

Pastor's Message

Dear Church Members and Friends,

What a great God we serve! There is no need to try to 'out do' God because He always blesses us more than we can imagine. We are, as a church, continuing on the journey which God has, by His grace, laid out before us. This past Sunday we celebrated the end of our three-year Beyond Measure Campaign and not only did we reach our goal but went beyond our goal by the grace of God. Now we continue going forward with our 'Living Beyond... Giving Beyond' campaign. As we are getting very close to beginning the Child Development Center, we are also looking forward to the time when we can begin the Multi-purpose building as well. All of this is for one purpose—to reach people with the gospel. The Child Development Center will reach out to entire families through the ministry of Jesus Christ. The Multi-purpose building will reach out to the community through recreation, and provide a place of fellowship and worship for the church on Wednesdays (and other times as well). All of this is about reaching people for Christ.

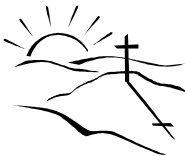
As I see on the news where Satan is attacking the 'freedom of religion' more and more in our public institutions, I become more and more convinced of the need to have the means to build young lives on the moral foundation of Scripture. Let someone be doing a good thing in young lives and you will find that Satan will attack that person and their moral foundation. I do not believe that we can be calloused or unconcerned about the future of our children, youth, families, churches, or our nation by turning a 'blind eye and a deaf ear' to the cause of Christ. Whenever you may think that the effort you are putting into the cause of Christ is too much, think of what Christ did for you and think of the effort Satan is putting into lives to destroy them. The battle is too big and too important for retreat or for stagnation. We 'press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus'. We must not only continue on, but we must also increase in Christ.

Because of Him, Pastor Kirt

Praise The Lord for what He has done!!

"Living Beyond... Giving Beyond"

Total Covenants made on Celebration Sunday, April 27th: \$308,634



It's not too late for you to make your commitment. You may pick up a Covenant Card (1 per family, unless giving separately) at the Welcome Center.

The Record Speaks

(Weekly Budget: \$8,730.01)

Month	Average Attendance	Budget Receipts
February	201	\$34,201.56
March	188	\$41,836.34
April	191	\$32,351.44

"Note" Worthy

We had a wonderful Easter. We give our thanks to the Lord for His presence with us. Only when we give Him the praise, will He in return give His blessings.

We will be having the **Atkins Family Singers** with us on **June 29th** in the Morning Service. This will be a special service to celebrate our freedom living in America.

The **Senior Adults** really enjoyed our trip to Strawberry Hill USA in Chesnee, SC. We will be going to Phyllis and Harold Walters' for a cookout (*hamburgers with all the trimmings*) on **Tuesday, May 27th** starting at **5:00 p.m.** On **Tuesday, June 24th**, we will be taking a **day trip** to Atlanta, GA. We will have a step-on guide and the tour will consist of a drive past the Roswell's Antebellum houses, the historic Roswell Mills, lunch at Alpha Soda [*lunch will be on your own*], and a drive through the Alpharetta area. **Watch for sign-up sheets.**

The **AWANA's** will be having their **Graduation on Wednesday, May 28th at 7 p.m.** Thank you to all those who help to make this AWANA a great club!



Summer Wednesday Night Suppers will begin June 18th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty!" FURMAN

Welcome New Members

Baptism	Roger Slaton 3030 Airline Road Anderson, SC 29624	Letter	Joe & Martha McClellan 130 Selwyn Drive Anderson, SC 29625
Baptism	Gracelyn Bratcher 104 Windcrest Lane Anderson, SC 29626	Baptism	Carter Prince 413 Watson Avenue Anderson, SC 29625
Baptism	Serra Wilson 419 Riley Street Anderson, SC 29624	Letter	Jerry & Barbara Blaney
		Letter	Joshua Hudgens
		Baptism	Dustin Blaney
		Baptism	Rylen Blaney
Baptism	Erica Cook 203 Keasler Drive Starr, SC 29684		140 Acker Road Anderson, SC 29624
Letter	Kevin & Anlyn Gaines 498 Cherokee Street Anderson, SC 29626	Letter	Robert & Lisa Partain 3405 Wilmont Street Anderson, SC 29624



Tiffany Bratcher May 7
(2 years as Children's Director)

Peggy Pritchard July 14
(17 years as Custodian)

Children's Ministry

Happy Birthday to:



Ava Wilson	5/3	Drew Drake	7/15
Jordan Hoskins	5/3	Kylie Wilson	7/25
AudreyAnne Nunn	5/5	Nicole Sanders	7/25
Kameron Howell	6/4	Trenton Slaton	7/26
Gracie Patterson	7/5	Aden Hoskins	7/30

We had a great time at our **Easter Egg Hunt**. Even with the showers, we had close to 125 attend. The older kids enjoyed hunting eggs in the misting rain.



Muffins for Mom is **May 11th** during the SS Hour. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your child(ren) as we celebrate the blessing of our moms.

The children are working hard on our musical **"Here for the Gold"**. It will be awesome to see the gold nuggets of truth that Jesus told. Come out and invite your friends **June 1st** during the evening worship service.



Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it.

June 8-12, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Classes for 3 year olds-5th Grade & Adults

We will learn to Discover, Decide and Defend our faith. It will be an awesome time to learn about eyewitness accounts. We are in NEED of help to ensure we have our classes covered with teachers and helpers. We are adding a few additional classes due to the increase in our numbers. If you can help, please let me know or sign up at the Welcome Center or bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Donuts for Dad is **June 15th** during the SS Hour. Come out to enjoy some time with your child(ren) as we celebrate our wonderful dads.



Kings Kids (K5-5th Grade) will begin **June 19th**. We have some exciting activities planned this summer. Stay tuned for details.



Wednesday Summer Children's Schedule:
6:30--7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00--8:00 p.m. Activities

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Dept. Director

Youth Ministry



- Watch for schedule of upcoming Tuesday activities.
- Graduate Recognition **May 18th, 10:30 a.m.**
- Jerusalem Project **June 23-27**

WELDON

MAY / JUNE / JULY 2014

Dear Weldon and the Youth Group,

I would like to thank you so very much for my valentine candy, card and flower. Also, I would like to thank the two precious girls that brought it to me. May God bless you all always. I love you.

In God's Love, Marion Turner

Thank you for the outpouring of love you have shown to our family in the loss of our father, Bill Loyd. The flower and the food were greatly appreciated!

Mark Loyd, Sherry Spearman, Lynn Ellis

Dear Varennes Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the money to go on my mission trip to Guatemala! It was definitely an eye opening experience! I received such a blessing from the girls at Shadow of His Wings Orphanage as well as when we passed about food baskets in the city of Manjas, Guatemala. (See bulletin board in breezeway for a picture of me with a group of children at Shadow of His Wings.) Thank you again!

Sincerely, Tegan Dutschke

Thank you, Church Family, for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls I received during my chemotherapy. Continue to keep me in your prayers.

Thankfully, Jim Stidham

Congratulations to



....Brandon and Morgan Williamson on the birth of their daughter, Emma Chaise, who was born March 6th and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19" long. Proud grandparents are Ricky Williamson & Tosha Williamson.

Proud great-grandparents are Stan & Alane Smith.

....Tyler and Danni Howell on the birth of their daughter, Chelsie Rae, who was born March 9th and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19½" long. Proud grandparents are Keith Howell & Kim Howell. Proud great-grandparents are Gene & Vickie Powell.

Christian Sympathy

Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Mitchell and the entire church family wish to express their deepest sympathy to: **Mark Loyd** in the death of his father, Bill Loyd....**The Family of Rev. Bill Ellison**....**Jerry Blaney** in the death of his grandmother in Ohio....**Marion Turner** in the death of her cousin, Lillie Ann Osteen Lindsay....**Geraldine Butts** in the death of her niece, Emilie Rowland....**Ruth McConnell** in the death of her sister, Willie Mae Poole....**Iris Cothran** in the death of her niece, Rita Hammond....**Pastor Kirt Mitchell** in the death of his uncle, Ansel Burton....**L.J. Garrett** in the death of her mother, Retha Brown....and to **Stephani Baldwin** in the death of her father, Hubert Baldwin.

Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meetings
Sundays at 9 a.m.:
May 4; June 1; July 6

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Church Office
Closed
Memorial Day
Monday, May 26
and
Independence
Day
Friday July 4



Welcome to Varennes Heights Baptist Church



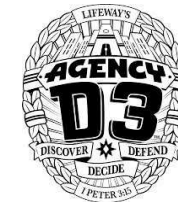
Mark Your Calendar

HAPPY Mother's Day
May 11th

Graduate Recognition
Sunday, May 18th
10:30 a.m.



Ladies Spring Luncheon
Saturday, May 31st
(watch for upcoming details)



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6:00-8:30 p.m.
(Ages 3-5th Grade & Adults)

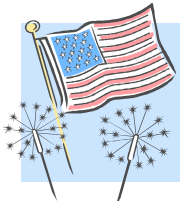
Adult Teachers:

Cleve Edmondson, Sonny Bratcher,
Vic Cheek, Doug Wilson, John Webber

Happy Father's Day!

June 15th

4th of July Celebration
Sunday, June 29th
10:30 a.m.



The Atkins Family Singers will be our Special Guests.

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