



# Charlotte Avenue Family News

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### **Meeting Times:**

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Classes: 7:00 pm

## **Give Thanks to the Lord!**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. Oh let Israel say, ‘His lovingkindness is everlasting.’ Oh let the house of Aaron say, ‘His lovingkindness is everlasting.’ Oh let those who fear the Lord say, ‘His lovingkindness is everlasting.’” ~ Psalm 118:1-4

We are in the holiday season... let's be thankful for all the blessings God has given to us individually, within our families, and as a congregation. This year has been filled with many for the Charlotte Avenue congregation, but we know there is much more work to do in our own lives and in the lives of those in our community. While we enjoy days like Thanksgiving, Christmas and the first day of the New Year, let's remember that as Christians...

Today is important!  
The Hebrew writer says,

“encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” ~ Hebrews 3:13

And Jesus says,

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross DAILY and follow Me.” ~ Luke 9:23

The importance of daily Christian living cannot be over stated. Many, if not all, of the problems facing the Church today would be fixed if we all took on the spirit of Christ more completely and lived more like Him every day.

Give thanks to the Lord today by living like His Son today and every day!

*Andy Brewster*

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thanks for being our guest today! We want a record of your being here. The blue cards in the book racks are for our guests. (Charlotte Avenue members use the white ones.) Pass the cards to the inside aisles and they will be collected during the closing song.

### Prayer List

Jennifer Beasley asks us to pray for her friend, Liz Ingram, who had back surgery last Tuesday. Please pray for her. Doctors are concerned about nerve damage due to a herniated disc.

CC, one of our college students, is asking us for some support as she deals with depression and anxiety. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sue Doran fell and broke her pelvis last Friday. She is in Health South in room 108 and plans to be there for 10 days. Visitors are welcome. Please pray for her recovery and continue to pray Dan's health as well.

Pray for the McGuirt family. Katherine McGuirt, Charles' sister-in-law, passed away at 48 years old recently. Keep Charles' brother, Barron, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Lena Brewster's cousin, Taylor, had scans/tests ran recently on her unborn baby, Landon. These confirmed pulmonary development issues as well as a congenital heart defect. The news was expected, but still difficult. Landon has been given less than a 50% chance of survival. If his lungs don't develop further he will be unable to have necessary surgeries. Please pray specifically for his lungs, but also for Taylor and her husband Zach.

Janette Jones has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. A decision is pending on treatment plan. She is the mother of Vincent Davis and the mother-in-law to Brittany Fields Davis. Let's remember her in prayer.

Continue to remember RC Stegall in prayer as he deals with health issues.

Continue to remember Jennifer and Katy Olsen in prayer.

Remember Natalie Atkinson in prayer as she continues chemo treatments.

Remember Glenda Clack, the daughter of Audrey & Joyce Clack, as she was recently diagnosed with cancer.

### Prayers for Our Members:

RC Stegall; Jennifer and Katy Olsen; Natalie Atkinson; Dan & Sue Doran; Jerry Hager; Les Cole; Katie Fields; Inell Hix; Harold Hurst; Frances Lee; Sally Bertha; Williametta Rostron; Anne Smith; Bill & LaVerne Carroll; Martha Rutledge; James Bertha; Virginia Moss; Alice Boyd and Gretchen Boyd.

### Prayer List for Relatives and Friends:

Glenda Clack; Jerry Harper; Gene Meyer; Ricky Sexton; Sonny Collins; CH Biles, Sallie Bertha

**Shut-ins:** Ruth Hartsell, Lucky Hunter, James Bertha, Alice & Gretchen Boyd, Connie Cagle, Virginia Moss, Martha Rutledge

### 5 Suggestions for a Better Life

1. When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10). If it's a negative word, keep it to yourself.
2. As a man, spoil your spouse, not your children (2 Samuel 12:3, 8; Proverbs 5:18-19; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7).
3. It is not our job to get people to like us. It is our job to like people (John 13:35; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 1:22; 2:17).
4. To help your children turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money on them (Genesis 44:30; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 5:16; 6:4; Colossians 4:5) (H. Jackson Browne).
5. Focus on others, not on self (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:3-5). Someone wrote, "How to Be Miserable." It reads, "Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use 'I' as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Insist on consideration and respect. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others." —*Via Daily Walk*

### Family Report

	Week Before Last	Last Week
Sunday School	109	119
A.M. Worship	145	160
P.M. Worship	115	
Wed. Classes	105	
Correspondence	65	
New Students	13	
Contributions	\$5,882.00	\$7011.42
	\$8085.24	

## Association, But Not Participation

The Bible says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). That is obviously different from "Whoever believes is saved and then should be baptized," as is preached and practiced in most churches today. The Bible also commands, "Be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Many such biblical passages imply that many preachers and other people who consider themselves Christians may actually have never been forgiven.

A good bit of discussion takes place and acrimonious accusations are hurled as many among us have different ideas about how to relate to such preachers and churches. A passage which, in my opinion, is often misunderstood can help us set proper parameters to such associations when correctly understood and applied.

Ephesians 5:11 (KJV) says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." "Fellowship" is "joint participation." "The unfruitful works of darkness" are sins. The passage does not say, "Do not have any association with anyone involved in sin or error." It does say, "Do not participate in sin or in teaching or practicing error." A clearer translation says, "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" (Ephesians 5:11, ESV).

We need to be careful not to approve of or participate in the spread of error. When speaking to a group that, according to their own teaching, were likely sprinkled as infants and not immersed as adults, we should not address them in ways that implies they are brothers and sisters in Christ. If they have not been "baptized into Christ," they have not "put on Christ;" they are not "in Christ" (Gal. 3:27). That does not give us license to be impolite or mean. Some seem to think that, if we do our job, we have to come across as so obnoxious they will for sure never invite us back. That is not true. It is important, however, not to mislead them and, whenever possible, to bring them a little further along from where they are to where they need to be.

Isolation is not the answer. It is very easy for a preacher to work for years with a congregation, visit, teach and preach to them, marry, baptize and bury them, and never even know a non-Christian except those who happen to attend services. We will never convert anyone with whom we have no association. That is why Jesus, to the chagrin of the Pharisees, associated with sinners. Our aim should always be to convert. How quickly we can accomplish that depends on a number of factors, including the degree of trust we have built and where the other person is in his or her understanding, but is always appropriate to work at it, meekly, gently and humbly. It is not helpful to build a fence that neither will cross before work even begins.

*Cecil May, Jr.  
Faulkner University*

## Sermon Topics

A.M. - Loving Money - 2nd Timothy 3:1-5

P.M. - All the Kings Riches and All the Kings

Wisdom... - 1st Kings 11:4, 9-10

## Bible Class Teachers

Our new quarter starts on December 6th. If you are currently teaching and do not plan on or cannot continue to teach during the coming winter quarter please let Christ Hughes know as soon as possible.

## Holiday Meal

Our congregation holiday meal will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after morning service. See the bulletin board to sign up to attend and to bring food.

## ECEC Meeting

There will be a follow-up meeting for all who were involved with ECEC at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Andy Brewster with questions.

## Congratulations

Landon Patrick Karner was born November 19th at 1:48a.m. at 6lbs and 15oz. He was 20 and a quarter inches long. Congratulations to James and Tabitha and big sister Kayla!

## SECH

There will be a meeting after services today for anyone who may be interested in helping purchase hoodies for children at the South East Children's Home. See Emily Walker for more details.

## Mark Your Calendars

We have some exciting events planned in the upcoming year. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend:

- 2018 Kickoff Meal - January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Teaching Rocket Seminar - For all Bible class teachers and anyone interested in becoming a better Bible student - January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Marriage Seminar at Charlotte Avenue - February 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>

## 52 Weeks Bible Reading

Nov 26 – II Chronicles 1 – 10; I Kings 11

Dec 3 – Isaiah 7; Matt 1-2; Luke 1-2

\*These are the passages that will be covered in the Sunday night sermon and/or the Wednesday night class.

**Monthly Financial Support for Missions**

- Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
- Haitian Christian Foundation
- Southeastern Children’s Home
- India Missions, Banner Elk, NC
- Kenya
- Ron Wilson, Sumter, SC
- Carolina Messenger
- Walterboro Church of Christ
- North Carolina School of Biblical Studies
- Clover Church of Christ
- Kenya School of Preaching
- Central Carolina School of Preaching
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 For more information about the work in Kenya, read our blog:  
<http://brothersinkenya.blogspot.com>

**Classrooms**

**Sunday**

Nursery, off foyer up  
 Age 1-2, Rm. 2, main hall down  
 Age 3-4, Rm. 3, main hall down  
 Age 5, Rm. 4, main hall down  
 Grade 1 - 2, Rm. 23, front hall up  
 Grade 3 - 5, Rm. 11, fellowship down  
 Middle/High - Rm. 10, fellowship down  
 Adult - Main Auditorium up  
 Adult 2 - Small Auditorium up  
 Adult 3, Rm 21 – Front Hall up  
 College, Rm 22 – Front Hall up

**Wednesday**

Nursery, off foyer up  
 Age 1-2, Rm. 2, main hall down  
 Age 3-4, Rm. 3, main hall down  
 Age 5, Rm. 4, main hall down  
 Grade 1 - 2, Rm 23 – Front Hall up  
 Grade 3 - 5, Rm 11 – Fellowship, down  
 Middle – High – Rm 21, Front Hall up  
 Adult 1 – Main Auditorium up  
 Adult 2 – Fellowship down  
 College, Rm 21 – Front Hall Up

**FREE Bible Study Course.**

Send your request to:  
 Home Bible School  
 339 Charlotte Ave.  
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**WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING**

**November 26, 2017**

**Singing:** Fred Hager  
**Prayer:** David Pharr  
**Scripture:** Logan Calloway  
**Table:** 1. Steve Cox \*  
 2. Daniel Beasley  
 3. Paul Schultz \*\*  
 4. David Thompson\*\*\*  
 5. David Burkholder  
 6. Travis Rice  
 7. Tyler Walker  
 8. Thomas Callaham

**Welcome:** Andy Brewster  
**Cards:** Mason Hefley  
 Avery Martin  
 Will Tomlin  
**Announce:** Danny Timmons  
**Nursery:** Amanda McHaney  
**Shut-Ins Communion:** David & Debra Thompson

**SUNDAY EVENING**

**Singing:** David Thompson  
**Prayer:** Paul Edinger  
**Scripture:** Brandon Tomlin  
**Table:** 1. Thomas Callaham  
 2. Daniel Beasley  
**Cards:** Parker Friddle  
 Briggs Friddle  
**Announce:** Danny Timmons  
**Nursery:** Joyce McGuirt

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**November 29, 2017**

**Singing:** Fred Hager  
**Prayer:** Sam Fitzgerald

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**BULLETIN BOARD**

**Today:**

- SECH Meeting after a.m. service.
- Bible Bowl Practice, 4:30 pm.
- Children’s Drill, 6:00 pm.

**This Week:**

- **November 27** – MnM, 6:30 pm.
- **November 27** – Monday Night Ladies Bible Class, 7pm.
- **November 28** – Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am.
- **November 28** – English Class, 7 pm.

**Coming Weeks:**

- **December 3** – ECEC meeting, 5:00 pm.
- **December 17** – Congregation Holiday Meal.
- **Jan 13** – Kick-Off Meal
- **Jan 14** – Teaching Rocket Seminar.
- **Feb 9 - 11** – Marriage Seminar.
- **March 10** – Men’s Day
- **March 11-14** – CA Gospel Meeting.
- **March 24** – Myrtle Beach C/C Ladies Day.
- **April 14** – Seneca C/C Ladies Day.
- **April 28** – CA Ladies Day

**Questions about Benevolence, Youth Activities, Senior Activities, Special Events, Building Use, etc. please contact:**  
**Church office - 327-7853 or Preacher – 864-569-9171**