From Your Pastor’s Heart

Never would have I imagined when I met the Swansea First Baptist Church Pastoral Search Committee that we would still have a relationship today! Some of those folks on that Committee have gone on to be with the Lord! I miss Bill Wilkes, Lottie Smith and Lula Carrington. The others on the Committee were Bill Granger, Dale Wannamaker, Phillis King, Roddy Whitaker and JR Burns. Many things have happened since that first meeting in March of 1990. The boys have grown up married and gave us three beautiful and wonderful granddaughters. I also believe that the church has matured and grown and I have been able to see the beautiful and wonderful grand children of my ministry here! What a privilege it has been to Baptize parents and then their children! God has been good to Kathy and I.

I know we do not have many years left to pastor here, but it has been such a joy to be a part of this church and community! Thanks for 25 years!
June Birthdays

1st ............................Hamp Redmond
   Bobbie Cassidy
   Stacey Ward
   Jackson Cassidy
2nd ............................Judith Livingston
   Brian Sandifer
3rd ............................Donna Williamson
4th ............................Hunter McCarson
7th ............................Virginia Berry
8th ............................Krissy Taylor
9th ............................Doug McGaha
12th ............................Perry Adkins
   Blake Strickland
15th ............................Wanda Davis
   James Ward
16th ............................Heather Sharpe
   Avery Martin
   Garrett Cagle
17th ............................Wayne Mack
19th ............................Terrie Fowler
20th ............................David McCarson
   Jessica Zeigler
21st ............................Frances Starr
22nd ............................Tim Wise
   Emily Corley
23rd ............................Laverne Berry
   Gene Redmond
24th ............................Elton Cagle
28th ............................Phil Nates
Kindred Booth
30th ............................Kathy Chavis
   Rachel Argoe

Welcome New Members
By Baptism

Avery Martin
Garrett Cagle

Fun & Games At The Metallic Club

Join the senior group on Thursday, June 11th, for devotions, business meeting, delicious food, and bingo with prizes. Remember: What may be one person’s unwanted gift, may be another person’s treasure!

The meeting starts at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. You will enjoy the devotions, food and fellowship. We will be looking for you!

Senior Will Travel To Narroway Productions

On Saturday, June 27, the adults and senior adults will travel to Fort Mill, S.C. (on I-77 between Rock Hill and Charlotte) to see “Samson-The Last Judge”. Narroway is called the Broadway of Christian entertainment. It is one of the most unique attractions in the southeast.

If you are interested in reading about Samson in the Bible, read Judges 13-16. The new play is inspirational and action-packed. Also, tragic, patriotic, and unnervingly relevant.

For the price of $32, you will be served dinner when you arrive and will be served by the actors in the plan. The group will leave the church at 9:30am. All reservations have to be finalized by June 12 (two weeks before the show). Your ticket cannot be cancelled after this date. If you name is on the list, you will be responsible for the cost of the ticket if you cannot go.

Trips to Narroway are always enjoyable. Join the group for a special day!
The Student Ministry at Swansea First Baptist Church will strive to put God first in every aspect of our lives, build relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ, learn and mature as believers in Christ, show the love of Christ by serving others, and we will share the truth of God in word and deed.

Mark Your Calendars

May 31 – Graduate Recognition Service
Baccalaureate Service
June 3 – No Services due to Graduation
June 15-19 - VBS
July 12-17 – Community Changers
Cost:$50

******Be on the lookout for other events and fundraisers.******

Community Changers 2015
July 12-17

Community Changers is a joint effort between the Student Ministries of Swansea First Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church, and Sardis Baptist Church. Students and adult leaders partner together to do service projects around our community. We do Community Changers so that we can share the love of Christ through acts of service. In years past our projects have included: Harvest Hope Food Bank, Flowers for Bibles, Home Repairs, GPS, Gleaning, and several other projects.

The service projects are only part of the week. When we are finished with our work each day we take some time to play. We have all sorts of games going on during our down time. We take time to worship together each night. We always eat well at Community Changers, and a big thank you goes to everyone that helps with the meals.

We want to thank you for your support both financially and through your prayers. We are proud to host Community Changers in our church facility. If you are interested in helping with Community Changers please let John Harmon know. We look forward to a great week this year at Community Changers.

Thank You From the Kenya Mission Team

The Kenya Mission Team would like to thank everyone for your support of the Salad and Sandwich Make-Off and Auction last month. Due to your support we were able to raise nearly $3,000.00 to help with the cost of the trip. Thank you very much for helping us raise this money. Please continue to remember our team in your prayers as we continue to make preparations to go and minister in Kenya. September will be here before you know it.

The Kenya Mission Team

Preschool News & Tidbits

We are pleased and excited to announce that our program is expanding to 5 days! The registration cost will remain the same, $75.00. However, due to added expenses for 5 days the monthly fee will increase to $215.00 per month September through May.

Registration is now open for the 2015-2016 school year. You may now go online at www.swanseafbc.com and click on the Week Day Preschool page, then click on the registration form link and download the form or you can pick up a form from the SFBC Welcome Center or the Office, or if need by you may contact Cindy Grimsley at 803-542-4869 to have one sent to you.

Cindy Grimsley
Preschool Director

GA Camp

The GA's will be going to camp on July 27th-29th at White Oak Conference Center. The cost of camp is $20 and needs to be turned in by June 10th. We have lots of fun activities planned and hope all the GA 's will join us!!

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Student Ministry News

Summer 2015 is now upon us and we already have several big events lined up on our calendar. Before I get into the details of our summer activities I want to say congratulations to the graduates for this year. We are proud of you and your accomplishments and pray that you will continue to grow in Christ wherever he may lead you. We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 31st during the worship service.

I will be mailing a letter with details on our 2015 Summer Schedule. If you do not receive this letter please let me know and I will get one to you. I also have Community Changers forms available in the parsonage and the church office for those that will be participating.

The first event on our calendar for this summer is VBS the week of June 15-19. This year we will have a youth class available for you. All students, grades 7-12 are invited to be a part of this class. Make sure you come for this week, we always plan some spur of the moment activities during the week. We had a great time last year and I am looking forward to seeing you there this year.

Community Changers will be the week of July 12-17. The cost for the week is $50 per a student. If you are not familiar with Community Changers this is our missions emphasis week. We partner with the student groups from Faith and Sardis to do several community service projects. This year our theme for the week will be “Evangelism Boot Camp”. Our purpose for the week is to share the love of Christ in our community by meeting physical needs. We will again be hosting Community Changers this year. Each student will need to fill out some forms which are available in the parsonage and the church office.

There are several areas where we need adults to help with this week ranging from leading a project to an overnight chaperone to helping serve our meals. If you have any time during the week and you would like to help us please let me know. We also need some sponsors that will help with the cost of the projects. If you would like to personally or through your business sponsor Community Changers please let me know and I will get you all the details.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for your support and prayers over the past couple of months as I lost 2 grandparents. I also want to say thank you to the deacons and the church for the trip to Pinehurst. I am looking forward to this trip and I know that I will really enjoy it.

John Harmon
Eph. 3:16

*****Don’t forget to check out the calendar for upcoming events*****
May Bible Reading Plan

1st  Joshua 18  Isaiah 24  Heb. 6-7
16th Judges 17-18  Isaiah 40  1 John 1-2
2nd  Joshua 19  Isaiah 25  Heb. 8-9
17th Judges 19  Isaiah 41  1 John 3-4
3rd  Josh. 20-21  Isaiah 26-27  Heb. 10
18th Judges 20  Isaiah 42  1 John 5
4th  Josh. 22  Isaiah 28  Heb. 11
19th Judges 21  Isaiah 43  2 John - 3 John
5th  Josh. 23-24  Isaiah 29  Heb. 12
20th Ruth 1-2  Isaiah 44  Jude 1
6th  Judges 1  Isaiah 30  Heb. 13
21st Ruth 3-4  Isaiah 45  Rev. 1-2
7th  Judges 2-3  Isaiah 31  James 1
22nd 1 Samuel 1  Isaiah 46-47  Rev. 3-4
8th  Judges 4-5  Isaiah 32  James 2
23rd 1 Samuel 2  Isaiah 48  Rev. 5-6
9th  Judges 6  Isaiah 33  James 3-4
24th 1 Samuel 3  Isaiah 49  Rev. 7-9
10th  Judges 7-8  Isaiah 34  James 5
25th 1 Samuel 4  Isaiah 50  Rev. 10-11
11th  Judges 9  Isaiah 35
26th 1 Peter 1  Isaiah 51  Rev. 12-13
12th  Judges 10-11  Isaiah 36
27th 1 Samuel 7-8  Isaiah 52  Rev. 14
13th  Judges 12-13  Isaiah 37
28th 1 Samuel 9  Isaiah 53  Rev. 15-16
14th  Judges 14-15  Isaiah 38
29th 1 Samuel 10  Isaiah 54  Rev. 17-18
15th  Judges 16  Isaiah 39
30th 1 Sam. 11-12  Isaiah 55  Rev. 19-20

Meredith Moments

I want to send out a big “THANK YOU!” to parents, children, and leaders for their cooperation and effort for the children’s patriotic cantata. If you missed “Let Freedom Ring”, it was absolutely wonderful! I appreciate all involve and look forward to our events next year!

Adult choir practice will continue as we move into summer. We will begin work on some new pieces. I know vacations will arise at some point. Therefore, when you are in town, please attend.

Adult Choir Practice - Wednesday night @ 7:45pm

Chad

Swansea High School Graduation
Wednesday, June 3  4:00pm
Colonial Life Arena

No Wednesday Night Activities at Church

Text Messaging Updates

We have created a way to send out group texts for the church. If you would like to be a part of this group all you need to do is text swanseafbc to 84483. Once you are signed up you will get the messages that we will send out with updates, prayer requests, reminders, Family Night Dinner Menus, weather closings, and other things. This is a great way for us to communicate with you quickly and I encourage you to sign up for it. If you need help getting it set up please let us know.
JUNE AT
SWANSEA FIRST BAPTIST

TUESDAY
2   7:30pm    AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY
3   No Services

SATURDAY
6   Landscaping:  Joe Sharpe, Faye Stabler
      Charlyse McCarson, Austin Steen

SUNDAY
7   9:45am    Sunday School
     10:45am  Terry Wilder Day
    Deacon:   Jim Kinard
    Nursery:  Sabrina & Garrett Sharpe
    Children's Church I:  Shannon Lackey, Melanie Harmon
    Children's Church II:  Jan Argo, Annie Mack
    Tiffany & Barrett Black
    Ushers:    Joe Burns, Daniel Martin
               Kevin McCarson, Kenny Myers

TUESDAY
9   7:30pm    AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY
10  6:45pm    Student Ministry
         7:00pm  Mission Org & Prayer Meeting
         7:45pm  Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY
11  11:00am   Metallic Club

SATURDAY
13  Landscaping:  Terry & Jeremy Wilder
    Kary Hoffman

SUNDAY
14  9:45am    Sunday School
        11:00am  Worship Service
    Deacon:   Gib Lackey
    Nursery:  Tammy & Austin Caudill
    Children's Church I:  Blake & Katie Strickland
                         Gus & Lindsay Capilos
    Children's Church II:  Jason & Jennifer Liester
                         Kristine & Rochelle Webb
    Ushers:    Joe Burns, Phil Roland
               Joe Sharp, Jeff Smith

MONDAY
15  8:30am    VBS Breakfast
         9:00am  Vacation Bible School
         11:45am  VBS Lunch

DEADLINE NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY
16  8:30am    VBS Breakfast
         9:00am  Vacation Bible School
         11:45am  VBS Lunch
         7:30pm  AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY
17  8:30am    VBS Breakfast
         9:00am  Vacation Bible School
         11:45am  VBS Lunch
         No Services