

# ***Shore Lines***

***May 2024***



## Kickoff Sunday, Part 1: The Tailgate

Last month, I wrote about “Kickoff Sunday,” which will be this year’s Rally Day. Rally Day has traditionally been a day for our church to introduce our fall ministries including Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and various ways to serve. “Kickoff Sunday” will “kickoff” our fall calendar as a church. We will worship at 9:30 a.m. and explore our fall offerings at 10:30 a.m.

But first at 8:00 a.m., we will have a tailgate. This tailgate will fit our “Kickoff” theme. Both “tailgate” and “kickoff” are allusions to football, but the tailgate is designed to be much more than a theme.

*The primary goal of the tailgate is to be an act of gospel hospitality on behalf of our church to our community.*

Every summer, we hold worship services on the beach. Many vacationers hear the gospel, and that is great! That alone is enough reason to continue the ministry, but vacationers are not the only people who attend.

Many who attend the beach service are residents of our local area. I believe that gospel transformation can happen powerfully in groups. Specifically, I believe good, Christ-centered ministry is happening at Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church and in our ministries. It is a joy to be able to say with sincerity that God is at work. Because I truly believe God is at work among us, I want people to come. I want them to be involved because I believe that it is good for them. The Lord can encourage them, help them, and bless them through our church. That’s why it is worth inviting all local beach worship attendees to come to Kickoff Sunday on September 8.

The Tailgate is our attempt to be inviting, welcoming, and loving to visitors. Like the Beach service, we will plan for it to be outside. Tailgates have food. Food is an international symbol of hospitality and goodwill. It will be relaxed. It will be a bit more casual than a typical Sunday, much like the beach service. The Tailgate portion of our Kickoff Sunday is not meant to compromise the Gospel, and it won’t. Far from it, it is an expression of the Gospel. It will be an attempt to provide a warm welcome to our church campus immediately prior to our Worship Service on September 8.

Consider the ethical exhortation of Hebrews 12:28-13:2a.

*“Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.”*

Immediately after commending reverential worship, the author of Hebrews reminds Christians to love one another and to be hospitable to strangers. You could even translate “strangers” as “visitors.” Let us welcome the visitors that Sunday with the love of neighbor that corresponds to the love of God which they will witness in our worship service. Hopefully, our loving hospitality will encourage them to consider loving God with us, providing a powerful opportunity to grow in the Lord together.

## COMPANY'S COMING!!

Toward the end of 2020, I headed to Pennsylvania to care for my mother as she was battling cancer. At about that same time, NFL quarterback Baker Mayfield aired in some Progressive Insurance commercials where Baker considered the football stadium his home and the commercials took a comic twist where things a typical homeowner would do at their home like mowing the lawn, addressing plumbing issues, etc. were things Baker would attempt at the stadium as if it was just another home. One of the commercials showed Baker talking to the stadium's groundskeeper where he learns the field is going to be re-sod that day, Baker is perturbed by the news. The reason for Baker's anguish is that he has "company coming". My mother was a big NFL fan as am I (aka Pittsburgh Steeler fans) and we watched a lot of football together. When that commercial aired, we seized on the "company's coming" exclamation and used it often during the time I was staying with her. Each time one of us learned that a family member or friend was coming over to visit my mother, one of us would excitedly exclaim "company's coming". In all those instances, it was so easy to see the joy in my mother's face on knowing she was going to get a visitor. And it gave me joy to see it. My mother knew the opportunities for "company" were waning, but she wanted to embrace every chance she could to spend time with those she loved. I recently learned that our congregation will be receiving visitors from our sister church in Brazil. In other words.... COMPANY'S COMING!! My prayer is that we will embrace this opportunity as I saw my mother embrace the opportunity to visit with others. May we as a congregation join together to plan and prepare for our visitors in a way that honors the Lord and demonstrates our love for the universal church of believers. You can expect more announcements in the coming weeks about how you can help. But, for now you may want to mark your calendars. Our Brazilian visitors will be arriving Saturday, October 12, 2024, and will stay with us until Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be in pray for both churches as we plan for the visit.

Blessings, Laura Graff (on behalf of the mission committee)

### **RIDE THE WAVE –**

Your Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a summer **COMMUNITY** picnic on **Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.** We want to promote our Beach Service and introduce the community to our church! We will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. The men will be grilling - yeah! We need canopies for the day. If you have one that we can use, please contact Barbara Dresser ([barbara@dresser.cc](mailto:barbara@dresser.cc)). We are asking CPs to help by providing hot dog chili, slaw, desserts, and anything else you think of that belongs at a picnic. There will be **LIVE MUSIC** and **GAMES** for children. Pray for good weather so we can have things outside. This will be a lot of fun and you don't want to miss it! Tell your neighbors and friends! Sign-up on the Fellowship bulletin board located near Fellowship Hall. You can call the church office and we'll add you to the list. Don't forget the sunscreen! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair.

## The Beautiful Gift of Prayer

Prayer is a gift from God and we are given this privilege because He loves us and desires our fellowship.

Through a chain of events in my family, we were invited to attend church on a Sunday evening, my sister's friend invited us.

For the first time, my parents heard the word of God calling them to repentance. It was 1958, which began a new way of living and trusting God for direction. And learning how to pray.

I have fond memories of my mother and father bowing at their bed each and every evening.

Many times my mother was prompted by God to pray for myself and my siblings. One particular weekend while I was out with friends, as a teen, our group of four were attacked by a large group of teenagers looking for trouble. I was a small young teen and stood up to face Goliath. I shouted out to them and asked why they were picking on us and told them to leave us alone. All I can tell you is their eyes were huge! I was the one willing to stand up in the face of danger. Now, here is where it gets interesting. It was 11:00 PM and at that very moment, my mother fell on her knees pleading for protection for me. It wasn't me doing the work, it was God working through me. With that being said, the guys stood there staring as if they had seen a ghost. What they really saw was the holy ghost in action. Thus, Goliath was slain.

Zechariah 4: 6-9 Not by might nor by power, but by the spirit.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

My mother had many illnesses, so it seemed, and before I was allowed to go out and play as a small child, I had to kneel at the foot of her bed and pray for my mother. Not your ordinary teaching for a child I agree. However, I learned early in my life that God is supreme in our lives and we are to pray without ceasing, somewhere along the line I admit I didn't pick up on the fact that we are to rejoice while doing it. This was a learned process for me, being happy in all circumstances. He doesn't say all circumstances are good, fun, or exciting, in fact it is quite the opposite. Accepting God's complete and total will in our lives regardless of the outcome can be challenging and does not always feel good, it does not say you have to like it either. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

An example of this is recently being turned down by not one, but two insurance companies, for a much needed surgery. I said, "If it be God's will, I will have the surgery. If not, I will still love and serve Him it's in His hands. After much prayer, and frustration at times it was approved. Oh yes, I even experienced anger, I'm human after all. But I never gave up. I love God in all circumstances, whether good or bad. Because I know who holds my future, and yes, He is still on the throne and cares for all of us, regardless of the circumstance.

Praise be to God! Kay Cox



Do you enjoy hearing the handbell choir play? Have you some interest in learning more about playing them; even if you're not sure about being a full-time member of the bell choir? The regular bell choir will be taking the summer off so during the summer I'd like to offer the opportunity for one-on-one tutorials (beginner level) on playing handbells to anyone, ladies or men. Then you can make an informed decision if this is something you'd enjoy and might want to be a part of (either as a regular ringer or as a sub) when they start up again in the fall. Just give me a call or email and we can set up a time that's good for you. We can schedule an individual or small group (no more than 4) lesson. Janette Schroeder, 910-880-9573 or [Janette.Schroeder1@gmail.com](mailto:Janette.Schroeder1@gmail.com)

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

*PRAY. ALWAYS. ABOUT EVERYTHING.*

*It doesn't matter what the situation, running it by God is always a good idea!!*

*If you need to make a big decision, or even a little one—pray. If something seems questionable or sketchy—pray. Your prayer can be long and methodical or a quick little "Guide me, Lord".*

*Sometimes we get wrapped up in our own thoughts and then stress about how we can handle these things on our own. But we don't have to. God already knows the plan, so why not ask Him to guide you in the right direction?*

*PRAY. ALWAYS. ABOUT EVERYTHING. And tell others to do the same.\**

*\*adapted from writings by Jesse Neve*

### **Please join us for small group prayer gatherings:**

- **Saturday May 4 and June 1 at 10 AM** (We will pray boldly and fervently for the salvation of our loved ones and friends.)
- **Thursday May 16 and June 20 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 May 17 and June 21 from 10:30-noon** (please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to stop by and allow us to pray with and for them.)
- **Drive Thru Prayer is May 7<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Beach 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**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). If it is urgent, please call Gloria on 910 209-1003.**



## Summer Sunday School Offering

Beginning **June 9<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will offer **“The Life and Ministry of The Messiah”**. This video and discussion course was produced by Focus on the Family and was filmed on location in Israel. Each lesson is taught by Ray Vander Laan, a renowned teacher and historian, and lead by Gloria Wimmer.

This is your opportunity to revive your faith and visit Israel at the same time. The eight classes are filmed in places including Masada, Qumran, En Gedi, Mount of the Beatitudes and more. Each lesson is stand alone. If you miss one you will not be in catch up mode! If you are interested in attending these sessions, please call the church office to sign up so we can determine which room will be needed. 910 579-7356 Thank You.

### Long Term Prayer Requests

Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Bill Bradham, Sandy Brinegar, Karyn Foley, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsmann, 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



## LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Brunswick County**

God is doing amazing works within our mission partner, Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Brunswick County. (FCA). Through our partnership and the partnerships of other local churches, many young people have been introduced to Jesus and are growing in the faith. This year:

- Waccamaw School sees 70+ students attend Bible studies every week.
- Shallotte Middle sees 25-40 students attend FCA Bible studies every week.
- Cedar Grove has started a new FCA huddle.
- West Brunswick High School has more sports teams with FCA than ever before, including volleyball, softball, baseball, football, lacrosse, wrestling and basketball (boy's and girl's teams).

Please be in prayer for the efforts of FCA to disciple underclassmen who must replace senior students who are graduation.

## GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### **Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC) Egypt**

Evangelical theological Seminary in Cairo Egypt (ETSC) is one of our global mission partners affiliated with The Outreach Foundation. ETSC focuses on supporting teachers as they work diligently to prepare future Christian leaders. Because of the sensitivity of the nature of this important mission, ETSC asks that we continue to pray for students and faculty alike as they continue their educational efforts at the seminary in an effort to spread the Good News throughout Egypt.

Submitted by Sue Brandon



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## 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

## June

Julie Adams	1
Bob Volinic	2
Frank Grohsmann	5
Terry Ikner	7
Peyton Becton	7
Lori Hansen	10
Lila Nicholson	10
Renee December	11
Lynn Wagner	12
Barbara Errickson	13
Sue Greiner	13
Allison Deatherage	14
Dane Deatherage	16
George Habel	19
Nancy Crews	22
Mary Ard	22
John Schliewenz	23
Linda Batts	23
John Olson	25
Barbara Kumnick	27
Darlene Hummer	28

## 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

Richard & Loretta Burkett	1
Dick & Sue Brown	3
Paul & Jean Kelly	4
Ken & Yupayong Thirakomen	5
Glen & Barbara Poe	6
Ken & Linda Schafer	8
Durwood & Marsha Hurst	8
Peter & Ruth Diefendorf	15
Mickey & Susanna Smith	16
Nick & Betty Priscu	30





# "MAY"

## SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

### ANXIETY/FEAR

Day 1: <b>Isaiah 41:8-10</b>	Day 17: <b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b>
Day 2: <b>Matthew 11:25-27</b>	Day 18: <b>Psalms 56:1-4</b>
Day 3: <b>Matthew 11:28-30</b>	Day 19: <b>John 14:26-27</b>
Day 4: <b>Philippians 4:6-7</b>	Day 20: <b>Psalms 23:1-6</b>
Day 5: <b>1 Peter 5:6-7</b>	Day 21: <b>Joshua 1:5-9</b>
Day 6: <b>John 16:32-33</b>	Day 22: <b>Luke 12:22-26</b>
Day 7: <b>1 John 4:16-18</b>	Day 23: <b>Luke 12:27-31</b>
Day 8: <b>Hebrews 13:5-6</b>	Day 24: <b>Luke 12:32-34</b>
Day 9: <b>Romans 8:14-17</b>	Day 25: <b>Psalms 55:22-23</b>
Day 10: <b>Romans 8:18-19</b>	Day 26: <b>Psalms 46:1-3</b>
Day 11: <b>Psalms 62:1-4</b>	Day 27: <b>Mark 4:39-40</b>
Day 12: <b>Psalms 62:5-8</b>	Day 28: <b>Zephaniah 3:16-17</b>
Day 13: <b>Psalms 35:3-4</b>	Day 29: <b>Psalms 91:1-6</b>
Day 14: <b>Psalms 94:18-19</b>	Day 30: <b>Psalms 91:7-12</b>
Day 15: <b>Psalms 118:5-7</b>	Day 31: <b>Psalms 91:13-16</b>
Day 16: <b>Jeremiah 29:11-14</b>	

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law (Psalm 119:8)*

# May

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

**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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