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3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

OPPORTUNITIES – Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday, October 14

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship & Baptismal Service
6:00 pm Youth Activities

Monday, October 15

6:30 pm Diaconate Meeting
7:30 pm Handbell Practice

Tuesday, October 16

8:15 – 11:45 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting
6:30 pm Budget Discussion and Handouts

Wednesday, October 17

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

Church Office Closed - October 26

OCTOBER

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Rick Richard	James Hall	Alpha Class

USHERS – OCTOBER 21 - Covenant Youth

	Babies & Toddlers	Preschool
OCT 14	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Pam Phillips & Assistant
OCT 21	Susan Herd & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
OCT 28	Libby & Meredith McCraw	Pam Phillips & Assistant



Rev. Chris Hensley, Pastor
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth
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OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Pam Buckner
(Iris Avery, Libby McCraw's sister-in-law)
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess' sister)
(Lisa Grigg, Debbie Strider's sister-in-law)
(Jerry Hill – Trudy Shuford's brother-in-law)
(Charlain Fitzgerald) (Mary Kerley)
(Molly Meninger,
Moris & Linda McSwain's granddaughter)
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
(Calissa Stubbs, Prissy Ballenger's granddaughter)
(Salvation for a Mother)

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL 5:45 pm

Adults — \$4.00 Grades 1–5 — \$1.50

Preschool–Kindergarten — Free

To reserve a meal or to cancel your permanent reservation for the week, call by Tuesday morning.

MENU FOR OCTOBER 17

ADULTS

Spaghetti
Salad
Bread
Dessert
Beverage

CHILDREN

Pizza



BAPTISM

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE
FOR CAMERON HARRELL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

A Word from the Pastor

It was about 9:30 in the evening, the family had settled in for the night. The parents were seated in the living room, reading, their son was already in bed. A thunderstorm had moved into the area and rain pattered against the window pane and the low rumbling of thunder could be heard intermittently over the rainfall. Suddenly the pitter-patter of five-year-old feet accompanied the rain and then grew louder. The father looked up to see his son, hair mussed, pajamas wrinkled, his favorite stuffed beagle in hand.

“Daddy!” the boy’s voice trembled, “I’m scared.” The father glanced at his wife, she offered a smile. He sat down his book and motioned that his son come to him. He collected his little boy in his arms and hoisted him onto his lap. The young boy snuggled beneath his father’s chin and rested his head against his daddy’s chest. The father wrapped his strong arms around his son’s small frame and cradled his boy.

Father and son sat together for a long time. The father fought back the urge to offer words of comfort, but no words were exchanged, it was unnecessary. The boy did not need words he simply needed the loving presence of his daddy. The boy’s breathing had changed, he was asleep once again. Daddy held onto son for a while longer before taking him back to bed.

The five-year-old did not understand thunder except that it was loud and could shake the house at times. That was all he needed to know, that and daddy’s arms would keep him safe from the horrible noise of the storm.

We fear that which we do not understand, especially when it surprises us. Oh, how wonderful would it be to run to the arms of God, to be cradled in the Divine lap until sleep finds us again. While this is not something that we may literally be able to do during the storms of our lives, you are encouraged to seek the peace of God. Whatever your storm: financial instability, the death of a loved one, a terrible diagnosis, major life changes, etc. seek the comforting presence of God in your daily journey of faith. Sometimes that will be in the presence of a fellow believer, perhaps a stranger, maybe you will find that in nature, or in a quiet moment of prayer or spiritual reflection. Cry out to God and then be mindful of how God responds to your cries.

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2 (NRSV)

HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Chris has contacted another minister who is planning a trip to the Holy Land with other churches in North Carolina. The dates are set for October 14 – 25 of next year (2019). If you are interested in traveling to the Holy Land next year, please let Pastor Chris know as soon as possible.

Information for Holy Land trip:

The estimated cost per person for the trip is approximately \$4,100/person. That includes all taxes, airfare, lodging, tips to our guide and driver, and three meals a day. Breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch while we are out touring. Airfare is from CLT to Israel. Lodging is on the coast one night, at the Sea of Galilee for two nights. One night at the Dead Sea, and four nights in Jerusalem. That makes for 10 days, 9 nights in Israel with two travel days on the front and back. A meeting for all interested persons will be scheduled in the very near future to discuss fund raising, ask questions, and iron out further details.



A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN
IN HONOR OF
MIKE GROOMS &
GEORGE PETTIGREW

Baptist Men- Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 14
Baptismal Service for Cameron Harrell
- October 15
7:30pm – Handbell Practice
- October 16
6:30pm – Budget Discussion & Handouts
- October 24
6:30pm – Annual Church Conference
- October 30
6:30pm – Budget Planning for 2019

**YOUTH OUTING
OCTOBER 21**



**TRUNK OR TREAT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:30 – 7:30 pm**



Deck out your trunk and give out treats to the children!

Since October 31 falls on Wednesday night this year, we will have *Trunk or Treat* only. It is our hope that we will have participation from the neighborhood as well. Everyone is needed to be involved to make this a super fun event for the children! (If you'd rather not use your trunk, simply bring a lawn chair and a bowl of candy and enjoy the cute kids in their costumes.) A sign-up sheet is located in the office hallway for you to let us know you are participating. Let's fill our parking lot so that we can fill their treat bags!!

There will not be a Wednesday night meal so that everyone can be a part of the fun!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN NEWS

Trunk or Treat – Wednesday, October 31 – 5:30-7:30 pm

Bring your friends and get your treat bags filled with treats in our church parking lot!

Save the date **HARVEST PARTY**

Saturday, November 17 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Come dressed as your favorite character on the farm—farmer, scarecrow, farm animal, etc. to play harvest-themed games and eat farm-themed food (like “pigs in a blanket! 😊) and a cake walk!



**HELP US FILL OUR TRUCK
WITH ITEMS NEEDED BY THE
N.C. BAPTIST MEN FOR DISASTER RELIEF**

The following items are requested:

- **BABY PRODUCTS**
Diapers
Formula
Baby Wipes
- **HYGIENE ITEMS FOR MEN & WOMEN**
- **CLEANING SUPPLIES (NO BLEACH ITEMS)**

**RETURN ALL ITEMS BY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**CO-SPONSORED BY
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& THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY
QUESTIONS:
GEORGE PETTIGREW OR NANCY BEAUCHAMP**