

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHAUN

My chains are gone / I've been set free / My God, My Savior has ransomed me

Grace has been on my mind. The other week my devotion was on grace and then as I was making my "long" commute to work this morning, I heard the song "Amazing Grace" on the radio.

We (me included!) have a love/hate relationship with grace. We're quick to receive it, but hesitant to give it out. We're good at holding grudges and keeping score. Yet, we're so relieved when we stop to remember that God keeps no record of wrongs. We would do well to follow His lead.

Christ died for our sins, and the moment we accept Him as Lord over our lives, we gain His freedom, and He begins the often-painful process of shaping us into someone altogether new—someone who looks like His Son. However, even after we invite Jesus into our lives, we live as though we are still slaves. Old habits die hard, and it's so easy to fall back into routines we thought were in the rear-view mirror of our journeys. Thankfully, that's what grace is for.

Like a flood His mercy rains / Unending love, amazing grace

Galatians 5:1 (The Message) says, "Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you." Our culture wants us to be a slave to things that keep us from doing effective Kingdom work, binding us with chains of greed, jealousy, comparison and selfishness.

Far too often we fail to realize we've inadvertently become slaves to other people's opinions. How many of us are slaves to our careers, climbing the ladder but never fully reaching the top? Sadly, it also seems our society has become a slave to social media, allowing Facebook and Instagram to rule our time, our thoughts and our relationships.

Not only did Christ take our sin upon Himself so that we can have eternal life, but He died for us so that we can experience life fully and abundantly right now. He wants us to live as free people. That's His greatest hope for us.

God is quick to forgive when we ask, and He will continue freeing us from the things that bind us on a daily basis. He is in the business of breaking every chain — the chains of fear, addiction, unforgiveness, jealousy, anything that's hindering us from becoming all He's called us to be.

Mark 10:45 reminds us, "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."

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

Pastor Shaun.

FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday to...

Aileen White 02/07, Sylvianne Van Amerongen 02/10, Robin Crider 02/13, David Teague 02/13, Bob Bannister 02/15, Judy Bolen 02/16, Lynn Behr 02/18, Jo Jeffers 02/18, Trey Courtney 02/19, Julie Cramer 02/19, Justin Watkins 02/19, Mike Bolen 02/26

Ministry of Encouragement (Contact church office for addresses.)

Hettie Adkins, Ed & Beth Davis, Margaret Harris, Joe & Dana Hill, Joe Schneider, Tony & Lila Spell, Barry & Sarah Williams

With Sympathy

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to David & Deborah Neal in the death of David's mother, Doris Neal.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION by Dr. Bert Welch



On Sunday, February 5th we will be sharing some exciting news about the launch of a Capital Improvement Campaign to address some needed church facility enhancements. Information brochures will be distributed with details.



In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Therefore, a grocery cart will be located in the foyer of the church beginning **Sunday, February 5th through February 12**, for donated food items, which can be brought at any time that week. All food collected will be given to a **local charity in need**. Only donate non-perishable food items please.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Designated</u>
Dec. 25	\$4,085	\$1,567
Jan. 1	\$9,516	None
Jan. 8	\$3,345	\$280
Jan. 15	\$4,516	None
Jan. 22	\$7,206	None

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday

Nursery: Dalton & Katharine Taylor
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

2nd Sunday

Nursery: Glenda Fennessy
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

3rd Sunday

Nursery: Ryan & Reagan Anderson
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

4th Sunday

Nursery: Alicia Chavis; Julie Cramer
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

5th Sunday

Nursery
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday

Nursery: Stacie Walling
3K – 5K: Katie Courtney
1st-3rd Grade: Lauren Bolen

2nd Sunday

Nursery: Glenda Fennessy & Trisha Gatch
3K – 5K: Susie Chance; Jessica Rawlings
1st-3rd Grade: Jennifer Thrailkill

3rd Sunday

Nursery: Matt & Sarah O'Neal
3K – 5K: Lynn Behr; Terry Mobley
1st-3rd Grade: Geanne Behr

4th Sunday

Nursery: Jack & Athena Wiggins; Alicia Chavis
3K – 5K: Marv & Mandy Brown
1st-3rd Grade: Travis & Suzanne Atkinson

5th Sunday

Nursery: Garrit & Sylvianne Van Amerongen
3K – 5K: Kathy Welch

KID'S PRAISE - Sunday Mornings at 11 AM

The Bible is one story...God's story! Woven throughout the story is His plan to make His name great so that people might know and worship Him. God set His plan in motion before the creation of the world, and He will see it through to completion. We have the privilege of communicating God's story to your children each week in Kids Praise! Over the next year we will tell His plan from creation to our current part in this still unfolding story. This will help shape their view of God - His character, heart, and purposes - as well as their view of themselves - their identity, blessings, and purpose.

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT – Our next Kid's Movie is Sunday, **February 12 at 3 pm.** (*Ages are 3K-5th Grade.*) For more information, contact Lisa Bolen.

WOW WEDNESDAY – WOW Wednesday meets on Wednesday at 6 pm and is for ages birth through 5th grade. For more information, contact Lisa Bolen or the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

LADIES' GAME NIGHT - We will have Ladies' Game Night on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 pm. Bring snacks to enjoy. For more information, see Terry Mobley.

3RD SUNDAY @ THE MOVIES – The next 3rd Sunday @ the Movies will be on **Sunday, February 19 at 2 pm**. For more information, contact Terry Mobley

ANNUAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – **Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 am**. (See front page for more information.)

MEN'S MINISTRIES

CAMO (Calling All Men Out) - The CAMO Meeting will be on **Monday, February 13 at 6 PM** at Bolen Family Farm (2889 Old Gilliard Road, Holly Hill.) Contact Mike Bolen at 843.881.3348 for more information.

SCREVEN MEN'S SUPPER – We will be hosting the Screven Men's Supper on **Monday, February 20 at 7 pm**. All men are invited. Sweatman's Barbecue will be served. Though there is no cost, donations are appreciated. (No reservations required.) Please help support Screven with the **Kentucky Backpack Ministry** by bringing **deodorant** for boys and girls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is for all ages and begins at 10 am on Sunday mornings. For the month of February, we will continue in the study of the book of Ephesians. Below you will find a list of all adult Sunday School classes.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

CLASS	ROOM	TEACHER(S)
Children		
Infants-2K	101	Rotation
3K-5K	108	Lisa Bolen
1 st -5 th grade	111	Terry Mobley
Youth (6 th -12 th)	115	Wayne Mobley
Adults		
Noah's New Life/Beacons (Co-ed)	113	Lynn Behr, Mary Mims, and Ann Reeser
Thomas Hart (Men only)	124	Robbie Mims, David Neal, Fred Crider, Bert Welch
Pastor's Sunday School Class (Men Only)	Social Hall	Shaun Daley
Agape class (Ladies only)	121	Geanne Behr, Julie Cramer
Just Us Class (Ladies only 20s-40s)	125	Sarah Anne Daley

JOY GROUP

Make plans to join together on Thursday Feb. 16th. We'll spend the late morning shopping at the Tanger Outlet's so you can spend your Valentine's Day money, and then we'll enjoy lunch together at a local eatery. More details to come.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING

Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. (Social Hall)
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship/Kid's Praise 11 a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING

IT (Intercessory Team) 11:30 – *Pray wherever you are.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

EQUIP Bible Study 6 p.m. (Adults)
WOW Wed. (Crib-5th Grades)
Youth (6th-12th grades)
Choir Practice 7 p.m.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

1st Week – Kelley Geddings, 2nd Week – Fred Crider
3rd Week – Mark Behr, 4th Week – Matt O'Neal

FLOWER MINISTRY:

If you would like to put flowers in the church, contact Nettie Gentry at hnbaptist@hotmail.com or by calling 803-496-3961. *Please let her know if you want a certain Sunday repeated yearly.*

MEALS ON WHEELS: February 21

PRAYER ROOM: Dennis White, Bubba Harris

SEXTON: Bill Brown

USHERS: Mark Behr, Gene Wiggins, Trey Courtney, Matt O'Neal

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Mrs. Lisa Bolen, Children's Ministries Director
Mrs. Nettie Gentry, Ministry Assistant

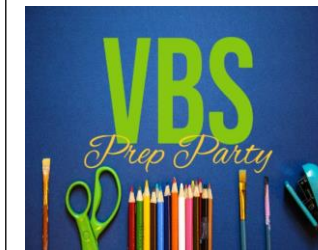
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VBS PREP PARTY - On Tuesday, February 7 at 5 pm, we will be having a VBS Prep Party in the social hall! Our theme this year is "Twists and Turns." We will be making signs, props, cutting out copies and more, and we need all hands on deck! Come help us twist and turn our way toward getting prepared for VBS. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to join the fun or would like more information, contact Lisa Bolen. (The VBS dates for 2023 are July 16-19.)



Tuesday, February 14



It's time to kick off the 2023 OCC Shoebox Ministry! If you would like to participate, there is a collection box in the Social Hall for your donations. For the month of February, we are collecting the following items: **small stuffed animals, Ivory soap (it floats), individually**

packaged toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, brushes, combs, washcloths, nail files and nail clippers. Thank you in advance for helping to meet the physical and spiritual needs of so many children through this ministry! (FYI: We packed 210 boxes last year!)



Our **Annual Women's Breakfast** will be on **Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 am**. Michelle Cruz from Santee Circle Community Church in Moncks Corner will be our guest speaker. The men are cooking so bring your appetites! Also, ladies please join us in singing in the choir for Women's Day.