



## Prayer

*Father in Heaven,  
As our students and teachers  
go back to school, we trust that  
you will give them each the  
strength, the grace, and  
motivation needed to reach  
their potential this year. We  
pray that each will let their  
light shine so that your name  
will be glorified.*

*Be strong and courageous! Do not  
be terrified; do not be discouraged,  
for the LORD your God will be  
with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9*

# The Link

August 2025

Volume 39 number 8



GARDEN CITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## August Events

- 8/3 Churchwide Breakfast  
Youth Putt-Putt
- 8/7 GCBC Serves Breakfast to Seaside  
Elementary School
- 8/8 Youth Pool Party
- 8/9 Men's Breakfast & Fellowship
- 8/10 Family Water Night
- Feed the Community**
- 8/15 Prepare Meal at Church
- 8/16 Serve Meal at Shelter
- 8/17 Summer Church Conference
- 8/19 Love Knot Blankets  
Widow's Get-Together
- 8/20 Wed. Night Meal/Fellowship
- 8/31 Communion Sunday

GET INVOLVED-

# Sunday Breakfast

8/3

8:30-9:15

THANKS TO  
OUR DEACONS  
WHO COOK  
AND SERVE

## Monthly Men's Breakfast & Fellowship

*Saturday, 8/9*

*8:30am*

## FAMILY WATER NIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10  
5:00PM



GARDEN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
YOUTH BUILDING  
501 YAUPON AVE.



WATER SLIDES  
FOAM FUN  
FREE SNOW CONES  
& MORE!

# GET INVOLVED-

## Women's Bible Study Proverbs



Room  
202

Books  
\$10

**Mondays beginning  
September 8th at 6pm  
Facilitated by Melissa Reese**

**Thursdays beginning  
September 11th at 10am  
Facilitated by Tish Walker**

**Sign up in the side hallway.**

## SPONSOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING KIT!

As the kids of our church head back to school, we will give each of them a special bag filled with items to use at home and school to help them grow their faith in God.

We will buy and assemble the kit for you. If you would like to sponsor a bag for \$5, please see Ashley Lanier or text her at 252-325-2657.



### Back-to-School Blessings



Remember to stick close to Jesus this year through prayer and reading your Bible.



Color your school year bright by letting the light of Jesus shine through you.



Write HIStory in your life this school year by doing what Jesus would do and making wise choices.



Use this notebook as a Gratitude Journal. For each day of school, write down things you are grateful for.



Use the bookmark to mark your favorite Bible story or favorite verse.



Use this Back-to-School Prayer Journal to write out your prayers to God.



Enjoy this sweet treat and remember that Jesus makes your life sweet!

# Children

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT VBS!

VBS wouldn't be possible without volunteers and the support of our church family. Because of you, 19 kids shared they have made Jesus their True North!



# JOIN US



We need YOU for TeamKID on Sundays from 4-6pm! What is TeamKID? A fun, engaging time with kids 4K-5th grade. Our schedule includes and needs leaders for opening activities, music, snacks, Bible/missions time, and games. Come join what God is doing in the lives of our kids!

## COMING SOON!

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING AUGUST 17  
4-6PM

**YOUTH (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

DINNER, BIBLE STUDY,  
FELLOWSHIP, AND MORE!

**TEAMKID (4K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

GAMES, BIBLE TIME, MUSIC,  
SNACKS, AND MORE!

# Youth



**GCBC Youth had an incredible time at FUGE Camp Last Month.**

**Along with times of worship, Bible study, and recreation; students had the opportunity to live out their faith on mission as they served and evangelized the local community at Ridgecrest NC. Thank you for all those who gave and supported our fundraisers to make camp possible!**

## ATTRACTIONS COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

**The Youth will be selling Attractions Coupon Books again for the 2025-2026 Season. These books are filled with thousands in savings to local restaurants and attractions. They will be for sale after Sunday Small Groups starting the second Sunday of August.**

MYRTLE BEACH  
& SURROUNDING AREAS

**Attractions**  
Dining and Value Guide  
by SaveAround

Over  
**\$8,800**  
in Savings!

**EXPLORE  
SHOP  
SAVE**

Valid Now!

COMMUNITY SPONSOR:

# Missions

## New Directions

SHELTERS FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES

**Next Meal Served Saturday, August 16**  
**Meal prepped Friday from 1-3:30 in the church kitchen**

**Sign-up in the side hall to volunteer and find the items needed for the meal in the front foyer & side hall**



**Love Knot Blankets  
Cut & Tie  
Tuesday, August 19  
10am-12:30pm  
Lunch Provided**

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

**Needed for August: Soccer ball with pump, Doll, Toy cars, and Jump rope. Collection Basket in the side hall.**

### Jason & Laken Cizdziel in Papua New Guinea

Update on K and his wife:

K's wife was very sick; emaciated, in severe pain, and unable to lie down. We paid for her trip to see a doctor upriver, but the doctor was MIA. They came home without help, and things only got worse.

In desperation, K turned back to what his ancestors did: he called for a sorcerer to remove the "invisible spears" causing her illness. When that didn't work, he gathered more money and hired a second, more powerful sorcerer downriver. Still, no healing.

K is one of the men I disciple. I've heard him say many times that turning to sorcerers is Satan's trap—something God's people must reject. But in these hard weeks, his faith buckled. He gave in to fear, pressure from his wife's family, and the ancestors' ways.

It's been disheartening. Some believers are embarrassed. They drop their heads when I ask about it. Others have tried gently reminding him that Yawe has the power to heal. But without a quick response, K felt out of options. He feared his wife would die.

A couple of weeks later, K and Rosi had a healthy baby girl in the hospital in town. Rosi was diagnosed with tuberculosis but is doing well and responding to treatment. We're so grateful to Yawe for hearing our prayers and showing His protection over our new church in such a tangible way.

---

Jason & Laken began a literacy class for brand new readers in Wabuku, for people learning to read in their own language for the first time. They learned some new sounds, sounded out a few words, and celebrated every win like they had just cracked a secret code. Slow progress? Absolutely. But watching someone connect letters to meaning is really fun. And one day soon this slow work will allow them to read God's word for themselves.

## Missions



### SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR DONATIONS

- 2 Packs of #2 Pencils (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 1 Nylon Pencil Pouch (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2 Packs of Washable Markers (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2 Boxes of Crayons - 24 Count (K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- 1 Pack of Glue Sticks (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 1 Pack of Dry Erase Markers (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Earbuds (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 3 Marble Composition Notebooks (Non-Spiral) (1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 1 Pack of Multi-Colored Highlighters (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Donations must be in the church by **Sunday, August 31** to get to Seaside Elementary School on time. There's a basket in the side hall.

## Women's Ministry

*Widows Get-Together*

*Tuesday, August 19*

*5-7pm*

*at the home of Tish Walker*

*Chicken provided*

*Bring a covered dish*

*There's a pool, so bring your bathing*

*suit if you want to swim*

*Sign-up in the side hall*

*All widows invited!*

**Find a link to the Fishers of Japan newsletter (The Fisher Focus) at the end of this newsletter.**

## Breakfast for the Teachers & Staff

**Thursday, August 7**



**SEASIDE**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Volunteers needed to bring Breakfast Items (casseroles, danish, fruit, juice, etc.) Bring to the church at 7:15am or the school at 7:30am  
Sign-up in the side hall by Sunday, August 3

# MUSIC MINISTRY

I want to ask you a question today. **Why Worship?** I think we all know why we eat, why we drink, why we sleep, and why we get up and perform our tasks for the day. But have you ever asked the question, why worship? I was asked that by a professor in Seminary many years ago and it stumped me. What a privilege it is for us to worship. Not just on Sunday but every day. All of us worship something every day. If I could follow you for a day, I would quickly be able to find what you worship. I hope it is the Lord, Jesus Christ who alone is worthy of our Praise. Why don't you stop right now and simply focus your mind on the Lord and worship Him for all He has done for us. **Let us all get back to the heart of worship. It's all about Him.**

# MEDIA MINISTRY



The people in the small village use the big red tractor that Farmer Dave keeps in his shed every year to plow their fields. It's hard to use. They have to push and pull it through the fields to get it to work. The people in the town believe that's how it works, and it does get them enough food every year to feed the village. One day Farmer Dave finds a long-lost book in his attic. It explains what the little red tractor can do. It can

do so much more than the people in the village ever imagined. It changes everything!

Francis Chan compares the Tractor Manual to the Bible. The Bible tells us if we try to do things on our own, we won't accomplish much, but if we trust Jesus, God gives us new power. We are changed and capable of doing more than we believed. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive great power. Acts 1:8

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

8/15 - Noon

Greg's

Sign-up in front foyer or side hall. If you sign-up and can't go, please let Shirley know - 843-748-0465

# BIRTHDAYS

04 – Elijah Reese  
05 – Shirley Oesterle  
06 – Jase Riker  
08 – Kenzie Miller  
10 – Gloria Dilleuth  
10 – Kay Simmons  
10 – Kassidy Kirk  
11 – Debbie Upchurch  
12 – Walker King  
13 – Sandra Klinke  
14 – Roland Metcalf  
16 – Pat Hardee  
16 – Woody Gaul  
16 – Teresa Neale  
17 – Harper Hackler  
17 – Sue Hedge  
17 – Harvey King  
18 – Kimberly Bailey  
18 – Danielle Thompson  
21 – Tammy Michael  
24 – Clara Davis  
26 – Ric Beelendorf  
26 – Vickie Heschl  
31 – Charlene Johnson



501 Pine Ave  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 651-3663

[gardencitybaptistchurch.com](http://gardencitybaptistchurch.com)