

# The Link

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## Feeding the Community



Thanks to all for the collective effort of buying the groceries, cooking the meal, prepping, serving, and cleaning. On Sunday night, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the church fed over one hundred meals to the homeless community at the New Directions shelter in Myrtle Beach. The meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert was delicious! We are scheduled again for Sunday, June 26.

Jesus said in Matthew 25, *"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."*

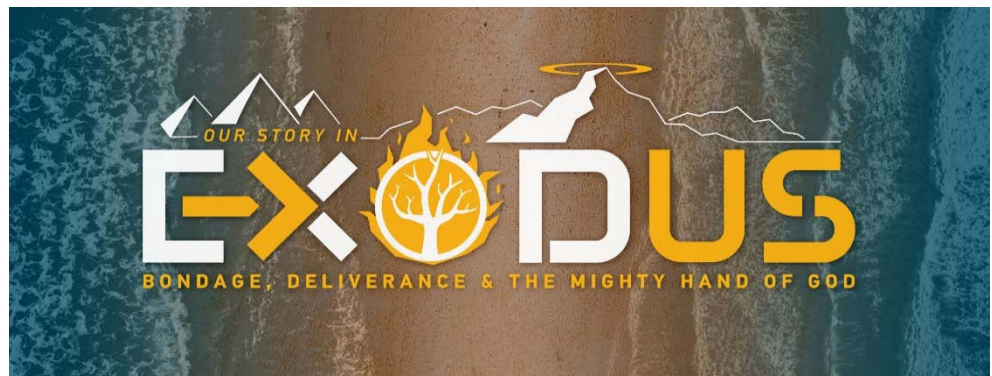


Upper: (Left to Right) Linda, Charlene, Chris, Sandy, and Roberta are working hard serving food.

Lower: (Left to Right) Don, Jerry, Dennis, Charlene, Lisa, Linda, Chris, Trish, John, and Jerry.

## Sermon Series

Starting in May, we will continue our study in the book of Exodus as the LORD leads his people to the summit of Sinai.



# Basketball Camp

at Seaside Elementary Gym/Free





## Dance Camp \$5

with Silver Lining  
Dance Academy

at Garden City Baptist

**June 7-10**  
**9:00-11:00am**

# SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

**June 27-30**  
**10:00-Noon**



**July 19-22**  
**9:00-11:30am**

**All three are for Elementary Kids...  
Signup today on our website!**

## Varina's

I want to thank all the choir members, Ashley, Karen, and John for the wonderful time of worship Easter Sunday. The Lord was lifted high through Charlie's message, the congregation praising the Lord, and the choir singing "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia".

**CALLING ALL WOMEN!** Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22. The women will sing, with the congregation, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" and "Jesus Is All the World to Me". Then the women will sing, as a special, "In the Garden", "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Sign-up sheets are located in the Foyer and on the table in the side hall. All information, regarding attire, rehearsal/time, and hymns, is located on the sign-up sheet.

Please join us!  
Choir  
rehearsal  
is every  
Wednesday  
at 7:10 in  
the Sanctuary.

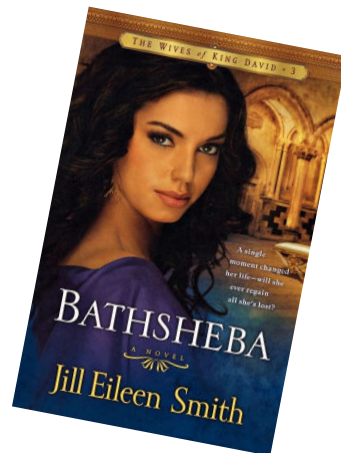
The choir rehearses every Wednesday after Prayer Meeting. Please consider joining us! We would love to have you!

Music Camp update: Camp will be Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30 with Thursday being Family Day. Families will be invited to see and hear what the children have experienced during the week and then a light lunch will be provided. We are opening registration to 48 children. We will have classes in drums, keyboard, and ukulele. We will also have games and crafts. We are excited to share the Lord, through all the activities, with the children. Please pray for the children, their families, and our volunteers.

## From the Media Messenger... *Bathsheba* by Jill Eileen Smith

With a historian's sharp eye Smith brings to life the emotional and compassionate story of David's most famous and infamous wife, Bathsheba. She was the wife of a devout military husband who was fighting in King David's army. The story of the encounter between King David and Bathsheba needs no lace or frills added. Smith drives home the point that adulatory is a sin, but real people are involved and are in need of grace. Mistakenly, David thinks removing Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, from the picture is the solution. There are consequences. There is plenty of suspense as David's other sons fear that Bathsheba's son, Solomon might take the throne.

Though cataloged as a fiction novel, Smith has searched the scriptures to make this story as authentic as possible. David is described as a "man after God's own heart." He was not a perfect man, but he was quick to seek God's forgiveness, and repentant of his sins. Bathsheba portrays the devastation caused by selfishness and betrayal. Overall, Bathsheba's story is beautiful, touching and incredibly redemptive.





## LUNCH BUNCH

We are going to Russell's Seafood Grill at 4906 Highway 17 Business in Murrells Inlet on **May 20 at 12:30 pm** (notice the time is different). We will be eating outside. Hope to see you there. Sign-up sheets in the side hall and front foyer.

Be Blessed,  
Shirley

### **Joy Fellowship** **Monday, May 9 ♦ 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 – Sherry Smith, Horry County Sheriff's Department**  
**"Human Trafficking"**

### **Men's Breakfast – May 28 ♦ 8 am - Fellowship Hall** **All men invited!**

#### **Woman's Missionary Union** **WMU**

**NO MEETING IN MAY OR DURING THE SUMMER**  
**Next meeting is September 8 with Donna Horton** before she returns to Africa in October with Ken & Karen Buckner of Come Go With Us Ministries.

#### **SOUTH STRAND** **MOBILE MEALS**

May 9-13 ♦ Van 2

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

### **Church-wide Breakfast**

Sunday morning, May 1 ♦ 8:15-9:15

Prepared & served by the Deacons

All donations go to the Deacon Relief Fund, to help fellow church members

**Widow's Birthday Luncheon**  
**to celebrate Joan Brewer's Birthday**  
**Sunday, May 15**  
**after worship service**  
**J Peters Grill**

For information, contact Pat Hample  
at 843-748-0163

### **Happy Birthday** **May**

1 – Karen Siracusa  
1 – Eric Rutherford  
2 – Susan Peavey  
2 – Delano Champion  
2 – Pat Carella  
2 – Linda Platts  
3 – Joan Brewer  
4 – Arthur Langlo, Sr.  
5 – Julie Melton  
5 – Melita Wishard  
6 – Trish Sheehan  
7 – Mary King  
9 – Gayle Reedy  
10 – Mason Riker  
14 – Bob Gray  
14 – Tim Alexander  
17 – Chris Devlin  
18 – Betty Jordan  
19 – Bill Peterman  
20 – Lewis Simmons  
22 – Linda Roof  
26 – Jean Richardson  
26 – Gerry Mundy  
29 – Sandy Spickler  
31 – Doug Clark  
31 – Ashley Lanier  
31 – Josie Lanier

**NEEDED!** Volunteers to work with children during Vacation Bible School **July 19-22** from 9-11:30 am. See Terry Hawes or the church office. The kids love Vacation Bible School and you can help make it possible.

### **Lakewood Campground Gospel Concerts**

**May 27 (first for the season)**

**The Harvesters**

To ride the bus let Pat Hample know.  
The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7 pm.

Call Pat at 843-748-0163

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL YARD SALE

Friday, May 6 ♦ 1-6 pm

Saturday, May 7 ♦ 8am – 1pm

You can bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall starting Monday morning at 8:30

*Women's Ministry  
presents  
a Garden Tour at the home of  
Randy & Anita Lampley  
May 17*

*Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer and  
side hall.*

*If you would like to ride the bus, indicate  
it in the sign-up sheet. The bus will leave  
the church at 9:45 am. For more  
information, Call Joan Brewer  
at 803-467-4464*



### Summer Camp Chaperone Needed

"We are in need of a female chaperone for youth camp this summer for the dates of July 11-15th. Responsibilities would be spending time with the girls, being a contact point for them around camp, ensuring they are staying safe, and being a mentor to them throughout the week. All expenses for chaperones are paid, including food. If you are interested, please contact Jake."

### Youth Ministry - Rev. Jake Whittaker

We've had a great Spring so far in the youth program as well. We've taken "Spring-cleaning" literally as we have undertaken the task of cleaning up, organizing, and revitalizing the youth building. Soon, we will modernize the lighting fixtures, repaint the interior of the building, and replace some of the outdated furniture as we seek to make it a welcoming space to continue ministering to our youth.

Continue to be in prayer for our upcoming Summer Camp, after seeing how God worked through camp last year, I am excited to see what He will do through a new experience at Journey Camp this year.

Throughout the year, I use two strategies as I teach. One is a curriculum on a four-year plan that hits a lot of the major topical issues of the faith. Then, for Sunday night, I write my own youth sermons and try to allow the youth to take ownership of what we will be discussing. During a recent lesson, several expressed interest in learning to share their faith, so going into May, this is exactly what our lessons will be about! Pray that through what they will learn, they will have a desire to share their faith with their peers and that God would use our students to grow His Kingdom!

### Children Ministry - Rev. Jake Whittaker

It's been a busy few weeks in the children's department, and God has been working in awesome ways! Due to growth in our Sunday morning programs, we had to split our Children's Church program into a younger and older group. This allows for a smaller group setting, with lessons and activities that are geared towards their individual learning levels. The teachers leading these classes, as well as the students have reported that this change has been very beneficial, and we are thankful for all those who stepped up to make the change possible.

The annual Easter Egg hunt was a great success, serving over 30 kids, as well as their families. They enjoyed breakfast, crafts, games, the Easter Story, and of course, the egg hunt! It was a great opportunity to fellowship with some of our community families and provide them more information about our children's program and upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events, the time is upon us where we will shortly be hosting Sports Camp, Music Camp, and VBS. Please continue to be in prayer as we plan, work on, and lead these camps throughout the summer. They are amazing opportunities to invest in the lives of children surrounding our church as we teach them the truth of the Gospel and show them the love of Jesus



## **FROM THE MISSION FIELDS OF EASTEN KENTUCKY – Eric and Sissy Rutherford, April, 2022**

*“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” -Galatians 6:2*

I hate to sound like a broken record, but we are still spinning on the same turntable. For more than a year much of our time was devoted to caring for our late parents. We anticipated shifting away from the daily operations of the coffee shop to focus on more business development and mentoring the young couple who came to relieve us, but it is our turn to pitch in.

Circumstances have them traveling much the way we did; and others in the ministry have also had family matters giving us the chance to repay the favor of filling in temporarily for them doing everything from hotel-style housekeeping at Solomon's Porch to leading our Celebrate Recovery program.

We are still in kind of a waiting period, watching to see exactly how our ministry here develops, but God continues to keep us remarkably busy. I was one of only two County Rescue Squad Chaplains and sadly the other lost his long battle with cancer, leaving impossibly big shoes to fill. With weather finally warming up rescue calls have started coming in. We have already had our first serious ATV crash of the year; one of the more common things we respond to here.

I am still enjoying opportunities to preach more often. We really enjoyed our March visit to Garden City Baptist Church to help you kick off Missions month by sharing what is happening here and bringing the Sunday message.





I have also continued to help fill the pulpit at a small, Baptist church in nearby Pound, Virginia, where their aging pastor is able to do less.

We will be back on the road this month for a number of reasons including a vow renewal for a couple we know, date night at a Pastor-friend's church, and a trip to Wisconsin to spread Sissy's mom's ashes on Mother's Day. It has been an emotional roller coaster, but God remains faithful through the circumstances. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

*Eric & Sissy*

NEW MEMBERS		
GEORGE, Geoff, Denise & Kim	WOLFE, Paula	POPE, Larry & Darlene