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# THE TIE

FEBRUARY 2022

Love

*"Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
it is not proud."  
1 Corinthians 13:4*

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# FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Dr. David Hull Preaching Furman Ott Lillian Spears	7 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Ashley Jenkins	8 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions Brook England	9 Wednesday Schedule See Below Betty Ann Walsh Rodney Stevenson Ryan Bolding	10 Wednesday Schedule See Below Bob Oliver	11 Sylvia Power	12 Don Burroughs
13 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching 6pm Youth Super Bowl Party Brian Allen	14 Kevin Bragg	15 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions David Burroughs Patricia Greer	16 Wednesday Schedule See Below Macy Greer Blakey Prescott	17 2pm Knitting Group Bob Oliver	18 Byron Brown Ross Jacks Marlene O'wings Anna Ottosen	19
20 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull Preaching Bob Kesler Carolyn Lindley Don Wessel Katherine Braswell	21 7pm Deacon's Meeting Laura Red Debbie Price	22 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions Marion Lynch Jamie Field	23 Wednesday Schedule See Below Debbie Marchman David Munden	24 Kelsey Turner Bailey Rush	25 Rescheduled Youth Winter Retreat February 25-27	26 Nathen Luiz
27 Sunday Schedule See Below Rev. Tommy Cox preaching Rescheduled Winter Retreat February 25-27	28 Bryan Mahon					

## Wednesdays

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00-7pm Youth Study

6pm Adult Bible Study  
6pm Men's Group

5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper  
6-7pm Children's Choir & Missions

6pm Youth Group  
6pm Adult Bible Studies  
7pm Adult Choir

## TRANSITIONS

### David Hull

I remember the night the call came from a Pastor Search Committee. I was talking to a man I did not know who was representing a church and town unknown to me. The call had its awkward moments and times of laughter and learning. It started me on a journey with a congregation that eventually moved from my total ignorance to a point where I felt God was calling me and my family to move to this new church. I never could have predicted this or arranged this new development in my life. It was the providence of God. The man was Paul Culbertson and the town was Laurens, South Carolina.

The Pastor Search Committee of today will be having those kinds of conversations. Someone on the other end of the phone will be surprised into a new experience of calling. As my boyhood pastor, John Claypool, used to say, "We follow a God whose other name is Surprise." Let the journey of discernment begin!

How can you help our Pastor Search Committee in these months that are ahead? You have already helped by participating in the Congregational Conversations that led to the development of the Church Profile. In addition to that, let me suggest three simple words that will assist the Search Committee as they move forward.

Prayer – Back in October I encouraged all of us to pray for each other during this transition season as Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:15-23. This is a good guideline for our praying together, and it is a great path for your praying for the Pastor Search Committee. Pray that the Committee may have the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" as they go about their work.

Patience – The work of Pastor Search Committees takes time. College athletic teams have a way to go out and hire a new coach in a matter of days. It does not work that way in a Baptist church. Time is needed for a pastor and church to discern that God's Will might be bringing them together for the next chapter of ministry. Be patient with the process. Live into that great phrase from the Bible which says, "wait upon the Lord."

Encouragement – The work of a Pastor Search Committee is not easy. How can you offer encouragement to those folks who are committing extra time and energy to this search? There may be days of discouragement and difficult decisions for them in the months ahead. Come alongside Michael Buhrmaster, Bo Carlay, Heather Coggins, David Corley, Jim Cothran, Sonya Croker, Kay Henderson, Craig Little and Meg Turner with an encouraging word, an expression of thanks, or a simple hug – to go along with your prayers and patience.

I am so glad that stranger from another church called me up years ago. I can now say that the call was life-changing and filled my heart with great joy. One day, you will have a pastor who will look back on these months to come, and say the same thing.

## February Preaching Schedule

February 6 Dr. David Hull *Waiting for the Wind*

February 13 Dr. David Hull *Flight Training*

February 20 Dr. David Hull *The Exchanged Life*

February 27 Rev. Tommy Cox

### Sermon Series: *Journey*

The great story of God's work in the Old Testament is a story that is shaped by three important journeys. God calls Abraham to "go to a land that I will show you" and Abraham obeys. Later, God sets the Hebrews free from bondage in Egypt and they set out on a long and difficult exodus journey. Finally, the days of exile in Babylon take the Hebrews from their homes for a season of many years and then God returns them back home after this time of exile. For three weeks, we will look at an episode from each one of these journeys and see what God may be teaching us as we make the journey of faith through this transition season.

## We have recently launched a new Sunday School Class!

This class is multigenerational and is for both singles and couples, focusing on how to live and apply our faith to everyday living. Using scripture as the ultimate guide, the class will employ multiple approaches to studying how to be a follower of Jesus by using books, videos, and sermons, etc. The class will begin by reading the book *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. In a humorous and conversational style, *Unoffendable*, seeks to lift religious burdens from our backs and allow us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of our lives. John Topping will lead this new class in Cooper 303. For more information please contact John at [jtopping@prtcnet.com](mailto:jtopping@prtcnet.com).

## Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies

Current studies will end on February 9. **A new study begins on Wednesday, February 16!** In this 10-week study, we will explore Paul's letter to the church at Colossae. Peace, provision, and forgiveness are basic human needs; yet, who can we truly rely upon to deliver these? In his letter to the Colossians, Paul shows how these can never come to us through political, philosophical, or religious systems. They only come through Jesus Christ, who is the visible image of the invisible God. Tommy Cox will lead this study at 6:00pm in the Craft Room.

## Sunday Night Adult Study

6pm in Bobo Hall

*Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World.*

Led by David Hull, Phillip Dean, David Corley and John Topping.

## Attention Men!

Our Men's Groups meet each week on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am and Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in Classroom A. It is never too late to get involved in one of our Men's Groups! If you would like more information, please contact Tommy Cox in the church office or at [tommy@fbclarens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclarens.org).

### CWAs (Senior Adults)

The leadership of CWAs has decided to suspend our CWA lunch meetings until March in hopes that the latest wave of Covid will have settled down by then. Our plan is to have CWAs on Tuesday, March 22.

### C3 (Care, Compassion and Connection for our homebound members)

Our C3 team is sending cards and making calls to our homebound members until we feel that it is a little safer to visit our elderly members in person. If you're interested in making some contacts with these members to help them feel connected to their church family, please call Adair!



- February 1: Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-23 school year begins!
- February 2: Preschoolers: Bring your Bags of Love to Kids on Missions!
- February 8: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders: Bring your Bags of Love to Kids on Missions!

Join us each Wednesday evening for our children's activities from 6-7pm! We have something for all children ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Although we aren't offering catered meals at this time, feel free to pick up your supper and join us in the Canteen area from 5-6! The gym is open for children to run and play before activities begin!



### Sunday Nights

- 5pm Handbells (HS 2/6 and 2/20, Middle School 2/27)
- 5:30pm - Choir
- 6:15 - Supper and Youth Time - January and February Focus - "How Do We Read the Bible"

### Wednesday Nights

- 6pm - Worship on Wednesday - January/February Series - "Goals"
- We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest — it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 4-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God. Through Nehemiah's story, we'll see that big difficulties can inspire God-sized goals, you are designed for God-sized goals, God gives us strength to pursue God-sized goals, and God-sized goals require God-sized gratitude.

February 13 - Super Bowl Party, 6pm

February 25-27 - Rescheduled Winter Retreat

### MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

Jan 31-Feb 6	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
February 7-13	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
February 14-20	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
February 21-27	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
Feb 28-Mar 6	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

### Financial Record - January 2022

January Needs:	\$109,164.00
January Giving:	\$ 49,962.13
2022 Giving to Date:	\$ 49,962.13
2022 Needs to Date	\$109,164.00

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300 West Main St  
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### RECREATION MINISTRY

Our Recreation Ministry is gearing up for 2022. Be on the lookout for details on Pickleball beginning in February and other Spring events being announces soon!

### Children's Spring Musical

One of my favorite children's musicals is called *Splash Kingdom*. In the musical, the children are taking a trip to a water park called Splash Kingdom which symbolizes the Kingdom of God. Our children are learning that Jesus is the Living Water; they are learning the ABCs of becoming a Christian. Encourage your 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00. The musical will be Sunday, April 24 at 5:00.

### Children's Music and Missions

Our Tuesday afternoon Music and Missions for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders is back in full swing from 3:15-4:45. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn more about being involved in missions as well as the importance of contributing to our worship services through music, handbells and other instruments.

### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



Graycen Coggins  
Daughter of  
Heath and Ashley Coggins