

Wednesday, March 7	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Children's Choirs
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper - Chili Cookoff
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 8	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Friday, March 9	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Sunday, March 11	
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
4:00	pm Youth Choir & Activities
Monday, March 12	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Tuesday, March 13	
9:00	am Kindergarten
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ CHS
Wednesday, March 14	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Children's Choirs
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ FBC
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA,s & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 15	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
11:00	am Senior Adult Luncheon
Friday, March 16	
9:00	am Kindergarten
4:00	pm Youth Leave for Spring Retreat
Sunday, March 18	
8:00	am Breakfast Club
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
Monday, March 19	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Tuesday March 20	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten

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Minister of Education & Youth

Missy Hartis
Associate
Choir Director & Accompanist

Flora Heinlein
Minister of Children & Activities Director

John Neely Gaston
Minister of Music



FBC GOAL \$3,500

Super Mar 7 Chili Cookoff
Mar 14 To Be Announced

Your church library has a large selection of books by Billy Graham, including *Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well; The Reason for My Hope: Salvation; Peace with God; Where I Am: Heaven, Eternity, and Our Life Beyond the Now; The Preacher and the Presidents*, and his autobiography, *Just As I Am*. These and others are on display waiting for you to read them as we mourn his death and celebrate his life, knowing he is in the presence of the Savior.



Messiah in the Passover

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, we have the opportunity to host Stephen Arnold, a missionary with Chosen People Ministries. Stephen will present, "Messiah in the Passover." In his presentation Stephen will help us see the connection between the Jewish Passover and the Lord's Supper. The Christian faith grew out of Judaism and this presentation will help us learn more about the heritage of our faith. Plan to be present to hear this informative and inspirational presentation. We will take up a love offering that evening to support Stephen's mission work among the Jewish people. This presentation is a great opportunity for us to grow in our understanding of the Passover and the Lord's Supper.

Holy Week Services

The annual Holy Week Services sponsored by the Chester Ministerial Association will be March 26 -30, 2018, at the First Church of the Nazarene. The services will be each day at noon. There will be a time of worship and following the worship a light lunch will be served. Plan to be a part of these services as we worship and fellowship with Christians from throughout our community.

Prayer Walks

The next Prayer Walk at Chester High School is Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Come out and join with others as we pray for Chester High School, the students, faculty, staff, and administration. Will you come join us as we pray for Chester High School and all that is done there? There will also be a Prayer Walk at the Church on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Come out and pray for the church and all the ministry that is done through the church. Will you join with others in prayer?



Tithes & Offerings February 25

Worship Service	214
Sunday School Attendance	142
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	6,318.25
Gift	1,005.00
Annie Armstrong	10.00
Bereavement	25.00
Total	7,358.25

Memorials

Rose Ann Brown

Spring forward

Don't forget to set
clocks ahead

one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday.



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Church Work Day

On March 24, 2018, there will be a work day here at the church. Bushes and shrubs need to be trimmed and new mulch put out. Anyone who can come is welcome to bring their yard tools and come help to make the grounds of the church beautiful as we move into Easter and the spring season. The more who come to help, the more that can be accomplished. Will you be part of helping to keep the church grounds beautiful?



CHURCH
WORKDAY

KEEP SAVING
POPTOPS FOR THE
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



A Huge THANK YOU to all those who helped with our dinner on Friday night! There are way too many to name here, but we had people donate money, cook desserts, cook and serve the meal, set up and clean up, bid on our auctions, and last but certainly not least, buy tickets! We raised just over \$1500 towards our goal of \$4000 by the time we leave for Fuge in June. Thank you all for your support!

Spring Retreat is almost here! We are returning to Garden City Chapel on Friday, March 16th – 18th. Payment of \$50 is due THIS WEDNESDAY! Hope you can join us for a weekend of worship, fellowship and Bible study!

-David

Brothers United for Christ Project

The Brothers Untied for Christ, a group of men from Calvary Baptist and First Baptist, are working together on the Tanyard Branch Revitalization Project. We want to work together to clean-up and revitalize the creek that flows between Calvary Baptist and First Baptist. The first clean-up day for this project is Saturday, March 17, 2018. We will meet at Calvary Baptist at 8:00 AM and begin to clean debris and trash out of the creek. All are welcome to come and be part of this project.

The Children's Easter Party for children and their families will be at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 25th at the home of Douglas & Jill Josey. Their address is: 1045 Great Falls Hwy.

Children's EASTER Party



We'll have hot dogs followed by an egg hunt. Please call the church office to sign up by Wednesday, March 21st.

WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTHDAY BASH WHICH WILL BE ON APRIL 27TH. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME OF FELLOWSHIP FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

FROM
THE
PASTOR

The last weekend in February Kathy and I had the opportunity to go to a conference for pastors and wives at Hilton Head Island. Thank you for making this trip possible. We had a wonderful time and had the chance to get some much needed rest. While we were there we began to think about how different Hilton Head Island must have been 50 or 60 years ago. I looked up a little information and found out that in 1950 there were only about 300 people living on the Island and that was the year that electricity came to the island. It was in 1953 that a state run car ferry began operation. A bridge was built to the island in 1956. In 1956 48,000 cars used the bridge. In those days there was little commercialization and the first golf course had not been built. The population of Hilton Head is now over 37,000 and over 2.5 million visitors come to Hilton Head. It has gone from a sleepy little island, mostly forgotten after the Civil War, to a very popular tourist destination. I find it fascinating to think of the change.

While we were at Hilton Head, the weather was absolutely wonderful. It was perfect for taking a walk on the beach – which we had the chance to do a couple of times. I am always amazed at the vastness of the ocean. As far as a person can see there is this tremendous body of water. Along with the vastness of the ocean there is the consistency of the waves – one follows another and another and another.

As I think about the vastness of the ocean and the consistency of the waves, I am reminded that the God who created the ocean and the waves, is even greater and more consistent than the ocean and the waves. Our lives, just like life on Hilton Head Island, undergo great change as time moves forward. In the midst of that change, God is there to help us no matter what comes. In the midst of the change that happens in life, God's consistent presence and abundant love give us the strength to move forward. He is a strong tower, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. As we journey through life, let us always put our faith and hope in the God who loves us and walks with us through all the change that is a part of our lives. We serve an awesome God!

Bridal Shower



Churchwide
Bridal Shower
honoring
Adreanne Pemberton
& Drew Walters
Sunday April 15th from
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Social Hall