
Shore Lines

February 2025





Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

Pastors and students of the Bible often see a fourfold history in Scripture.

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Redemption
4. Restoration

Creation refers to God creating the world. By his power and in his love, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1-2).

Fall is the fall of humanity (Gen. 3). Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and trusted him and themselves more than God. The consequences of Adam and Eve reverberate throughout today. Sins are like a chain-link fence. Every link is connected, even if not right next to each other. Furthermore, the sins enclose us. We are stuck in our sins.

We would be stuck in our sins forever if it weren't for God's grace. **Redemption** is the action of God to redeem sinners to himself. It begins when God promises that the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). It continues when God preserves Noah, calls Abraham, delivers Israel, and makes a promise to King David. Yet, redemption is most clearly displayed through Jesus.

If sin is like an enclosed, chain-link fence trapping humanity to hopelessness, Jesus is the gate opening us up to a whole new world (John 10:7). Through the cross, Jesus provides the way to fellowship with God, the new life, and everlasting salvation.

When Christ returns, salvation comes in its fullness. Christ's return inaugurates the **Restoration**, a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1-6). Creation itself is due for a resurrection to return us to the greater Garden of Eden where fellowship with God is complete and perfect.

This broad story arch of history can be helpful. Sure enough, it provides a framework for reading Scripture. Moreover, it can provide a framework for your own life: the goodness of your creation, the forgiveness of your fallenness, the redemption you have in Jesus, and the full restoration that is yet to come.

May the Lord sustain and guide you in every way.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Dane





INVITATION TO PRAYER

Prayer is Releasing God's Purpose

*Prayer isn't about changing God's mind or convincing Him to do something. You can't change God. Instead, prayer is partnering with God to release his power and purpose in the world. Pray not for what you want but for what God wants in your life. Shifting your prayers from "give me" to "make me" opens the door to a relationship with God. It's not that God doesn't want to hear your list of requests. In fact, He desires for you to share your concerns, decisions, desires, with him. He also wants you to partner with Him in prayer. **He wants a relationship with you.** He wants to work through your heart and bring your life into alignment with his will. He wants you to love him for who he is, not what he does for you. He wants you to hand the reigns of control over to him and rely on his power in your life. **

Please join us for group prayer gatherings (everyone is invited!):

- **First Saturday prayer gathering: March 1 and April 5 at 10 AM.** (Prayers for Lent and Holy Week/Easter)

- **CCPC Prayer List prayer gathering: Thursday Feb. 20 and Mar 20 at 10:30 AM.**

- **Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC: Friday Feb. 21 and Mar.21 10:30-Noon.**

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email prayer@calabash.church.

The Prayer Ministry Team

* adapted from "Pray Deep" Kathryn Shirey

Writer's Worship, Tuesday, February 11, @ 8:30 am – 5:00pm

The Coastal Carolina's Chapter of Word Weavers International will present a Writing Workshop with award-winning author, Lori Hatcher, on Tuesday, Feb 11, in our Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members or \$40 at the door. Lunch is provided.

This is a practical workshop where Lori will share useful tips to help you write best-selling books, articles, devotions and short stories.

Email for info or to register: jennifer@gloryhillfarm.org





Global Mission Spotlight Haiti Education Foundation

For the past four years, the Covenant Women of CCPC, along with several individual Covenant Partners, have been sponsoring Mayderline Blandhard to attend Nursing School at Facilite de Sciences Infimye Legogane (FSIL), in Haiti. She recently graduated with honors and she is certain that God has plans for her future. Please read the heartfelt letter below to all of us at CCPC who have prayed for her as she continues to reach her goals.

Friends,

It is with immense gratitude and deep emotion that I send you this message. Thanks to your unconditional support, I was able to realize a dream that was close to my heart: to complete my nursing studies. On January 10, 2025, I had the honor of receiving my diploma, as well as a certificate of excellence, and I am delighted to announce that I passed the national exam with an average of 89/100.

Your generosity and kindness have allowed me to progress and achieve this goal. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your commitment and your confidence in me. Your support has been an essential pillar in my journey, and I am deeply touched by your involvement.


As for my professional project, I would like to continue my studies and find a job to be able to meet certain daily needs. My desire was to complete a master's degree in midwifery or nurse practitioner. But, for now at FSIL the option available to me is education (nurse educator). The dean encourages us to follow this path, because our country urgently needs well-trained nurses to educate and train future generations.

Regarding the master's degree in teaching, it should start in December, but due to the change in the graduation date, it will finally start at the end of this month.

Currently, I am looking for a job in hospitals, but the situation is complex. Due to traffic problems, many health professionals remain in Léogâne, which overloads the city's health structures and makes it difficult to hire new graduates.

I have not yet received my graduation's photo, because the photographer is not yet ready to provide them to us. I will send them to you as soon as they are available.

I love you with all my heart and I send you my sincere thanks. I am proud of myself, but also proud of you, because without you, this success would not have been possible.



With all my gratitude, Mayderlene Blanchard

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our Covenant Partners and the dedication of the Missional Ministry Team, CCPC has contributed a total of \$11,426 to this effort. Phil Smart, Regional Director of World Renew, personally called us to convey heartfelt thanks for the prayers and support we have given through the last several months, as volunteers continue to work in the Western North Carolina area. He also reminded us that a great need remains for volunteers to assist with ongoing relief efforts in this area. Please continue to pray for our neighbors in need.

This month we recognize past and present VOLUNTEERS of the ASSIMILATION MINISTRY TEAM.

Last year The Membership Ministry team's name was changed to The Assimilation Ministry Team led by Elders Barbara Dresser and Karen Toutant. "Assimilation" is the process of bringing people into the life of a group. We felt that when new covenant partners are assimilated into our church, they need to feel they're a part of the church and begin to experience the church's traditions as their own. They need to feel the ties that bind them in the common identity of CCPC, and we as partners should accept and appreciate them. For us to be truly assimilated, we all must feel that new covenant partners "belong". All covenant partners are then bonded together in their commitment to Christ and by the traditions of our church.

If you are interested in serving God as a member of the Assimilation Ministry, please contact Elder Debbie Morrow Ryan.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, George Habel, Inge Hickson, Pat Huie, Maryann Krieger, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Vera Manning, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Keith Rosdahl, Betty Schillinger, Dan Stinnett, Rob Waldron, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

February

Ruth Diefendorf	1
Chris Lewis	3
Pat Linnell	3
Beth Decima	4
Mary Allen	5
Phyllis Foley	6
John McClellan	6
Tom Ditzler	7
Janine Zegel	8
Riley Linnell	13
Betty Schillinger	15
Eric Wagner	16
Donna Mills	17
Diane Hahn	18
George Bridges	20
Dave Godwin	21
Floyd Foley	23
Cheryl Harrison	25
Barb Volinic	25
Kathy Smith	27
George Brandon	28

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Sharon & Connie Lehto	9
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FEBRUARY

“The Heart of the Matter”

Scripture Reading Plan

Lord, as I read and meditate on these passages, remind me that the Bible is not a textbook, that you live in the pages. Amen

Day 1: Deuteronomy 4:7-9

Day 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Day 3: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Day 4: Psalm 23:4-6

Day 5: Psalm 26: 2-7

Day 6: Psalm 73:26-28

Day 7: Psalm 84:1-4

Day 8: Psalm 86:11-13

Day 9: Psalm 119: 9-11

Day 10: Psalm 139:23-24

Day 11: Proverbs 3:3-6

Day 12: Proverbs 4:23-24

Day 13: Proverbs 16:3-6

Day 14: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Day 15: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Day 17: Matthew 6:19-21

Day 18: Matthew 15:17-20

Day 19: Matthew 22:37-39

Day 20: Luke 6:45

Day 21: Romans 8:27-28

Day 22: Ephesians 3:14-19

Day 23: Colossians 3:14-17

Day 24: 1 Timothy 1:5

Day 25: Hebrews 4:12-13

Day 26: Hebrews 10:22-25

Day 27: James 4:7-10

Day 28: 1 Peter 3:14-16

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Bible study	3 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Woman's Bible Study	4 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 1:00 pm - Assimilation 7:00 pm - Men's WebX	5	6 10:00 am - Art in Worship 5:30 pm - Handbell Choir 6:30 pm - Jubilation Choir	7	8
9 9:30 am - Worship Souper Bowl Sunday 10:30 am - Bible study 3:00 pm - Lydia Circle	10 10:00 am - Woman's Bible Study 4:00 pm - Personnel 7:00 pm - Mary Martha circle	11 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 10:00 am - Worship 1:00 pm - Discipleship	12 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:15 pm - Tech 4:00 pm - Mission	13 9:30 am - Dorcas circle 5:30 pm - Handbell Choir 6:30 pm - Jubilation Choir	14 10:30 am Prayer Ministry	15
16 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am - Worship Communion 10:30 am - Bible study	17 Office Closed 10:00 am - Woman's Bible Study 12:00 pm - Chatters 7:00 pm - Mary Martha Circle	18 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 7:00 pm - Men's WebX	19 2:00 pm - Tech	20 10:00 am - Art in Worship 10:30 am - Prayer gathering 5:30 pm - Handbell Choir 6:30 pm - Jubilation Choir	21 10:30 am Drive Through Prayer	22
23 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Bible Study	24 10:00 am - Woman's Bible Study	25 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm - Men's WebX	26	27 10:00 am Card Ministry 5:30 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Jubilation Choir	28 10:00 am Random readers	March 1

Session

Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett
Mary Ard, Pat Robison, Debbie Ryan, Bob Volinic

The Diaconate

Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee,
Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie Lee
Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan, Barbara Volinic

CLP-1s

Karen Scheboth
Peg Stinnett
Gloria Wimmer

CLP-2

Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community)

Group Leaders Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan
Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

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