

**Wednesday, March 1**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
 3:00 pm Children & Youth Pickups  
 3:30 pm Kid's Klub  
 3:40 pm Youth Activities  
 6:00 pm Chili Cookoff  
 6:45 pm Youth Activity  
 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, March 2**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
**Friday, March 3**  
 9:00 am Kindergarten  
**Sunday, March 5**  
 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  
 Deacon Retreat  
 4:00 pm Youth Choir and Activities  
 6:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting  
**Monday, March 6**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
 6:30 pm Building & Grounds Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 7**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
**Wednesday, March 8**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
 2:00-6:30 pm Blood Drive@ YMCA  
 3:00 pm Children & Youth Pickups  
 3:30 pm Kid's Klub  
 3:40 pm Youth Activities  
 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, March 9**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
**Friday, March 10**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
**Sunday, March 12**  
**Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks Forward**  
 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 13**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
**Tuesday, March 14**  
 9-12:00 am Kindergarten  
 5:00 pm Prayer Walk @ CHS

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A new Woman's Bible Study will begin on March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The group will study "Transformed" by Rick Warren. Call Janice Shannon (385-8637) if interested and for more details.

**Upcoming Events**  
 March 16 Agoga Banquet  
 March 17 Youth Hot Dog Sale  
 March 18 Church Work Day  
 March 19 Ordination Service & Reception for Jacob Waldrip  
 March 20-24 FBC Staffs Food Pantry  
 March 26 Bridal Shower for Kirsten Shannon & Andrew Bodnar  
 March 31-Apr 2 Youth Spring Ret.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**  
 January 12 Jim Gough - 385-7475  
 David Waldrep  
 February 19 Grady Guy - 581-4355  
 Jamey Abercrombie - 581-3551

February 28, 2017

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Flora Heinlein  
 Minister of Children & Activities Director

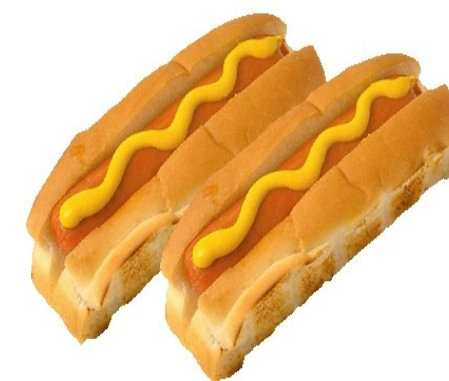
John Neely Gaston  
 Minister of Music

David Edwards  
 Minister of Education & Youth

Missy Hartis  
 Associate  
 Choir Director & Accompanist





**HOT DOG SALE**




**\$6.00**  
**Friday, March 17th**

Each bag includes two hot dogs with chili, slaw, mustard and ketchup on the side. Also included are chips, baked beans, slaw, and dessert. Free delivery for orders of 5 or more in Chester area. Pickup at church also available. All orders must be placed and prepaid by March 10th.

	March 1	Chili Cookoff
	March 8	BBQ Chicken, Potato Casserole, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert

 God knew what He was doing when He created laughter. It has been proven to lower blood pressure and reduce stress hormones, it helps us through good times and bad, and is just a part of the rhythm of life. This month the library will be featuring books that highlight laughter and joy. Check out the following scriptures, then come in the library and check out a happy book: Proverbs 17:22, Genesis 18:12, Genesis 21:6, Ecclesiastes 3:4, and Psalm 16:11.

 We are in need of a sugar shower with all of the upcoming events.

**Spring Work Day**  
On Saturday, March 18 beginning at 8:00 AM there will be a work day here at the church to work on the grounds. Bushes will be trimmed, weeds gotten rid of, and new mulch will be spread. Bring your yard tools and come as we seek to make the church grounds beautiful and inviting. The more who are willing to come and help, the less work it will be on all. Please come out and help on Saturday, March 18.

**Sealed Bids for Oak Desks**  
There are two oak desks in the hall outside of the library. Sealed bids are being accepted for the desks. Please bid on them separately. There is a container on each desk for the bid for that desk. Bids will be accepted through Monday, March 6 at 5:00 PM.


*Bridal Shower*  
Churchwide Wedding Shower honoring  
Kirsten Shannon & Andrew Bodnar  
Sunday, February 26 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Social Hall  
Registered at: Belks, Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond

**Time Change** Remember that Daylight Savings Time returns on March 12, 2017. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11. If you fail to set your clocks up an hour, you will be an hour late on Sunday morning.

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	
<b>February 19</b>	
Worship Service	176
Sunday School Attendance	122
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	6,065.00
G.I.F.T.	310.00
Initial Offering	1.00
Total	6,376.00
<b>Memorials</b>	
Tissie Cassells	Anne Cassells
Dr. Grover Tuggle	Carlisle Roddey
Rev. Joseph Neal	Kevin Crocker
Debra Ann Wilkes	Jane Shepherd
Judy Orr Baldwin	Dr. Glenn Waldrop
Agnes Banks	
<b>Honorariums</b>	
Esther Bigham	
<b>February 26</b>	
Worship Service	187
Sunday School Attendance	124
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	6,541.00
G.I.F.T.	707.00
Initial Offering	20.00
Annie Armstrong	4.00
Total	7,272.00
<b>Memorials</b>	
Dr. Grover Tuggle	Tissie Cassells


**Ordination Service**  
Jacob Waldrip, having felt called to ministry, desires ordination. The deacons recommended to the church and the church approved in the January Church Conference that the church proceed with the process of ordination for Jacob. An ordination service will be held on Sunday evening, March 19, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Let's support and encourage Jacob as he continues to follow God's calling in his life. Plan to be part of the ordination service on March 19. A reception will follow in the church Social Hall.

**Mission Trip Meeting**  
There will be a Mission Trip Meeting on Sunday evening, March 5 at 6:30 PM. All who are interested in being a part of the Mission Team are urged to attend this meeting. We will continue to discuss possible mission opportunities here in Chester and in other locations. Come and be a part as we seek God's direction for how He wants us to be on mission for Him.

 We had a great night again last night after choir and Bible study. If you want to be a part of this, just contact David. We are looking for families to prepare food and help provide some good clean fun!  
Our Hot Dog Sale is under way. Order forms are being placed in local businesses for our deliveries, and anyone wishing to eat a lunch here at the church still needs to sign up and pay by March 10<sup>th</sup>. You can do so by stopping by the church office or seeing David. If you are willing to help prepare the bags, deliver or make a donation please contact David.  
Spring Retreat dates are March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Garden City Chapel. Payment of \$50 is due by March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will probably be the last time we will have Matthew Waldrip and friends leading us, as he is graduating this spring. Sign up soon, and let's give him a big send-off!  
Have a great week, and don't forget to spend some time with God on your own! David

**Hot Dog Sale**  
On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> our youth ministry will be having a Hot Dog Sale. Each bag will cost \$6.00, and will include two plain hot dogs with chili, mustard, and ketchup on the side, chips, baked beans, slaw, and dessert. All orders must be pre-paid. Pickup at the church will be available, and deliveries for orders of 5 or more to the Chester area are available for no extra charge. Contact David for information on deliveries outside of Chester. We need help taking orders at local businesses, donations of food and money, preparing the bags and deliveries. Individual orders can be placed on Wednesday nights or at the church office. Please help support our students' camps and retreats!

**Relay for Life Sunday Dinner Fundraiser**  
Probably every member of our church family has been touched in some way by cancer, whether it is as a patient, family member, friend, or co-worker. Relay for Life provides the opportunity for us to make a difference in the fight against this disease. **FBC's Relay for Life team is sponsoring a Sunday Dinner Fundraiser on April 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following morning worship. The menu will include pork loin, potato casserole, green beans, and baked apples. Cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Last day to sign up is March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Proceeds will go to the FBC Relay for Life team. Come and support this event as you enjoy fellowship around the table.

 On Friday Kathy and I were headed to Hilton Head. (We had a great time at the Restore Conference and greatly appreciate the opportunity to go for this weekend.) One of my brothers called me and asked what we were doing. When I told him we were on I-77 going toward Columbia, he asked where; he was about a mile ahead of us on the interstate. He was on the way to Charleston. When we got to Columbia, we stopped and did some shopping. He continued toward Charleston. Later on he called me and asked if we had left Columbia yet. We had not, and he told us about a wreck on I-26 a few miles past Orangeburg. The traffic was not too badly backed up yet but it probably soon would be. A tractor trailer had turned over, and the interstate would just about have to be closed to get the truck set up.  
With the traffic information that we had received, we used an app on our tablet and an old fashioned atlas with a map of South Carolina to find an alternate route. Not only did we miss the wreck but we also saw some different scenery. It is often a nice change to get off the interstate and take some of the back roads. There are some pretty places to see when you get off the interstate.

What would have happened had we ignored my brother's warning about the wreck? We would have been stuck in traffic, and we would have missed the scenery of the country roads. If we would have chosen to just drive right into the wreck, we would have experienced some degree of frustration and aggravation.  
How often do we choose to ignore God's warnings? The Bible gives us clear direction about how we are to live our lives. The scriptures give us principles that will help us to miss some of the wrecks in life; how often do we still think we know better, ignore the warnings, and then wonder what happened? How often do we miss some of the best parts of life because we ignore God's warnings and just do things like we want? Let us live our lives open to the Lord and see how He will lead us. We might be surprised at what we see and discover when we follow the Lord and His guidance. Are you seeking to follow the Lord as you make your choices each day?

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday afternoon, March 8 from 2:00 PM until 6:30 PM at the YMCA. The giving of blood is an important way that we can help care for those around us. If you are able, plan to give blood to help others live. If you would like to schedule an appointment or volunteer to help with the blood drive in other ways, call Elouise McCree at 803-519-8464. Plan to give blood in the afternoon and come to Wednesday Night Supper and the Prayer Service in the evening.

