

# ***Shore Lines***

***February 2024***



Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church Family,

Dallas Willard has been a helpful voice for me about living the Christian life, learning to be a disciple of Christ. Willard and I tend to agree that the life of a Christian is a life transformed by the grace of Christ through the Spirit of God in us. If one were to undermine or overlook the grace of God, we would not truly be Christian at all.

God's grace transforms us to be sure, but our attention is required. We must intentionally engage the Spirit of God to be transformed by Christ and his grace.

Dallas Willard says it like this,

“We should not only want to be merciful, kind, unassuming, and patient persons but also be *making plans* to become so. We are to find out, that is, what prevents and what promotes mercifulness and kindness and patience in our souls, and we are to remove hindrances to them as much as possible, carefully substituting that which assists Christ-likeness.”<sup>1</sup>

Willard italicized “*making plans*,” but if he had not, I would have. It is just this phrase that helps me to understand the practice of Lent. Certainly, Lent is not prescribed in Scripture. Neither is Christmas or Holy Week, yet Christians have found them helpful for hundreds of years. In some measure Lent is helpful because it asks us to make a plan. We make a plan to further our devotion to God, striving to live like his Son.

During Lent, you may fast, change your schedule, or spend more time practicing spiritual disciplines like prayer, solitude, contemplation, or Christian fellowship. However you choose to observe Lent, or even if you don't, I challenge you to make a plan to engage with God. By the power of his Holy Spirit, I hope that you find yourself transformed by God's grace.

With the love of Christ,  
Pastor Dane

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## **THANK YOU!**

My family and I are thankful and been very blessed by Pastor Dane, CLPs and all Covenant partners for their prayers, cards, and contributions to Woody's Memeorial service. CCPC is a loving and very caring family and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

With Christian love, Bea Buss and Family

The **\*Whiteville Worshipping Community** would like to thank Fran Thomas for the gift of \$1000 in memory of her friend and a previous Covenant Partner of Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church, Flo Crawford. Together, the Whiteville Worshipping Community worshippers will decide how we will use this generous gift. Fran, your gift will make it possible for us to give to local missions in the name of Whiteville Worshipping Community.

Thank you! Annelle Waldron, Worship Leader

\*The Whiteville Worshipping Community is a mission outreach/micro expression of church for Calabash Covenant Presbyterian. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 4:30 PM**

Our Fellowship Ministry Team is going to celebrate God's love for us with an Italian Valentine's Potluck Dinner. Think of something yummy to bring in the form of an Italian dish, salad or dessert. We hope you'll join us in fellowship with your CCPC family! Sign-ups start Sunday, January 28 through February 11th. The sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex and on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

### *The Power of Praying Scripture*

*One of the several methods of praying is to pray God's Word back to Him. How do I do that, one might ask. It truly is simple and I'll give you a couple of examples:*

#### **1Thessalonians 5:16,17,18**

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*Your prayer could be something like this:*

*Lord, my desire is to show my joy in You to all the world, all the time. Let me greet everyone I meet with a smile on my face because of your love for me. Let my prayers be lifted to You throughout the day as I see people in need; as I see a beautiful sunset; as I feel the warmth of the sun on my face. I thank You, Lord, for all Your amazing gifts and benefits that you continually offer me, even those that look like problems or situations that make me uncomfortable. I know that You are with me and will show me the way through these situations if I keep my heart and my ears open. This I pray in Christ's name, Amen.*

#### **Psalm 91:1-2**

***"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."***

*Your prayer could be:*

*I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High and will rest in His shadow. I say of You, Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress. In You only, Lord, will I trust. Amen.*

*As you pray this way, your heart will be filled with strength, comfort, and confidence.*

**Please join us for corporate prayer times:**

**Saturday Feb. 3 and Mar 2 at 10 AM** (worldwide and church wide issues: Feb. is Love, Mar is Holy Week)

**Thursday Feb15 and Mar 21 at10:30 AM** (we pray earnestly through the CCPC prayer list on behalf of our church family, our church programs, and our community).

**Friday Feb 23 and Mar 29 at 9 AM** (We pray boldly and fervently for the salvation of our loved ones and friends.)

**Drive Thru Prayer is Friday, Feb 16 and Mar 15 from 10:30-noon** (please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to stop by and allow us to pray with and for them.)

**All CCPC ministries need YOUR help.** Please **pray** about how **your time and talents** may be used to expand God's Kingdom in our community. Contact any elder or deacon for information about their ministry teams.

**If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email [prayer@calabash.church](mailto:prayer@calabash.church).**

Grace and peace,  
Prayer Ministry Team

## **TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND CHANGING LIVES**

There was once a time in my life I believed prayer was just a nice thing people did for others in their time of need. On occasion I may have prayed for a co-worker, friend, or family member by simply speaking to God. The question always remained: would my prayers even be heard let alone answered? This was before my walk with Christ, which would ultimately change my life forever.

It has been nearly thirteen years since I was told you have cancer, and very little time left. It would be the lowest point of my life but it opened the communication line with God which gave me the strength I needed to endure....Thanks be to God. 🙏 I have remained in remission, and I thank the Lord every morning when I wake to a new day. That difficult time has taught me to appreciate the simple things in life and it is one of the many treasured gifts God has given me.

I received such a miracle through prayer and Gods mercy, which ultimately revealed to me the importance of praying for others in their time of need. Our church family has witnessed many miracles over the years through prayer and I know God can, and many times does, answer our heartfelt 📩 prayers.

Philippians 4:6-7 ....Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.

John 16:24 ...Until now you have not asked for anything in my name, ask and you will receive and your Joy will be complete.



Prayers really do change lives....  
Keep praying!

In Christ's love,  
Suellen Bennett

## LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Brunswick Family Assistance

In 2023, BFA touched approximately 36% of the lives in Brunswick County by providing various resources and assistance to those living 130% below the poverty line. Within the past year, BFA provided 386,950.87 lbs. of food, impacting 11,800 households or 37,177 individuals. **BFA experienced a 99% increase in food assistance from 2022 to 2023.** To continue serving those in need in our community, BFA relies heavily on the support of their lean staff, selfless volunteers, and generosity of their donors (like CCPC).

**BFA's highest needs right now are volunteers and food! FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Boxed Cereal, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Soup, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti / Sauce, Dry Beans, 1 LB Bag of rice, Canned Tuna / Chicken, Peanut Butter, Toiletries (Toothbrush, Soap, Toilet Paper, etc.** Please pray for those in crisis in Brunswick County, as well as the BFA staff, volunteers, and donors.



## GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Haiti Education Foundation University Student Scholarship

Over the past years, CCPC has supported several college students in Haiti. We currently support two students, one about to graduate in May with a degree in nursing and one in her second year of a commercial business management program. In total, eighteen students are attending universities in Haiti, enrolled in various programs including: nursing, engineering, computer science, agronomy, business management and education. The average annual expense to sponsor a student is \$3,200.00. Pray for these students as they attend class in neighborhoods full of gang activity.

Submitted by Sue Brandon

## Long Term Prayer Requests

Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Bill Bradham, Sandy Brinegar, Karyn Foley, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, John Haskins, Al Hertzog, Inge Hickson, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Alberta Morley, Richard Rhyne, Betty Schillinger, Gary Sessi, Dan Stinnett, Ruby Trouw, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber

## Birthdays



### February

Ruth Diefendorf	1
Chris Lewis	3
Beth Decima	4
Phyliss Foley	6
John McClellan	6
Tom Ditzler	7
Janine Zegel	8
Ron Meyer	12
Betty Schillinger	15
Eric Wagner	16
Donna Mills	17
Diane Hahn	18
George Bridges	20
Floyd Foley	23
Cheryl Harrison	25
Bob Volinic	25
Al Hertzog	27
Kathy Smith	27
George Brandon	28

## Anniversaries



### February

Connie & Sharon Lehto 9



# “FEBRUARY”

## SCRIPTURE PRAYER PLAN

**Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to mediate on and pray God’s word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day’s scripture.**

Day 1: 1 John 3:16-18

Day 17: 1 John 3:1

Day 2: Psalm 103:16-18

Day 18: Psalm 147:10-12

Day 3: 1 John 4:7-9

Day 19: John 15:9-11

Day 4: 1 John 4:10-12

Day 20: John 15:12-14

Day 5: 1 John 4:13-15

Day 21: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Day 6: 1 John 4:16-18

Day 22: Proverbs 15:16-17

Day 7: 1 John 4:19-21

Day 23: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Day 8: Deuteronomy 7:8-10

Day 24: Matthew 5:43-47

Day 9: Deuteronomy 10:11-13

Day 25: Matthew 22:37-40

Day 10: Lamentations 3:21-23

Day 26: John 13:34-35

Day 11: Romans 5:6-8

Day 27: Josea 6:5-6

Day 12: Ephesians 4:15-16

Day 28: Micah 6:8

Day 13: Hebrews 12:6-9

Day 29: Colossians 3:12-14

Day 14: Mark 10:21-22

Day 15: Proverbs 17:9-10

Day 16: Ephesians 5:28-31, 33



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice		10:00 am Prayer
<b>4</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	<b>5</b> 9:30 am – Fellowship	<b>6</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir	<b>9</b> <b>Session Retreat at Church</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Session Retreat at Church</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	<b>13</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 10:00 am – Worship 1:00 pm – Discipleship 4:00 pm – Finance 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>14</b> 12:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:15 pm - Tech	<b>15</b> 10:30 am – prayer 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	<b>16</b> 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	<b>17</b> 4:30 pm – Italian Pot Luck Dinner
<b>18</b> <b>Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	<b>19</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12 pm – Chatters	<b>20</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 3:00 pm – Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am – card ministry 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir	<b>23</b> 9:00 am – Prayer 10:00 am – random readers	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am - Prayer

**Session**

Beth Decima, Don Mazingo, Pat Robison, Karen Toutant  
Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson  
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett

**The Diaconate**

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

**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

**Staff****Pastor – Dane Deatherage**

Administrative Assistant /Bookkeeper– Janine Zegel  
Asst. Pastor for Missions, Brazil -Rev. Robson Gomes  
Dir. of Music, Peg Stinnett  
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