

Shore Lines

MARCH 2024

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Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church Family,

Please jot these dates on your calendars and join us for these times to worship God together.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship Service	March 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Communion Service	March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Drop-In Service	March 29, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Service on Sunset Beach	March 31 at 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary	March 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service and Retirement Reception for Ruth Daniel

On Sunday, April 7, we will have a reception immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service to celebrate the work of God in and through Ruth Daniel. She is retiring, and April 7 is her last Sunday after over 30 years of service. I have only been part of this church for a small time, but I can see the large impact that Ruth has had in helping this congregation praise, pray, and worship God. Please be here to celebrate with us!

With the love of Christ,

Pastor Dane

Drive Through Prayer

The owners of the Sunset Beach fishing pier have offered one of their parking lots to our church for the purpose of holding drive through prayer. The offer would allow us to conduct prayer weekly (or less) from the first week of March until the last week of November, when the pier closes. This lot will be available either on Tuesday or Wednesday of each week. Our plan at this point is to offer prayer from approximately 10:00 till noon. We will be able to use the signs we have for use at our monthly prayer time at the church. We will also be able to erect a cabana to provide shade.

Although plans are still incomplete, we know from our experience at the church that we will do best with at least six volunteers. Because we could offer prayer every week, we need enough volunteers to provide for some rotation and allow covenant partners to give time when they can. Those who are not comfortable with their ability to offer prayer can also assist by alerting passing cars and pedestrians, managing traffic, assisting with setup and teardown.

Would you consider participating as a volunteer? If so, let us know which day works best for you. Contact **Gloria Wimmer: gloriawim@atmc.net** or **George Brandon: gbrandonhaiti1@gmail.com** to express your interest.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library Committee needs your help. We are trying to locate the following memorial books for reprocessing. * Please return them for two weeks and you can check them out again.

The Signature of God/The Handwriting of God by Grant R. Jeffrey

Greatest Counselor in the World by L.J. Ogilvie

My Garden of Prayer by Helen Steiner Rice

Stories of Hearth and Home (edited)

Now What Do I Do? By Dr. John Townsend

Ruby, A Portrait by Patricia Cornwell

The Necessity of Prayer by E.M. Bounds

Thanks for helping us.

*Each memorial book has a pink sticker taped on the spine of the book.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Prayer Changes Us

One of the most significant dynamics of prayer is how much it can change the heart of the one praying. We usually come to God with "stuff" on our hearts-fix this, please do that, etc.- BUT, as we pray, God begins to work on our hearts regarding both what we are praying about and shaping us closer to the image of Christ. One of the primary benefits of prayer, is that while it can and does change situations, prayer changes us. God certainly doesn't need us to pray to accomplish His plans. Yet, He calls us to do it "at all times" as Paul wrote. That's because He knows what prayer does in and for us. Have you noticed yourself becoming less self-centered and more God centered? God might just be preparing your heart for His answers.

The Bible clearly says that the power to create, fix, and heal comes from God alone. But our prayers do matter to Him and can even move Him when they are aligned with His heart. God promises to honor the prayers of those who submit to His rule in their lives.

*He designed us to be in relationship with Him and with each other. Prayer is a tool for that connection and for showing our love for God and for others.**

**adapted from articles by Jon Graf and Heather Adams*

Please join us for corporate prayer times:

Saturday Mar 2 and April 6 at 10 AM (worldwide and church wide issues: March is "Easter's Coming", April topic is "Prayers for the lost")

Thursday Mar 21 and April 18 at 10:30 AM (we pray earnestly through the CCPC prayer list on behalf of our church family, our church programs, and our community).

Drive Thru Prayer is Mar 15 and April 19 from 10:30-noon (please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to stop by and allow us to pray with and for them.)

(When you come, please know that you are not required to pray out loud! Just join your heart with others to seek God's help, wisdom, support, strength, for the issues we are lifting to Him.)

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

Grace and peace,
Prayer Ministry Team

Jesus Taught Us To Pray – Diane Chen

This year, Lent began on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. Lent consists of six weeks leading up to Easter, March 31, 2024. It's a season of spiritual preparation where many Christians observe a period of [fasting](#), [repentance](#), moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on [Jesus Christ](#)—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, [death](#), burial, and [resurrection](#). The season of Lent should include prayer time; a time to talk to the Lord; to confess and lift up our prayer requests; to meditate and hear Him. The Prayer Ministry Team has been studying the book of "Serving in Your Church Prayer Ministry" by Paul Engle and Charles Lawless. This book suggests we study the prayer life of Jesus in Luke's gospel to gain key insights about prayer.

Here are some of the passages from Luke which include a description of how Jesus prayed:

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 5:15-16

¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 6:12

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.

Luke 9:18

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

Luke 9:28-29

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Luke 10:21-22

²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²² "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Luke 11:1

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."^[a] When he had said this, he breathed his last.

As we grow in our spiritual walk we strive to be more like Jesus. Praying as he did by spending time alone with God; praying with others; using prayer to help others; pouring our hearts out to Him may refresh your soul as you feel his wonderful presence this Lenten season.

A Book review by Connie Becton

As we all know, people in our world are always trying to find more contentment, more happiness, more joy. This is also true sometimes with our friends and fellow Christians.

Max Lucado's book How Happiness Happens offers a Christian Perspective on the subject of Joy and Happiness. He invites us to live more fully like Jesus, and when we bring joy to others, we bring joy to ourselves.

The Bible often mentions about finding joy in the act of sharing it. Here are some examples:

1. Encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11)
2. Serve one another (Gal.5:13)
3. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
4. Regard one another as more important (Phil. 2:4)
5. Forgive one another (Eph 4:32)
6. Pray for one another (James 5:16)
7. Love one another (1 John 3:11)

Our world is desperate for happiness and joy. Happiness happens when we give joy to others.....the very lifestyle of Jesus, Our Lord.

Attention Men!

We will be attending the **Iron Sharpens Iron National Men's Equipping Conference on March 16, 2024 in Wilmington, NC**. Please sign - up today and join us! This one-day conference is for men of all ages. The cost is \$39 (if we get a group of 10) plus \$12 if you want the optional on-site lunch. There will be over 20 different seminars for men at this conference, so we know there will be something for every one of us.

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LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Micro-Expression Ministry

February was a very good month for our CCPC Micro-Expression teams. Viruses caused many of the assisted living and memory care units to be closed to outsiders during January and the Lenten church schedule caused a problem with times to visit. So, we agreed to make a visitation day and February 21 was chosen. We made our rounds to Arbor Landing, Autumn Care and Coastal Pointe. Our message was 'Do You Know My Jesus' based on the 40 Days in Lent and our team was blessed to serve Communion to 75 friends during our visits. Four of them were covenant partners and one was a request from the family to serve a 99-year-old who had not eaten in over two days. The smiles, the tears, and the heartfelt singing with God's family outside the walls of CCPC is a labor of joy. Reaching others outside our church walls is a labor of love.

GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Business as Mission (BAM)

Tim and Debbie Dunn, our mission partners serving with The Antioch Partners, continue to travel the globe ministering and partnering with companies and individuals in introducing and sharing business opportunities with BAM, through mentoring and ministering to those who have not been introduced to Christ, or where little is known of Him. Please continue to pray for the Dunn family and all those who work with them as they continue to spread the Love of Christ throughout the world.

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

Anniversaries

March

Sally Robichaud	1
Judy Buschmeier	2
Rob Waldron	3
Alberta Morley	4
Charlie Toutant	5
Don Mincher	14
Marsha Hurst	16
Pat Soule	17
Susanna Smith	17
Mark Ryan	18
Cheryl Johnson	18
Tom Gardner	19
Billie Ellwanger	20
Floyd Foley	23
Cheryl Harrison	25
Barbara Acton	22
Kathy Welker	26
Durwood Hurst	31

March

Bonitta & John LeGoullon	13
Tom & Glenda Gardner	29



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SCRIPTURE PRAYER PLAN

31 Easter Bible Versus to Celebrate the Holy Resurrection

Easter Bible verses strike at the very heart of Christianity itself. Of all the miracles chronicled in the Bible, none is more important or utterly astounding than the resurrection of Jesus Christ himself... the very foundation of our salvation.

Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 4:14	Day 17: Romans 4:25
Day 2: Acts 4:33	Day 18: Luke 23:46
Day 3: Job 19:25	Day 19: Colossians 2:12
Day 4: John 3:16	Day 20: Mark 14:36
Day 5: Romans 10:9	Day 21: Matthew 21:9
Day 6: Zechariah 9:9	Day 22: Matthew 28:5-6
Day 7: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22	Day 23: Romans 6:5
Day 8: 1 Corinthians 15:3-5	Day 24: Mark 16:6
Day 9: 1 Peter 1:21	Day 25: Matthew 27:28-29
Day 10: 1 Peter 1:3	Day 26: Matthew 27:37
Day 11: Isiah 53:5	Day 27: Romans 6:4
Day 12: Psalm 118:25-26	Day 28: John 20:8-9
Day 13: Luke 24:46-47	Day 29: Matthew 20:18-19 (Good Friday)
Day 14: John 19:30	Day 30: John 11:25
Day 15: Luke 24:6-7	Day 31: Philippians 8:10 (Easter)
Day 16: Philippians 2:8	

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	4 9:30 am – Fellowship 10:00 am Woman’s Bible Study	5 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	6 12:00 pm – Assimilation Committee	7 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	8 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	9
10 Daylight Savings 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	12 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	12 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	13 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:15 pm - Tech 4:00 pm – Mission	14 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	15 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	16
17 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship	18 12 pm – Chatters Personnel 4:00 pm	19 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 3:00 pm – Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	20	21 10:30 am - prayer 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	22 10:00 am – random readers	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	25	26 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	27	29 10:00 am – card ministry 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday 12:00 – 3:00 pm – Drop-in prayer service	30
31 Easter 8:00 am – Beach service 9:30 am – Sanctuary	April 1 Office closed	2	3	4	5	6 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
Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee,
Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie 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

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