

Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends,
Greetings in the precious name of the only one by whom we can be saved—Jesus Christ! We continue to progress, under the leadership of the Lord, toward the vision God has for the church. We have paid off the property on Master's Boulevard. That is a great blessing from the Lord. Thank you for your faithfulness to give to the Beyond Measure Campaign and to the regular offerings of the church. Whenever a church takes on the vision that Varennes Heights has, each of us must step up to a new level in all that we do. We cannot just continue doing the same things and expect different results. We must not only be faithful to give our regular tithes and offerings, but we must also give above and beyond that so that the vision of the church may become a reality. A vision without a plan is only a wish. We have a plan and God is blessing the faithfulness of His church.

Each of us must experience change—that is what being a Christian is all about. We continually grow in Christ, grow in faith, grow in the Holy Spirit, and grow in God's Word. The REAL change must come in our lives as we live out the ever-renewing gospel of Jesus Christ. What a great journey we are on and that journey challenges us individually toward change and consequently toward growth.

Soon the Finance Committee will be bringing to the church their recommendation of a loan to begin construction on the Child Development Center which will reach out to several hundred lives, but especially to little hearts with the love of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to begin construction in October of this year as the Lord leads and provides. Soon we pray that, on the new property, buildings will begin to be built and that the church will begin to enlarge its ministry in an area of Anderson that is seeing great change; our greatest prayer is that we may change to be more like Christ each day.

We encourage you to be a part of all that God is doing at Varennes Heights. Come and worship with us, join in on the vision and see God at work in a great way. May God bless you.

Because God Blesses Faithfulness, Pastor Kirt

**Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
March 3-9**

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Begins March 3rd**

Our Goal: \$4,500



**Vacation Bible School Clinic
Saturday, March 16th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Pope Drive Baptist Church

*(sponsored by the Saluda Baptist
Association)*

Theme: Colossal Coaster World

The Record Speaks

(Weekly Budget: \$8,866.06)

Month	Average Attendance	Budget Receipts
November	196	\$38,360.02
December	182	\$34,513.63
January	176	\$44,823.01

"Note" Worthy

We are looking for a great year in the Lord and we are going to put Him right in the middle of it all. We have a great Church and we want to be blessed by the Lord in all that we do.

The Senior Adult calendar was given out at the luncheon on January 22nd. Make sure that you plan to be involved in all activities. Anyone interested in going with us on Day Trips, please watch for Sign-up Sheets and sign up to go. Plan to be present on **Tuesday, February 26th** for our Covered Dish Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be our own Libby Wooten from "Under His Wings Ministry". Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Judge Martha Newton (Probate Judge).

The Choir is working on their Easter Music. If you are interested in singing, now would be a great time for you to join us!

The AWANA Club is growing. We appreciate everyone who volunteers their time to show the children love and share God's Word with them.

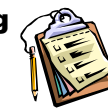
"What A Mighty God We Serve".

FURMAN

Sunday School Officers & Teachers Meeting

Sunday, February 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

(Fellowship Hall)



Youth Ministry

♦ *March Madness*

Wednesdays beginning March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

♦ *Spring Break Retreat* April 4-7

WELDON

Ladies Ministry

Spring Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, April 27th



Watch for upcoming details.

Men's Ministry

Attention Men!!



Our next **Rail Buggy Workshop** will be conducted at **Pruitt's Transmission** on **Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us as Butch of Pruitt's Transmission will be showing us how to rebuild a transmission and demonstrating how everything works. He will be explaining the fundamentals of an automatic transmission and will also share a lesson from God's Word. **Pruitt's Transmission is located at 1810 West Whitner Street.** Hope to see you there!

Doug Wilson, Men's Ministry Director



Children's Ministry

Happy Birthday to:

River Duncan	2/5	Sam Center	4/16
Noah Hoskins	2/15	Kyle Burton	4/17
Alex Sellers	3/6	Daniel Parker	4/19
Saleen Wallace	3/15	McKenna Cook	4/21
Mason Center	3/17	Bradley Chandler	4/30

Children's Choir has started up again in preparation for our Spring Musical in May. We meet at **4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.** Come out and join us!

Join us on **February 10th** for our Combined Sunday School for Valentine's Day.

Our **Church/Community Easter Egg Hunt** will be **Friday, March 29th at 6 p.m.** Join us for food, fellowship & egg hunt.



Our **Annual Children's Birthday Bash** will be **Sunday, April 14th** following the Evening Worship Service. Come out as we celebrate all our birthdays.

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Dept. Director

Staff Anniversary

Carol Martin February 17

(10 years as Financial Secretary)



Good Friday



**Church Office Closed
March 29th**

Christian Sympathy

Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Mitchell and the entire church family wish to express their deepest sympathy to: **Vicki Powell** in the death of her uncle, Frank Evans....**J.R. Purdy** in the death of his mother, Almeta Purdy....**Nancy Smith** in the death of her father, Arnold Kelley....**Jim Busby** in the death of his mother, Dot Busby....**Mildred Anderson** in the death of her aunt, Janet Simpson Pennington....**Ray Byrum** in the death of his first cousin....**Weldon Sellers** in the death of his grandfather, L.J. Horton....**Brenda Ayers** in the death of her nephew, Richie Ayers....**Lynn Drake** in the death of her uncle, Paul Myers....**Jeanette Parker** in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Walls....**Pastor Kirt** in the death of his brother, Don Mitchell....**Peggy Pritchard** in the death of her adopted sister, Vernice Waddell....**Phyllis Walters** in the death of her sister-in-law's mother in Florida....**Bitsy Harrison** in the death of her brother, Ron Erwin....**Nicole and Kayla Broome** in the death of their grandmother, Jean Stamps....and to **Roger Smith** in the deaths of his first cousin, Judy Patterson and his aunt, Sandra Jordan.

FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL 2013

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the cards, phone calls and most of all, your prayers.

In Christian Love Always, Margaret Hanks

Thank you so much for the beautiful peace lily. It's a comfort to know that we will all be reunited and with our Savior one day. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

Love in Christ, Nancy and Delano Smith and the Kelley Family

Thank you Church Family for all the prayers, calls and concerns during my father's hospitalization. Please keep him in your prayers as he is still recuperating at home.

Gerry and Betty Yates

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for us during the death of J.R.'s mother, Almeta Purdy. A special thank you to the church for the beautiful flower.

J.R. and Gail Purdy

Thank you so much for providing the lovely meal for our family. Your thoughtfulness and kindness were greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

Love in Christ, The Family of Arnold Kelley

Church Family,
Thanks for your prayers when my son, David, passed away. Your thoughts were appreciated.

Sincerely, Ruby Nell Smith

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, food and prayers during the passing of our Mom, Dot Busby. We will always remember you for your kindness. May God bless all of you.

Love, The Jim Busby Family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the memorial gift sent to the Cancer Society in memory of my Dad, and especially the prayers and love to our family here and to Weldon, Sandi and our grandsons. May God bless you in this new year.

In His Amazing Love, L.J. Horton Family, Sellers Family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful church gift and to the sweet people, the Sears family, that brought the gift. I love my Church Family.


Fannie Lewis

Thanks for everything. We really appreciate your kindness.

The Waddell Family

Dear VHBC Family,
Your phone calls, cards and prayers since my diagnosis has meant so much to me. You have a special place in my heart!!!

Love in Christ, Alane Smith



**Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meeting
Sundays:
Feb. 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th**

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**GOOD NEWS CLUB
CONTINUES
ON TUESDAY
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Welcome to Varenes Heights Baptist Church



Church-wide Valentine Banquet
(sponsored by the youth)
Saturday, February 16th, 6:00 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert, Tea.
Cost: \$7.50 (ages 13-adult), \$3.50 (ages 6-12), FREE (ages 5 & Under), \$20 family maximum.

Sign-up sheets are available at each entrance.
Sign-up by Wednesday, February 13th.

All proceeds will go toward sponsoring youth for the Spring Break Retreat.

Church-wide "Soup"er Bowl Fellowship
Sunday, February 3rd
following the Evening Service



Join in this time of fellowship! Soups and Baked Potatoes will be served.

A TV will be set up for those who would like to watch the "Super Bowl".



Rejoice at EASTER

MARCH 31ST

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

NO P.M. SERVICE

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Morning Worship	6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m. Bible Study / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study		



Congratulations

Congratulations to Wes and Sarah (Drake) Smith on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elyse, who was born on December 23rd and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21" long. Proud grandparents are Phil and Lynn Drake.