



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

Have you ever read something from the Bible and you felt the Holy Spirit give you a “nudge”? Whether you call it a “still small voice” or an “inclination” of the heart, the Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways. Sometimes, the urging of the Spirit can even feel like a “gut punch”!

Last year, on Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 26, 2023), I preached on the “Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.” Proclaiming the Gospel text before the sermon, I read this verse of which I was already familiar:

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ (Matthew 25: 35-36)

I never expected the kick of the Holy Spirit to come, but when I read those last words about prison visitations, I felt a sudden conviction. This time, the Holy Spirit was not going to allow me to gloss over these words. To top it off, Jesus reiterated his point by making this statement to his incredulous disciples:

‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

That’s why I am doing Kairos Prison Ministry this May 2-5. I was convicted by the words of Jesus, and I personally felt Him say to me, “Rusty, you’ve never thought of these things. And by that omission, you are neglecting not just prisoners, but also Me.” I am unafraid of going into the Tyger River Correctional Institute. I’ve learned to trust Jesus, and I just want to do God’s will. I know that the Holy Spirit who led me to do this will empower and equip me to witness to the “least of these” and share with them the love, grace, peace, and forgiveness that only Jesus can offer.

In Christ’s Name,
Pastor Rusty

April 24, 2024

Wonderful Wednesday Meal @ 6:00PM & Bible Study @ 6:30PM

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MENU: BAKED POTATO BAR WITH SALAD AND DESSERT



March 2024 Financials

March was an unusual month. It was a month of unusually high income and unusually high expenses. Total Income was \$43,026, of which \$11,753 went into Miscellaneous Income. Contribution giving of \$23,541 was \$3,159 higher than the average of the first two months of the year. March revenue was aided by a five (5) Sunday month and a special gift that covered the quoted cost (\$12,109) for the new Audio/Video system for the main sanctuary. Total Expenses for March were \$43,611, driven by high Trustees expenses of \$21,901. The front step vertical lift platform and the new A/V system for the main sanctuary were responsible for the bulk of the Trustees monthly expenses. Bank Balance Less Dedicated, i.e., Undedicated Bank Account Assets, grew to \$189,100, as of the end of March.

Respectfully Submitted, Jimmy Gaddy, Finance Chairperson.

March 2024 Financial Reporting to Church

	3/31/24	Year-to-Date	Budget	%
Church Contribution/Income	\$43,027	\$96,351	\$347,552	27.72%
Church Expenses	(\$43,611)	(\$96,670)	(\$347,552)	27.81%
Income Less (Expense)	(\$584)	(\$319)	\$0	
Total Assets in Bank Accounts	\$209,728			
Dedicated Accounts (100% Funded)	\$28,740			
Available Cash (Undedicated Bank Assets)	\$180,988			
Total Apportionments Billed Not Budgeted	\$40,075			
Apportionment Paid	\$6,412			
Percent Paid	16%			
Giving Households for Month	67			

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Nathan Turcotte



Onalee Durham

Reception following 11 o'clock service in Social Hall

GRADUATION

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

SUNDAY

If you have a high school or college graduate, please call the church office.



Epworth Children's Home

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families through their statewide programs. Each of these children had this opportunity because of churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry. On Sunday, May 12th, 2024, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Upstate SC will take place on Friday, May 3, 2024 at Gibbs Cancer Center and Research Institute 2759 SC-14 Greer, SC.

The Survivor's Dinner will begin at 5 pm ([must register to attend](#)) with the remaining activities taking place from 6-10 pm.

[www://](#)

More than just a fundraising walk, the ACS Relay For Life brings together passionate supporters who embody the American Cancer Society vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. This volunteer-led experience unites communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

Although each Relay For Life event embraces the uniqueness of the home community, every event does have the same four signature elements: a celebration of cancer survivors, a celebration of caregivers, a luminaria ceremony to honor and remember loved ones, and the opportunity to fight back against cancer.

To register, make a donation or purchase a luminary, look for the display table in the Social Hall, click the link above, or contact Linda Schinck at (864) 414-7268.

heartfelt thanks!

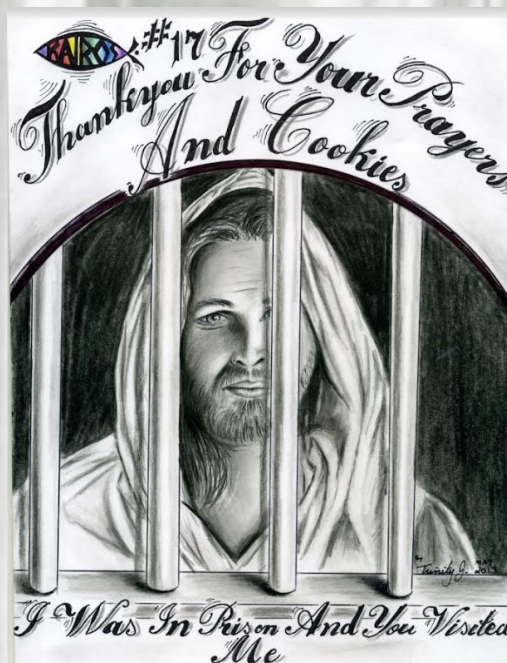
Lee Road had a GREAT TIME at the church cookout yesterday after church service! The grilled kabobs (shrimp, steak, and chicken) were out of this world! A huge thanks to Sandy, Chris, Trace, Rick, Mike, Gene, Carl, and all the Men who organized this event from set-up to prep to grilling to taking down!!! The blessed fellowship and harmony at Lee Road and the amazing Grace of Our Lord Jesus = cause to celebrate! Psalm 133:1 - "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

[Pictures](#)



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your enormous generosity in purchasing the Kairos meal tickets for the residents of Tyger River Correctional Institute. I'll be going there on a long weekend May 2-5 (Thursday through Sunday). I am completely unafraid of going. My biggest anxiety is that I just want to be helpful to institutionalized guys and be an effective ambassador of Christ's love to them! May I ask you to be in prayer for me and all the Tyger River Kairos team? Pray that God's amazing grace will be dispensed through us to people who need to be told about God's love and forgiveness.



Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

To make our services more welcoming to all, we would like to reinstitute the practice of having parking lot greeters for both services. The greeters would be sharing their gift of hospitality by doing the following:

- ◆ Be ready and in the parking lot at least 30 minutes before the service begins with your provided vest on. You will stay there until 10 minutes after the service time.
- ◆ Greet those who arrive, showing them that they are welcome to worship and be part of our church family. Make sure you introduce yourself to the guest(s) and ask their name(s).
- ◆ If the car is close enough to you or in a handicapped parking place, be ready to help open the car door and assist the guests. If at the traditional service, direct those who might need it to the lift at the side of the front porch.
- ◆ If it is raining, have an umbrella with you to hold over the guest as they get out of the car. There are courtesy umbrellas in the Bridge lobby and the narthex of the sanctuary that you may give them to use. Just ask the guest to drop it off inside the door when they enter the building.
- ◆ Return your vest and courtesy umbrellas to the lobby/narthex when your shift has ended.

Our goal is to make everyone attending our services feel the love of Christ and the welcome we want to share with them. If you feel the Holy Spirit leading you to do this work, please let Laurie Fite know by sending a text to (864) 420-1131 or an email to Laurie@Fite.com. If we get enough people to respond, we will set up a schedule.

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, April 19, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. Trustees Workday

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 22, 2024—Earth Day

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (S.H.)

Tuesday, April 23, 2024—Full Moon

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Administrative Professionals Day

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, April 25, 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, April 26, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

1:00 p.m. Church Growth Meeting



Saturday, April 20 @8:30 a.m.
Lots of facility upgrades
and yard work
All are Welcome to help!

Church Staff

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(Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

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Organist, Don Sandor

Media Specialist, Chaunce Yoiungblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



To add to or delete from the list, please call the church office.

Special Prayer Requests

- Linda Black
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Rick & Nona Walsler
- Jimmy Gaddy
- Chris Fite
- Steve Frantz
- Betty Perdue
- Penelope McPeters
- Patricia Gordon
- Rev. Bill Shepard
- Tammy Brown

Residential Care

Betty Perdue, Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson, Jim & Jean Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith

At Home

Larry Hand
 Ann Huntley (with daughter)
Extended Family
Mother of: Dusty Ross
Son of: Annette Hunter
Father of: Debbie Gantt, Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner
Brother of: Vicky Williams
Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth Kohlhepp
Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy & Joan Davis
Niece of: Laurie Fite
Family of: Don Sandor, Mike Lewis
Friends of:
 Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Annette Hunter, Wayne & Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike Martin

Attendance



Sunday, April 14, 2024
 Combined Service—86

2024 Tithes & Offerings
 \$6,990 (needed weekly to meet budget)

April 7, 2024	\$3677.00
April 14, 2024	\$8587.00
April 21, 2024	
April 28, 2024	
	\$12,264.00



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Watch Services Live!
Contemporary Service at 10AM
Traditional Service at 11AM