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JULY 2023

*Ice Cream Social*  
*July 16 at 7 PM*



*See details inside!*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Pat Henry Bill Traynham
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Mike Turner Matthew Werts	3 Jamie Gault	 Church Offices Closed Happy Independence Day! Rickie Sherer	5 6pm Men's Boot Camp #3 Kevin Franklin Callie Harlan Margaret Brown Anna Norton	6 8:30am Senior Adults to Titan Peach Farm Alton Davis Tracy Addy Patton Croker	7 David McCall Charlie Downs Courtney West Bob Cathcart	8 Monique Culbertson
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Dianne Patterson	10 Family Tubing Trip 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Cyndi Ashe Holly Welch	11 5:30pm Golf Fellowship Brooke Yarbrough David Martin Ryan Wilson	12 6pm Men's Boot Camp #4 Brantley Wiggins	13 Youth Carowinds Trip 2pm Knitting Group Craig Little Katie Black	14 Stella Jenkins Lilly Grace Gault	15
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7pm Church-wide Ice Cream Social Patsy Craine Laurie West Todd Croker Keri Bolding	17 7pm Deacon's Meeting Tee Langford	18 5:30pm Golf Fellowship Janice Wynn	19 Steve Garrison	20 Sharon Angelakos	21 Susan Burns Brother McDaniel Davis Thompson Haley Reynolds Charles Allen	22 Steve Griffin Chad Sherer
<b>KINDERGARTEN SUMMER CAMP</b>						
<b>YOUTH CENTRIFUGE</b>						
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Connie Hodges Charlene Brooks	24 Gwen Adams	25 5:30pm Golf Fellowship Danny Sherer Miriam Smith Sera Grace Dunaway Joy Kirby Valerie Stevenson	26 6pm Men's Boot Camp #5 Jane Ivey Meghan Corley Matthew Firmin	27 Jim Barton Suzanne Butler James Rawl Blake Culbertson	28 Layton Mahon	29 Wayne Sharpton
Stanley Holman	31 Brian Allen					

## ***Dear Church Family and Friends,***

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)*

Independence Day was always one of my favorite days growing up! Each July 4, my dad would wake up early in the morning to get the fire started on his oil drum grill. He would barbecue multiple slabs of ribs. Sometimes he would add chicken. But we loved the ribs. I do not know how he did it, but he could cook them so tender that the meat would almost fall off the bone.

We always invited family. Each year was different. But my mom's cousin, Jean, and her husband, David, along with their family would come for lunch. Uncle David, as we called him, brought his freezer and made homemade vanilla ice cream. It was so flavorful that we never wanted anything besides vanilla. It was always a good day.

But we gathered to celebrate the birth of our country. It was founded on freedom. The founding fathers of this country believed that all people had the right to forge their own destiny, to be free from tyranny, and to cooperate to form a great nation.

But what is freedom for? Paul speaks of freedom as well. However, he is not concerned with political tyranny. No, Paul is concerned with freedom from the demands of a rigorous law, which, as he argues, does not bring salvation to begin with. As he argues this, though, he provides the purpose of freedom. It is to love – that is, to will the good of others. For Paul, nothing holds us back from creating an environment, a community, and a future filled with goodness.

But we need something in our lives for that to happen. God's Holy Spirit desires to remove anger, selfish desires, and destructive habits. The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, and the like.

This month, I hope that you will join us for two important mini sermon series. The first, *Let Freedom Ring*, addresses how God's Holy Spirit shapes us to enjoy true freedom. The second, *Mental Health Matters*, discusses the importance of talking about mental in the context of church, with the goals of healing and hope.

While I know that we are in and out during the summer, I hope that you will prioritize worship, either in person or online, as we listen for the God's Word in matters of freedom and mental health!

Join us for Sunday School and Worship!

Grace and peace,

Tim

## **Senior Adult News**

### **Thursday, July 6**

Titan Peach Farm in Ridge Spring, SC

Lunch at Hog Heaven in Prosperity

A visit to the Peanut Man in Newberry on our way home! We will leave at 8:30am and will return around 2:00pm. Sign up on the pew pads or by calling the church office. Please sign up by July 1.

### **Thursday, August 10**

Hello Dolly! by The Mill Town Players, Pelzer, SC

Tickets are \$15. We have 26 tickets available; please purchase them soon! Deadline is July 15. We will leave about 5:00 and have supper together somewhere (still working on those details) and then head to Pelzer for the 7:30 show!

### **September 25-27**

Senior Adult Fall Jubilee in Gatlinburg

Gaither Vocal Band, The Hoppers, Sandi Patty, Legacy 5, Dennis Swanberg, comedian, Michael Combs, Dr. Benny Tate, pastor and Chaplain for US Senate. Room rates are: 2-person, \$300; 1 person, \$385. This price includes conference registration, hotel, dinner at Apple Barn, dinner at Old Mill Restaurant, breakfast and travel.

Register by July 15 - \$100 deposit due when registering, balance due August 15

### **Tuesday, December 12**

Senior Adult Christmas Dinner - 6:00pm

LaDonna Gatlin, sister of the Gatlin Brothers, will be our entertainment. Tickets are \$20

Since our first CWA meeting, which is usually held in September, will be while we are in Gatlinburg at the Senior Adult Conference, our first CWA meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in October, on October 24.

## **Attention Men: "Summer Boot Camp"**

Our "Men's Summer Boot Camp" has begun a six-session study called "Tell Someone", which is a video-based study led by Greg Laurie of Harvest Ministries. The purpose of this study is to encourage you in your walk with Christ, challenge you in how you view those who don't know Jesus, inspire you to live out the Great Commission, and equip you to effectively go and tell someone about Jesus.

We will meet at 6pm in the Craftroom on July 5, July 12, and July 26 and August 2. The study is open to all men, regardless of whether you have been involved in one of our men's studies before.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Tommy Cox in the church office or at [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org).

Thank you to all who so graciously prayed, gave of your time, and helped lead our VBS! It was a fantastic week together! Each night, we had 235 people (3 year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, youth, and adults!) participate in all of our activities. Our offering for the week was given to help support the ministries of Straight Street. I am excited to share that we collected \$758.63 to support their efforts! Thank you for your generosity!

What's happening this month for our children? There are opportunities for all ages!

- July 10: Join us for a family tubing trip down the Green River in Saluda, NC! All ages are invited!
- July 13: Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Elizabeth & Andrew on a trip to Carowinds!
- July 16: Join us for an ice-cream social at the church at 7pm! Cool off with a treat from Verdin's and join us for a time of fun & fellowship!
- July 17-21: FBC Kindergarten Summer Camp for kids ages 3 years to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Sign up today!
- August 6: Save the Date! Backpack Sunday, Promotion Sunday, and our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will receive their Bibles during worship!



Fun at Skateaway USA!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outing to Fuddruckers & Frankie's

- July 13: Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Elizabeth & Andrew on a trip to Carowinds!
- July 17-22: Centrifuge Camp (Diverge Student Ministry) at North Greenville University.

### 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:

July 3-9	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
July 10-16	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
July 17-23	Tim Marsh	828-755-1616
July 24-30	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
July 31-Aug 6	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

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June Needs:	\$88,076.92
June Giving:	\$59,369.85
2023 Needs to Date:	\$572,499.98
2023 Giving to Date:	\$486,359.26

### RECREATION MINISTRY

#### Ice Cream Social

*A Time of Fellowship, Music and Sweet Treats*  
 July 16, 7:00 PM at Thomason Shelter

Verdin's will provide their delicious ice cream for us. Cakes, pies, and cobblers will be furnished by our members. To sign up, you can do so online, on the pew pads or by calling the church office.

**FBC Golf Fellowships continue in July!** Our two dates for the month are Tuesdays, July 11 and July 25, at Lakeside CC. We will play a 9-hole, Captain's Choice format with a shotgun start at 5:30pm. The cost per golfer is \$30. You may sign up by contacting the church office, or by emailing Tommy at [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org). Registration deadline is 5:00pm on the day before each round.