

The Link

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Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to all creation



MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH
MARCH 2022

“If my church ceased to exist today, would my community even know it was gone?”

I was recently asked to consider this question. We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. That is our mission. We are to let our light shine by loving God and loving others. We are to let our light shine by taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

During Missions Emphasis Month, our goals are **1)** to highlight some of the missions that we are currently involved with; **2)** encourage church participation in missions; **3)** boost enthusiasm for missions. Consider how you be more involved. **Let's make a difference!**



Missions Fundraiser
March 17th 5:00-8:00pm

106 SayeBrook Parkway
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Tell them you're with Garden City Baptist, and 20% of the meal goes toward our mission projects. Invite everybody!

Soup Lunch Fundraiser
Sunday, March 27

After Church

Plan to stay after the service this Sunday to enjoy a hot bowl of soup and sandwich.





Sunday, March 6

Guest Speaker: Eric Rutherford

Eric and his wife Sissy were members of Garden City Baptist when they accepted the call to serve a mission in Lynch, KY.

Missions Spotlight: Meridzo Ministries, Lynch KY

Sunday, March 13

Guest Music: The Harvesters

Missions Spotlight: Jason and Laken Cizdziel
who serve as missionaries to the Wabaku in
Papua New Guinea



Sunday, March 20

Speaker: Pastor Charlie

Mission Spotlight: New Directions,
South Strand Helping Hand, Mobile Meals

Sunday, March 27

Guest Speaker: Terry Stockman,

Director of Mission WCB Association, NC

Mission Spotlight: Christian Liberty Church (Baltimore),
The Fishers (Japan)





Passover Seder

Wednesday

April 13th

5:00-7:00 pm

Tickets available in Office!

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EASTER REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE
 TO JOIN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER ONLY,
 PLEASE COME **TO** REHEARSAL
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:10.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

*You are invited to
 attend Choir/Band
 Rehearsal on
 Wednesdays
 at 7:10.
 Please call
 843-222-7288
 if you have any
 questions.*

THE HARVESTERS WILL
LEAD WORSHIP SUNDAY,
MARCH 13 AT 11:00.
 PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
 AND FAMILY AS WE WORSHIP
THE LORD!

Woman's Missionary Union
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Thursday, March 10 at noon
 Mission Emphasis Month

Fellowship Hall
 Meat is provide, please bring a side dish
 like green beans or broccoli or dessert.
 All ladies invited!

Guest speaker – Donna Horton
 Went to Africa with Ken & Karen Buckner
 of Come Go With Us Ministries.
**She went for 2 weeks & stayed for 4
 months**

Check out the website at
comegowithusministries.org

Widow's Birthday Luncheon
 to celebrate the birthdays of Pat Hample
 Donna Fronduto & Helen Prevatte

Sunday, March 13
 after worship service
Olive Garden Restaurant
 For information, contact Pat Hample at 843-748-0163

Joy Fellowship
Monday, March 14 ♦ 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall ♦ For those 55+

Bring a covered dish or dessert and \$3 to cover the cost of
 the fried chicken.

Guest Speaker: Jason Walter
Development Director of Neighbor to Neighbor

From the Media Messenger...

Tabitha, Tory, and Sarah Redeemed (3 separate books)

Girls from the Mountain Books by Vikki Kestell

Tabitha is the first in the series of **Girls from the Mountain**

Books, followed by titles, **Tory** and **Sarah Redeemed**. From the author of the groundbreaking series, comes the story of fiery red haired hot tempered Tabitha Hale. Rescued from a life of depravity, abuse and one that would force her into prostitution at a young age, Tabitha gives her heart to God and her life to nursing. Her ability to survive has hardened her heart and created a stubbornness that often stands in her way, threatening to derail her aspirations and goals in life. Can Tabitha pass the trial by fire that is necessary for God to truly use her?

In the second book, **Tory**, Victoria Washington is the sophisticated and elegant owner of a fashion house. She too, was deceived, kidnapped, and beaten into submission. Follow her spiritual journey as she struggles to find peace and know the Lord as her personal Savior.

Sarah Redeemed is the final book in **Girls from the Mountain Books**. It is the story of a girl struggling with hatred and an inability to forgive. She has been offered a generous gift, but accepting it requires forgiveness. God's ability to address Sarah's weaknesses is a testament to His character and capabilities! There are lessons for all of us to learn as we travel this journey with Sarah.



LUNCH BUNCH

Hi from the Lunch Bunch. We had a wonderful outing at the Good Day Cafe. We are trying to support locally owned independent restaurants. They were so appreciative. The food was great. Everyone made a fuss over their meal. It met all of our expectations and then some. We had 20 show upa few new girls and it was so nice to see one of our old members, Carolyn Gates. Congratulations Carolyn! Surprise, Surprise! She is now married.

This month **Friday, March 18th** we will be going to Raves on Business 17 at noon. We will be having a little breakfast for lunch. Hope you will join us.

Love, Shirley

Happy Birthday MARCH

2 – Percy Denton
2 – Donna Broome
3 – Cliff Marcum
4 – Dot Champion
8 – Angela Roddey
8 – Donna Fronduto
10 – Mason Parker
10 – Flo Wilson
12 – Pat Hample
12 – Dawn Weatherwalks
12 – Dick Williams
14 – Phyllis Gore
16 – Norris Short
16 – Jenny Wall Cox
16 – Helen Prevatte
17 – Jake Whittaker
18 – Rodney White
22 – Sheyanne Baker
24 – Katelynn Parker
26 – Mary Lou Kirtland
27 – Evans Price



Garden City Baptist Church is a host church

April 30, 2022 ♦ 8 am – 4 pm

A day packed with encouragement from God's Word with eight speakers, six teaching sessions, worship, and lunch provided.

Cost: \$20

To sign-up, visit our website
www.gardencitybaptistchurch.com
Click on simulcast registration tab.

Men's Breakfast - March 19 ♦ 8 am - Fellowship Hall

All men invited!

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

March 28 – April 1 ♦ Van 1

See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton for more information on volunteering or using the service.

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An update from "The Pond" (Meridzo Center Development Corporation) in Lynch, Kentucky

-Eric & Sissy Rutherford



Seven weeks to the day after losing my dad, my mom went to join him in glory. I had the honor of preaching both of their services, which were both opportunities to share the eternal promises of God with my family, as well as my parents' many friends and neighbors who attended. We lost Sissy's mom last year and one of our coffee shop regulars who had become a dear friend in between. It has been a tough year, but we take solace in knowing that all of them are home now in the presence of the Lord.

We've also been touched by the losses at GCBC since moving here, especially of late. We mourn with you; and send our love and sincere condolences to those who have lost family and friends.

We have spent the last several weeks preparing for another year of ministry here. Our roles have expanded to include more mentoring; something that will also be required of those with whom we serve so we organized and hosted a "weekend" of sorts for our staff members and us to learn more about becoming Biblical, fruit-bearing disciples. It was led by Denley Caughman, who many of you will remember as the Pastor of Garden City Baptist Church for 22 years. He was my first Pastor and he and his wife Ann are still friends and mentors to both me and Sissy.

We have also been working alongside Morgan, the young lady handling the daily operations of the Lamp House Coffee shop, and her husband Luke. They've revamped the coffee shop menu and décor and recently hired their staff, providing three more local jobs, and hosted two soft openings to get their newbies some practice. The shop has been closed since November for renovations and for all of us to get some things in order, so we are excited for the grand re-opening on February 28th.

I've also joined a new, men's Bible Study led by Drew Baldwin (our ministry's CEO and Pastor at Eolia Baptist Church where we have been going). Sissy is taking art classes with Black Mountain Arts, a new branch of the ministry run by another couple offering free music and art classes. In recent years Sissy started making crafts and some popular painted art pieces that she's sold in the coffee shop with proceeds going to the ministry. She's quite talented and the classes are helping her hone her skills.



Earlier this week I met with two deacons at Flat Gap Missionary Baptist Church, a small SBC church in Pound, Va. whose Pastor needs help due to some age-related health issues. I will be doing some pulpit supply for them starting Sunday. Then on March 6th I will be helping YOU kick off Missions Month at GCBC. Sissy and I are excited we were invited to come share a brief update on our ministry and bring the message on that Sunday. We look forward to seeing you all!

- In His Love and Service, Eric and Sissy

GCBC Children and Youth Ministries

We ask that the church be in prayer for all of our upcoming events in the Children's and Youth programming. While summer is still many months away, the planning for our various camps, events, and VBS has already started. Pray that God would guide those leading and volunteering, that He would prepare the hearts of the students who will participate, that many will hear and receive the Gospel, that lives would be transformed, and that everyone will remain safe and healthy while participating.

Thank you for all the ways you as the church support our student programs, through prayer, giving of resources, and volunteering your time!

The youth spent last Sunday doing a deep clean of the youth building. In the coming months, we will continue to organize and do work in the building as we continue to create a space where we can most effectively bring together youth for fellowship, friendship, and deepening of their faith. As the youth program continues to grow, we seek to work alongside what God is doing in the lives of the youth.