

Important Dates

- Jan 10, 17, 24, & 31: Food Pantry
- Jan 10, 17, 24, & 31: GED Study Group
- Jan 12, 19, & 26: Men's Bible Study at the Barn
- Jan 12 & 28: Budget Class
- Jan 16: Screven's Men's Meeting at Cordesville
- Jan 23: 50+ Lunch and Bowling

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Where will you SERVE this year?

There is so much work to be done in our community and in our church. Please be prayerful and thoughtful of your talents and how you might use them this year. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter

4:10-11; compare Ephesians 4:11-16). So, an important step in determining how to best serve in the church is for us to discover what our

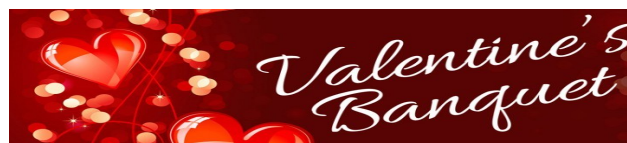


spiritual gifts are. Of course, we don't have to know what our gift is before we start getting involved in the church. In fact, we often discover our gifts in the process of serving. The spiritual gifts are listed in Romans 12:6-

8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28.

Serving the church can take on many forms: babysitting for a young couple to give them a night out, preparing a meal for a family struck by illness, visiting an elderly, housebound widow, or just picking up a phone and saying, "I was thinking about you today." Christians may busy themselves in tasks of service like the ones listed above, but endless performing, without love, is meaningless (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

As we go about serving God and others, let us do so with a spirit of humility and brotherly love (Philippians 2:1-4). —Submitted by Melanie Lott (Adapted from Got Questions Ministries)



The banquet will be held on February 11th at 6:00 PM. It will be held at Pear

Tree Haven at 119 Deer Dog Lane, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. Ticket information will be coming soon.

— Submitted by Pam Gaskins.

50+ Ministry

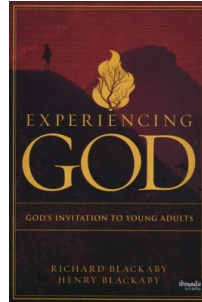
This active group is planning to meet for lunch and bowling on January 23rd at 11 AM at the Swamp Fox Bowling Lanes in Moncks Corner.



This ministry caters to those who are at least 50 years old. If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please contact me.— Submitted by Helen Joy

Student Ministry

Whew, the end of last year has flown by! We were able to go visit the Celebrate the Season lights and had dinner at Cinco De Mayo for Christmas. We are working on this year's calendar and we will share as soon as it is firmed up. Jessica Snowden will be continuing with bible lessons on Wednesdays.



I am going to start the "Experiencing God" bible study on Sunday nights at 6 PM. I can't wait to see what God is going to do in us and through us! Young people who have completed the

sixth grade are welcome to join us!

If anyone would like to provide dinner for the student and children's ministry one Wednesday night, please contact April Floyd or visit the Student Ministry Facebook page to sign up under "guides". —Submitted by Melanie Lott

Children's Ministry

WinterFest

We are beginning our WinterFest which focuses on winter-themed bible lessons. We will continue with Bible Skills, work on missions, and learn about food from the bible. There will be lots of fun as we play games meant to reinforce

the bible lessons!

We offer children's church during the 10:30 AM worship service and we meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings for dinner and our studies. Any children age 4 through the fifth grade are welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Donna Garvin and she can give you more detail of the opportunities that are available. — Submitted by Donna Garvin.

Educational Ministry (GED & Computer Skills)

We are excited to say that just before Christmas, one of our young men successfully passed the first of four portions of the GED test. We are meeting on Tuesdays from 6-9 PM in the youth room. If you know anyone who is interested in getting their GED or attending the computer skills

class in January, please contact Melanie Lott or the church office. We currently have sponsors that have pledged to cover the \$50 GED registration fees for 6 more people. We are partnered with Berkeley County Adult Education program. The Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce and

Google have made this possible through the laptop donations.

The next phase will be working with the Chamber of Commerce to make telemedicine available to our community citizens.

— Submitted by Melanie Lott

MEN'S MINISTRY

The men's ministry group meet for bible study on

Thursday evenings at 6PM at the Barn on McKnight Forest Road.

They are busy preparing for the Screven's men's meeting that will be held at the church on Monday, January 16th at 7PM.

Preparation starts on Saturday, January 14th and they are planning to meet for breakfast on January 16th at 8AM. They are asking for donations of home-made cakes to serve for dinner.

Women's Ministry

In December, several members met at El Maguey for a lunch meeting. Those participating had a grand time and I appreciated Dee's taking over since I'll not pass on a chance to spend time with my VA children who drove down from Charlotte just for the night. In lieu of a January meeting, we will be helping

the Men's Ministry with their Associational dinner on Monday, 1/16. If you've not helped previously, the opportunity to serve and listen to a church full of men sing will stir your heart. January is traditionally Sanctity of Human Life month with Sunday, 1/15 being the empha-

sis. Dee will have baby bottles available if you are interested in filling them with change. All funds will go to the Crisis Pregnancy Center. The collection period will go until Sunday, February 12. Be in prayer as we move forward in service and mission —Submitted by Anne Turner

Restoration Journey Ministry

In November, we were gifted with a plentiful donation of canned goods from families cleaning out homes/pantries after a death in the family. We were also blessed with a goodly amount of frozen food from the Bagwell freezer as they moved to their new area of service.

In December, we were given a freezer full of deer meat in the form of hamburger, chopped steak and loin. Our families were thrilled with the venison and those that didn't eat it were able to choose chicken instead. A Sunday School class volunteered to donate a Christmas dinner for a family. The canned goods and ham were donated so donated monies were given as a grocery gift card. The recipient family

was most appreciative. Between Christmas and New Year's, a family with 2 young children came to the church stating they had no food. We were able to put together a goodly amount of food even though our shelves and freezers were nearly empty. The Lord continues to do the loaves and fishes which fills us with awe every time. January isn't very old, but we were asked if we could use 20 bags of groceries put together by a local store. Each bag contained tuna, mac/cheese, fruit, and canned vegetables. Of course, we'll not turn down donations, but we were blessed with 34 bags! That helps us restock shelves after our Christmas closing.

Our numbers are growing as the economic situation impacts more families, especially the older people with limited funds. Several families we've not seen for months have had to return because of need. Thankfully, we've been well blessed and have not had to turn anyone away as has happened at other food sites. Our blessing box continues to be a viable outreach to our community. Thank you for your faithfulness in filling and adding to it. It is also available if you have need. Thank you for your continued support with prayer, food donations and funding that enables this ministry to reach into our community. May the Lord richly bless y'all as we move forward.—Submitted by Anne Turner

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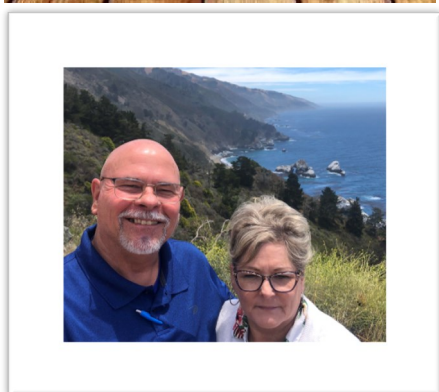
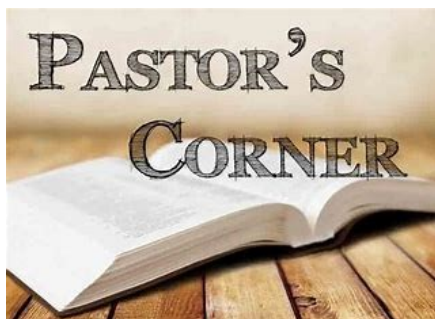
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Macedonia Middle School Ministry

Our church has partnered with Macedonia Middle School this year. I will share the needs as they arise. —Submitted by Pam Gaskins

Music Ministry

We are beginning to prepare for the Easter Cantata. If you would like to join in, you are welcome to join us to practice on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM. —Submitted by Perry Gaskins



Interim Pastor Mark & Jackie George

What a joy it was Sunday Jan 8th to begin our ministry with y'all as your Inter-

im/Transitional Pastor!! You're a sweet bunch of folks. I'm anxious to meet many others of you who weren't in attendance on the 8th. I believe that God is more than willing to do a work in the midst of a transition time. I want to be available for Him to use as He sees fit to during these days. I trust that you too will be open to His presence among us and be obedient as He speaks to our hearts. As mentioned in my introductory message, these are the things you can expect of me: 1. Faithful delivery of God's word for instruction, encouragement and correction. 2. I am already praying for you in general and will do so specifically as you make me aware of your

needs. 3. I will work with leadership as I am invited into decisions and planning. And finally I will be glad to visit anyone with you who is lost without Christ and for whom you've been sharing Christ. In turn, I hope I can expect from you Faithful Attendance and obedience to God's word! I can't "feed" those who are not there. Be regular on Sunday morning AND Sunday evening. I'll be there & trust you will too. Looking forward to whatever days God has established for us to be together!!

—Pastor Mark

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