

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Jim Crawford, III,
and in memory of Peggy McNair Meacham on their birthdays
by Marianne, Jim, IV, and Cameron Crawford.*

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar 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), Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Susan Eschenfelder. **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, August 6, 2017

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

Monday, August 7, 2017

2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Angie's vacation begins at 10:30am

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Angie on vacation

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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 has provided a list of supplies, and as 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.

TODAY'S OPENING HYMN: William Williams (1717-1781) was born the son of a prosperous farmer in Wales. He intended to become a physician, but at a revival meeting conducted by the evangelist, Howell Harris, committed himself to ministry. In doing so, he solved a serious problem for Evangelist Harris. The problem was this: The Welsh love to sing, but there were few good hymns in the Welsh language. The solution was this: William Williams proved to be a prolific hymn writer – a great Welsh poet. Williams wrote more than eight hundred hymns during his lifetime. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" is one of the few that has been translated into English and is the only one in common use in English-language churches today.

This hymn is a prayer for a person going through tough times—a person traveling through a barren land—a thirsty person in need of water. Have you ever felt like that? Have you ever felt confused, wondering where to turn? Have you ever felt the need for someone to point you in the right direction! Have you ever felt the need of a strong helping hand? If so, this is your hymn—your prayer. It admits, "I am weak," but it answers, "Thou art mighty!" It asks, "Hold me with Thy powerful hand." It prays, "Feed me till I want no more." And then it promises, "Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee."

I don't know if it is still true, but I am told that, for many years, Welsh crowds at rugby matches or other public gatherings would sing this hymn, much as we in the U.S. start games with the playing of the National Anthem. I am also told that many Welsh people were inspired to learn to read just so they could read the words to Williams' hymns. William Williams turned out to be both a great hymn writer and a great evangelist. During his many years of ministry, he traveled nearly 100,000 miles (160,000km), often drawing crowds of 10,000 people who came to hear his preaching and sing his songs. He had a great impact on the people of Wales and, through his music, on all the world. —Copyright 2007, Richard Niell Donovan

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

AUGUST 6, 2017

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FRIENDSHIP DAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

PARSON TO PERSON

When I think back to my home life while growing up in Graniteville, it is comforting to know in the here and now that I had parents who took very seriously their role in guidance and correction. Note that I mention how “pleasant” such memories are today. They were anything but “pleasant” during implementation. I remember well how my mother would tell me, “I am here to be your mother and to guide you. Whether we are friends now is not the issue. We will be one day because I care enough to help you know the difference between what is right and what is wrong, and I have the conviction to steer you to what is right.” Her words were not always welcomed at the time, but such wisdom is a prize today.

It’s interesting how my favorite teachers were those that I “had it in for” when I was a student. The ones who offered a strong hand or correction and who would not allow me to take the “path of least resistance,” are the teachers that I remember best and love the most. It’s ultimately good to be held to standards in education for it pays a dividend. And those who were stern in their approach are loved the deepest today. I value their strong direction today.

Also, the clergy mentors in my life who have had the greatest influence in me are those who had great expectations of me. My clergy mentors reminded me that “everyone who says they’re called might not really be called.” The proof is in the pudding, and the work put forth produces results for the Kingdom. Preacher is not merely a title but a vocation. We serve the church and not the other way around. I may not have always appreciated the words of older clergy when I was growing in ministry, but today their input and direction is gold.

I mention these memories because no one really enjoys correction or guidance. Increasingly, the image of God today is moving toward one of God not really caring what people do and how they do it, as long as they invoke God’s name. Nahum, the minor prophet, would argue that invoking God’s name is not enough. In fact, he speaks of God’s wrath and God’s indignation toward people and their actions. These are not words altogether welcome in our modern times. We must come to understand that God is not like a doting parent or a cosmic Santa Claus. Our faith is about transformation into the holy. Leonard Sweet indicates that “the Christian life should be reframed as God’s life comes to earth and is displayed visibly through human beings.”

Just because words are hard doesn’t mean they do not include love. Love is about transformation, and our Lord is the change agent.
Ken Timmerman

NOMINATIONS TO MEET: - August 10 at 5:30pm. We will still need some folks to continue serving because stability is a good thing. That being said: If you desire to not serve, please share that information either in writing or by contacting the church office. You may place your note in the offering plate.

LEADERSHIP POINT: - Positive leaders overcome fear with the only thing that works: Faith. Plans, optimism and faith will always see us through. Even when we fail there are positive lessons to be gleaned.

BRING AN UNCHURCHED FRIEND – Next Sunday, bring an unchurched friend with you to church. It will be the day of blessings for teachers, students, and backpacks and supplies. It’s a great way to be an ambassador for your church.

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 Keith Smith

Lobby Door Greeter: Ellison Outen

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Jenny Keefe

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

Head Usher:

Acolyte: Ella Prevatte

Cross Bearer: Sophia Prevatte

McArn Item: Flour

Worship Attendance, July 30 —127; **Attendance in Sunday School, July 30** — 90

Received to Date: \$246,344.29 (Includes \$11,163.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$249,022.08

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week July 30:** \$13,903.49

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 **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** Beethoven

***Hymn No.127** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We gather as people who say and do many things, O Lord. Some things honor you and other things do not. Help us to look to you for assistance in being more genuine. Teach us to say what we mean and mean what we say, and let our words be tempered by love. Allow us to avoid being hypocritical by saying one thing and then doing another. Above all, remind us that we each have been given the same amount of time each day, and that you desire some of our time. Empower us to read and study your Word and offer prayers seeking your guidance. Help us to do more than profess a faith, but to live it. For we pray in the name of the one who never broke a promise to you or to us, Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 856 **Psalm 143:1-10** Ella Prevatte, 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** **“Here I Am To Worship”** Fettke

Aubrey Armstrong & Abigail Taetz

***Doxology No. 95** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Old 100th

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Hymn No. 2161** “To Know You More”

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 **Romans 8:14-17; 12:9-13** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon **“By God’s Spirit”**

***Hymn No. 593** “Here I Am, Lord”

*Benediction

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