

| By the Numbers           |              | Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts                     |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Attendance               | 08/02/26     | August 6 - August 12                              |
| Sunday School Attendance | 633          | Hays Hudson 478-319-7755<br>chudson92@yahoo.com   |
| Giving for the Week of   | 08/02/26     | Travis Arthur 864-426-0908<br>arthurtl@scdot.org  |
| Budget Receipts          | 41,642.00    |                                                   |
| World Missions           | 1,160.00     |                                                   |
| Reach & Renew            | 23,947.00    | August 13 - August 19                             |
| Designated               | 890.00       | Reid Bolton 864-554-4620<br>Ar.bolton@hotmail.com |
| Budget Requirements      |              |                                                   |
| YTD Received             | 1,185,640.00 | Ben Davis 864-980-5294<br>benhd1968@gmail.com     |
| YTD Budget Req.          | 1,261,634.00 |                                                   |

FAMILY GROUP NIGHT  
Joy Regardless of Troubles  
Philippians 1:12-20

READ IT  
Read Philippians 1:12-20

DISCOVER IT

Every family faces troubles. Sometimes plans fall apart, people get sick, friendships become difficult, or life feels unfair. In Philippians 1, Paul teaches us that our joy does not have to depend on our circumstances. Even while imprisoned, Paul rejoiced because he could see that God was still at work. Paul's situation looked terrible from a human perspective. He was in prison for preaching the gospel. Yet Paul chose to look beyond his immediate problems and see God's greater purpose. Paul said that what had happened to him had actually served to advance the gospel. What seemed like a setback was really part of God's plan.

- ASK IT
- What is something difficult that happened this week? How might God use this difficult moment for His glory?
  - What are ways that we can trust God when we cannot immediately see what He is doing?

- LIVE IT
- In verse 14, Paul's faithfulness encouraged other believers to be more courageous in sharing God's Word. Who has encouraged your faith by the way they handled a difficult situation? Would anyone share your name as one who handles difficult situations with grace and encouragement?
  - In verses 15-18, it appears that some people in the text wanted to uplift themselves rather than glorifying God, while other preached because they genuinely loved Christ and wanted others to know Him. How can we be more concerned about spreading the Gospel than lifting ourselves up?

Family Challenge: This week, whenever you get frustrated or face disappointment, stop and ask:

- How can God use this situation for His purpose?
- How can I respond in faith rather than complaining?

PRAY IT

Father, thank You that our joy does not depend on easy circumstances. Help us trust You when life is difficult. Give us eyes to see how You are working, even through trials. Protect us from jealousy and selfish ambition, and fill our hearts with love for Christ and His gospel. May our family bring glory to You and encourage others to follow Jesus. Amen.

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Philippians 1:12-20

A long view of our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12-14)

Circumstances lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel (v. 12)

Progress \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church (v. 13)

Progress \_\_\_\_\_ the church (v. 14)

Motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15-18)

\_\_\_\_\_ motivated by selfish ambition

\_\_\_\_\_ motivated by a love for the gospel

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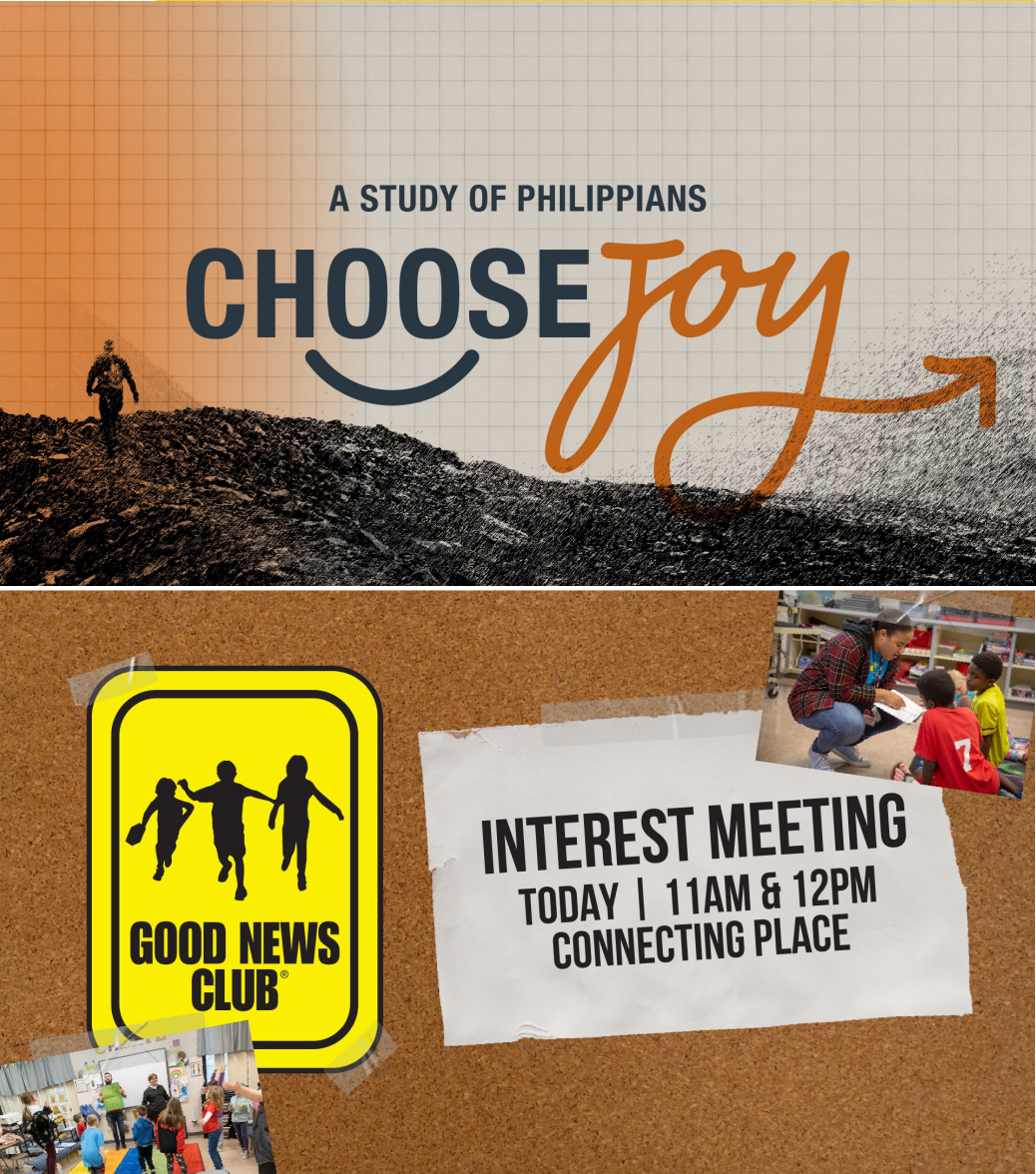
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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



Prayer and Our Pastor Search Committee

This past week, Dr. Saxon shared an incredible message from Philippians 1:9-11 on the topic of partnership in prayer. He also called on the church to pray for our Pastor Search Committee as they carry out this important responsibility of identifying God's candidate for the next senior pastor of South Main.

As we think about this season, perhaps it can be compared to reading a book. Imagine reading only the first chapter and then skipping ahead to the final page. While you might discover how the story ends, you would miss the beauty and anticipation found in the journey. The richness of the story is experienced not merely in its conclusion, but in every chapter along the way. The same is true for our church during this time of transition. While we all look forward to the day when God reveals His chosen shepherd for South Main, we do not want to miss what He desires to teach us in our present journey of prayer.

May this be a season marked by faith, patience, and expectant prayer as we trust the Lord to guide every step of the journey ahead.



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| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | SUNDAY   | 10 | MONDAY | 11                             | TUESDAY  | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | WEDNESDAY |
| <b>8:30AM</b> - Worship<br>-Preschool Childcare<br>Children's Church<br>1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades<br><br><b>9:45AM</b> - Sunday School Small Group<br><br><b>11:00AM</b> - Worship<br>Preschool Childcare<br><br><b>3:00PM</b> - Grief Support Group<br><br><b>6:00PM</b> - Group Leader Training & Dinner<br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b> |          |    |        | <b>6:00PM</b> - Men's Recovery |          | <b>6:00PM</b> -<br>Preschool- Wee Trackers<br>Elementary- Truth Trackers<br>Students- Midweek<br><br><b>6:00PM</b> - Prayer Meeting<br><br><b>7:30PM</b> - Worship Team Rehearsal                                                                                |           |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | THURSDAY | 14 | FRIDAY | 15                             | SATURDAY | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | SUNDAY    |
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# SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**AUGUST 20  
LEAVING AT 3:45PM**

**BLUE OCEAN SEAFOOD  
CLINTON, SC**

**SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AUGUST 9 & 16**



**southmain**  
baptist church

**AUGUST 23**

**WORSHIP: 8:30AM**  
**COLLEGE GROUP: 9:45AM**

**COME TO COLLEGE GROUP FOR A FREE BREAKFAST & GIFT**

| 8:30 Worship              |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Welcome                   | Bradford Russ                |
| Joy Comes In The Morning  | Praise Band and Congregation |
| Pastoral Prayer           | Andy Roberson                |
| <i>Holy Is The Lord</i>   | Praise Band and Congregation |
| <i>You've Already Won</i> | Praise Band and Congregation |
| Morning Message           | Dr. Brian Saxon              |
| It Is Well With My Soul   | Praise Band and Congregation |
| Closing                   | Dr. Brian Saxon              |

| 11:00 Worship                              |                                           |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Blessed Assurance</i>                   | Chancel Choir and Orchestra               |
| <i>Welcome</i>                             | Bradford Russ                             |
| <i>Victory In Jesus #426</i>               | Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation |
| <i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #411</i> | Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i>                     | Andy Roberson                             |
| <i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>     | Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation |
| <i>Total Praise</i>                        | Chancel Choir and Orchestra               |
| <i>Morning Message</i>                     | Dr. Brian Saxon                           |
| <i>I Surrender All #275</i>                | Congregation                              |
| <i>Closing</i>                             | Dr. Brian Saxon                           |
| <i>Postlude</i>                            | Keith Polatty, Organ                      |



10-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

JEN WILKIN

VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED

JOSHUA  
EVERY GOOD PROMISE  
FULFILLED

SEPT. 15 - NOV. 17  
LED BY LYNN MATHIS

WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S AT 9:30AM  
CONNECTING PLACE

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**MISSIONS  
UPDATE**

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## Investing in the Next Generation

At SMCB, we believe that one of our greatest callings is to reach, disciple, and encourage the next generation of believers and church leaders. Through the faithful service, generosity, and prayers of our church family, God continues to open doors of ministry among children and college students in our community. This August, we invite you to join us in this important harvest field through two strategic ministry opportunities: Good News Club and our College Ministry Outreach. Whether through prayer, service, or giving, there is a place for everyone to participate.

## Ways You Can Get Involved

1. **Attend a Good News Club Information Meeting.** Today, August 9 | 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM | Room E201A. Even if you are unable to serve weekly, come find out how your prayers, encouragement and involvement can make an eternal difference in a child.
2. **Join the BCM Lander Prayer Walk.** Tuesday, August 11 | 6:00 PM. Meet at the Lander BCM building as we pray for students, faculty, and the ministry of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. You can participate individually, with your spouse, or alongside other members of our church family as we ask God to work powerfully on our college campus this year.
3. **Provide a College Welcome Gift.** \$15 Donation. Help us extend a warm welcome to college students who are beginning a new semester and searching for community and connection. A gift of \$15 will provide a gift designed to encourage students as they start a new chapter. We'll take care of the shopping for you.
4. **Give a Bible and Devotional to a Child.** \$15 Donation. Your gift of \$15 will place a Bible and devotional into the hands of a child participating in Good News Club. These resources help children continue growing in their understanding of God's Word long after our weekly meetings have ended. To contribute, simply select "Good News Club" from the giving fund menu.

Thank you for partnering with us as we invest in the spiritual lives of children and college students. Together, we are planting seeds of faith today that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Andy Roberson



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