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3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

OPPORTUNITIES – Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday, April 15

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Luncheon to Follow
Youth Outing
Putt-Putt at Adventure Landing

Monday, April 16

6:30 pm Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

8:15 – 11:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:20 – 7:15 pm Children's Music & Missions
6:20 – 7:15 pm Youth Hang
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 21

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved

The church secretary will be off Friday, April 13.

VOLUNTEERS

	BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
APR 15	Livvie Richard & Linda Pettigrew	Libby & Meredith McCraw
APR 22	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
APR 29	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan

APRIL

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Wayne Ballenger	James Hall	Koinonia Class

Wednesday Fellowship Meal – April 11

Adults – Chicken Pot Pie Dessert & Beverage	Children –
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Rev. Dan Freeman, Intentional Interim Pastor
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth
Gene and Becky Bumgardner, Co-Directors of Music
Becky Bumgardner, Pianist
Jerry Fulham, Organist
Sharon Waters, Church Secretary
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OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Look to the LORD and His strength;
Seek his face always.” I Chronicles 16:11 NIV*

Pam Buckner (Salvation for a Mother)
(Dennis Clark, Becky Bumgardner's cousin)
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess' sister)
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
(Jerry Moss, Gayle Beam's brother)

Youth Outing

Putt-Putt at
Adventure Landing

Sunday, April 15

Following Lunch

We will return around 4pm

The cost will be \$5. If you'd like, bring your change of clothes to church Sunday and you can change before we head out.



*Appreciation Fellowship for
Rev. Dan and Judy
Sunday, April 15
to Follow Worship*



**LUNCH WILL
BE PROVIDED
BY THE CHURCH**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We express our appreciation to the newly elected members of the nominating committee for their willingness to serve. The new members are Libby McCraw, Jennifer Tarkington, Anne Tate, and Barbara Walters. These four will join Janice Hall, Livvie Richard, Gail White and Debbie Strider (Chair) to make up the nominating committee for April 2018 through March 2019. We ask that you be prayer for each one as they serve.

MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR MARCH & APRIL

We are collecting hygiene items for patients of the Rosewood Nursing Home. You may place your items in the basket located in the narthex. Items needed are as follows:



Lotion
Toothpaste
Razors
Soap
Body Wash

Deodorant
Toothbrushes
Shaving Cream
Shampoo

MAY BIRTHDAYS



1 Amy Ikall	21 Sonja Buckner
3 Ed Ballenger	23 Amy Rice
4 Brenda White	24 Robbie Jacobs
4 Caleb Brownlow	26 Mandy Donaldson
9 Josh Lineberger	27 Zach Lineberger
12 Beth Eldridge	29 Joyce Holfeld
15 Brian Dellinger	30 Mary Jarvis
15 Blair Jenkins	31 Pam Price McClendon
17 Nicolas Phillips	

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST
with ANTHONY EVANS
L&W Women | events

**Where: Flint Groves Baptist Church,
Gastonia, NC**

When: Saturday, April 28th
Doors open at 8am. Event runs
8:30am-4:30pm.
Breakfast and lunch provided.
Cost: \$25

Encourage Encourage Encourage

“ . . . encourage the disheartened, help the weak . . . ” 1 Thessalonians 5:14 NIV

Recall the mantra of someone buying real estate: location, location, location. In other words, you can have the best home in the world, but if it's in a terrible neighborhood, you'll regret it.

Similarly, I can't say this enough because to Christians it's absolutely true: encourage, encourage, encourage.

More than 30 years ago when I was studying Russian, we had just finished an exam. We were free to go to lunch and I was wondering how long it would take to get our papers back. Another student noticed our language teacher had a French language book on her desk, and he asked her about it. She said she usually studied French during her lunch hours. He responded simply, "Well, good for you!" At the time I was frustrated because I was anxious about my scores. It was about me, me, me. For the other student, it was about the other person. That scene has played in my head for all those years as the simplest form of encouragement.

Encouragement takes many forms. Some of it can be taught by others but most of the time, you learn it by watching others and doing it yourself. As my example notes, it's not about you—it's about the other person.



Updates

Please email or call the church office to update your contact information. In order to print the new directories in May, the deadline will need to be April 30.