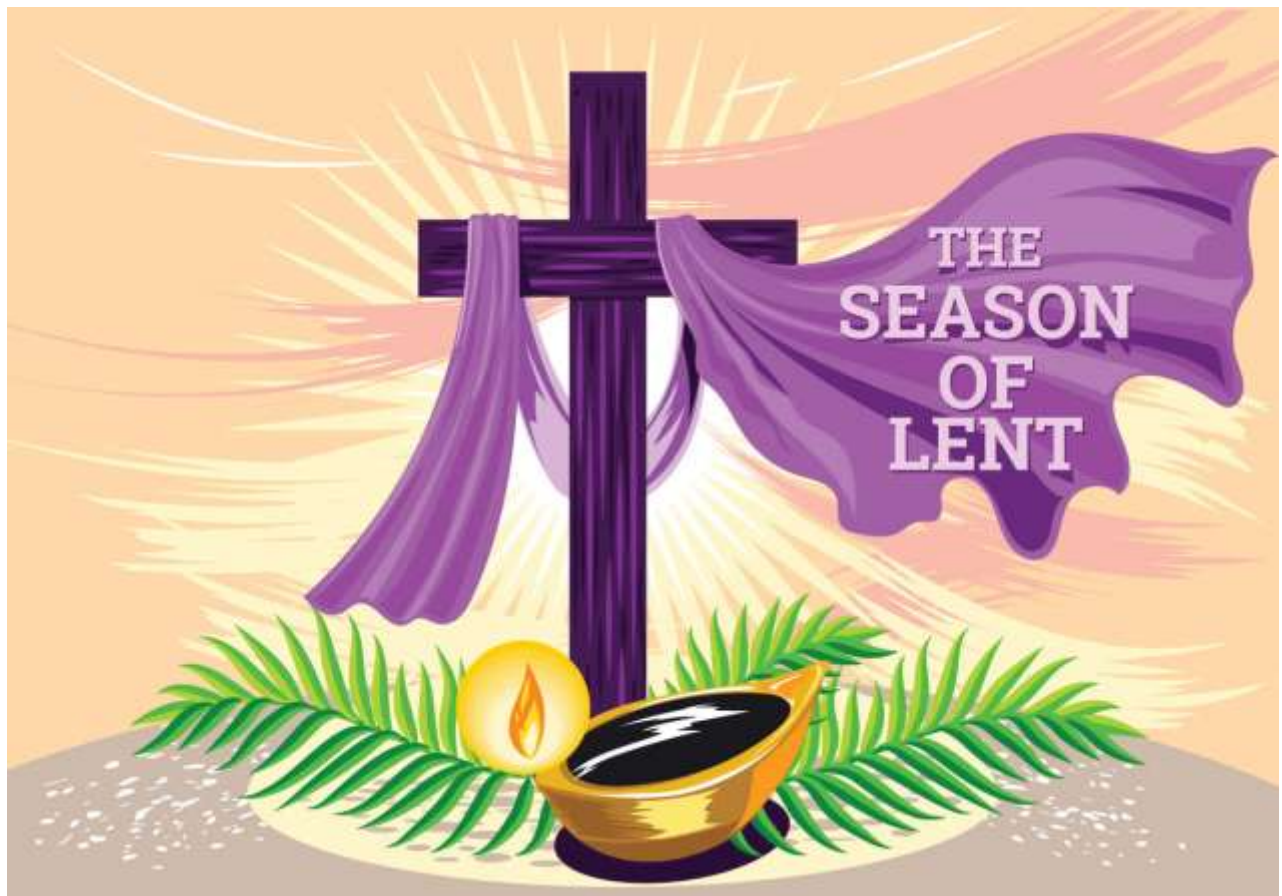

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MARCH 2025





Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

On Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 12:00 p.m., the Ash Wednesday service begins as does Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, marked by fasting, repentance, and prayer. The season of Lent invites us to make a plan to further our devotion to God. Lent is not prescribed in Scripture, yet Christians have found it helpful for hundreds of years.

Many Covenant Partners and members of our community will fast and spend added time in prayer and contemplation. I pray that the Lord will direct our efforts to his good ends, strengthening us in the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. To prepare together for our resurrection celebration at CCPC, we will study the resurrection by exploring 1 Corinthians 15 during the Sunday morning worship services of Lent.

On Sunday March 2, I will preach an overview of the book of 1 Corinthians, highlighting major issues and the overall message of the book. The overview of 1 Corinthians will help us understand the necessity of the resurrection for the letter and for us. In the following Sundays, we will go through 1 Cor. 15 in segments, culminating by studying 1 Cor. 15:50-58 on Easter Sunday.

Here is a preview. 1 Cor. 15:54-57 says:

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am excited to enjoy these verses and the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter with you.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Dane





INVITATION TO PRAYER

The Relationship of Prayer

Prayer is a privilege not an obligation.

Prayer is:

**a forum for God to work in your heart, to mold you and lead you closer to his plans for your life.*

**a way God can provide guidance, support, peace, and comfort to you personally.*

**how God becomes present and real in your life.*

Prayer is not:

**something we do to get in good standing with God.*

**just for Sunday mornings at church.*

**formal and empty-just words we say with no expectations.*

*John Bunyan says "**Prayer brings those who have the spirit of supplication into a wonderful communion and fellowship with God: therefore, God has ordained prayer as a means for you to grow in a personal relationship with him.**" **

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

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

- CCPC Prayer List prayer gathering: Mar 20 and April 17 at 10:30 AM.

- Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC: Mar.21 10:30-12:00 and April 18 10:00-11:30. (Please note time Change for Good Friday April 18th.)

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" Kathy Shirey

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





Conversations with GOD that Lead to an Intimate Prayer Life --it doesn't always have to be spoken out loud

What's left to say about PRAYERS that hasn't already been written and rewritten I asked myself. What could I possibly add to the numerous insightful articles out there. Will one more help someone who is struggling with their prayer life. I don't know, but I'm willing to share my experience for this goal.

I wasn't intimidated when I was first asked; but now as a couple months have passed; YES, I am. My prayer life has drifted off substantially the last six months. I still purpose myself to think of God throughout my day, and to thank Him with my thoughts for all He has and is doing in my life. My current situation feels like I'm trying to pull Him in closer to me, all the while working against this invisible barrier that's fighting against my direct communication with my Father. I can't explain this hinderance any clearer at this time.


So here is my feeble attempt to open this door to which I feel hostage. Hopefully giving us all reassurance of our prayer lives. In 2001, I went through a devastating hardship that whirled me into a few years of grief. I would walk for hours after work to divert my despairing thoughts. I found myself silently talking to a God that I had only heard of. Of course, these conversations consisted of pouring out my broken heart to some unknown God. Since I hadn't been told how this God spoke to us or guided us, I wasn't actually looking for Him to answer me. All I knew was that my conversations made me feel better.

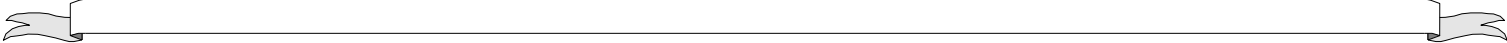
AH, but to my surprise, He not only spoke to me in my spirit, but He also guided my path to greater understanding of WHO He is and took away my broken heart's pain and replaced it with this unsatiable hunger for knowing Him. I'm getting ahead of myself, so let me go back.

As months went on, I began to feel this strong tug in my spirit to get inside a church. Finally, I submitted my feelings and visited a church not far from where I lived. I remember leaving there each Sunday having this hunger inside that was not satisfied. It was weird, yet I knew that I needed to seek out another church that satisfied what my spirit needed.

I heard a sermon on a local Christian radio station that really spoke to me. I researched the Pastor and much to my surprise he was a Pastor to a church in a nearby community. I called and introduced myself and said that I would be attending his church on Easter Sunday. Ironic that this day is known to Christians as Resurrection Sunday. I'll never forget.

My journey to and with that church allowed me to grow substantially in my Bible knowledge and prayer life as well as a growing hunger for more of God in my life. The many godly men and woman at that church were so instrumental in nurturing my growth in Christ. I was led to several missions' trips to Israel, Africa, Spain and Greece. My everyday walk consisted of a NEED to talk with God constantly throughout my days. It was as natural as breathing; you just do it without any thought or effort.





What a transformation from being a lost soul to being saved by the Creator of the universe and walking so close to Him that I knew Him personally in my life. I loved spending time with Him. I recognized His leading and His voice of direction for me so confidently.

And now, here I am 24 years later, and I've had a major life change that finds myself in this desert with my prayer life. How and why is this happening to me? I don't like it. God in my life is my BEST LIFE ever, and yet I'm struggling to get back there. Thankful for the Scriptures that I know by heart or recognize by verse is a blessing to me. They comfort me because I know them to be TRUE in this season of adversity.

So, I am going to reassure myself with what I know to be true. Twenty-four years ago, I used silent conversations to God (hoping He was real and that He heard me) and experiencing His goodness to come and save me; and not only save me, but He gave me so much more than I ever imagined. NOW that is the power and love of God that I know that He DOES hear me at all times and is keenly aware of everything in my life and yours. So do not be downtrodden oh my soul. Where does my help come from, my help comes from the God of ALL creation!

My hope is that you take away the truth of my testimony in that I didn't know WHO I was praying to or that my prayers would ever be answered. YET God heard me and stepped into my situation and delivered me from my sorrows, gave me a new life, and filled my heart and life with unmistakable miracles, to answered prayers and a life transformed by His great power and love. It has by far been my best years ever!

So, I recommend that you give God what you have, even if it's only a thought, a well-meaning intention, a quiet conversation or just a time that you sit quietly thinking or meditating on Him. Watch Him come through to you in miraculous ways and give to you more abundantly than you ever asked or imagined.

Lord, I thank you that all I have to do is depend on you to bring me out of this confusing and unfamiliar place, knowing that you can do abundantly more than I could ever image or hope for. My salvation is secure with you. I thank you for the trials that you allow in my life that only serve to strengthen me and grow me in the areas that only you know is profitable to me. Praise be your Holy Name Jesus! Praise be your name. Amen

Debra A. Mann Criss





A Great Opportunity is At Hand (spoiler alert – it's a Brazil mission trip)

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (Roman 1:11-12)

Our session has approved sending a mission team to our sister church in Brazil. Those interested in joining the team should reach out to Laura Graff (lgraff@atmc.net) or 910-279-6176) or Sue Brandon (susanhbrandon25@gmail.com or 910-228-1286).

Some things you might want to know as you pray about and consider this opportunity:

1. For travel, both a passport and a Brazilian tourist visa are required. If you don't have these items, there are some options for expediting applications.
2. The trip typically takes about 24 hours each way and usually involves 2-3 airport connections. Much of the flight time is at night.
3. The total trip length is 11 days, departing on a Friday, returning the second Tuesday.
4. Each member of the team will serve in different capacities, including preaching, teaching, serving in local mission work, visiting church members, etc.
5. The schedule tends to be fairly active most days, with an attempt to have some time marked out for relaxation and recharging.
6. You do not need to know how to speak Portuguese, but some basic language lessons will be provided as a part of the trip preparations.
7. You will need to be available to attend several preparation meetings prior to the trip.
8. The trip is tentatively scheduled for some time in 2025.

As many of you experienced during our sister church visit to us in October 2024, our Brazilian brothers and sisters were so happy to spend time with us and to have the chance to serve together to further the gospel message throughout our community. As one who has been blessed to be a part of all three of our prior mission trips to Brazil, I can attest to the fact that it is an experience that is filled with much joy. I encourage you to consider whether God is calling you to be the one He sends.....and if He is, that you respond "Here I am! Send Me" (Isaiah 6:8b)

Laura Graff
On behalf of the mission committee





LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

STREETREACH 2024 IMPACT

STREETREACH is one of CCPC's valued local mission partners, led by Donna and Garry Phelps, tirelessly serving the vulnerable homeless in Brunswick County. Our partnership helps expand outreach, share the gospel, bringing help and hope to people in need.

In an average month, STREETREACH provides direct assistance to about 35 plus at-risk individuals or families to help keep them from becoming homeless. STREETREACH provides about 3-10 night of emergency shelter to individuals and families who are homeless, as funds allow. Because Brunswick County has no general permanent emergency shelter, many are housed in motels, campers or referred to long-term shelters in surrounding counties. In 2024, STREETREACH received a total of 2874 calls (for various resources) through our (910) 842-2711 (24 hour / 7 days a week) information and assistance line.

They assisted 24 clients with utility assistance, 5 clients with rent to prevent evictions, 265 individuals with emergency shelter, and referred or placed 10 in recovery centers, Bus tickets were purchased for 3 to return to family.

Please pray for all the STREETREACH leaders and volunteers as they serve those in need, as well as for the clients who receive these much needed services.

Worship

Easter is late this year (April 20, 2025). Ash Wednesday is March 5 and we will have a service at 12 . Palm Sunday is April 13, Maundy Thursday is April 17 (with communion), and our first 2025 Beach Service is on April 20. Come and join in the celebration and remembrance of this special season of Lent and Easter.

This month we recognize PAST and PRESENT members of THE PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM.

Led by Elders George Brandon and Bob Volinic, the property ministry team's mission is to maintain God's house and property to the highest standards, while being frugal and efficient with His resources. God's word tells us how Solomon built the Temple using the best materials and craftsmanship available. Our mission as the Property Ministry Team is to maintain His property with the same concern, love and care.

If you are interested in serving God as a member of the Property Ministry Team, please contact George Brandon or Bob Volinic.



SUZANNE ZERR GREINER

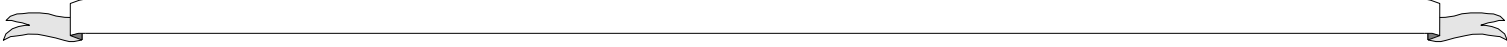


On February 10, 2025, Suzanne Zerr Greiner died peacefully while surrounded by family. She experienced many exciting historical events and scientific developments in her 99 years and almost eight months.

Suzanne was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Lorena and William Zerr and joined her older sister Bobby. The family soon moved to Towson, Maryland, where the girls grew up and later welcomed their younger brother Bill. Suzanne graduated from Towson High School and matriculated at the University of Alabama with a degree in psychology. While at Bama, Suzanne was a cheerleader for the Crimson Tide and was featured in the yearbook as a beauty on campus. Sue met a handsome, guitar-playing engineering student named Ernest Edward Greiner whom she married in March 1943. After Ed was graduated in January 1944, the Greiner's moved to North Jersey near his family and then to Philadelphia.

Later Ed and Sue settled in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey where they raised their three daughters. During these years, Suzanne involved herself in the Women's Club and the Pompton Players, assisted at Colfax Nursery School, and worked in Geiman's Department Store to earn tuition for night courses at Paterson State (now William Paterson University) to become a teacher. At WPU, Sue proved to be an excellent student, played on the women's golf team, earned her BA in elementary education in 1967 and her MA in reading in 1973. Mrs. G taught second grade and then first grade in Wayne, New Jersey, in Albert Payson Terhune School and Kennedy School from 1967 until 1986, when she and Ed retired to Carolina Shores, North Carolina.

In sunny Carolina, Suzanne enjoyed meeting many wonderful friends, playing bridge, and quilting with the guild. She especially loved golfing and competing with the Carolina Shores Renegades and the Niners, won several awards, and played until she was 93. For several years, Sue took care of her husband whose health was declining and who died in 2002. She very much appreciated the love and support of her neighbors and friends in Carolina Shores. Granma Suzie felt immense pleasure about the births of her two grandsons in 1980 and 1984, their many achievements, their marriages, and the addition of each of their own children. Her energy was renewed by any extended family reunions, especially at Sunset Beach.




Suzanne's life brightened when she met George Bridges who whisked her off to church on the beach, dances, football games, golfing and fishing trips, Europe, and to Plains, Georgia to meet Jimmy Carter. Most recently during her stay in New Haven in Little River, Suzanne came to treasure the respect and kindness she received from George, the hardworking aides, Agape staff, and her faithful visitors.

Suzanne Greiner was a constantly curious learner, a voracious reader, a generous colleague, a loving partner, and a joyful mother who prized spending time with her children and friends over maintaining a spotless home. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Suzanne Zerr Greiner was predeceased by her husband Ernest Edward Greiner, her sister Roberta Ratrie, her brother William Zerr, and her eldest daughter Christine Greiner Bozarth. She is survived by her second love George Bridges, her daughters Ann (John Soojian) Greiner of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, and Wendy (Frank) Martell of Weiser, Idaho, her grandsons Lucas (Odessa) Martell and Nicolas (Monica) Martell, and great grandchildren Zander, Isla, and Dade Martell.

A Celebration of Life may be held in the future. In lieu of donations, Suzanne would wish that you might read someone a story.





HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

March

Sally Robichaud	1
Judy Buschmeier	2
Rob Waldron	3
Charlie Toutant	5
Keth Rosdahl	7
Janette Schroeder	9
Don Mincher	14
Marsha Hurst	16
Pat Soule	17
Susanne Smith	17
Mark Ryan	18
Cheryl Johnson	18
Tom Gardner	19
Billie Ellwanger	20
Barbara Acton	22
Kathy Welker	26

March

Bonita & John LeGoullon	13
Tom & Glenda Gardner	29



MARCH

“AMAZING GRACE”

Scripture Reading Plan

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| Day 1: John 1:14-18 | Day 17: Hebrews 13:7-9 |
| Day 2: Romans 11:5-6 | Day 18: Jeremiah 31:1-4 |
| Day 3: James 4:3-6 | Day 19: Acts 4:32-35 |
| Day 4: 1 Corinthians 15:9-11 | Day 20: Acts 20:32-35 |
| Day 5: Hebrews 4:14-16 | Day 21: Romans 3:21-24 |
| Day 6: Proverbs 3:21-15 | Day 22: Ephesians 1:3-8 |
| Day 7: Proverbs 3:32-25 | Day 23: Acts 20:20-24 |
| Day 8: Romans 6:1-4 | Day 24: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 |
| Day 9: Romans 6:15-18 | Day 25: 2 Timothy 1:8-12 |
| Day 10: Titus 2:11-15 | Day 26: Luke 1:3-5 |
| Day 11: Ephesians 2:4-7 | Day 27: Jude 1:3-5 |
| Day 12: Ephesians 2:8-10 | Day 28: Colossians 4:2-6 |
| Day 13: Romans 1:1-5 | Day 29: 1 Peter 5:6-10 |
| Day 14: Romans 5:18-21 | Day 30: Hebrews 12:12-15 |
| Day 15: Galatians 5:1-6 | Day 31: Philemon 1:3, 25 |
| Day 16: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | |

MARCH

2025

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 4:30 pm - Pancake Supper	5 12:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service	6 10:00 am - Art in Worship 5:30 pm - Handbells 6:30 pm - Jubilation Choir	7	8
9 9:30 am - Worship 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 - Handbells 6:30 pm - Jubilation Choir	14 10:30 am Prayer Ministry	15
16 Food Pantry Collection Communion 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Bible study	17 10:00 am - Woman's Bible Study 12:00 pm - Chatters	18 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 10:00 am - Property	19	20 10:00 am - Art in Worship 10:30 am - Prayer gathering 5:30 pm - Handbells 6:30 pm - Jubilation	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	26	27 5:30 pm Handbell 6:30 pm Jubilation Choir	28 10:00 am Random readers	29 1:00 pm Janine & Ray's wedding All are invited
30 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Bible study	31 10:00 am - Woman's Bible Study	April 1 7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 1:00 pm - Assimilation	2	3 10:00 am Card Ministry 10:00 am - Art in Worship 5:30 pm - Handbells 6:30 pm - Jubilation	4	5 10:00 am - Prayer gathering

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)

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Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

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