

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doctor's Hospital: Joseph Still Burn Center, Augusta: Todd Grubbs

Stevens Park Health & Rehab: Joe Anna Crosby (Room 113)706-737-0350, 820 Stevens Creek Rd., Augusta, GA 30907

Beaufort Surgery Center: Gloria Williams (Outpatient Surgery Friday, April 29)

Beaufort: Dot Googe (Cataract Surgery 4/26)

Augusta: Butch Sauls (Outpatient Surgery 5/3)

Allendale Co. Hosp.: Jeanette Ferguson

Baptist Hosp., Columbia: Jimmy Mole (surgery Wed. April 27)

Ron Huber: 1457 Concord Church Rd., Allendale, SC 29810

JEH Nursing Home: Jacqueline Kears, Delores Brunson, Jean Ferguson, Hazel Mathis, Celia Jones, Betty Sanders, Mary Reid

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn

St Matthews Convalescence Center: Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

Emerald Gardens Assisted Living: 201 Overland Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646 (Rm. 315) - Ann Tyler

At Home: JoAnn Brabham, Joe & Louise Cook, Sara Cook, Clyde Furman, Donnie Jones, Horace Kears, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, Jerel Teems, L.R. Thomas, Dot Whitson, Mary Williams, Sara Windham

Friends & Family: Don Altman, Thomas Benton, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Jimmy Burbage, David Cook, Jr., Rev. Gene Carroll, Clyde Collins, Jeff Dole, Michael & Linda Dyches (Cecelia's brother), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Cleona Gore (Cindy Sanders Mother), Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Dot Harvey, David Horn, Lucille Hutchinson, Betty Hutto, Jamie Jones, Terry Jones, William Harold Kerr, Ann Keys, Marie Lee, David Lightsey, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Lexie Monroe, Resa Monts, Shannon Sibley McDuffie, Susan Oswald, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter, Jr., Dr. Rahman, Shirley & Penny Robinson, Mary Rouse, James Rowell, Dot Scoggins, Elizabeth Smith, Rachel Stanford, Mary Ann Stanley (Sadie's Sister), Nellie Sullivan, Sharon Teems, Rev. Danny Tuten, Vernell Ulmer, Ernie Williams, W. K. & Elese Windham, James Wingate, Blanche Winstead, Dennis Wright

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY: Chaplain Brian Bailey, John Mark Cook, Captain Lindi Kirkland, US Air Force

PRAY WITHOUT SEASING

DISCIPLESHIP

Vessels of Clay

A look at election and the sovereignty of God: Romans 9:1-29

God's Sovereign Choice (vv. 6-18)

In this section, Paul anticipated the objection that God's Word must have failed because so many Jewish people rejected the gospel of Jesus. Paul's explanation: Not every physical descendant of Abraham and Isaac is a spiritual descendant. He reasoned that God's Word has not failed because God's promise is not the issue, God's sovereign choice is.

Many people, including great theologians, struggle with doctrine of election. Indeed, finding the biblical balanced between overemphasized divine sovereignty (fatalism) on the one hand and overemphasized freedom (human determinism) on the other is difficult. Clearly, men are responsible for their decisions and actions. Just as clearly, God is sovereign over all of His creation. In verses 6-18, Paul's twofold explanation of what happened to the Jewish people emphasizes God's sovereign choice.

Not every descendant of Abraham and his son Isaac is a child of the promise. Only Isaac was the son of the promise. Abraham's sons by Hagar (his wife's Egyptian maid) and Keturah (his wife after Sarah died) were excluded. Only children of the promise are Abraham's spiritual descendants: "Those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed" (v.8).

Then he added that not even every child of the promise is a child of God; only those who are "chosen" by God are counted as His children. Such election was seen when God selected Jacob while he was still in Rebekah's womb: "(For the children not yet being born, no having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.' but Esau I have hated [rejected] (Rom. 9:11-13).

It was not God's promises that failed. All of Abraham's descendants through Isaac were never included as God's children. And those who were included were brought in according to God's sovereign choice. As Paul told the predominantly Gentile church of the Ephesians, "By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). (Continued next week)

139th HOMECOMING

This Sunday, May 1, will be our 139th Anniversary Homecoming. There will be albums around the church about our church from it's beginning to present day. Please enjoy looking through them—very carefully. There will be sticky pads & pencils with them. If you know the names of the ones in the pictures, please write them down. If you know any of the dates, please write that down. Then attach to the picture or the sleeve. If you have any pictures, bulletins,, programs etc.. That pertain to our history please bring them to display.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The youth are going to be collecting items for Operation Christmas child through out the year. For the month of April the item is Wash Cloths.

VISITATION TEAMS

Visitation Team 1, Butch & Carolyn, Grace Sharpe, Lib Loadholt & Sadie Kinard will visit the week of May 1.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, and food during my recent shoulder surgery and recovery. I am doing well. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation for your concern. It is wonderful to be part of such a loving church family. God is good! Again, THANKS!

Joel Williams

SYMPATHY

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Louise Davis. Visitation for Mrs. Davis will be Monday night, April 25, from 5:00 - 7:00pm with Graveside Services at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00pm

CHURCH WEB SITE

If you can read the Newsletter on the church Web Site please let us know in the church office so we can take you off the mailing list. Less mail outs would save some money. www.fairfaxbc.org.

GOD IS AND ALL IS WELL!

DAVID'S SCRIPTURE & SERMON TOPIC

Sunday Morning: *Daniel 4: 1-37*
"His Kingdom"

VBS NEEDS

We need jar lids (at least 3 1/4 inches in diameter) for a VBS project. Please save your jar lids and bring them to the church office. We have received plenty of 2 litter bottles. Thank You to those that donated!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will recognize our graduates during the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, May 22. If you have a family member graduating from high school or college, please notify the church office as soon as possible

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

The Nursing Home Ministry will go to the Nursing Home on Friday, May 6 to deliver flowers for Mother's Day.

ACBC ONLINE COUNSELING TRAINING

Tuesday Nights - Summer 2016

May 24 - June 21 - Live Q & A with Dr. Heath Lambert. June 28 - July 19 Live Q & A with Dr. Stuart Scott. July 26 Live Q & A with Amber Komatsu. Eastern Standard time. 6:00 - 9:30pm. Any questions call Pastor David. REGISTER NOW!

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH YARD SALE

Bethel Baptist Church is having a yard sale on Saturday, May 7, 8:00 to 1:00 on lot next to Fairfax Library. All money goes to purchase school supplies for the Back to School Bash. There will be baked goods and craft items.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 4/24/2016

SS Enrollment/Attendance	121/64
SS Visitors/New Members.....	4/1
Morning Worship.....	98
Home Missions	\$80.00
VBS.....	\$50.00
Budget Offering	\$3621.25
Budget Needs (weekly)	\$3798.00



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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

Pastor: Rev. David Janaro

Music Director: Sandra Daubard

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Homecoming This Sunday, May 1, 2016 11:00AM



You bring a meal: Meat, Vegetable, Salad, & Dessert

We furnish the utensils & Our Famous Lemonade

Home Mission Goal: \$3000.00
Received to Date: \$1280.00
Needed: \$ 1720.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/1	
Sunday School.....	10:00am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Homecoming.....	12:00pm
No Evening Activities	
Tuesday, 5/3	
Ann Neil Group.....	10:00am
Men's Ensemble Practice	6:00pm
Handbells.....	7:00pm
Wednesday, 5/4	
Children's Choir.....	6:30pm
Prayer/Bible Study	6:30pm
Youth Bible Study.....	6:30pm
Children's Activities.....	7:00pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	7:30pm
Thursday, 5/5	
Deacon's Meeting.....	6:00pm

SERVANTS: May 1 2016

NURSERY AM

Keitha Walls

USHERS

Ken Ready, Jacob Oswald,
Charles Kennedy, Jan Thomas

GREETERS

Charles & Mary Jean Carlson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jacy Oswald

APRIL TELLERS

Stan Sibley & Buddy Craddock



May 8, 2016

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