



August 12 Newsletter

Church family,

This past spring, my husband John and the family dog, a 12-pound Chipin named Lylah, were enjoying one of their regular walks on Sunset Beach. Unbeknownst to them, a family visiting the beach had a young pit bull being walked by a small elementary-age girl. They were behind John, so neither John nor Lylah knew what would happen next. The pit bull saw Lylah and decided she would make a good snack. In an instance, that dog was on Lylah, biting her and not letting go. Finally John got Lylah free, and in the midst of the commotion of Lylah in noisy pain, the girl screaming, and her mother apologizing, a local resident ran up and told John where the nearest vet was. John rushed off to the vet's, where they filled her up with antibiotics and pain meds, took x-rays, and cleaned and repaired the wound. The vet said that Lylah came within less than 1 centimeter from being killed by the pit bull, and our dog was sent to a 24-hour facility where she was monitored, given IV fluids, more antibiotics and pain meds until the next afternoon. During the next two weeks she had laser treatments as the vets tried to keep the infection down and save the damaged tissue. For several weeks she stayed on pain management, and John worked hard to help her walk on all four legs again. Today, the only thing that serves as a reminder of this attack is a large area where no hair will grow.

During this time, I kept thinking about Galatians 5:15 that says, "If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." I asked Pastor Brett about the Greek word for "devour". It shares the same root as what is found in 1 Peter 5:8 when we are told to be watchful, for our enemy the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." The Greek for devour means to consume until there is nothing left. It is sobering to think we can destroy each other in the family of God. Let us all be mindful, be watchful, to not "bite and devour" when we have differences of opinion, bitterness, contentions, that are expressed in such a way as to hurt people in the body of Christ, leave people scarred, and destroy the influence of the church in a watching world. We are commanded several times in the Bible to love one another. Let us always remember what Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Worship Leader,
Kathleen Gambrell

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People
Entering The Narrow Gate; Luke 14:25-35

- I. Love Christ Supremely (25-26)
- II. Die To Self Entirely (27)
- III. Surrender All Willingly (28-33)
- IV. Live For Jesus Persistently (34-35)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Inside Service and Sunday School
- 10:30 AM: Inside Service and Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

- 4:30 PM: Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM: Adult Equipping Classes

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, August 20

- 6:00 PM: Family Fellowship Night

Wednesday, August 25

- 6:00 pm: Church Conference 2nd Reading of the 2021-22 Proposed Budget, Vote on Nominating Report

Sunday, August 29

- Vote on 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Deacons

Saturday, September 4

- 10:30 AM: wMu

Sunday, September 5

- Observance of the Lord's Supper
- No Evening Activities

Monday, September 6

- Holiday: Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 11

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast

Christmas Haiti



It's simple ! Help put a smile on a Haitian child's face this Christmas by supporting Christmas Haiti.

Pick up a plastic container from the lobby and fill it with items listed in the box. Enclose \$5.00 in the envelope to cover shipping and mark appropriate age for boy or girl. Return it to the church by Sunday, September 26.



Please join us in welcoming Natalie Bogomolov,
Jayson Allen Sweet
and John and Sue Winter to our church family.



Seniors Group

Indoor Picnic



Saturday, August 14 at 4:30 PM

\$3.00 per person donation to cover expenses.



Equipping Classes for Adults

Begins August 15 at 6:00 PM

Got Questions? Taught by Mica Pruitt

This Is Eternal Life: Taught by John Carlson

Young Adult Small Group: Taught by Pastor Nathan Sweet



Horry County Schools Resume Monday, August 16

Please be in prayer for the administrative staff,
teachers and students!



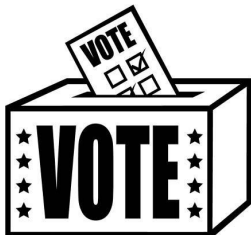
Friday, August 20: 6:00 PM

Bring your dinner and lawn chairs and join us for a night of family fellowship!



Wednesday, August 25: 6:00 PM
Church Conference

2nd Reading of the 2021-22 Proposed Budget
Vote on Nominating Report



Sunday, August 29

Ballot Vote for:

- 2021-22 Proposed Budget
- Deacons
- Establish Position of Director of Children's Ministry
- Alter Pastor Brett's Title to Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

Call the church office or attend the August 25 church conference for questions



Kitchen Clean Up Time!

The kitchen/hospitality coordinator will be cleaning out the kitchen and storage area. If you have any personal things in the refrigerator or kitchen that you want, please remove them by September 1. Otherwise they may be tossed!