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South Florence Baptist Church  
2720 S. Irby St.  
Florence, SC 29505

*A Church Where  
Everybody is Somebody!*

SUNDAY

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Evening worship: 6:00 PM

Teamkid: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Worship: 7:00 PM

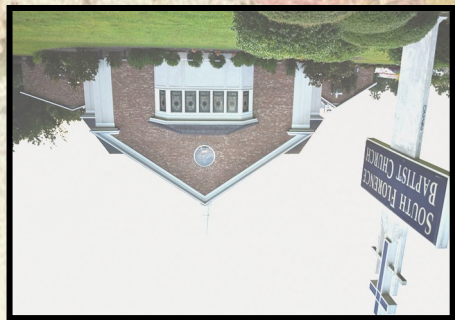
T-412 Youth: 7:00 PM

Mission Friends: 7:00 PM

RAS & GAS: 7:00 PM

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# The Herald

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## *A Message From Our Pastor . . .*

Dear Saints,

My life has taken a toil in the midst of a dark and dreary world. Sickness has invaded my body and taken me down to the pits of despair. Many days and nights death has over shadowed me and allowed my Faith to trust in Jesus even in the darkness of all nights. I've called upon my God to deliver me time and time again through the dark night of sufferings. I came to a point in my life of just giving up and asking God to take me to heaven. I felt His gentle touch upon my weak flesh and His mighty touch upon my sick unto death body. I'm still weak as I can be, but He keeps me singing as the days come and go. Oh, What a Savior!

**"For we walk by faith, not by sight"(2 Corinthians 5:7).** I have found Mercy at God's hand! Prayer is the greatest weapon we have to fight against the fiery darts of the wicked. We must stretch forth our hands of faith to lay hold of the promises of God. When faith ceases to pray, it ceases to live. Faith does the impossible because it brings God to undertake for us, and nothing is impossible with God. Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer move God.

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

I'm happy to be alive and growing stronger each day. It's going to be a long journey back to health. By God's Grace and Mercy I will be restored back to good health. I hope to preach again, sing again, and just love on God's people. Thanks for all your prayers and good deeds you have bestowed upon Nancy and I during this darkness of soul. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family. South Florence Baptist Church is an awesome church! May God continue to bless you greatly! God blessed us with twenty-six wonderful years of Ministry at SFBC. We cannot thank you enough for all the love you've shown us during this journey of faith with you. We will always love you! Keep the Faith!

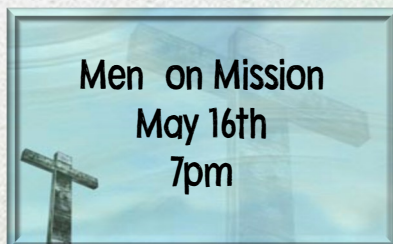
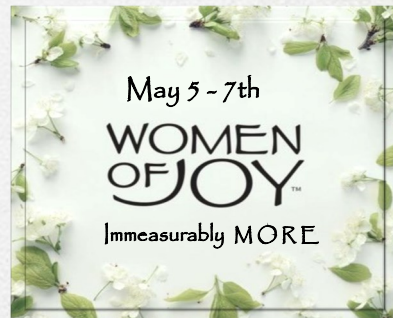
Just for Jesus,

*Preacher & Nancy*

## A Retirement Celebration



*Please join us in honoring the ministry of  
Rev. Howard & Mrs. Nancy Allen  
On Sunday, May 7th, 2017  
At 10:00am*

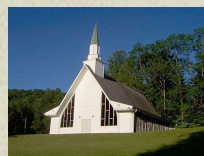


### GA Sleepover May 19th



It's finally here! Our GAs have worked super hard learning mottos, pledges, and verses to earn their GA Sleepover! We'll meet here on May 19th at 7pm. Girls need to bring a pillow, sleeping bag or blanket, and nail polish in their favorite color. We are going to work on the *I Tell About Jesus* badge, do crafts, eat snacks, and have tons of fun. GAs need to sign up so we know how many to prepare for. We will be finished by 8am on Saturday, May 20th.

Also, if anyone has teacups and/or saucers that you no longer use, we would love to repurpose them. Please give any donations to Stephanie Stokes or Christie Patsches.



### 2017 SPRING MEN'S ENCAMPMENT CAMP MCCALL MAY 19TH & 20TH

The 2017 Spring Men's Encampment will be held **May 19-20th, 2017**. Check-in will be from 1-3pm on Friday and you will adjourn after lunch on Saturday. You are invited to come enjoy a mountain retreat, the spirit of friendly competition and good fellowship with other Christian men. Competitions include golf, archery, ping-pong as well as skeet, pistol and rifle shooting. No matter where you are in your life and faith, this weekend is designed to leave you encouraged and strengthened in knowing God in a deeper way. The registration fee is **\$60** per person. The fee includes all events and meals with the exception of the **\$26 green fee** for golfers. **You must sign up by May 3rd to be registered.**



### Graduate Recognition Service May 21st at 10am

Our Graduate Recognition Service May 21st during Morning Worship. If you graduated high school or college after June 2016 or will be graduating this June, please sign up on our Information Board. We'd love to celebrate your hard work!



## Holy Living

George Sweeting wrote, "When a person dies, often someone will ask, 'How much was he worth?' followed by an answer in dollars and cents. However, that's false. In reality, I am worth no more than the measure of growth in becoming like Jesus. Even though salvation is awesome, it is just the beginning of God's plan for us." When Jesus called to the twelve disciples, He simply said, "Follow Me." "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they followed Jesus (Matthew 4:19-20). It was the same in the gospel of John; after Jesus called them, they followed Him (John 1:37, 43).

Continuing the Christian life means to follow Jesus day after day. It means to be increasingly conformed to the likeness of Jesus (Romans 8:29). Continuing to grow in the Christian life also means to be holy. The apostle Paul charged the believers in the Greek city of Corinth, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). It is important for each of us to ask, "Am I following Jesus?" Am I more interested in the things of God today than I was last year? There is a major delusion among Christians that only a select few are called to live Christlike lives. To the contrary, Ephesians 1:4 calls all believers to live "holy and blameless before Him."

The world in which we live calls us to live for self, gratification, and fame, but God calls us to live a holy life through Christ. Paul reminded the followers of Jesus in the city of Ephesus that they were chosen by God "before the foundation of the world" for this number one purpose of being holy (Ephesians 1:4). So what is holiness? Holiness is the joyful experience of God's character rubbing off on my character, by the faithful work of the Holy Spirit. Charles Colson said, "Holiness is not the private preserve of an elite corps of martyrs, mystics and Nobel Prize winners." To the contrary, holiness is everyday living for everyday people, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Let us all live holy lives for Christ,

*Charles*

## Happy Birthday !

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1- Ashley Robbins   | 13- Brilee Hudson  |
| Hunter Campbell     | 14- George Dodge   |
| 3- Janine Kea       | Mark DuBose        |
| Brooke Rollins      | 15- Todd Sauls     |
| 4- Tammy Broach     | Ethan Matthews     |
| Phillip Rogers      | 16- Janine Allen   |
| 5- Brentsyn Hudson  | Ethan Hudson       |
| 6- Amanda Gaskins   | 17- Gaitlyn Caudle |
| 9- Patricia Allen   | 18- Saylor Hudson  |
| 10- Rosa McCutcheon | 19- Travis Martin  |
| Mari Grace Anderson | 20- Roger Davis    |
| 11- Yvonne Wise     | Jean Flohr         |
| Boone Wilson        | Carey McLaughlin   |
| 12- Robbie Hayes    | 21- Rylee Gasque   |
| Bob Kleinknecht     |                    |
| Mackenzie Poston    |                    |

## Happening This Month . . .

- 5.2 Mary Hearts Meeting at 6:30pm
- 5.4 National Day of Prayer at 12pm
- 5.5 Women of Joy Conference (5.5-5.7)
- 5.7 Pastor Allen's Retirement Celebration at 10am
- 5.9 Women on Mission Meeting at 6:30pm
- 5.14 Mother's Day (No Evening Service)
- 5.16 Men on Mission Meeting at 7pm
- 5.19 Camp McCall Spring Encampment (5.19-5.20)
- GA Sleepover at 7pm
- 5.21 Graduate Recognition Service at 10am
- VBS Planning Meeting at 4pm
- Deacons' Meeting at 4:30pm
- 5.29 Memorial Day

IT IS NOT FANCY HAIR  
gold jewelry, or fine clothes  
that should make you  
**BEAUTIFUL**  
No, your beauty should  
come from inside you -  
*the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.*  
That beauty will never disappear.  
**AND IT IS WORTH  
VERY MUCH TO GOD.**

1 Peter 3:3-4

National Day of Prayer \* May 4th \* Florence County Complex \* 12 Noon

