

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Jim Ross (Jane Mayhew's nephew), Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thrailkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb's sister), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Margaret Blue Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's sister), Ray McManus, James Thurman (Angie Smith's daddy), Clyde Goodwin, Dee Dee and Terry Crocker, John Coffy (Lyle Coffy's son), Raliegth Coleman (Paul Miles' Stepfather), Lib Eddins (Scott Eddins' mother), Merle Whitt (Harold Lomas' friend), Bob Kiser (Harold Lomas' friend), Michael Smith (Angie Smith's son).

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 22, 2018

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

Monday, July 23, 2018

5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey
Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Harris
Classroom)

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting (Fellowship
Hall)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Life Line Screening

Thursday, July 26, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, July 29, 2018

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

NEW ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Bentley has moved. If you would like to send her a note, her new address is 12800 Spruce Tree Way, Room 208, Raleigh, NC 27614.

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU: A special thank you to Renie Seel for all your help with the fellowship Sunday before last. Sara

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY: Crackers, Pop Tarts, spaghetti noodles, jelly, salt/pepper, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, pudding, nuts, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, rice, and dried fruit.

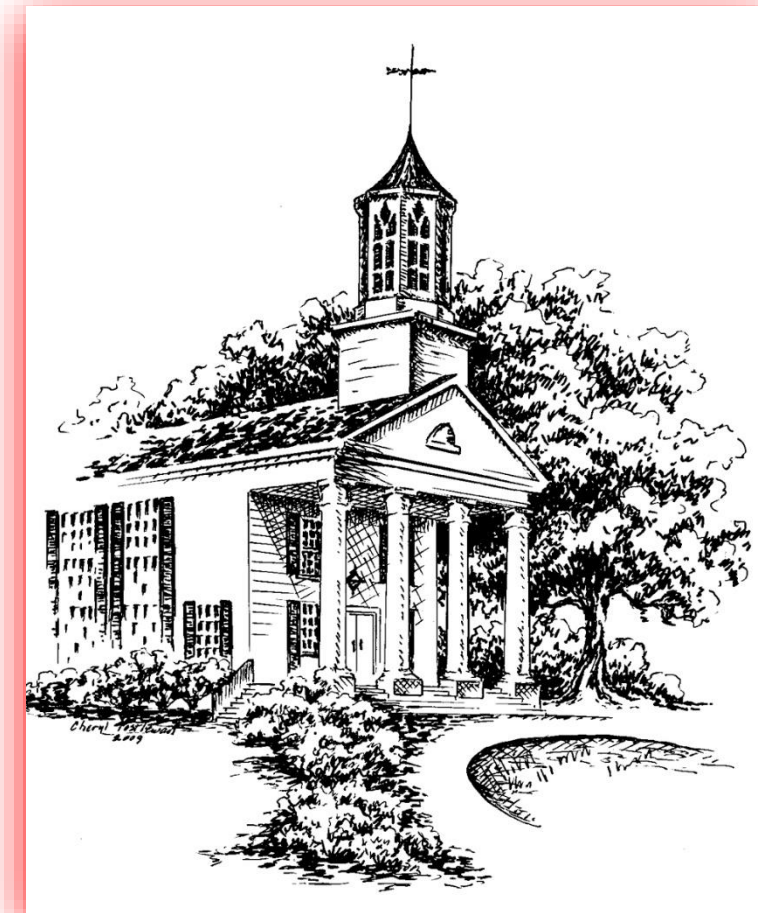
SENIOR ADULT EXERCISE CLASS: Will begin Tuesday, August 7 at 11:00am. Call Sara for more information 843-910-7987 or 843-537-7002.

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 22, 2018

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

FUMC STAFF

Rev. L. Kim Eanes, Pastor (cherawpastor@gmail.com)

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Pastor's Ponderings . . .

How do you define the word . . . "adversity"?

When I Googled it, I found that it was a noun, meaning "difficulties; misfortune", with the link also offering synonyms such as: "trouble, hardship, distress, disaster, suffering, affliction, sorrow, misery, tribulation, woe, pain, and trauma".

That's a pretty inclusive list! So, given that list, would you say that you have faced adversity in your life? And perhaps even more importantly, have you overcome adversity in your life? If you have overcome adversity, how did you do it? By perseverance? With stubbornness? Through faith?

The Apostle Paul's life was most certainly an exercise in adversity! I sometimes wonder, given the trials Paul faced especially in the midst of his service to and for God, why he persevered. Do you think Paul ever felt forgotten by God? Do you think Paul's desire to give his all for God was stronger than his desire to give up? Do you think that, ultimately, Paul understood all the good which consistently came into his life, despite the fact that many of the situations he faced looked so bleak at the start?

Here are some Scripture verses to guide your further ponderings . . .

Acts 13:2 . . . "As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'appoint Barnabas and Saul to the work I have called them to undertake'."

Acts 13:9-10 . . . "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Saul, also known as Paul, glared at Bar-Jesus and said, 'You are a deceiver and trickster! You devil! You attack anything that is right! Will you never stop twisting the straight ways of the Lord into crooked paths?'"

Acts 14:20-22 . . . "When the disciples surrounded him, he got up and entered the city again. The following day he left with Barnabas for Derbe. Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news to the people in Derbe and made many disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, where they strengthened the disciples and urged them to remain firm in the faith. They told them, 'If we are to enter God's kingdom, we must pass through many troubles'."

Isn't it encouraging to know that, if we consistently rely on the strength God's spirit gives us, we can still fulfill God's call on our lives, despite the adversity which comes upon us.

Pastor Kim

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.

Greeting

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer No. 531

For Overcoming Adversity

***Hymn No. 64**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

***Responsive Psalter Reading No. 764**

Psalms 31:1-16

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 103**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

NUN DANKET

***Scripture**

Acts 14: 19-28

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Sermon

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***Hymn No. 140**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Micki Lockey

Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

Nursery: Caroline Quick & Christy Ruffner

Next Week's Lay Reader: Kathryn Johnson

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Deposit Team: Robert Calhoun **Alternate:** Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, July 15 - 122; Sunday School Attendance, July 15 - 79

Received to Date: \$229,331.89; Expenses to Date: \$235,563.41

Head Usher: Roger Wolfe

Acolyte: Peyton Taylor

Cross Bearer: Hunter Lee

Hostess: Gailya Wilson

McArn Items: Shampoo