

Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

What a great summer we are experiencing at Varennes Heights! You have often heard the term 'summer slump', but it seems that things just 'heat up' during the summer here. What a blessed time we have had and there is no let-up in the future. Vacation Bible School was a huge success and the children (as well as the workers and teachers) thoroughly enjoyed it. We had good attendance each night and the last night, which is commencement night, was one of the best ever. Thank you parents and guardians for being with us and thank you workers for a job well done. A special thanks to Tiffany Bratcher, our Children's Director, for the great job she has done.

We moved on from there to the 'Jerusalem Project' which is headed up by our Youth Pastor, Weldon Sellers. This is a project done by the youth of our church as a ministry in the community. They went around to various houses (and also around the church) doing work for individuals who cannot do certain chores at their home. They did a great job; thank you young people! Our youth are a great group.

A couple of the young people, Jennifer and Rebecca Kight, are working with Mrs. Tiffany Bratcher in painting murals in the Children's Department. All of the hard work that has been going on is definitely making the Children's Department appealing to the children and parents of small children. Thank you for what you are doing! All of the church should take a look at the murals being done.

Camp Cameron was in full swing last week. Miss Brittany Smith is doing a great ministry along with all of the workers. Our hearts go out to the children who came to the camp, and our love and prayers go out to the families. God's grace has certainly been on display at Camp Cameron.

Much more is taking place as well: King's Kids, Bible Studies, Senior Adult trips, Men's Ministry trips—Praise the Lord for all He is doing! Thank you church for being a loving fellowship that reaches out to others in the name of Christ.

Because of Him, Pastor Kirt

Welcome	Baptism	Jordan Hoskins
New		1030 Lakemont Road
Member		Starr, SC 29684

The Record Speaks

(Weekly Budget: \$8,866.06)

Month	Average Attendance	Budget Receipts
May	189	\$30,843.03
June	176	\$33,957.90
July (3 Sundays)	182	\$34,001.96

"Note" Worthy

Senior Adults:

- **Day Trip to tour the Anderson Museum — Tuesday, August 27th.** (Lunch at Harbor Inn — details to follow).
- **Day Trip to Western Sizzlin in Seneca; then on to Long Creek to get apples — Tuesday, September 10th,** Meet at the church at 10:30 a.m.
- **Monthly Luncheon with "Seniors on the Go" — Tuesday, October 22nd, 11:30 a.m.**



Awana:

Will resume on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m.

FURMAN



Congratulations to . . .

...J.R. and Jessica Harris on the birth of their son, Brody Steele, who was born June 10th and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Eddie and Susan Chastain and proud great-grandmother is Betty Jo Addison.

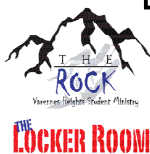
...Josh and Amanda Raffini on the birth of their daughter, Claire McKenna, who was born June 12th and weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Tony and Elaine Motes.

...John and Beth Davis on the birth of their son, Steven Jennings, who was born June 17th and weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. Proud grandparents are Steve and Vickie McAlister and proud great-grandparents are Farrell and Betty Jo Giles.

...Sam and Jessica Kirby on the birth of their son, Gage Preston, who was born June 25th and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Randy and Vicki Kirby and proud great-grandmother is Pat Heard.

Youth Ministry

6th Grade Initiation into the Youth Department
Wednesday, September 4th, 7:00 p.m.



All rising 6th Graders and their parents are invited to attend.

WELDON



Church Votes To Build Child Development Center

On April 14, the Long Range Planning Committee & the Finance Committee jointly recommended that the church build a CDC, per the plans previously approved, on the new land site as on the master plan, at a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million (approx. \$9,612 per month), which would be obtained in a commercial loan from Community First Bank at a rate of 4.65%. The vote was taken and 90.47% were in favor. In a Called Business Meeting on April 28, the following were elected to serve on the CDC Building Committee: Trent Center, Chrm.; Charles Anderson, Tiffany Bratcher, Lisa Meinte, Roger Smith, Doug Walters and Harold Walters.

Ladies Ministry



Fall Retreat — September 27-29

Holiday Fair — Saturday, November 9th



Libby Wooten, Ladies Ministry Director

Children's Ministry

Happy Birthday to:



Isabella Holdbrooks	8/13	Austin Blakely	10/15
Erica Cook	8/17	Daniel Carson	10/18
Bryson Beard	9/4	Justin Burton	10/23
Gracelyn Bratcher	10/6		



King's Kids, has been awesome this summer! We have been averaging 35 children each week. Our last outing is **Thursday, August 1st at Simpsonville Discovery Water Park.**

Summer Choir is going great. We have our biggest group this year. We are practicing for our songs for the Picnic and singing for the church. Come join us on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Children's Dept.

Wednesday Night Bible activities are still going on until Awana starts. A big thanks to Rhonda Wengerd and Gayle McKinley for helping teach this year.

Back to School Bash is Sunday, August 4th following the Evening Worship. We will have food and fellowship as well as giving each child school supplies. If you can help by donating school supplies, we would appreciate it. We usually give away 35-40 bags to church and community kids.

Pennies for Presents will begin **October 6th.** The children thoroughly enjoy going into S.S. classes and talking to everyone while trying to raise money for other children who need assistance. Through this mission project and their Beyond Measure commitments, they are seeing they can make a difference even as a child.

Fall Festival will be here before we know it—October 31st. Please be praying about how you can help—providing a trunk, candy, cakes, cookies or donations. We have over 1000 individuals that visit us. So most of all be praying for these that we will be ministering to.

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Dept. Director

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES
SUNDAYS, AUGUST 18TH
AND OCTOBER 27TH
4:30 P.M.
(CONFERENCE ROOM)

These classes are being offered to anyone who is interested in learning more about or joining the church. For more information and/or to sign up, please stop by the Welcome Center.

Christian Sympathy

Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Mitchell and the entire church family wish to express their deepest sympathy to: **Barbara Metcalfe** in the death of her brother, Neal Latham...**Marian Kilgore** in the death of her husband, Larry Kilgore...**Judy Leon and Melissa Parker** in the death of their father and grandfather, Bernard Ford...**Casey Rogers** in the death of his father-in-law, Phillip Barnett...**Shelby Anderson** in the death of her husband, Spence Anderson...**Nina Jenkins** in the death of her great aunt, Lois Winn...**James Turner** in the death of his brother-in-law, Junior English...**Dusty & Martha Holmes** in the deaths of several relatives...**Family of Rev. Eddie Greene**...**Charles Anderson** in the death of his 1st cousin, Richard Anderson...**Brian & Becky Porter** in the death of his mother, Lou Porter...**Faye Craft** in the death of her mother, Willie Mae Jones...and to **Joy Kelly** in the death of her grandfather, Ken Pratt.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2013

To Pastor Kirt, Furman and Weldon,
Thanks for your visits while I was in the hospital and thanks to our Church Family for all the prayers during my sickness and Mary's.

Jim and Mary Montgomery

Varenes Heights,
Thank you all for your many prayers and the meal for our family at Daddy's death. We appreciate all that you did.

Love, Shelby, Robin & Eric Anderson

Dear VHBC,
Thank you so much for the \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart. It is so sweet of you to recognize the graduates. The dinner was delicious. I appreciate everything this church does and I am so glad I can call it "Home!"

Thank you again. Brittany Smith

Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart gift card! It's going to help get school supplies. I'm so excited to see what God has in store for me as I start this new journey to college!

Love, Leann McCorkle

Thank you for the Wal-Mart gift card that you gave me for graduation. I am especially thankful for my church family and all that everyone has meant to me over the years.

Sincerely, Clay Smith

I want to thank the church and the three of you personally for your prayers and support while I was in the hospital. God answered your prayers and is continuing to take care of me as I recover. I appreciate all the visits you made to me and my family. God Bless You!

Larry Smith

A big "Thank You" to Weldon and the youth for the work they did around my house during the Jerusalem Project. It was truly appreciated!

Love to all, Carolyn Turner

We would like to thank our church family for the cards, food, and love expressed in our time of need. It means so much to us.

*Family of Gail Patterson
(Bobby & Kathy Patterson)*


Dear Varennes Heights,
Thank you all for the food, cards, flowers and each thought of sympathy shown to us during the loss of my Mother, Lou Porter. Your prayers during this difficult time and in the days to come are greatly appreciated. May God bless you.

Brian & Becky Porter and Family

*Staff
Anniversaries*

Dr. Kirt Mitchell — August 8th
(9 years as Pastor)

Rev. Weldon Sellers — September 5th
(8 years as Associate Pastor / Youth & Education)



**Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meeting
Sundays:
Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6—9 a.m.**

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Welcome to Varenes Heights Baptist Church

NEWS

DEACON ELECTION — SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH
Five (5) men will be elected to serve a 3 year term.

**2013-2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
HANDLED OUT AUGUST 11TH;
VOTED ON AUGUST 18TH**

Deacons/Staff/Spouses Supper
Monday, August 19th, 6:30 p.m.
The Gray House in Iva
Speaker: Rev. Jerry Gray
Pastor of First Baptist Church of Iva
All Deacons (currently serving and newly elected) & Church Staff, along with their spouses, are invited to attend.)

**New Church Year Begins
September 1st**

 **Church Picnic**
Sunday, Sept. 8th
at Sadler's Creek State Park Pavilion

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
4:30 p.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Supper
—No Evening Services—
(Watch Sunday's bulletin for details)



**Week of Prayer
for
State Missions
September 8-15**

**Janie Chapman Offering for
State Missions**
Church Goal: \$2,000

Baby Dedication
Sunday,
September 15th
10:30 a.m.



REVIVAL
SEPTEMBER 22-25
WITH
REV. BRYANT SIMS



Service Times:

Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 7:00 p.m.

**Saluda Baptist Association
Annual Meeting**
Sunday, October 6th
at Concord Baptist Church

 **Fall Festival**
Thursday,
October 31st
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Come and join in the fun!

Donations needed from S.S. Classes
and/or Individuals:

- Monies to help with food
- Baked Goods/Cakes/Cupcakes
- Candy
- Trunks



Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship



Wednesday
6:30 p.m. AWANA
7:00 p.m. Bible Study /
Prayer Meeting /
Youth Bible Study

Quarterly Business Meeting — October 16th, 7 p.m.

Church Office
Closed
Monday,
September 2nd



Return Service Requested

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Learning His Word—Living Our His Love—Leading Others To His Son**

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