

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Trooper Craig Watson on his induction into the SC Highway Patrol by the Baker and Roger Families.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Carl Li, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, David Harry (Jane Edwards Hoerner's son), Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Zenda Rushing, Lib Livingston (Christy Ruffner's friend), Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Mondell & Henry Brasington (Debbie Adams' mom and dad), Clark McAlister (Jerry Turner's nephew). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, July 24, 2017

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Weight Watchers
5:30pm Missions Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Sunday, July 30, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN – Last year we collected 39. This year our goal needs to be larger. We are asking for 139. The Christian Education Committee will provide a list of supplies and when we purchase the backpacks, let's fill them with supplies from the list. It is one way our church can become known in Cheraw as a church with a heart for need and especially the needs of children. Thank you in advance. The date we will need our backpacks will be August 13. Watch for the forthcoming list of supplies.

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven: The Opening Hymn

Henry Francis Lyte, the author of this hymn, didn't have an easy life. His father abandoned the family while Henry was still a boy. Then Henry's mother and brother died, leaving Henry an orphan at age nine. A Christian couple, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Burrows, learned of his circumstances, took him in, and provided for his education.

Lyte studied for the ministry, was ordained, and served several small churches—the last in Brixham on the English Channel—a pleasant fishing village where he served for 23 years. While at Brixham, he formed a Sunday school that enrolled 800 children.

While at Brixham, Lyte wrote a great many hymns based on the Psalms. "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," based on Psalm 103, is one of those. Queen Elizabeth had it sung as the processional for her coronation. Another of Lyte's hymns, "Abide with me," was the favorite hymn of King George, V.

Lyte suffered ill health for most of his life, and died at age 54. He had never been anything but a village pastor, but he enriched the lives of all those in his community—and the 800 children in his Sunday school—and the sailors to whom he carried on a special ministry—and all of us who enjoy his hymns.

I suspect that no one would have been more surprised than Henry Lyte to learn that one of his hymns was the favorite of King George and another was sung at Queen Elizabeth's coronation. But that is often how God works—using people whom we might think to be ordinary to give us extraordinary blessings.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 23, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PARENT'S DAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

PARSON TO PERSON

The late Reverend Dr. Howard Olds served the United Methodist Church faithfully until cancer ended his journey while serving as Senior Pastor of Brentwood UMC in Brentwood, Tennessee. Dr. Olds and I met at the “consultation on the larger church” at St. Simon’s Island years ago. His laugh and personality were infectious. His booming voice is not easily forgotten. In a collection of devotions written by him, I found the following:

While I was enduring an extended stay in the hospital for cancer treatment, a friend sent me this quote from Winston Churchill: “If you are going through hell, keep going.” The sharp statement became my motto through the long days of recovery. Life does not promise us a rose garden. Sometimes the road is hard and downright difficult. People who know pain know what I am talking about. It feels like hell!

When life dumps us in some hellish spot like that, it is important to realize that it cannot last. No problem enjoys eternal life. Every difficulty has a life span. This too shall pass. The best thing we can do for the time being is endure the present in the sure and certain hope of a better future.

So if you are going through hell, remember to keep going. Hell is no place to stop, give up, or throw in the towel. We are not meant to dwell in hell. There will be a better day. There will be a brighter tomorrow. The loving hand of the Almighty will lead you to a finer habitat. He will see you through. (*J. Howard Olds, Faith Breaks, page 103*)

What a wonderful word! Remember, the name of the Lord makes the gates of hell shiver.
Ken Timmerman

LEADERSHIP NOTES: Pessimism is not a gift of the Spirit. How challenges are viewed determine the approach leadership makes to answer them. Being positive is a must!

REMEMBER: When you are away, the church continues to count on your support. Help us move forward during this summer in strong fashion because of your faithfulness. Go to church while you are on vacation, but stop by and leave your tithes and offerings here.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jack VanDeman
Lobby Door Greeters: Herbert Watts
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Jean McLean
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Ray Crouse
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Head Usher: Roger Wolfe
Acolyte: Peyton Taylor
Cross Bearer: Hunter Lee
McArn Item: Toothbrush

Worship Attendance, July 16 —167; **Attendance in Sunday School, July 16** — 92
Received to Date: \$227,563.98 (Includes \$11,163.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$224,591.00
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week July 16:** \$14,354.01(includes \$6,163.50 from contingency for AC Work)

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.
This is a sacred time when God communes with His people.**

Prelude Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.

Call to Worship

***Hymn No.66** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

What a fellowship in which we gather with the promise of great joy from heaven above. Thank you that you gather us and call us church. Our work is ever before us and our witness extends to many beyond our doors. Grant us the energy and enthusiasm to build the church. Help us find the unchurched and the unloved and offer them your special care and compassion. Empower us to build up our lives with your example that we might be for the world the body of Christ. Remind us that our living is the only Bible some people will ever read. Teach us again that in the church we offer things that the world cannot hope to give. Help us to be your body and to build up the world beginning in our own community. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 758 **Psalm 27** Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881** **“The Apostles’ Creed”** Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory** **“Lord of the Dance”** Women’s Choir
***Doxology No. 95** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Old 100th
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 349** “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

As we open the Scriptures this morning, give us receptive hearts and minds that we might hear the Truth and respond to it. Teach us your Word, O God. AMEN.

Scripture **Luke 7: 1-10** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon **“Faith”**

***Hymn No. 369** “Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction

***Postlude** ***Please stand if able.**