

## July Events

- 3 10:00 am CDC Annual 4th of July Parade
- 4 Independence Day  
Church Office Closed
- 7 4:00 pm Fellowship at Camp Christian
- 9 9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
- 10 11:30 am Men's Lunch
- 11 8:00 am GSCS On-Site Registration  
9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.
- 12 Sr. Adult Trip to Ivy Green (7/12-7/13)  
8:00 am GSCS On-Site Registration
- 14 5:00 pm Special Music Service
- 15 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- 17 6:00 pm Church Conference
- 18 9:00 am GSCS Baseball Sports Camp
- 20 9:00 am "Rags to Blessings" Sewing Day-Rm. 211
- 21 4:00 pm Grace Circle Meeting-Hosp. Rm.  
5:00 pm Evening Worship Service
- 22 1:00 pm GSCS Cheer Camp  
5:30 pm School Committee Meeting
- 23 9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch  
1:00 pm GSCS Cheer Camp
- 24 1:00 pm GSCS Cheer Camp
- 25 9:00 am GSCS Basketball Sports Camp  
1:00 pm GSCS Cheer Camp
- 28 12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser Spaghetti  
Lunch-Fell. Hall
- 30 8:00 am Sumer Camp to Gulf Island's Water Park

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### MEET OUR STAFF

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*Senior Pastor*

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*Worship Pastor*

**Brooks Alexander**

*Associate/Education Pastor*

**Charles Feathers**

*Children's Minister*

**Brett Warren**

*Camp Christian Director*

**Lee Anna Martin**

*Music Associate*

**Daniel Driskell**

*Church Pianist*

**Bryan Townsend**

*School Principal*

**Rebekah Smith**

*Asst. School Principal*

**Deborah Eddie**

*CDC Director*

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday

- 9:00 AM - Bible Study
- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship

#### Monday

- 9:30 AM - Waterfront Rescue Mission
- 4:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study-  
Bel Air Apts
- 5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study-  
Hosp. Rm.

#### Tuesday

- 5:30 PM - GROW Outreach

#### Wednesday

- 4:45 PM - Fellowship Supper
- 5:45 PM - KidZ Open Gym
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study
- 6:00 PM - Fastlane (PreK)
- 6:00 PM - Overpass (1st-5th)
- 6:00 PM - Generate Student  
Min. (6th-12th)
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

#### Saturday—Sunday

Closed

# THE COURIER

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The fourth of July marks an epoch in the world's history: the birth of a free nation, a nation in which the oppressed of all lands rejoice and of which every true American is justly proud. Great men of the past wrested their livelihood from rocky land, built our earliest colleges, started our decent literature, caused our industrial revolution, and found time in between to fight the Indians, the French, and the British, to bawl for abolition, women suffrage and prison reform, pray with their families, and to experiment with graham crackers and peanut butter. They were a tremendous people.

And for all their attention and sometimes exaggerated attention to sin, their philosophy rested on a great granite rock. Man by God's grace was the master of his soul and destiny. You didn't have to be a rascal or a bad man. YOU COULD AND SHOULD BE BETTER BY THE FREEDOM FOUGHT FOR BY THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN THE CHRIST OF THE CROSS. AND IF YOU WANTED TO ESCAPE THE ETERNAL FIRES OF AN EVERLASTING HELL, YOU'D BETTER REPENT AND MAKE NO BONES ABOUT IT.

In recent years much has changed in America. We have decided that sin is largely imaginary. We have become enamored with "behavioristic psychology." This holds that a man is a product of his heredity and his environment, and his behavior, to a large degree, is fore-ordained by both. He is born to be either happy or unhappy. He lives in an environment that will tend to make him evil. He is just a chip tossed helplessly by a force beyond his control and, therefore, not really responsible.

Well, the theory that sin and misbehavior can be cured by changing one's environment is not holding water. The crime rates continue to rise along with all of our Supreme Court's rulings and great outlays for Social Service and a "Great Society."

Not so long ago an outstanding clergyman said that before a nation can have a great society, it must first have great men. Many people have been stirred by this challenge for a Great Society, and certainly we need it. But if a Great Society could be built with economic blueprints or with brainpower or with money power, it would now be a reality. America has know-how. We have conquered our rivers. We have harnessed the power of electricity, and now the power of the atom is bending to our will. We have comforts and conveniences and luxuries for all. These blueprints of technology and economics are necessary, but unfortunately we are missing the one blueprint ... the only blueprint by which we can create a Great Society. The blueprint deals with the values that are moral, spiritual, and eternal.

MODERN MAN HAS DEEP WITHIN HIS HEART THE INSTINCT OF GREED. HE HAS HIS RESENTMENTS, HIS BITTERNESS. HIS JEALOUSIES — YES, HIS SIN .... AND HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONQUER HIMSELF.

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# MINISTRY MINUTE



## Education Ministries

The Men's Lunch this month will take place on Wednesday, July 10, at 11:30 am in the Youth Room. The guest speaker is David Clark, Executive Director of Visit Mobile. Please attend and invite a guest.

You are invited to participate in our Sunday night services in July. On July 7 we will go to Camp Christian. You can swim at 4:00 pm, and at 5:30 pm we will eat supper. The church will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Please bring side items and desserts. On Sunday, July 14, at 5:00 pm Daniel Driskell will lead us in a Music Service. On Sunday, July 21, at 5:00 pm we will have a worship service here.

On Sunday, July 28, at 12:00 pm we will have a Spaghetti Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the lunch is \$7.00, and all proceeds will go to support the Guatemala Mission Trip. The menu is spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert, and tea.

- Brooks Alexander

## Government Street Christian School

Greetings from GSCS!

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commanded His disciples to "...go and make disciples..." At GSCS, His command is our mandate. We partner with parents "in training up a child in the way he should go..." to fulfill God's purpose-His glory. Each generation has the responsibility to pass on to the next generation God's commandments that form a godly ethos. The next generation is produced by the current generation. In Deuteronomy 6:5-9, God gave specific instructions on how to train the next generation. This is an awesome responsibility and a privilege at the same time. As a ministry of GSBC, pray for GSCS and join with us as we influence the next generation for Christ!

Coming in July, GSCS will host 2 sports camps. On July 18th, we will host a baseball camp. Mark Johnston, a former Chicago Cubs minor league coach and former McGill Toolen head coach, will help conduct the camp. On July 25th, GSCS will conduct a co-ed basketball camp. See me or call the school office for details.

- Bryan Townsend, Principal

### CHURCH FINANCE

05/26/19	\$ 8,551.00
06/02/19	\$ 12,032.33
06/09/19	\$ 11,936.75
06/16/19	\$ 8,274.00
YTD Budget Requirement:	\$ 689,557.00
YTD Budget Receipts:	\$ 593,465.00
Income vs. Expenses	- \$ 9,054.65

## Child Development Center

July 1 marks the halfway point of our summer fun here. Our campers have enjoyed trips to the park, the farm, and the sea lab, as well as swimming and skating each week. The CDC children have enjoyed water days, story time, making sock puppets, and much more. For everyone, sno cone Friday is a time to look forward to.

Every Wednesday morning is chapel time where we have been focusing on the days of creation and praising God through song. Our theme this year is based on Genesis 1:31 where God saw all that He created and it was VERY GOOD. We have a special treat on Wednesday, July 3rd, for chapel. Our very own Mr. Sonny Willisson will lead our boys and girls in a patriotic chapel service, and then they will exit to the parking lot for our annual 4th of July parade. We would love to have you all here to celebrate with us the freedoms God has blessed us with.

- In Christ, Deborah Eddie

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday Outreach by Deacons:

- 7/07 Steve Vickery & TBD
- 7/14 Tallie Wilson & Chad Milam
- 7/21 Sonny Willisson & Cliff Baugus
- 7/28 David Burcham & Steven Drews

### Church Officers:

- 7/07 TBD & Ed Walters
- 7/14 David Burcham & Jon Anderson
- 7/21 Greg Parker & Gavin Butler
- 7/28 Matt Graham & Jason Smith

### Nursery Volunteers:

- 7/07 Jean Lawrence—Nursery  
Lori Beth Graham—Pre-K
- 7/14 Renata Jones—Nursery  
TBD—Pre-K
- 7/21 TBD—Nursery  
Caitlyn Smith—Pre-K
- 7/28 Cam Johnson—Nursery  
Alex & Aden Miller—Pre-K

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

By Letter:  
Mr. Charles Feathers  
Mrs. Tiffany Feathers

By Baptism:  
Mr. William Lewis

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*(Continued from page 1)*

A teacher asked her class of boys to write an essay on the popular picture of the Revolutionary War

called *The Spirit of '76* you have seen in your history books. Three men are in it. They are marching men... one plays a fife, one beats a drum, and the third man has his head bandaged. Well, one little boy wrote his essay this way: "*The Spirit of '76* is a picture of three men. One is blowing his horn, one is beating his drum, and the other has a headache."

Here is a picture of our present day trying to build a Great Society. We are blowing our horns, telling what we are going to do. We are beating our drums, telling what we are doing, but many, many people still have headaches. And they have headaches because they have heartaches.

And we have our heartaches because our lives are shallow. We try to cover up our sins. We labor for the things that perish. We have not sought first the kingdom of God. And because we have failed to seek first things first, we have missed out on the rest of His blessings, too. For what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

SELFISHNESS WILL NOT BE ERADICATED BY RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING. SELFISHNESS THRIVES IN THE SOIL OF POVERTY AS MUCH AS IN THE MANSIONS OF WEALTH. We don't need bigger brains or bigger backs, but we need bigger hearts—hearts that are so big that God can dwell within them; and if He dwells there, men will love their neighbor as they love themselves. Jesus gave us the blueprint for the Great Society. He said, "whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken to a wise man that built his house upon a rock..." So let's build the Great Society, but let's build it upon great men, redeemed men, who in turn are built upon His truth. "For except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

God's redeemed people will be in God's house on God's Day. Let me greet you in all the services on Sunday. God bless you.. "Be thou faithful unto death."

- Dr. Charles E. Brown

## Women's Night Out!

Ages 20-55  
Friday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm  
Cafe Del Rio on Causeway  
Bring a friend and  
RSVP to Lori Beth 402-1622



## SYMPATHY TO:

The family of David Cashill.

Mr. Drew Plash, Mrs. Bevin Normandin, Mrs. Brianne Pate, Mrs. Brittaney Davis, and family in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ramona (Dit) Plash.

## THANK YOU:

Dear GSBC Family,  
We appreciate your thoughts and prayers, cards, and condolences during the recent loss of my mother and Elizabeth's grandmother. It was a comfort to have Dr. Brown, Jack and Sandra Morrison, and Carole West at the funeral.

—Robert & Lisa Luther, Elizabeth Cummings and family

Our family can't begin to express how much we appreciate your prayers, love, and support during the loss of our "Mama Dit" last month. Your calls, texts, phone calls, cards, and meals were such a blessing during such a hard time. She loved her church, and thank you for how you loved her! We rejoice in knowing she is with our Heavenly Father and take comfort that we will worship with her again one day!

—Love, Bevin & Zach Normandin

## Ministry Spotlight

### New Life, New Location

On Sunday, June 23, at 3:00 pm, New Life International Baptist Church had its dedication ceremony for their new facilities at 512 Farnell Lane. New Life has been a mission church of Government Street Baptist since November 2010 under the leadership of Pastor Phi Vo, having services and events on the GSBC premises. "God has blessed our little church," says Pastor Phi. "We have seen people come to know Christ and their lives changed. Some have gone into ministry, and we praise Him for His goodness." The congregation was able to meet for their first worship service in the new building on Mother's Day, May 12. Prior to becoming the home of New Life, the facility was the location of First Church of God Mobile, Alabama until July, 2018, at which time it became vacant. The New Life family has worked diligently on repairs and upgrades to the facility in preparation for the official dedication ceremony. Regarding the move, Pastor Phi said, "When I first came to Government Street, I heard they were really good at bringing other churches in. We are living proof that Government Street can also send new churches out into the world. We can bloom out without needing to break out. Thanks to GSBC for its generous support, mentorship, faithfulness, and love." GSBC is likewise grateful for its relationship with New Life International Baptist Church. We pray God blesses them in their new home.

