

The Link

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Bring canned goods and non-perishables to church in order to

“Fill the Truck”

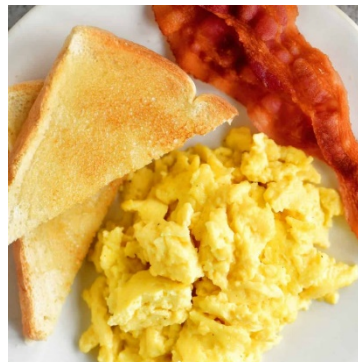
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Offerings designated **“Food Drive”** will go to buy gift cards for local families to be used for a Thanksgiving dinner.

South Strand Helping Hand



**Church-wide
Breakfast**

**Sunday,
11/7**

8:15 – 9:15 am

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART *1 Thessalonians. 5:18*

Let's remember to count our blessings this season. In Christ, we have so much to be thankful for each and every day! I'm thankful for his presence in the good times and the bad. I'm thankful for the promises that give me hope. I'm thankful for fellow believers and this church that encourage me daily. Thanks for all the cards, kind words, and appreciation during Pastor Appreciation month. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! -Pastor Charlie



**Operation
Christmas
Child**

Community Drop-off Week November 15-22

Volunteers are needed to collect shoeboxes from the community and pack into shipping boxes. Sign up to volunteer in hallway or contact church office. Bring your shoeboxes, along with \$9 for shipping, to church by Sunday, 11/21.

Collecting Prisoner Packets 11/10-11/21

place in basket in hallway



We're collecting Christmas Packets for Prisoners in an effort to share the love of Christ to some of the most unloved people in our society. Prisoner Packets will be delivered with a message of hope containing the story of Christ's love and forgiveness. In 2020 approximately 22,000 packets were delivered in South Carolina. This is sponsored by WMU and SCBC.

Items are to be packed in a **ONE gallon size zipper bag** (no other size bags accepted)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY

- ONE** black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE** writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8"
(no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
- ONE** adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE** 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size) •**ONE** 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap
(no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)
- TWO** rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers
(no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- THREE** first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes
(from US Post Office NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs.

LUNCH BUNCH

Hi Girls, Hope you can join us this month as we are going to J. Peters in Murrells Inlet on November 19 at noon. Always a good time with lots of laughs. Sign-up sheets in the side hall and front foyer.

See you soon,
Shirley

Widow's Birthday Luncheon **Sunday, November 14** after worship service **Red Lobster**

If you are a widow and have a birthday in November, contact Pat Hample at 843-748-0163

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS **VAN 2** **November 22-26**

See Esther Holland, Phyllis Melton, or call the church office for information and/or volunteer.

Operation Christmas Child

The Power of a Simple Gift!

Shoeboxes & pamphlet are ready at the exits to collect treasures for a needy child. Pick up one or more and bring back to the church by November 21 for Shoebox Dedication.

For questions call Pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – T Thompson
3 – John Platts
3 – Ed Keith
4 – Charles Hill
7 – Sue Rives
8 – Sissy Rutherford
11 – Jennifer Short
11 – Stephanie Short
13 – Dwight Spickler
14 – Sue Gelman
14 – John Lowe
14 – Gary Robertson
20 – Barbara Graham
20 – Eva Hinds
20 – Angela Brown
22 – Jo Anne Lee
24 – Madi Evans
25 – Donna Doudican
27 – Danny Miller
27 – Richard Holloway
27 – Sharon Culbreth
29 – Jewel Weaver
29 – Becca Peterman

New Members

LOWE, John & Karen

TODD, Nancy

Woman's Missionary Union

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Thursday, November 11 at noon
Fellowship Hall
Food Provided
All ladies invited!

Wednesday Nights

5:15 - 5:45 pm - Supper served in the Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm - Children meet upstairs & Preschool in Children's Wing
6:00 pm - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Complete a pink reservation form for supper on the Sunday before the Wednesday meal and place in the offering box. Forms in the side hall and back of pews.

SURPRIZE BIRTHDAY PARTY

For DOUG SHIRLEY on his 80th birthday!

Saturday, December 18 – 6:00 pm

Beach music! Southern Comfort Food! Lots of Fun!
The cake is a 3-D Motorcycle

Everyone invited!
Please RSVP before December 12
Remember it's a surprise, don't tell

Joy Fellowship **Monday, November 8 at 12:00pm**

For those 55+
Come for old & new fellowship

Bring a covered dish plus \$3.00 for chicken.

Program: Chief of Police for Surfside Kenny Hoffman talking about Scams & Senior Adults.

Please sign-up if you can attend so we get enough chicken. Sheets are in the side hall and front foyer.

Varina's

Happy Thanksgiving! I have so many blessings to be thankful for, but I want YOU to know how very thankful I am for each one of YOU!

As of November 1 our CCLI reporting has been completed and sent to CCLI. This was a seven (7) month reporting of all songs sung, streamed, and displayed on the screen for all services. The next reporting will be in approximately 16-18 months.

Christmas rehearsals are in full swing. If you are interested in joining the choir/band for Christmas only, please do not hesitate. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night from 7:10 - 8:00. We will sing Sunday, December 12 before Pastor Charlie's message.

Church Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 8 at 5:30. Please join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Save the date! The Harvesters will be with us on Sunday, March 13. We are looking forward to hearing them share God's Word through music.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song." (Psalm 95:1-2)

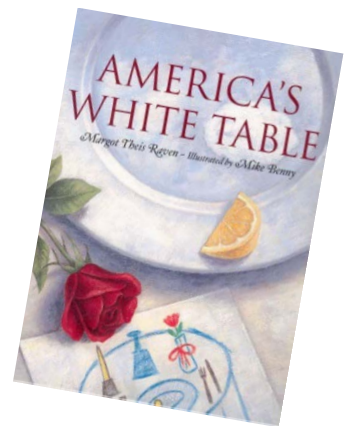
From the Media Messenger...

America's White Table by Margot Theis Raven

Katie and her sisters are asked to set a special white table for dinner. The table is intended to honor a friend of their Uncle John, both served their country during the war. No one will sit at the white table tonight. Not only will the table be a tribute to Uncle John's friend, but to all the military men and women who served our country, and POWs and MIAs.

As the table is set, Katie's mom explains the significance of each item. Katie begins to appreciate the sacrifice that her Uncle John, his friend, and all Armed Forces and their families have been called to make to serve this country.

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5:45 the Media Center will present **America's White Table** in the Fellowship Hall. Our children will be invited to participate. The presentation will last about 15 minutes. We hope you will attend.



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Date: November 19th 2021

When: 5:30pm-8pm

Who: Childcare will be provided for nursery aged, pre-k, and k-5th grade.

What: Parents Night Out is a night where the GCBC Kid's ministry team wants to provide dinner and childcare for you with one condition. We want you and your spouse to go on a date! Or if you are single parent, we want you to have a night to do something nice for yourself!

One of our goals as a ministry is to support our kids' parents' wellbeing so we hope that this night does that for you!

We will provide the kids dinner, games, crafts, and a movie!

A Message from Pastor Jake and Hope

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all so much for the encouraging words, cards, and all the love and appreciation you have shown to me this month. Hope and I are incredibly grateful for the way that you have welcomed and loved us as we joined the family here at Garden City Baptist. We look forward to continuing to serve alongside each of you.

Youth Ministry Update – Rev. Jake Whittaker

The summer was a fantastic time for the GCBC Youth, from additional times of fellowship to the way God worked in the hearts and minds of our students at summer-camp, to the way He is growing our program, we come off summer with a strong wind in our sails! To God be the glory.

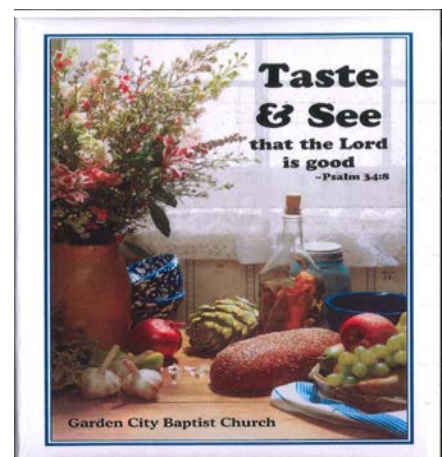
In the coming months, the students have a missions project planned to help some of the elderly, shut-in, and widows/widowers in the community as we teach the youth about the servant's heart of Christ. Further, we look forward to helping in a variety of ways with the Operation Christmas Child program. The students are staying active and engaged as we do our best to point them towards the Savior!

Children's Ministry Update Rev. Jake Whittaker



The Children too are coming off an eventful summer. We kicked off the new season with a trip to the aquarium where their minds and eyes were filled with wonder at God's marvelous creation! TeamKID and Sunday School are off to great starts with a refreshed TeamKID program, and amazing Sunday School teachers ready to create a love for Jesus in the hearts of the kids! The calendar for the kids is overflowing with additional opportunities to gather, fellowship, worship, and grow deeper in their faith!

Looking back at the last year, I am incredibly thankful that we have seen both kids and youth professing their faith in Christ and being baptized. What a joy it is to know that God is using us as a Church to minister to and disciple the next generation of Christians!



A Church Cookbook in a Christmas Gift Bag will make a very nice gift for a special person this Christmas. Cost : \$20

Ask at the Connection Center in the front foyer or the church office.



*Women's Ministry
Dickens Christmas Classic
November 12th
Cost: Ticket & share in price
of parking & gas*

*Sign-up sheet in the
hallway*

Ladies Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Ladies get a good workout using videos
to exercise, stretch, and cool down.



To RSVP, text Becca Peterman (843) 213-8572
your name and how many are attending.

Crafter's Corner



*Learn to make bows in time for
Christmas.*

*Tuesday, November 16
10 am*

MISSION REPORT – PNG

Every day, we're working to improve our storytelling in the tribal language. The best way to do this is to tell lots of stories and then ask for a Wabuku friend to translate them back using the trade language. It lets us know which parts are clear and what is getting lost.

The more abstract, foreign stories we can tell with accuracy, the better prepared we'll be to tackle the new and therefore difficult concepts we'll introduce when we teach through the Bible.

Recently I told the story of one of my grandfather's favorite sayings, "Get on your horse!" It's one of my favorite memories of my Grandpa Cheese and the story was a challenge to tell because it required an in-story explanation of the way our American ancestors used to get around. Kind of like a cutaway.

This story came back pretty well. I didn't translate his translation because its bed time, but I was encouraged enough by the way he was tracking and laughing throughout. Next week we have a language check during which we'll do this very thing and our evaluators will let us know how close to fluency we've reached in this language. Pray for us, that our language check next week will be an accurate snap shot of our years of work learning this language.