

Shore Lines

April 2024



Artworks by Jodi Pitt

I have a dream for our ministry here at Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church. I want to invite the community to a big party for Jesus on our church campus. Every Sunday at the beach, I hope to invite all who are in attendance, especially people residing in our area, to "Kickoff Sunday."

In my dream, Kickoff Sunday will include:

- Tailgate at 8:00 a.m.
- Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
- Rally Day at 10:30 a.m.

My hope is that I can say to all those who attend our beach service, "Show up at the same time, 8:00 a.m., at our church on Sep. 8, and we will have a tailgate together, worship together, and you can learn about all the ministries of our church." I want to provide an opportunity for people to come to our church so that they can experience worship with our covenant church family and learn about our life-giving ministries.

For this ministry dream to come true, it must be more than just my idea. It will have to be the church's dream too. As your pastor, one strength I have seen with our church is that we have a desire to be hospitable, to be welcoming and loving. That's one of the reasons that this is my dream. Kickoff Sunday can be an expression of one of the strengths of CCPC. This is part of who you are. I have experienced it and seen it. I want this to be your dream too.

Here's what we will need to pull this off. We will need:

- Cars decorated on the day of the event.
- Tailgate and breakfast food for the 8:00 a.m. Tailgate!
- Booths about the ministries of our church for Rally Day
- Everyone wears their most obnoxious sports gear, CCPC attire, or favorite colors.
- The courage to try something new, ultimately hoping for Gospel transformation.

Notice that last one. My hope is that God would use this somewhat-silly idea for people to engage further spiritual formation and growth. Our church has solid, Gospel-centered ministries, and I have seen people grow by being part of them. I want others to, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." I pray that good, Gospel-centered ministry would happen at every church in our area and around the world. And because I see it here, I feel compelled to invite people to see the Holy Spirit at work among us. Ultimately, this must be about Jesus and the Good News of his life, death, and resurrection for our salvation. Nothing more. Nothing less.

Consider this an invitation to dream with me,
Pastor Dane

Drive Through Prayer

The success of the drive-thru prayer at our church campus has caused our prayer warriors to consider expanding this outreach to the community. About a month ago, the idea of conducting similar drive-thru and walk-in prayer at Sunset Beach was presented to our covenant partners. Since then:

- *The site at the beach is ready to go.
- *The owners of the pier are on board with the proposal.
- *We have selected Tuesday or Wednesday mornings as the time.
- ***Everything is ready except for one thing: **We need volunteers.**

Not all volunteers need to be seasoned, confident prayers. You can contribute significantly by helping with the logistics: setting up and tearing down, directing traffic, advertising, transporting, smiling.... **There is an important place for you.**

Please contact Gloria Wimmer or George Brandon to express your interest.

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Congratulations to Ruth Daniel on her retirement!

Sunday, April 7th, was Ruth's farewell after playing the organ and being part of our music ministry for over 30 years. The church hosted a retirement gathering for her right after church. It was a very special celebration for Ruth and we thank everyone who came out to celebrate Ruth! And, we hope to see Ruth worshipping with us in the pews.

Myrtle Beach Pelicans April 16th 2024

Attention Men!! The WEBEX Men's Bible Study Group will be attending the Myrtle Beach Pelicans game on April 16th. Gametime is 7:05 PM. We invite men of the Church and their friends to join us for a great night of baseball, fun, and fellowship. We will carpool from the Church at 4:45 PM. Tickets are \$12. See Mickey Smith for more information.

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Celebration of Life Service for George Spencer

Saturday, April 13 at 11:00am, A Celebration of Life Service will be held for George Spencer, please join Dottie and family as our church celebrates George. Lunch to follow.

Prayer is our lifeline. Prayer is the air we breathe. It is our oxygen. How important the lesson it is that all of heaven's resources are at our disposal if we believe and pray. How good God is. How gracious is He to make such an amazing provision. We have this amazing connection that God has given us through His grace.

Prayer is one of the top three themes of many in the Bible. There is God, His word, then prayer. You have fallen lonely and needy man and holy powerful, all-knowing God, and there is a way that these two extremes can be connected. You and I are invited by God to be in his presence and talk to Him, to freely express our cause. We are given guidance from God who is caring and listens to what we are saying, and He helps us to get those cares out and cast them on Him because He wants to help us.

In-Activity, for having this amazing thing at our disposal, we need to do more of it and not be weak in it. We have a relationship with God that He labels us, friends, spouse, sheep, His servant. Different avenues of communication and levels of interaction granted to us that are simultaneously real, that's what makes the different types of prayer: Idle chatter, meaningful conversation, the quick request and the formal prayer that is scheduled by meeting place and time, official, indirect, and action. I believe this is what Paul was referring to in 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18, when Paul spoke of praying without ceasing. What an amazing invitation, what a privilege.

So, when you pray, remember the power of the Lord that He has displayed. You must trust in God; it is not about your faith, it's about not doubting Him and His character. Trust His power, His purpose, His promise, His plan, and His will. Believe as though you have received. Ask and it shall be given according to His will and forgive. We need to deal with the sin of our hearts before the Lord will hear us.

Prayer is a form of service, an active obedience, prayer is the solution, it is communicating, making requests. It has always been God's desire to share His guidance, promises and thoughts. Prayer is how we promote the kingdom of God, how we become wiser, gain confidence and God's power. Prayer comforts us and calms us. Prayer is evidence of a right relationship with God. In giving thanks and praise we demonstrate how important that relationship with God is.

Jeremiah 29:12 Then you will call on me and come pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Donna Mills

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Prayer That Makes a Difference

Every Christian knows that prayer is crucial in our walk with God, but often we pray as a duty, we pray without heart. We often forget that that God invites us to be a part of what He is doing and to enter into His work. Prayer makes us partners with God!

Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer has concluded that there are three levels of prayer-casual, committed, and combat prayer.

Casual praying is what we do because it's expected; grace before meals, bedtime prayers, habits we have developed over time. There is nothing wrong with this kind of praying as long as it is done with a sincere heart. But usually, casual praying is not fervent; it is rather routine and often quickly done! These are the baby steps in our prayer life.

Committed praying is focused; we begin to keep prayer lists and pray for specific changes in the lives of others. We have become serious about our prayers and begin to look for God's answers.

Combat praying is the kind of praying that involves energy and spiritual battles; wrestling in prayer against the inroads of satan; praying on the front lines of the battle. As parents and grandparents, we need to wrestle in prayer, rebuking satan, and committing our children to God.

*Casual prayers can grow to committed prayers and committed prayers can grow to combat prayers. This is what God desires of us-to grow deeper in relationship with Him and deeper in our level of prayer. Remember that God actually expects us to pray, so let's do more of it. "Prayer Works, So Pray" **

**adapted from writings of Dr. Erwin Lutzer "Prayer That Makes a Difference"*

Please join us for corporate prayer times:

- **Saturday April 6 and May 4 at 10 AM** (We will pray boldly and fervently for the salvation of our loved ones and friends.)
- **Thursday April 18 and May 16 at 10:30 AM** (we will pray earnestly through the CCPC prayer list on behalf of our church family, our church programs, and our community).
- **Drive Thru Prayer is April 19 and May 17 from 10:30-noon** (please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to stop by and allow us to pray with and for them.)
- **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

LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

CRCI Leadership Development Initiative

As we partner with CRCI (Christian Recovery Centers, Inc) it is important to note that CRCI has designed a program, Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) to provide a direct path forward for exceptional residents who wish to begin a career in the field of Addiction Recovery. This program is a 1-year commitment that residents may apply for once they have successfully completed the first three phases of the inpatient recovery program. LDI participants are provided in-depth training in the exact services that have assisted them as residents, and they will learn how to facilitate this type of intensive recovery environment as they move forward as leaders. Any person who completes this advanced training program will have the opportunity to apply for a fulltime staff position at CRCI, to practically apply their experience and education as a legitimate professional. Please pray for the individuals who have been called by God to pursue this important pathway in working with others as they counsel others working through addiction.

GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

PARS Theological Centre

The mission of PARS is centered on nurturing and cultivating the flame of faith that has been kindled in Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey, and the Persian-speaking diaspora. The journey from a "heart of stone" to a "heart of flesh" embodies qualities of tenderness, receptiveness, and a yearning for goodness and love, echoing the fundamental commandment to love God with all your heart, mind and strength as well as loving one's neighbor as oneself. **Please pray for:** *a student (unnamed) and her husband who were arrested while taking an online exam in front of her children and placed in solitary confinement. * PARS students who are fearful of continued oppression in their communities and families for their faith. *for faculty, counselors, and tutors as they give of themselves to the students*For a new year of training and equipping as the students trust God with their livelihood as they pursue deeper knowledge of God and serve their churches/ministries *for the newly formed Iranian Evangelical Alliance.



Submitted by Sue Brandon



Birthdays

April

Alice Ditzler	2
Debi Bullard	5
Marti Kennedy	7
John Bennett	11
Barbara Price	13
Ken Dresser	14
Gloria Wimmer	18
Bob Thwaites	20
Ken Thirakomen	21
Mickey Smith	23
Paula Loomis	24
Carolyn Robison	26
Betty Coffini	26
Wendy Stanton	26
Bonnie Lee	27
Gary Sessi	27
Pat Hannigan	28
Annelle Waldron	28
Don Decima	28
Sue Compton	29
Pat Robison	29

Anniversaries

April

Bob & Karen Scheboth	3
Eric & Lynn Wagner	6
John & Suellen Bennett	7
Tom & Leah Pressel	10
John & Vera Manning	12
Dennis Reiner & Ron Cybyske	15



May

Sharon Lehto	8
Glen Poe	11
Sally Bond	13
Rick Edinger	17
Frank Mayberry	20
Connie Lehto	20
Phil Fagans	22
John Keppler	22
Joe Coffini	24
Dan Shaw	24
Scott Bernreuther	25
Sandy Brinegar	30
Judy Malone	30

May

John & Alma McClellan	1
Pat & Carolyn Robison	3
Ray & Joyce Beland	5
John & Pat Hannigan	6
Bob & Mona Rolison	8
Ron & Jane Meyer	9
Dennis & Sandy Pilney	11
Henry & Pat Huie	25

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, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber



“APRIL” NEW LIFE SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Day 1: John 11:20-27

Day 17: Galatians 2:19-21

Day 2: John 6:38-40

Day 18: Colossians 2:13-15

Day 3: Ephesians 4:20-24

Day 19: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Day 4: John 5:24-27

Day 20: Romans 6:20-23

Day 5: John 5:28-30

Day 21: Revelation 21:5-8

Day 6: Romans 6:4-6

Day 22: Colossians 3:1-4

Day 7: Romans 6:7-11

Day 23: Colossians 3:5-8

Day 8: Romans 6:12-14

Day 24: Colossians 3:9-11

Day 9: John 14:1-4

Day 25: Isaiah 60:1-3

Day 10: John 14:5-7

Day 26: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Day 11: 1 Timothy 6:11-14

Day 27: Hebrews 13:20-21

Day 12: 1 Corinthians 15:51-55

Day 28: 2 Timothy 2:11-13

Day 13: Revelation 21:1-4

Day 29: Galatians 3:26-29

Day 14: Isaiah 53:3-5

Day 30: Hebrews 10:19-23

Day 15: Matthew 28:1-4

Day 16: Matthew 28:5-8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	1 9:30 am – Fellowship	2 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	3	4 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	5	6
7 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	8 Personnel 4:00 pm 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	9 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	10 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:15 pm – Tech 3:00 pm – Assimilation Committee 4:00 pm – Mission	11 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	12 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	13
14 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	15 12 pm – Chatters	16 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	17	18 10:30 am - prayer 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	19 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	20
21 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School	22	23 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	24	25 10:00 am – card ministry 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	26 9:00 am – Prayer 10:00 am – Random Readers	27
28 9:30 am – Sanctuary 10:30 am – Sunday School	29	30	May 1 12:00 pm - Assimilation	2	3	4 10:00 am Prayer
5 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 5:00 pm – The Chosen	6	7 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	8 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:15 pm – Tech 4:00 pm – Mission	9 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 5:45 pm – Bell choir practice 7:00 pm – Choir practice	10 10:30 am – Prayer ministry	11

Session

Beth Decima, Don Mozingo, 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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