



# The Informer

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Music Director: Sandra Daubard

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, 8/20</b>	
Sunday School .....	10:00am
Morning Worship - .....	11:00am
Praise Band Practice .....	5:00pm
Discipleship Training .....	5:00pm
Evening Worship .....	6:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 8/22</b>	
Ensemble Practice .....	6:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 8/23</b>	
Children's Choir .....	6:30pm
Prayer/Bible Study .....	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice .....	7:30pm
<b>Thursday, 8/24</b>	
Men's Ministry.....	7:00pm

### **SERVANTS August 20, 2017**

#### NURSERY AM

Romonda Williams

#### USHERS

Brumitte Sanders, Stan Sibley,  
Nix Loadholt, Jacob Oswald

#### GREETERS

Jan & Glory Thomas

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Shelby Branch

#### August 20 & 27 TELLERS

Addison Williams & Charles Rowell



**HOME MISSION GOAL: \$3000.00**  
**RECEIVED TO DATE: \$1953.00**  
**NEEDED: \$1047.00**

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Savannah:** David Cook

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

**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:** Willis Bowers, Katie Champagne, Charles Coker, Joe & Louise Cook, Sara Cook, Tyler Donahue, Clyde Furman, Sara Gallagher, Steve Gliniewicz, Wallace Graham, Donnie Jones, Horace Kearse, Kathi Loadholt, Peggy Loadholt, Billy Main, Mott McElveen, Susan Royster, Patti Sullivan, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, L.R. Thomas, Mary Williams, Myrna Wilson

**Friends & Family:** Ginger Altman, Raymond Bennett, Thomas Benton, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Jimmy Burbage, Rev. Gene Carroll, Holly Coker, David Cook, Jr., Hank & Claire Coath, Sally Chassereau (Libby's sister), Holly Coker, Charles Cribb, Jeff Dole, Linda Dyches (Cecelia's sister-in law), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Leslie Flenikan, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Todd Grubbs, Dot Harvey, David Horn, Ron Huber, Betty Hutto, Jamie Jones, Terry Jones, Jimmy Kinard, Richard Koenig, Ann Keys, Marie Lee, David Lightsey, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Annelle McCaskey, Lexie Monroe, Resa Monts, Ross McMillan, Betty Overstreet, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter, Jr., Shirley & Penny Robinson, Cliff Rogers, Helen Ruble, Megan Sharpe, Howard Simmons, Elizabeth Smith, Eugene Smith, Mark Smith, Sharon Snider, Rachel Stanford, Mary Ann Stanley (Sadie's Sister), Nellie Sullivan, Patti Sullivan, Rev. Steve Vassar, Rachel Wiggins, W. K. & Elsie Windham, Blanche Winstead, Dennis Wright, Emily Wright (Dot Googe's sister), Jule Young

**OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:** John Mark Cook, Major Lindi Kirkland, US Air Force

## **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

## **Sermon Topic and Scripture**

“Something Greater”

Matthew 12:38-50

## **Discipleship**

Proposed Changes to the Constitution & By-Laws:

The Constitution and By-Laws committee has recommended some changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. These changes were approved by the deacons and presented to the church at the business conference on August 13. The church will vote on approval at the next business conference on September 10. The proposed changes focus on simplifying our committee and organizational structure.

Everything we do should be guided by the Bible. Considering changes to our Constitution and By-Laws should begin by considering the biblical basis for having one in the first place. While the Bible says nothing specific about how it should be organized, there is general support for having one. First, it is a requirement of the state for every organization. Therefore, one reason we should have them is to submit to governing authorities (Romans 13:1). In addition, the New Testament instructs churches to do everything “in a fitting and orderly way” (1Corinthians 14:40). The Constitution and By-Laws helps us achieve the instruction of this verse by putting into writing what the different roles are for leaders and what process is for making decisions.

However, these rules are not meant to be set in stone. It is simply a document meant to help our church be efficient in making decisions and managing our resources in a way that honors God. Multiple discussions among leaders in the last few years have brought attention to frustration with maintaining everything that the Constitution & By-Laws calls on the church to do. Rather than working harder at maintaining the By-Laws, it is my opinion that it would be better to simplify and rework them in a way that better serves us. The deacons and Constitution and By-Laws worked hard to make changes that streamline some of the organizational structure and decision making process. For instance, the Personnel Committee and the Stewardship Committee would be combined into a single committee. I encourage you to look at the proposed changes and

ask any questions that you have ahead of next month's Meeting.

## **MINISTRY FAIR**

If you were not able to come to the Ministry Fair and sign up for your ministries you can come by or call the church office and we will sign you up.

## **SNACK SUPPER**

It's not too late to sign up for Snack Supper. We still have lots of dates open. Please call Jodi at 584-3252 or 541-1541 if you would like to sign up.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The Property Committee will meet on Thursday, Augusta 17 at 7:00pm.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

The Men's Ministry will meet on Thursday, August 24 at 7:00pm in the annex.

## **HELP NEEDED**

We need help buying food and fixing boxes for the Benevolence Ministry. If you would be willing to help please call the church office.

## **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 August we are asking for a small toy (suggestions: jump rope, marbles, harmonica, small cars or trucks. No stuffed animals, please).

## **VISITATION TEAMS**

Visitation Team 4, Nix & Peggy Loadholt & Marsha Ann Wiley will visit the week of August 27.

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CHANGES**

We will have a time for questions and answers about the proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws during the Sunday evening service on August 20. You can pick up a copy of the proposed changes in the church office or in the church foyer. The church will vote on the changes at the next regular business conference on Sunday Evening, September 10.

## **NURSING HOME/SHUT-IN MINISTRY**

The Shut-In Ministry will visit the Shut-Ins on Monday, September 18 at 1:00pm and serve cheese and crackers and white grape juice. The Nursing Home Ministry will visit the Nursing Home at 2:30pm and serve Cheese & crackers and white grape juice. Elbert Windham & Marsha Ann Wiley will visit Brianna's Day Care at 3:00pm and serve cheese & crackers and white grape juice.

## **PICTURE DIRECTORY**

The church is considering creating a new picture directory. This will give each family/person an opportunity to purchase pictures. There is no cost to the church for the pictures. However, we need to know how many people would like to participate so that we will know if we can have a complete directory. Please let us know if you would like the church to pursue this.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

We have a special need for a child for help with shoes and clothing. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to help.

## **OUR RECORD SPEAKS 8/13/2017**

SS Enrollment/Attendance.....	126/65
SS Visitors/New Members.....	6/2
Morning Worship.....	80
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
Sale of Robbie Sanders House.....	\$20,000.00
Budget Offering.....	\$3495.00
Budget Needs (weekly).....	\$3798.00