & Mary<br>Ann Moseley                                         |
| 14<br>Rachel Joseph<br>Katina McElroy                                                                                   | 15<br>Hayley Knight<br><br>♥Chris & Jo Lynne<br>Phillips<br>♥Timothy & Melissa<br>Yandle   | 16<br>Cathy Aycock                                 | 17<br>Jonathan Godfrey<br>Kalyn Harley<br><br>Conference<br>News Article Due                                                                                | 18<br>Noah Moseley<br>Kimberly Wiggins                                                                                                    | 19<br>Zacchary Godfrey<br>Hannah Parrish<br><br>♥Ronald & Sandy<br>Winstead | 20<br>Sheryl Cline<br>Meagan Leonard<br>Anthony Sighther                                            |
| 21<br>Jeanette Carson<br>Austin Crosby<br>Etheredge Harsey<br>Mikey Lowrey<br>Joyce Lyles<br>Renee' Pound<br>Cory Pound | 22<br>Mercedes Harsey<br>June Ott<br>Randy Prouse                                          | 23<br>Adam Hale                                    | 24<br>Zachary Moseley<br>Shawn Stinton<br>Maverick Welton                                                                                                   | 25<br>Richard Barr<br>EmmaLee Byars<br>Joel Hicks<br>Leah Lee<br>Adrienne Miller                                                          | 26<br>Claudia Fry<br>Jennifer Murtaugh<br><br>♥Marvin, Sr. & Mary<br>Pound  | 27<br>Judith Mincey<br>Ronald Rawlinson<br><br>♥Marvin, Jr. &<br>Jane Pound<br>♥Paul & Ann<br>Smith |
| 28<br>Rocky Love<br>Janie Sharpe<br><br>Homecoming                                                                      | 29<br>Dale Adams<br>Gary Singleton<br><br>♥Donald & Shirley<br>Pound                       | 30<br>♥Charles & Ann<br>Calk<br><br>Deacon Meeting | 31                                                                                                                                                          |                                                       | <b>STAY<br/>COOL</b>                                                        |                                                                                                     |

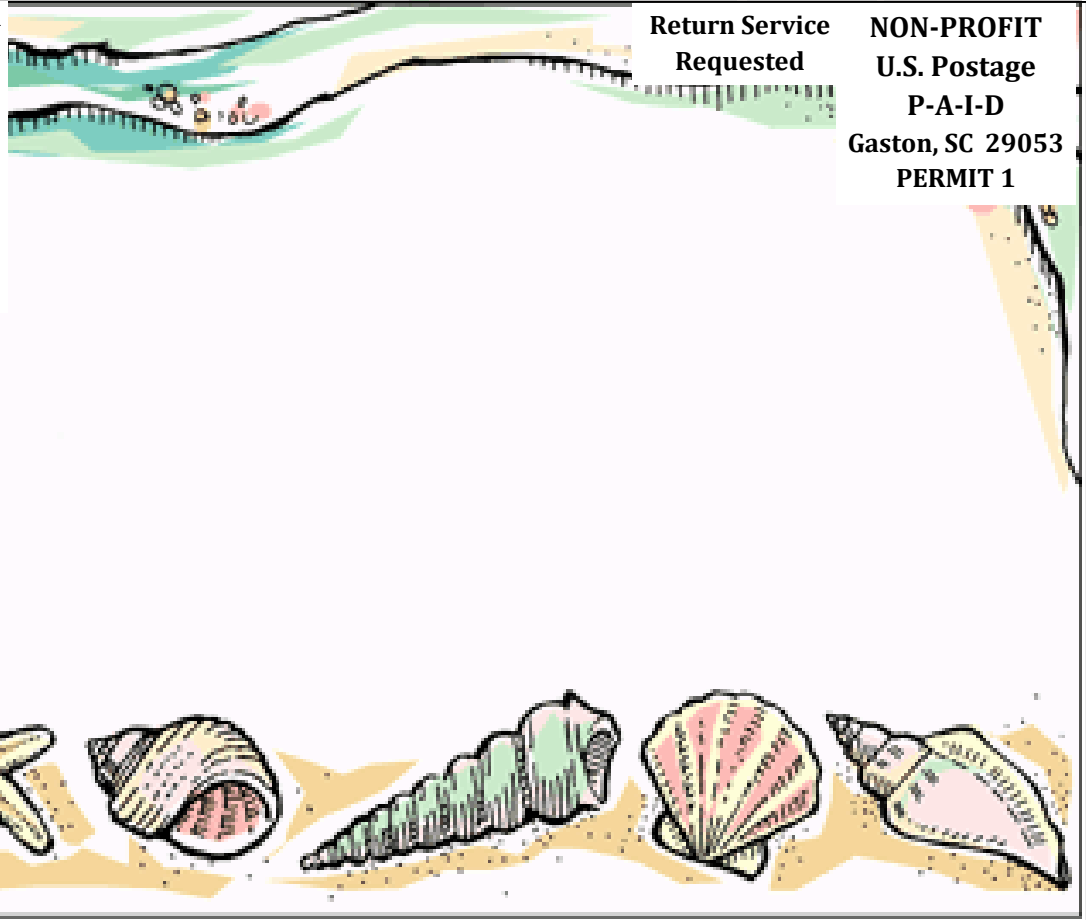
## AUGUST WILL BE HOT AND HUMID ~ FIVE TIPS TO STAY SAFE

1. Remember that infants, young children, people over age 65 and those that are physically or mentally ill are at greatest risk of heat-related illness. 2. NEVER leave anyone (people or animals) in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather under any circumstances even if you believe it will only be for a "few" minutes. 3. Visit anyone that doesn't have air conditioning several times each day...watch for heat related illness. 4. Stay indoors in a cool place as much as possible. 5. Be sure you have water with you when you load up the car whether heading to work or on vacation. Having water with you helps ensure you stay hydrated if you find yourself caught in construction traffic.

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**  
 09:45am.....Sunday School  
 11:00am.....Worship  
 11:00am..Children's Worship  
 05:00pm.....Adult Choir  
 05:00pm.....Discipleship  
 06:00pm.....Worship  
**Monday**  
 3:00pm....Ladies' & Men's  
           Prayer Time  
**Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Joyful Noise, Jr &  
 Youth Choir practice  
 7:00pm. ....Prayer Service  
 7:00pm.....GA, RA &  
           Mission Friends

**Monthly Meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday all mission  
 groups meet 7:00PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Conference/  
 Prayer Service 7:00PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Women on  
 Mission Home Meeting 6:15  
 Last Tuesday of Month  
 Deacons Meeting  
 Check bulletins & website for  
 additional activities.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON WELCOMES YOU!!**

***"THE CARING PLACE"***

We are here to minister to you and your loved ones and to help strengthen  
 your faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. If you are not currently attending a  
 church, we invite you to join us. See our weekly schedule to the left of page.

How many animals did God tell Noah to bring into the ark?

- A. Two of each kind
- B. Seven pairs of clean animals and one pair each of unclean animals
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above



(See Genesis 6:19-20 and 7:2-3.)  
 Answer: C

