



# The Beacon

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**Pastor's Corner:**  
*Hello Church family from Pastor Michael & Billie!*



As we move through this season of Spring into the Summer it is hard not to notice the goodness of God! All a person has to do is look around! We are surrounded with the beauty and majesty of the Creator. The colors are vibrant, the sounds are of joy and the smells are as none other... Summer is approaching.


As we watch each sunrise I pray that we as a Church would meditate on **1 Chronicles 16:34... (ESV)... oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever...** Standing on that promise Billie and I have begun to discuss how each new day is such a blessing. Each new day the Lord allows us to see His majesty on display we give thanks. Such beauty. The realization that our remaining days are far less than what we've had, helps us keep our focus on the prize... eternal life. As the twilight of life creeps in I think on **Psalms 27:4... (ESV)... One thing I have asked the Lord, that will I seek after... that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple...**

As we begin to enjoy the summer as a people, the vacations, the family gatherings, the fishing and camping, etc.... Let us not neglect the gathering of the saints where ever you may be, to give thanks to the Lord for making all things possible, Amen? Where ever the Summer may take us let us always give thanks for the life we've lived and for the life we live. Always remembering **Psalms 23:6... (ESV)... surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever...** Let us keep our eyes on the prize as we enjoy His creation. We love you Church family.

Rev. Michael Flournoy  
Acts 20:24



**MUSIC NOTES:** Nancy Johnson, Worship Leader  
\* Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays



**SENIORS OF LIBERTY HILL** The Seniors of Liberty Hill met on Friday, April 19th, for their Monthly Meeting & "Covered-dish" Lunch. Although few in number, we enjoyed a delicious meal & time of fellowship. Our Bible Trivia Time with Jane is always enjoyable.


Bring a dish or two and enjoy this time of fellowship. Pastor Doug Johnson, Pastor to Senior Adults. **Next meeting: May 17th, 12:00 noon.** Nan Burke, reporting

**Breakfast @ McDonough Cracker Barrel:** 2nd Thursday of each month. This month: **May 9th, 9:00 a.m.** Join in the Fellowship




**Happy Birthday: May**

3: Sharon Barnard 7: Patricia Walker 15: Billy Howell 16: Jordan Montgomery 17: Shauna Migneault 22: Stephanie Shadden 23: Jason Shadden	24: Darryl Glass 25: Grayson Shadden 27: Ashley Hood Glenda Hunt 29: Brooke Lowery 30: Betty Chumbley
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**Happy Anniversary: May**

2: James & Kay Cospers 16: Mr & Mrs Les Killion 20: Michael & Nicole Lloyd	25: Scott & Yvonne Chumbley 27: Larry & Carol Phillips 31: Selby & Brenda Hull
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**Congratulations** to all 2024 Graduates who are graduating from High School or College. Please turn in their names, if you would like for us to recognize them.



**Sanctuary flowers for Mother's Day,** May 12th, have been placed by John & Donna Bartlett & family In memory of their Mothers, Hazel Bartlett & Betty Little


**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT & MISSIONS MINISTRY**  
... under WMU umbrella:  
6 areas of Mission focus:  
Pray for Missions; Engage in mission action & Personal witnessing. Learn about missions; Support missions; Develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle; Participate in the work of the church & Denomination



- **Pray daily for missionaries.**


- **Women on Mission: Sunday, May 5th, 3:30 p.m.,** led by Jane Dubson.

**Mission Groups:**  
**Pray for leaders, workers & children. . .**  
> **Mission Friends:** "Learning About, Praying For, and Doing Missions"  
> **Girls-in-Action**  
> **Royal Ambassadors** (Willie Walls) Helper Needed



**Mission Vision Statement:**  
"Because we believe God is Who He says He is and can do what He says He will do, we are empowered to engage a lost world through prayer, ministry and witness that will be modeled, taught and nurtured among future generations." *Be a missionary where God has placed you . . .* Woman's Missionary Union is a missions organization which exists to promote the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

**Christian Sympathy is extended to** the family & friends of Mrs. Virginia Smith.



**Your Invitation A "Baby Shower" for Malachi Kash Solomon & "Mom" Andrea Page Floyd Solomon Saturday, May 18th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**LHBC Fellowship Hall**  
Given by friends  
Registered at Target & Amazon



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**LHBC Food Ministry "Thank you"** for supporting this Ministry. It is the goal of this ministry to care for those who need it both physically & spiritually. We are currently serving 9-10 families each month, and we couldn't do it without you.


Below is a list of items needed in the pantry:  
Paper Products Canned meat & fruit  
Ketchup Mustard Mayonnaise  
flour sugar oil  
Ravioli Spaghetti-Os Beefaroni, etc  
Hamburger pickles

**Volunteers needed for Distribution Day: May 18th, 9:00 a.m.**

-Denise Carter  
FAITH Riders Ministry



**VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY**  
Pam Fowler, Librarian



Join us for Worship  
**Sundays:**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
International Worship  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesdays:**  
5:00 p.m. Supper (RSVP)  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
Children & Student Ministry  
6:15 p.m. Eight-Ball Pool Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

*"Find a place in your Church to serve, and go all in."*  
**Who's Your One?**

In Cuba, a mass exodus is taking place. An estimated 425,000 people left the Caribbean island and arrived in the US during 2022 and 2023, according to the latest data from US Customs and Border Protection. The figures have "smashed records", said Politico. More Cubans have arrived in America in the last two years than at any point since the end of the Cuban revolution in 1959. A deteriorating economic situation is "largely to blame", Al Jazeera reported earlier this year. Many have fled due to "shortages in food, medicine and power", while the pandemic had a "devastating effect" on the nation's tourism industry. The Cuban government has attributed the mass migration to its notoriously fraught relationship with the US, and the tightening of sanctions against it by former president Donald Trump.

But Cuban leaders have "failed to negotiate with Washington on a reprieve" over those sanctions, leaving long-standing limitations on trade and investment, Politico added. While many leaving Cuba are economic migrants, the continuing "communist dictatorship" in the country may also be a "major push factor", said Al Jazeera.

"Mismanagement and dysfunction", said Will Freeman from the Council on Foreign Relations, have "worsened" under the leadership of President Miguel Diaz-Canel, who has "shown no appetite for political liberalisation". Cubans expressed their dissatisfaction with the nation's long-standing communist regime in mass protests throughout 2021. But they were promptly slapped down, a new penal code "further criminalising dissent" being passed in May last year, Freeman added. Fleeing Cubans searching for a political and economic alternative in the US face a dilemma: try to enter illegally, or find a sponsor through the humanitarian parole programme introduced by President Biden in January.

While the sponsorship route has saved many Cubans from making "dangerous and very expensive journeys through Central America", El Pais reported, it has "faced criticism", especially leading up to a US election year. Twenty Republican-controlled states filed a lawsuit against the federal government this summer calling for the programme to be stopped. Amid the mass migration, there is "grief" in a "bleeding" Cuba, said Osmel Ramirez Alvarez in the Havana Times. There are "hardly any more plumbers, carpenters, builders or farmers left".

The full impact of the departure of so many Cubans is yet to be realized. Not everyone can afford to leave, and ties to the island nation are strong. Those left behind are a "shipwreck survivor on the crag of a coast, watching the boat that could rescue him sail away", said Alvarez. "We watch our cousin, brother, sister, barber, teacher, and the seller on the corner leave," he said. "There's no other choice but to wait for something to happen."

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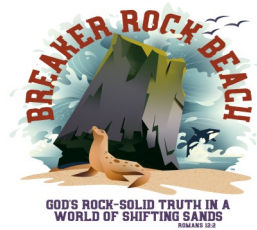
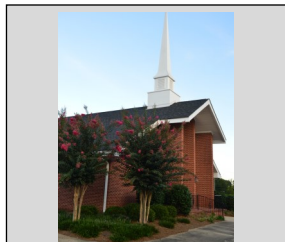
“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 25:21.



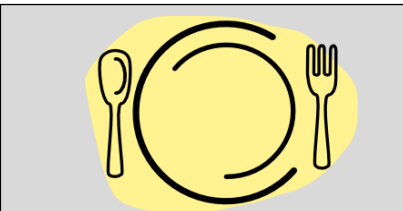
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Vacation Bible School 2024  
“Breaker Rock Beach”  
Monday-Thursday, June 17-20  
6-8:30 p.m.  
Friday 21st, Family Night  
6-8 p.m. Program & Supper  
K-6th grade, Adults  
See Elizabeth Rodriguez, if interested.



5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night  
Supper RSVP  
Teresa Moore &  
Brenda Hull

Fellowship Hall  
will be closed April 29-May 11  
for repairs.  
There will be no Wednesday  
Night Supper on May 1 & 8;  
resume May 15, 5 p.m.

**Deacon Teams:**  
John Bartlett & Russell Whipple  
Dewell Barnard & Darryl Glass  
Donald Cleveland & Gary Vineyard  
Bradley Gray & Willie Walls