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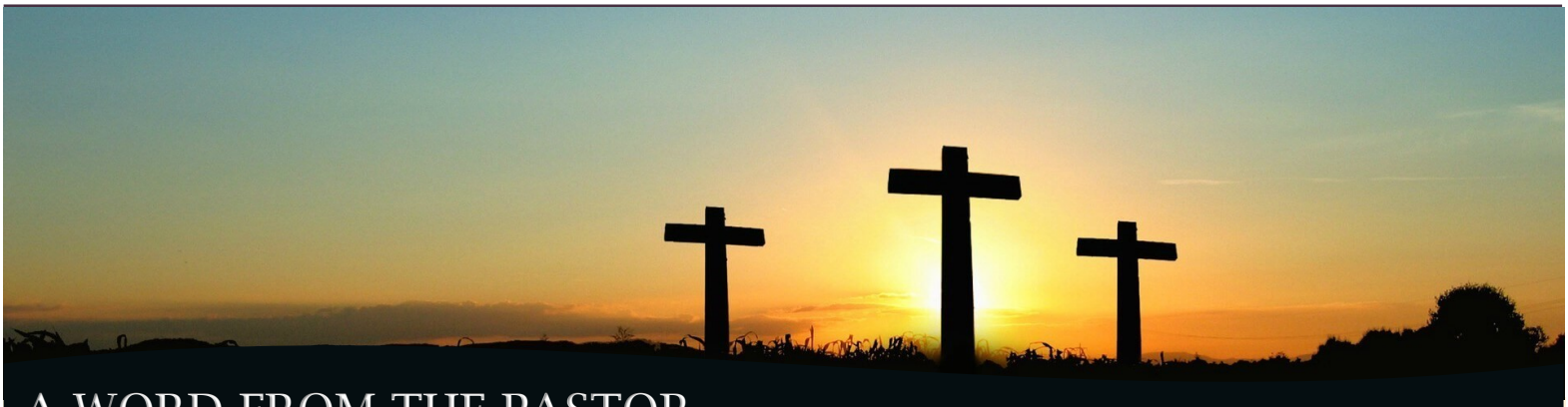


A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

LIGHTNING BUGS CAN'T BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain —Philippians 1:21

We rejoice with Paul in the hope of gain in death, but we had rather Christ stay out of our lives.

We can't say with Paul,

"For to me to live is Christ," because our lives aren't like his.

Paul literally and voluntarily put his tentmaking into bankruptcy for the work's sake. We tithe.

Paul refused to allow blindness plus malaria to hinder his service to Christ. Twice a year, we attend services in the church.

Paul spent hour upon weary hour searching out the wonders of his relationship with God. We read our Sunday School quarterlies.

Paul walked all over Asia to spread the Gospel. We hire missionaries on four levels—local, state, interstate, and foreign.

Paul was stoned and left for dead at the city garbage dump because he preached Christ. We read our daily Bible readings and say thanks before meals.

Paul willingly submitted to death. We go to church.

Compared to Paul, the mighty bolt of lightning, we are mere lightning bugs. We amount to so little because a truthful analysis of our lives reads, "For to me to live is me with Christ." In other words, "I will take time out from my routine to do religious things, and I will always maintain a good character. I will live my own life but in a Christian manner." However, Paul did not just bring Christ into his life. He put his life into Christ. He did more than live Christlike. He lived Christ. At the same time we embrace Jesus, the Truth, we avoid Jesus, the Life.

A TITHER SPEAKS

Yes, I tithe: And what difference it has made in my enjoyment of my religious life and my church. I don't have a guilty feeling when the offering plate is passed or when I turn in my envelope into the Sunday School with my offering. I have a satisfaction and a peace in the knowledge that I am doing my part.

I don't feel resentment toward my pastor when he preaches faithfully the Bible doctrine of the tithe. I really knew he was not "preaching for money" but for me, because giving is a spiritual experience, but I didn't love to hear him preach on stewardship as I do now.

I don't feel like it is THEIR church, but our church. I am putting my tithe in my church. I am putting part of my life, spent in earning that money, into my own church. My heart is where my treasure is, so I find my heart in my church as never before.

Now I know I believe the Bible from cover to cover, and I am done explaining away its obvious commandments.

- Dr. Charles E. Brown

Education Ministries

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt at our church on Sunday, April 7, at 3:00 pm. We will have face painting, inflatables, carnival games, crafts, and refreshments. Come and meet the Easter Bunny. Admission and activities are free.

All men are invited to the Men's Lunch on Wednesday, April 10, at 11:30 am. Our guest speaker is Derius Harris, and he will talk about the ministry of Team Focus. The goal of Team Focus is to provide young men that do not have a father figure in their life with leadership skills, guidance, and Godly values. Please invite a guest to attend with you.

Each of us has a fantastic opportunity to invite people to our Easter services. Please use your invite cards to invite friends, relatives, work and school associates, and neighbors to attend our Easter services.

Our church will host the Group Athens VBS FunShop on Saturday, April 27, at 8:30 am. in the gym. If you will be serving in VBS, then please make plans to be present for the VBS FunShop.

- Brooks Alexander

Child Development Center

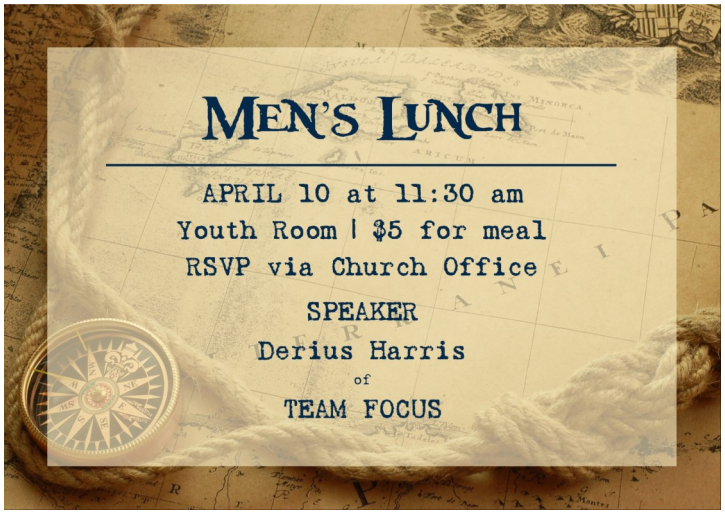
March was such a great month that we hate to see it go, but we are equally looking forward to all the wonderful things God has in store for us during April. Last month, there were so many precious moments of the children praying, praising, and reading their Bibles that we could not contain our pride. Thank God for so many blessings. The boys and girls also had fun with Dr. Seuss day eating their green eggs and ham. Their faces were adorable.

Our 2019-2020 CDC registration has kicked off strong, and we are excited to see what God plans for us next year. Summer Camp registration will open on April 1, and no we are not pulling an April fool's joke on you, for children that have completed K4-5th grade. The summer 2019 calendar is almost complete, and we are expecting this to be the best year yet. The theme this year is "God Created" based on Genesis 1:31, "God saw all that he had made and it was very good!" Please commit to pray for this year's summer camp and thank you for continuing to pray for all the new families that will cross our path over the next few months. Pray that God will open our eyes to the many ways we can minister to and bless these precious families.

- In Christ, Deborah Eddie

CHURCH FINANCE

02/24/19	$ 11,209.88
03/03/19	$ 11,632.03
03/10/19	$ 13,419.36
03/17/19	$ 10,058.59
03/24/19	$ 11,061.82
YTD Budget Requirement:	$ 540,829.20
YTD Budget Receipts:	$ 493,595.00
Income vs Expenses	$ 5,660.12



SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Dan Watson & family in the loss of his father, Mr. Ray Watson.
Mr. Larry Pritchard & family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Sandra Barnett.
Mrs. Lisa Luther & family in the loss of her uncle, Retired Maj. Halston Kirk.

THANK YOU:

Larry and I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards, and calls over the months that his sister, Sandy Barnett, was ill, and also since she passed away. We know she is with the Lord now. We love you all!

—Gwen Pritchard

Dear Government Street Baptist Church Family,.
We appreciate you generosity to us. You have greatly blessed us. We want you to know how thankful we are towards you. With love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

—Lisa & Robert Luther

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

By Letter:	By Statement:
Dr. Herbert Collier	Mr. Ronnie Bouler
Mrs. Barbara Collier	Mrs. Diane Vickery

PRAYER THAT GETS THINGS DONE

By George Reddin

Some folks pray long, but live loose. Others live carefully, but pray carelessly. Each group presents one vital element of prayer, but in each case, the vital element is coupled with a characteristic that makes prayer ineffective. But when both vital elements meet in one man, the result is prayer that gets things done.

James 5:16 sets forth these two essential ingredients of prayer: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The prayer must meet Bible requirements. It must be effectual (having influence and power), and it must be fervent (glowing warm with intensity, sincerity, earnestness). Thus, prayer that gets things done must be more than a habitual enunciation of favorite phrases. It must make connection with Him who has the influence and power to cause some effects.

God not only listens to the prayer, but He also examines the pray-er, the one who prays. The prayer that changes things must come from a man who has been changed in regeneration. Such a change will cause one to conduct himself in a righteous manner—that is, doing right, because of having been made right. It is the prayer of a *righteous* man that is effective; or to put it another way, it is the prayer of a changed man that changes things.

When the prayer is right and the pray-er is righteous, what is the result? That prayer "availeth much." It gets things done!

VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday Outreach by Deacons:

4/07	Gavin Butler & Matt Graham
4/14	Steve Vickery & Josh Dickson
4/21	Tallie Wilson & Chad Milam
4/28	Sonny Willisson & Cliff Baugus

Church Officers:

4/07	James Little & Buddy Nabors
4/14	Dan Watson & Ralph Shine
4/21	Brandon Oliver & Steve Vickery
4/28	Brian Barnett & Randy Davis

Nursery Volunteers:

4/07	Jean Lawrence—Nursery
	Lori Beth Graham—Pre-K
4/14	Renata Jones—Nursery
	Mackenzie Danzey—Pre-K
4/21	Ginger Danzey—Nursery
	Caitlyn Smith—Pre-K
4/28	Cam Johnson—Nursery
	Alex & Aden Miller—Pre-K

April Events

1 CDC Summer Camp Registration
9:30 am Waterfront Mission

2 6:00 pm Adult Basketball Games-Gym

3 Youth Coupon Book Fundraiser begins

7 3:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

8 GSCS Literacy Week (4/8-4/12)
9:30 am Waterfront Mission

7 GSCS K-5 Graduation Pictures
9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study / Lunch
6:00 pm Adult Basketball Games-Gym

10 11:30 am Men's Lunch

11 GSCS Autism Awareness
9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.

12 GSCS K-4/K-5 Literacy Parade
NHS Special Olympics

14 Palm Sunday
4:00 pm Grace Circle Meeting-Hosp. Rm
5: 00 pm Evening Service

15 GSCS Spring Break (4/15-4/19)
9:30 am Waterfront Mission
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

16 6:00 pm Adult Basketball Games-Gym

19 Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
CDC Easter Parties

21 Easter Sunday
6:30 am Sunrise Service– Battleship Memorial Park
No Evening Service

22 9:30 am Waterfront Mission
5:30 pm School Committee Meeting.
6:00 CDC Staff Meeting

23 9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study / Lunch
6:00 pm Adult Basketball Games-Gym

24 K-4 / K-5 Donuts w/ Dad's Day– Children's Rm.
6:00 pm Church Conference

27 8:30 am Athens VBS FunShop-Gym

28 5:00 pm Evening Service

29 9:30 am Waterfront Mission

30 6:00 pm Adult Basketball Games-Gym

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday
9:00 AM - Bible Study
10:15 AM - Morning Worship

Monday
4:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study- Bel Air Apts
5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study- Hosp. Rm.

Tuesday
5:30 PM - GROW Outreach

Wednesday
4:45 PM - Fellowship Supper
5:45 PM - KidZ Open Gym
6:00 PM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Fastlane (PreK)
6:00 PM - Overpass (1st-5th)
6:00 PM - Generate Student Min. (6th-12th)
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday—Sunday
Closed