

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE

First, it's an amazingly detailed and well-preserved picture of an ancient culture. The Bible can help us understand who we are based on the descriptions and stories of people who lived two to four millennia ago. It shows the development of Hebrew culture over a long period of time, helping us to understand how cultures rise and fall.

The Bible has also motivated scholars and archaeologists to search diligently for locations and people groups. It has provided a structure to fit seemingly random archaeological finds into a context.

One of the most important things about the Bible is that it tells the story of the Creator and his creation. It shares how humans are capable of great things, but also terrible things. It shows us how much the Creator cares for his wayward creation and what he has done to rescue it.

The Bible shares how Jesus, Israel's long-awaited King, was born humbly, how he loved and served the misfits and outcasts of the world. It tells us how he confronted the powerful and called *all* people to repent—to turn away from sin (our disobedience and our self-reliant attempts to control and manipulate in order to hang on to power).

The Bible tells the story of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and how he came to save mankind from an eternity apart from God. In the Bible, we learn that Jesus promised: all who turn from their evil and selfish ways and agree that he is Lord and Savior will have eternal life.

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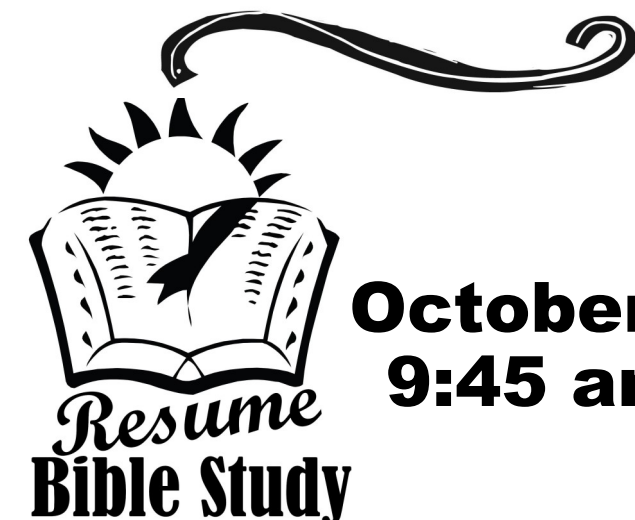
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October 4
9:45 am

Deacon of the Week

September 13	Mike Shaffer
	Jamey Abercrombie
September 20	Adam Shannon
	Phil Hardee
September 27	Doug Shannon
	Phil Hardee



Fans of South Carolina Christian author Lynette Eason will be happy to hear she has a new thriller series, *Danger Never Sleeps*. The first two books, *Collateral Damage* and *Acceptable Risk*, are now available in the church library. If you like action books with a little romance thrown in, you'll enjoy the writing from this N.Y. Times best selling author. The library also has two other series, *Blue Justice* and *Elite Guardians*, from this popular Palmetto author. (You'll probably recognize some SC settings in the stories.)

Tithes & Offerings

	<u>August 30</u>	
Required		8,694.00
Offering Received		12,354.00
Janie Chapman		200.00
Mission Trip		1,000.00
Total		13,554.00
	<u>Memorials</u>	
Becky Tinker		Bob Perris
	<u>Honorariums</u>	
Kathy & Clay Waldrip		Flora Heinlein



Greetings! We had a great time camping at Chester State Park last Friday night! Campfire, hot dogs, s'mores, star-gazing by the lake. If you missed it, hopefully you can make the next one! We are having Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:45 in the youth center. Bring your mask and your Bible. We will end at 7:30 pm. We are also going to have an occasional Sunday afternoon activity. We cannot have Youth Choir right now, but keep checking here and on facebook for announcements about upcoming events. -David



In my office there are pictures of several church buildings. There is a picture of the United Methodist in Adairsville, Georgia. I understand that my grandfather with several greats in front of grandfather helped to build that building. There is a picture of the Martha Brown United Methodist Church where my grandparents and great grandparents on my daddy's side were members for many years. There is a picture of the Indian Fork Baptist Church from the early 1900's and a picture of the present sanctuary of Indian Fork that was taken in the late 1980's. (I was the pastor there from 1986 to 1991). There is a postcard with a picture of the prior sanctuary of Chester First Baptist Church. There is also a picture of the present sanctuary of the church.

FBC staffs the Food Pantry October 5-9 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please call the church office to volunteer and help keep this important service for the community to continue. Thank you

Called Church Conference to Consider an Amendment to the Church Constitution

The Church Constitution calls for the church to have 20 deacons who serve for four years. After a full four year term, a person is not eligible to be elected as an active deacon for two years. Through the years the possibility of making changes to the number and terms of deacons has been discussed. The deacons are proposing to the church that the term of deacon be reduced to 3 years with one year of not being eligible to be elected a deacon and lowering the number of deacons to 15. Following is what the Church Constitution says and what the new wording would be in the Church Constitution.

Currently in the Constitution (Article VI, Section 2, A):

Section 2 DEACONS

A. NUMBER AND TERM: The active Board of Deacons will be composed of twenty ordained deacons. When the resident membership exceeds 1000, two additional deacons will be added to the active Board for each additional one hundred resident members. The deacons will be elected for a term of four years with approximately twenty-five percent (25%) rotating off annually. An active deacon who has served a full, four-year term will be ineligible for re-election for two years.

The amendment would substitute the following for Article VI, Section 2, A.

A. NUMBER AND TERM: The active Board of Deacons will be composed of fifteen ordained deacons. When the resident membership exceeds 500, two additional deacons will be added to the active Board for each additional one hundred resident members. The deacons will be elected for a term of three years with one-third of the deacons rotating off annually. An active deacon who has served a full, three-year term will be ineligible to serve for one year.

If this amendment to the constitution is approved, in the year it is approved, there would be no election of deacons unless there were unexpired terms that needed to be filled. By not holding an election for one year it would reduce the number of deacons to 15.

For an amendment to be made, it must be presented to the deacons for their consideration and recommendation and then the proposed changes have to be presented to the Church at least thirty days prior to the time the vote is taken. Two-thirds of the members present at the called business conference of the church must approve the amendment.

There will be a Called Church Conference at the conclusion of the Worship Service on Sunday, October 18, 2020, for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment to the Church Constitution as outlined above.

GA's and RA's to Begin

While we are not yet able to begin our full slate of Wednesday afternoon activities, GA's and RA's will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:45 PM. The children will meet while the adults are having the Prayer Service and the Youth are having their Bible Study. The children will meet at the office door to go into the building together. The children can then be picked up from the Children's Activity Room at 7:30 PM. The children are asked to wear masks to help keep each other safe.

Promotion

When we begin Sunday School on October 4th, children and youth will go to their new classrooms. Young people who have moved from the sixth grade to the seventh are invited to join the youth in the youth activities and events. Children who have moved from kindergarten to first grade are invited to GA's and RA's and other children's events when they resume. We are praying for the youth and children as they learn more about what it means to follow the Lord and to live for Him.

Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions

Twenty-seven new churches spread across six strategic regions of South Carolina received monthly funding made possible by the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions in 2019. New churches that received monthly funding from the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions reported 199 baptisms in 2019. As we give to the Janie Chapman Offering, we help to start new churches in South Carolina who are reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These pictures represent churches that have long histories. They are churches that have been proclaiming the gospel across generations. As members of the body of Christ we are connected to the people who are and who have been a part of these churches and all churches through the years. We stand on the legacies of the believers who have gone before us, and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's always be thankful for those who have built strong foundations that we stand on as we seek to serve the Lord.

Let's also remember that we are not in this journey alone. We are brother and sisters in Christ in this church family, and we are connected to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in churches all across our community, state, nation, and world. It is good to be a part of the people of God. Let's be faithful to live as God's people as we join with each other in doing God's work in the world.

Sunday School to Resume on October 4, 2020

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, October 4, 2020. Some of the classes will meet in different rooms so that there will be a better opportunity for social distancing. Some classes may not begin yet. It is asked for masks to be worn and for social distancing to be practiced. We want to do all we can to make sure that all are safe as we begin to gather for Sunday School. Following is a list of the classes that will begin on October 4 and the rooms where they will meet.

Nursery	Room 123
Toddler Class	Room 124
3 Year Old Class	Room 125
4 & 5 Year Old Class	Room 126
1 st & 2 nd Grade Class	Room 206
3 rd & 4 th Grade Class	Room 207
5 th & 6 th Grade Class	TBA
7 th - 12 th Grade Class	Youth Center
Bob Smith Class	Social Hall
Agoga Class	Chapel
Searchers Class	Room 111
Adult 2 Class	Choir Room
TEL Class	Children's Activity Room
Bob Shannon Class	Room 213
Young Adult and College	Room 203
Clay's Class	Room 200