

The Link

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**THE GOD
OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC,
AND JACOB**

GENESIS 23 - 35

**8-Week
Sermon
Series**

**Beginning
Sunday, May
30**

**Communion Sunday
and Covered Dish
June 27**



**COVERED
DISH LUNCH**

**SUMMER
MUSIC CAMP**

**July 6th – 9th / 10:00 – Noon
Register Kids Online
rising 1st – rising 6th grade**



**VBS ❖ July 20-23
9:00-11:30 am
Register Kids Online
ages 3 – rising 6th grade**



LUNCH BUNCH



Hi Girls

Just want to tell you how exciting it was to see all the girls at Deck 383. It has been way too long. The sunshine, the waterway and the laughter.....so refreshing. We had some new girls and we thought about our old friends who always entertained us. Miss Elaine Macfarlane and Joyce Eblen whom we will miss. Joyce is probably telling one of her great stories in heaven.

We are going to the Conch Cafe on **June 18 at noon**. Sign-up sheets will be at the front entrance and the back table. Here are a few things you must remember:

- Things have changed at the restaurants
- I must have a very accurate count of people. So please don't sign up unless you know for sure that you can go. If you must cancel please let me know as soon as possible.
- You must be there by noon as they won't seat us until everyone is there.
- You must be signed up by the 13th. I cannot take anyone after that date. There is only seating for 27 this time so sign up soon.

This will be the standard for all luncheons. Looking forward to seeing you all once again. Shirley



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Kaidyn Wakley
- 3 – Bonnie Oldaker
- 4 – Barbara Green
- 7 – George Richardson
- 7 – Juanita Henderson
- 7 – Jack Ramsey
- 8 – Howard Oliver
- 9 – Roy Turner
- 10 – John Henderson
- 11 – Dorothy Collins
- 11 – Barbara Bayer
- 12 – Carolyn Roddey
- 13 – Lee Ware
- 13 – Toby Waddell
- 14 – Terry Lonas
- 16 – Connie Miller
- 17 – Warren Wing
- 18 – Brenda Litaker
- 18 – Ollie Paul
- 18 – Jean Beelendorf
- 21 – Peggy Waddell
- 21 – Cam Crawford
- 23 – David Finn
- 23 – Janice Johnson
- 25 – Heather Crawford
- 27 – Kay Cravens
- 27 – Charlie Lanier
- 27 – Erma Mundy
- 29 – Jerry Stansell
- 30 – Chris McSwain

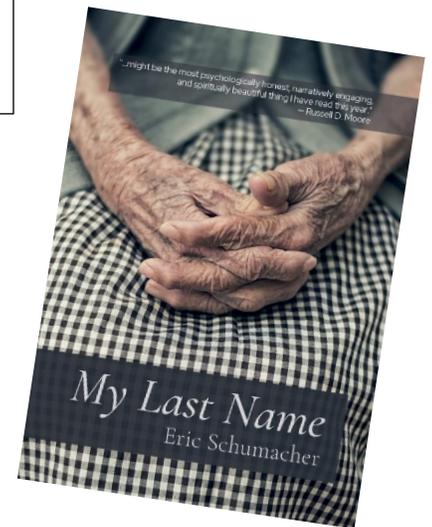
From the Media Messenger...

My Last Name by Eric Schumacher

This brief novel is set in a single day in the life of its narrator, Lottie Barnes, who is ninety-five and lives in a care facility in her hometown in Iowa. Limited by her physical ability, the trapping of old age, and cognitive decline, she struggles to comprehend her present surroundings. We are introduced to Lottie as an old woman who has survived everything and everyone. Her entire life story is told through brief remembrances as she lives her day in an assisted living facility. Lottie's life is vividly depicted. She can recall memories from the past with detailed clarity, but struggles to remember the present.

The characters and the prose are genuine and full of life and joy. Schumacher reminds us that each moment in our life has value, as do the people who enter and exit. This beautiful story is a quick read, but has an emotional punch the reader won't forget. If you have a family member or a friend suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's this book will have an emotional impact on you. Just a warning so you won't be caught off guard. When I finished reading Schumacher's story I sat still for a while. It is a touching story told by a knowledgeable author.

Special thanks to Milton Eblen for donating many of the books from the collection of Joyce Eblen. What a joy to have these included in the Garden City Baptist Church Media collection. Thank you for your special gift. We will cherish them as we remember her.



Old Testament Chronological Study Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Both men and women are welcome. All social distancing rules will be followed and you are encouraged to bring your own snack and drink.

Varina's

The excitement is building! We are in final preparation phase for our Music Camp. We are expanding our registration to include 36 children (rising 1st – rising 6th grade). Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will include devotion/prayer, singing, rhythm instruments, learning to play simple beats on the “drums”, scripture, crafts, games/activities, and of course, snacks/drink. Friday will be Carnival Day with water games, face painting, and other fun activities. We are looking forward to sharing Jesus and music with the children.

Please pray for our Music Camp: for the children to hear and learn about Jesus, for the parents/grandparents who will bring the children, for our volunteers, and for the fun and safety of every child entrusted in our care.

The Chancel Choir and Praise Band rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will sing on Sunday, June 6. Please consider joining us – we would love to have you with us!

“My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.” (Psalm 145:21)

Children/Student Ministry

Often, we do special outings just for the children, or just for the youth, but every few months we like to do a combined outing. It gives the older students a chance to set a good example for the younger children, and it helps each group build relationships with one another.

This month, we went on a combined outing to play mini golf together! We took 16 students and several chaperones to Runaway-Bay for some fun in the sun. The students had a great time fellowshiping together as they played and then enjoyed ice cream after.



PLAYERS COME IN ALL SIZES

Next month, the children look forward to a pool party on June 18th, and the youth have a lock-in coming up this weekend!

Be in prayer for all our students this week, and in the coming weeks as they take end of year tests and finish off the school year strong.

It is an exciting time for our children's and student ministries as we look forward to many wonderful summer activities like VBS, Music Camp, and Youth Camp!

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS VAN 2 ♦ June 7-11

See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton for information



Operation Christmas Child

The Power of a Simple Gift!

It's time to make plans for Operation Christmas Child. By purchasing items early and in bulk we get shoe box items at a very reasonable price. To place the order they do need our help with donations now. \$25 covers the cost of items for a box plus postage. Once ordered it takes a long time for the shipment to arrive so they need to place the order soon. We plan to have a Packing Party later in the year. For questions call Pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056. This doesn't replace the individual boxes we make.

Jason & Laken Cizdziel & Family from PNG

Hi Garden City Baptist Church! Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are thankful for your partnership! After a year of being away, on May 28, we finally fly back into our home in Wabuku! We are ready to get back to our friends and ministry in Wabuku. Pray for us as we do the 5+ hour journey by plane and dugout canoe! And pray as we adjust to life in the jungle as a family of five.

May 22 was Jason & Laken's 11 year wedding anniversary!! From Jason, "No words of wisdom here; we're still learning, loving, struggling, and choosing the other. I'm proud of the life we're making and I am wholly convinced we are better together."

FROM THE APPALACHIAN MISSION FIELDS – Eric and Sissy Rutherford

"HELPING PEOPLE AND SHARING JESUS" We are delighted to see God's activity here more and more as COVID restrictions are eased and things begin returning to normal.

At the coffee shop we are working with Nicholas, a young man who is hoping to run his own grill/restaurant at the local college.



Our future restauranteur Nicholas

He was already a great cook, but while working here at the shop we are doing what we can to prepare him to run his own place. Things like setting up an LLC, maintaining inventory, calculating food cost; and managing operational expenses. There is a well-known Chinese proverb (that is often mistaken for a Bible verse) that reads, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime." Our ministry's founder wisely recognized early on that it is hard to teach a man to fish if there are no ponds. One of our goals to meet the practical needs of those we are ministering to is to help provide them opportunities - ponds if you will - through the Meridzo Center Development Corporation that Sissy and I head up.

Another way we were able to use the shop recently, was by inviting the women from Lydia's House, our local addiction recovery program, to come in after hours for free drinks and some encouragement. We served close to thirty women, who until restrictions began easing up had been basically living in quarantine for months. One of those women who just graduated from the program stopped by the coffee shop with her husband on her way back to her home state of Ohio. We were able to pray with them both for her continued success; for safe travels; and, to thank God for the work He is doing in her life.



Sissy with one the women from Lydia's House

Earlier, a group here on motorcycles was in for breakfast and they let me pray with them before their ride, where I also presented them each with a Christian Motorcyclists Association helmet sticker that reads "I was Blessed in 2021" and a tract with the salvation message on it.

Our ministry's mission statement is short, but sweet: "Help people and share Jesus." We're excited to report that with your love, prayers, and support we're doing both, every chance we get.

In His Love and Service – Eric and Sissy



**Church-wide
Breakfast**
cooked and served by the Deacons
Sunday, June 6



The Harvesters

Friday, 5/28

Gospel Concerts

8:00 pm

at Lakewood Campground

Contact **Pat Hample** (or Church Office)



Down East Boys

Friday, 6/18



T-Shirt Order



Contact the Church Office to place your order. **\$10**



VBS WORKERS DINNER & MEETING July 11 ❖ 5pm

Fellowship Hall

All workers encouraged to attend

We can all help with VBS! There will be a donation board in the side hall of items the workers need.

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Ladies Exercise Class

9am

Fellowship Hall

Website & Streaming

We have a new company so some things have changed. The name has not changed, it is still gardencitybaptistchurch.com. The emails have changed. To reach:

Pastor Charlie – pastorcharlielanier@gmail.com

Jake – pastorjakewhittaker@gmail.com

Varina – vwamusic78@gmail.com

Jo Anne - gcbcsecretary@hotmail.com

**Wednesday Nights
6:00pm**

Bible Study & Prayer
Fellowship Hall

TeamKID
Upstairs & Children's
Wing