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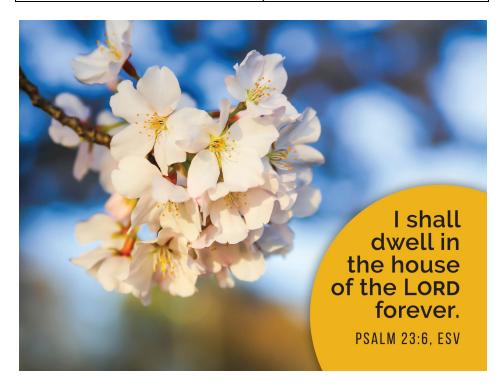
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SPRING BLOSSOMS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

| Sunday, 3/26 | |
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| Sunday School | 10:00am |
| Morning Worship | 11:00am |
| Praise Band Practice | 4:30pm |
| Discipleship Training | 5:00pm |
| Youth & Children's Activities | 5:30pm |
| Evening Worship | 6:00pm |
| Snack Supper | 6:45pm |
| Monday, 3/27 | |
| Young at Heart | 6:00pm |
| Ensemble Practice | 6:00pm |
| Handbell Practice | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday, 3/29 | |
| Prayer & Bible Study | 6:30pm |
| Youth & Children's Bible Study | 6:30pm |
| Adult Choir Practice | 7:30pm |
| Thursday, 3/30 | |
| Men's Ministry | 7:00pm |

SERVANTS March 26, 2017

NURSERY AM

Nettie Sibley

USHERS

Butch Sauls, Larry Manuel, Kent Seley, Leroy Googe

GREETERS

Keitha Walls & Marsha Wiley

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Gina Oswald

MARCH TELLERS

Joey Oswald Butch Sauls

SNACK SUPPER

Jodi Lawton & Elizabeth Young

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Allendale Co. Hosp.: Billy Main, Jeanette Ferguson

Oak Brook Health & Rehab: 920 Travelers Blvd., Summerville 29485 - Dot Whitson (Rm. 115A)

<u>Augusta:</u> Charles Dunbar, IV, Howard Simmons (ICU)

Augusta: Hazel Mathis (Heart Cath March 30)

At Home: Eugene Smith

JEH Nursing Home: Jacqueline Kearse, Delores Brunson, Jean Ferguson, Hazel Mathis, Celia Jones, Betty Sanders, Mary Reid

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn

St Matthews Convalescence Center: Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

Emerald Gardens Assisted Living: 201 Overland Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646 (Rm. 315)

Ann Tyler

At Home: Shelli Beach, Katie Champagne, Joe & Louise Cook, Sara Cook, Makayla Donahue, Clyde Furman, Sara Gallagher, Steve Gliniewicz (Home Tues.), Helen Johnson, Donnie Jones, Horace Kearse, Mary Ida McClary, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone (Fairfax), L.R. Thomas, David Wiley, Mary Williams, Myrna Wilson

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Friends & Family: Don Altman, Sr., Raymond Bennett, Thomas Benton, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Jimmy Burbage, David Cook, Jr., Rev. Gene Carroll, Sally Chassereau (Libby's sister), Charles Cribb, Jeff Dole, Linda Dyches (Cecelia's sister-in law), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Todd Grubbs, Dot Harvey, David Horn, Ron Huber, Lucille Hutchinson, Betty Hutto, Jamie Jones, Terry Jones, Richard Koenig, William Harold Kerr, Ann Keys, Marie Lee, David Lightsey, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Annelle McCaskey, Lexie Monroe, Resa Monts, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter, Jr., Shirley & Penny Robinson, Cliff Rogers, James Rowell, Megan Sharpe, Elizabeth Smith, Rachel Stanford, Mary Ann Stanley (Sadie's Sister), Nellie Sullivan, Patti Sullivan, Dottie Walker, Rachel Wiggins, W. K. & Elese Windham, Blanche Winstead, Dennis Wright

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY: Chaplain Brian Bailey, John Mark Cook, Captain Lindi Kirkland, US Air Force

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

SERMON TOPIC & SCRIPTURE:

Matthew11:1-10 "Someone Else?"

Discipleship

As we approach Easter, I will write about four key texts on the gospel. They are known as the "Roman Road" because each comes from the book of Romans. The first is Romans 3:23; "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

What does it mean to fall short of the glory of God? In the Bible, glory often refers to the brilliance of God. It can refer to his physical appearance or to his great power and holiness. However, glory can also mean "approval." Consider John 12:43, "For they loved the glory of man more than the glory of God." In this context, glory means the same thing as praise or approval. The text is saying that people care more about what other people think of them than they care about what God thinks of them. "Approval" is also the meaning of the word glory in Romans 3:23. Paul writes that everyone fails to live up to the standards God has set in order to qualify for his approval.

This is bad news. God is our creator and the one who rules over heaven and earth. There is nothing we should want more than his approval, and our own actions mean we have failed to get it. However, bad news is not entirely bad. You must have bad news in order to have good news. The gospel is good news because it provides a solution to a great problem, the problem of failing to obtain God's standards. The commandments play an important role in the Bible. They help us understand what God requires to get his approval. The more we study and understand his commands, the more we realize how far short we are of following them. It exposes how great our problem is, and prepares us to embrace good news with Joy. Next week we will shift our focus to the good news of what God has done to solve this problem.

Men's Ministry Meeting Thursday, March 23 at 7:00pm in annex.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSOVER SERVICE

On Friday, April 14th, Messianic Jew Peter Shirokov of Chosen People Ministries will be with us to give a powerful presentation, "Messiah in the Passover," This is a visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. We encourage you to plan to attend and invite others to come also. The presentation begins at 6:30pm and we will have dinner in the annex afterwards.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The youth will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Please bring the item requested for each month and put in the box in the church office. For March we are asking for a toothbrush with holder.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

By Baptism: Savannah Sauls

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS: A special offering was made to purchase copies of Pilgrim's Progress. Please let Pastor David know if you would like a free copy.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

The Associational WMU Spring Meeting will be April 10 at Bethel Baptist Church.

MEN'S PRAYER RETREAT

The Men's Prayer Retreat will be at Camp Jackson on April 21-22.

HOME MISSION GOAL: \$3000.00 RECEIVED TO DATE: \$605.00 NEEDED: \$2395.00

PART-TIME SECRETARY NEEDED

The church needs a part time secretary on Thursday and Friday. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Publisher and Power-Point. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Pastor David or the church office.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Allendale County Schools has special funds for helping new teachers pay for rent of a home. If you know of a house for rent please call Pastor David.

VISITATION TEAMS

Visitation Team 1, Butch & Carolyn Sauls, Grace Sharpe, Lib Loadholt & Sadie Kinard will visit the week of March 26.

PIANO AND GUITAR LESSONS

If anyone is interested in Guitar or Piano lessons please get in touch with Sandra Daubard.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SEA-FARER'S MINISTRY, CHRISTOPHER DALE, MISSIONARY

I would like to thank you for your part in ministering to the seafarers coming through the Port of Charleston. This has been an unbelievable outstanding year for the total number of caps received and given away as we have just finished giving away the last of 11, 069 caps.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 2/19/2017

| SS Enrollment/Attendance | 118/86 |
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| SS Visitors/New Members | |
| Morning Worship | |
| Home Missions | |
| Building Fund | \$60.00 |
| Community Missions | \$2.00 |
| Budget Offering | \$2464.00 |
| Budget Needs (weekly) | \$3798.00 |

GOD IS AND ALL IS WELL!