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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mission Friends, RAs and GAs

RA/GA Race Car Derby

May 1st @ 6pm in the CFLC

RA/GA/Mission Friends Showcase

May 22 @ 5:45pm in Sanctuary
Ice cream social following in CFLC

Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day is May 12. Bring your mom, grandma, aunt, or any other special lady in your life to the CFLC for breakfast from 9:15 - 10:00am. This is for Babies - 6th graders. Mother's Day pictures will be outside in front of the Chapel from 8:45am - 10:00am.



Awana Sunday is May 5th

Join us for lunch following the service

Awana Awards Night

May 19th @ 5:30pm in sanctuary
Supper to follow in CFLC



Vacation Bible School 2019

July 14th - July 18th | 5:30 - 8:30PM

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate and set up. This will be done the week before VBS. Please let Amy know if you are able to help! Volunteer Meeting will be Sunday, June 2.

Children's Ministry Mission Mondays and Fun Fridays are coming soon! Be on the look out for specific dates and events!

WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH

May's Mission of the Month is A Choice 2 M8K

OUR MISSION: SAVING LIVES AND PROTECTING FUTURES THROUGH GODLY CHOICES

A Choice 2 M8K started from the tremendous need to help women and men in crisis in the Pee Dee. It is the only independent pregnancy resource center in the Florence area.

Established in 2009, the heart's desire of this non-profit organization is to provide a safe haven for women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. A Choice 2 M8K offers non-condemning, non-judgmental counsel by showing God's love and forgiveness to everyone involved with the pregnancy.

Currently, A Choice 2 M8K has urgent need of baby wash, baby lotion, baby shampoo, wipes, and diapers.

We will collect needed items all month and deliver them at the end of May. Look for the box behind the sanctuary labeled "A Choice 2 M8K" in which to place a donation.



THE CRAYON INITIATIVE



Donate Your Crayons

Again this year, Calvary will collect used crayons for the Florence Baptist Association. They can be broken or just pieces of crayons. They do not have to be separated by color or have the paper taken off. The crayons will be delivered to the FBA office by June 30.

The Crayon Initiative was founded in 2014 and is a nonprofit that recycles old crayons. The organization's mission is to preserve the environment and to provide new crayons with one flat side and no paper on them to hospitalized children. The crayons are easy to clean and won't roll away from the child. The Crayon initiative has donated more than 20,000 new packs of crayons to pediatric patients in 38 hospitals in 17 different states. Last summer our association collected 436 pounds of crayons and took them to AC Moore Craft store to ship them. Place donations in the box behind the sanctuary labeled "The Crayon Initiative."



HEMECARE

Homecare Ministry

Our Homecare Ministry will meet on Monday, May 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us as we visit with our members who spend most of their time confined to their home or resident facility.

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

Church Family Gatherings - More Information to Come

JUNE

- 2 - Church Cookout
- 9 - Hymn Night
- 16 - Father's Day (No Evening Activities)
- 23 - Dessert Cookoff
- 30 - July 4th Celebration (12:30pm - 2:30pm)

JULY

- 7 - Night of Praise
- 14 - VBS Kick-Off
- 21 - VBS Family Night
- 28 - Bible Trivia Night

AUGUST

- 4 - Talent Show
- 11 - Movie Night
- 18 - Back to School Bash
- 25 - Sunday in the South Cookoff

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Men, Women, & Children

Summer Bible studies will be on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 - 7:00pm beginning June 19. Childcare will be provided.

LIBRARY

What's New?

- "What If It's True? A Storyteller's Journey with Jesus" by Charles Martin
- "The Book of Signs - 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse" by Dr. David Jeremiah
- "Two Weeks" by Karen Kingsbury

WOMEN OF CALVARY

Special Event

Mission Engagers and the Joyce Rogers Group invite you to a special event on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 in the Calvary Chapel.

As most of you know, Peggy and Charles Collins go yearly on mission to South Africa, where they participate, among other things, in building churches for villages and in building a seminary to train pastors in Maputo, Mozambique. In fact, they have made this journey for 27 or the past 28 years!!

Peggy and Charles have partnered all these years with Rina and Hennie Venter, missionaries born and reared in South Africa, being co-workers with God in His harvests fields the last 40 years.

The Venters will be in the United States during May, and we are excited that Rina has accepted our invitation to speak with us on the evening of the 21st. God has blessed this mission in so many ways over the years, allowing participants to extend their mission by planting new churches, constructing over 200 church buildings, constructing day care facilities, providing food to children in orphanages, training people in different skills through Hands of Hope ministry, providing sewing machines & materials, distributing Bibles, ministering to children in hospital cancer units, and currently working on the construction of a training campus for pastors in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. We will hear directly from Rina what God has done and continues to do in "her part of the world."

After Rina's presentation, we will have light refreshments in the CFLC, where you will be able to interact personally with Rina. Extend the invitation to your family and friends, and please join us. The blessing will be yours.

A Letter From Pastor Mike

I like to look forward in these articles, but allow me to take a few moments to look back this month. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the special events that have taken place recently at Calvary. Our Revival services were fantastic and well attended by our church. I believe we truly experienced revival under the preaching of Sonny Holmes and I really appreciate the volunteers who stepped up and prepared our meals. Special thanks go to Pam Reeves for leading that effort.

Similarly, our 70th Anniversary Homecoming was a great celebration of the past, present and future of God's work in and through our church. It was wonderful to hear the preaching of WL Collins and the worship was beautiful. The choir anthem, "It's Still the Cross," was a beautiful addition chosen and led by Landon. I really enjoyed the fellowship of the church, and appreciate the Hospitality Team, led by Karen Spigner, as well as the hard work Eddie, Brian, Landon, and Amy put in to make that day go smoothly. I also want to thank Jennifer for the excellent Homecoming video she produced to commemorate the event.

Our Gideon speaker reminded us of the power and priority of God's Word. It was good to hear of the work of the Gideons around the world and to know that many in our church have a hand in that work.

Our Spring Festival was well organized as usual by Amy Hatchell and her team and everyone had a great time. We also enjoyed the waving of the Palm branches by our beautiful children on Palm Sunday.

Easter Day was an uplifting day of worship. Our choir, hand bell choir, praise team, accompanist, Linda Eagerton, and our guest instrumentalists, all led by Landon, added so much to our celebration of the resurrection.

However, we continue to look forward with much excitement. Even as we are still hearing good reports from the Honduras mission team about their trip, many of our students are spending their Spring Break being led by Brian Lynn on mission in a "great city." They will be in New York, NY and assisting a Southern Baptist church plant, which is part of our North American Mission Board's effort to reach that city. Several adults are volunteering their time and efforts in support.

As we prepare to celebrate graduates and moms this month, let's continue to be grateful for all God has done and is continuing to do. I plan to kick off a series of messages on Sunday mornings in May from the book of Jonah as we move forward with the mission God has given us in Florence, our state, our nation, and our world. Also, we are planning some special Sunday evening times that will involve good fellowship with everyone meeting together in the Collins Family Life Center.

We are excited to hear from Hennie Venter who will be speaking Sunday morning, May 26.

I hope you'll join us!

- Pastor Mike