

Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends,
 How great is our God! God is doing great things among us and in us by His grace and power. One year has just come to a close and another year has begun. Last year was a great blessing and this year has begun with great expectations. William Carey, that great missionary to India, said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." This year we are looking at the beginning of some great new ministries of which God has given to us the opportunity to be a part. It is an exciting time at Varennes Heights Baptist Church. Yet, all of the things we do are to be for the glory of God and in order to reach the lost for Christ; this is our purpose and our goal.

Our prayer is that each one of us will be a part of God's great work. How wonderful and great are the works of God! And how unworthy are we of His great love. May the love of Christ be shown to others in all that we do in 2015. God bless you greatly in this new year!

Because of Him, Pastor Kirt

"Living Beyond . . . Giving Beyond"
Total Covenants made to Date:
\$376,394.00
Received to Date: \$105,782.05



Welcome New Members

Baptism	Roger Chandler
Baptism	Bradley Chandler
Statement	Caleb Chandler
	101 Eagle's Nest, Anderson, SC 29625
Baptism	Jarad Webber
	1813 Busby Road,
	Anderson, SC 29626

Upcoming Membership Classes
Sundays, January 25 and March 29 at 4:30

The Record Speaks

(2014 Weekly Budget: \$8,730.01)
(2015 Weekly Budget: \$8,279.69)

Month	Average Attendance	Budget Receipts
October	192	\$35,384.39
November	191	\$33,372.09
December	173	\$42,954.34
January, 2015	173	\$35,802.73

"Note" Worthy

Choirs are working on their music and will come together on Easter Sunday, April 5th to present a musical.

Senior Adults, Mark Your Calendar:

Tuesday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m. for our Monthly Luncheon. Ladies, bring soup, cornbread and desserts. The 2015 Calendars will be given out and discussed.

Tuesday, February 24th at 11:30 a.m. Ladies bring covered dish and desserts. Our guests will be our own singers here at Varennes.

Tuesday, March 24th at 11:30 a.m. Ladies, bring covered dish and desserts. Our special guest will be Melissa Neese from Exalted Health and Rehab in Iva.

Monday-Wednesday, April 27-29 —Myrtle Beach Trip
 Leave church at 8:00 a.m.; Lunch 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Springmaid Resort at 2:00 p.m. See details below:



Senior Adult Beach Trip at Springmaid Resort in Myrtle Beach Monday-Wednesday, April 27-29

Cost of trip:

\$219 per person, double occupancy
 \$289 per person, single occupancy

*(includes chartered bus, lodging, 2 breakfasts,
 meal at Benjamin's Seafood, and tickets to Carolina Opry)*

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Congratulations to . . .

...Eric and Ashley Cook on the birth of their son, Luke Brandon, who was born December 4 and weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long.

...Trey and Krystal Howell on the birth of their daughter, Mabel Quinn, who was born December 19 and weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Keith Howell and Kim Howell. Proud great-grandparents are Gene and Vickie Powell.

...Judd and Michelle Stephens on the birth of their son, Aiden Carter, who was born January 2 and weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Doug and Alesia Stephens.

...Bo Jefferson and Mary Campbell on the birth of their son, Luca Jefferson Campbell, who was born January 13 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. Proud great-grandfather is Frank Jefferson.

*Staff
 Anniversary*

Carol Martin **February 17**
(12 years as Financial Secretary)



Children's Ministry

Happy Birthday to:



River Duncan	February 5	Mason Center	March 17
Rylen Blaney	March 6	Daniel Parker	April 19
Alex Sellers	March 6	McKenna Cook	April 21
Cayman Stone	March 12		

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Pennies for Presents went great! The children and nursery raised over \$950 that went towards Calvary Home for Children and our Food Pantry.

We have begun working on our **Spring Musical (to be presented on May 17th)** and are also working on a few Easter songs to sing. Come join us on Sunday, February 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Birthday Bash — We will celebrate everyone's birthday on **March 8th following the evening service.** This will be a time of celebration and fun.

Our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **Good Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** We will be having food, fun and a huge egg hunt.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it — **June 7-11, 6:00-8:30 p.m.** Our theme is "**Journey Off The Map**", with the motto: "**This is the way, walk in it.**" We will be learning how to stick close to our Guide, Jesus, as we travel through life. If you would like to help in VBS, please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

"Muffins with Moms" **May 10th (Mother's Day)**
"Donuts with Dads" **June 21st (Father's Day)**
King's Kids **Starts Thursday, June 18th**

Good News Club continues to meet on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. at Varennes Elementary School.

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Dept. Director



Sunday-Thursday, June 7—11
6:00-8:30 p.m.

"Journey Off The Map"
(Classes for Ages 3-Adults)

Christian Sympathy

Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Mitchell and the entire church family wish to express their deepest sympathy to: Frances Wheeler in the death of her sister, Bobbie Reys, in Maryland. . . . **Melissa Parker** in the death of her grandfather, Carl Henderson. . . . **The Family of Larry McLees. . . Cook Johnson** in the death of his sister, Elizabeth Bowers. . . . **Erik and Kari Slaton** in the death of her father, Gary Durham. . . . and to **James Turner** in the death of his sister, Ellen English.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2015

Thank you Church Family for all the prayers, beautiful cards and all the phone calls I received after my surgery.

Jeanette Cheek

Thank you for every act of kindness shown to our family during the sickness and death of our beloved family member, Barbara Hammond. From every card, every prayer, every visit, every call, and the food that was prepared showed our family what a wonderful church that we are a part of. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we try to continue to live our lives and allow our precious Lord to heal our hearts.

The Hammond Family

Church Family,
Thanks for all the prayers and cards during my brother's illness. Also, thanks to Pastor Kirt and Furman for attending the memorial service.

Love to Church Family, Ellen Ridley

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the ways you helped me, especially the cards, phone calls and prayers as God continues to really take care of me.

Love in Christ, Norma Koon

Thank you so much for thinking about our patients in AnMed Health Infusion Center. The blankets are so cozy and are appreciated so much.

Teresa & Infusion Staff

Thank you Children for the wonderful supplies for the cottages! We are so blessed by your support and prayers! We hope you all have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Calvary Home for Children

Thank you for all the cards, visits, calls, prayers and kind words during my sister's death. It means so much to us. We have a wonderful church family and we love each and every one of you.


Thank You, James Turner

Dear Varennes Heights Baptist Church,
On behalf of the Charleston Baptist Association and our International Seafarer Ministry, I want to thank you for the 18 additional caps you made for our ministry (bringing the total to **102** this year). The caps are given to seafarers from all over the world during the Christmas season. We will conclude giving them away in a few weeks and any additional caps received will be stored for next Christmas. These seafarers come from countries such as the Philippines, Ukraine, Russia, China, India, Indonesia, and others. Many of the sailors thank us (and you) for the caps. Giving them out is the fastest way to meet every single crewman on the ship. Without the support of many individuals, churches, and associations, like you, we would not be able to give each sailor a Christmas gift and tract in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Christopher Dale, Seafarer Ministry Chaplain

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for everything done for us during and since Monte's death. It has truly been an example of our church showing an abundance of God's love and compassion.

Ouita Todd and Family


**Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meetings
Sundays at 9 a.m.:**
February 1, March 1, April 5

Website: www.vhbc.net

FAX: (864) 225-2789

411 Visage Drive
Anderson, SC 29626
(864) 226-6919



Learning His Word—Living Out His Love—Leading Others To His Son

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“ LIVING BEYOND . . . GIVING BEYOND “

*Good
Friday
Church Office
Closed
April 3rd*



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Welcome to
Varennes Heights Baptist Church

UPCOMING EVENTS



“SOUP”ER BOWL FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, February 1st
Following the Evening Worship Service

Come and join us for this time of fun, food and fellowship. We will have various soups and stews, cornbread and crackers.

A TV screen will be available for those who would like to watch the “game”.



**Week of Prayer
for
North American Missions
March 1-7**

Our Goal: \$4,500



Easter Egg Hunt
Friday, April 3rd
6:00 p.m.

JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH



Schedule:

7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Musical



No Evening Worship Service

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