

Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends,
It is so wonderful to be in God's house and to be a part of a church with such a great spirit! There is a sense of excitement at Varennes Heights; an excitement that is genuine because of what Christ is doing in lives. So many people are being touched by the grace of God and many are renewing their trust in what God can do. We are having a great time going through the gospel of Luke on Sunday and the gospel of John on Wednesday. Many great things are on the calendar for all age groups and the vision the church has adopted continues to move forward. Soon, by God grace and if He is willing, we will visibly see on the property on Masters Blvd. what has been in the heart of the church. Please continue to pray for God's leadership and for His provision. We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His holy Word; and truly He has not failed us yet! May God continue to bless and may each one of us be found faithful.

Because of Him, Pastor Kirt



Men's Ministry

"Fight 4 It" — July 26-27
Curb Event Center, Nashville, TN

Speakers to include: Alex & Stephen Kendrick (*Courageous & Fireproof*), Bobby Bowden, Willie Robertson (*Duck Dynasty*), Tony Evans, Tommy Bowden plus others. We are planning to take a group; however, in order to get a total cost, we need for you to sign up at the Welcome Center as soon as possible. When we determine how many are interested, we can check on room rates, etc.

Doug Wilson, Men's Ministry Director

Congratulations to



...Jonathan and Amy Campbell on the birth of their son, Jackson David, who was born March 25 and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 7/8 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jim and Carol Campbell.

.....Doug and Diane Powell on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Hope, who was born April 19 and weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Gene and Vickie Powell.

Welcome New Members	Letter	Ken Wages
	Baptism	Tammy Wages
		2407 Airline Road Anderson, SC 29624

The Record Speaks

(Weekly Budget: \$8,866.06)

Month	Average Attendance	Budget Receipts
February	185	\$33,509.63
March	186	\$37,454.10
April (3 Sundays)	180	\$31,213.56

"Note" Worthy

We are looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us this spring and summer through the Children and Youth Choirs! The Lord is worthy to be given all of our praise. Thank you, Sanctuary Choir, for all that you do to bring your best in song and worship each Sunday. The Lord has blessed all your time you have spent each week in rehearsals.

Senior Adults have a busy summer schedule. We look forward to the **Annual Cookout at Phyllis & Harold Walters' home on Tuesday, May 28th at 5 p.m.** They are so gracious to open their home to us. Our own, Phil Drake, will be bringing the devotion for us.)

Mystery Trip—Tuesday, June 4th. Please sign up by May 1st. We are headed >>>>>> THAT WAY. Bus provided for a cost of \$42 per person.
Tuesday, July 23rd, 11:30 a.m. — Luncheon — BBQ with all trimmings.

Vacation Bible School begins **June 9th** and the Seniors, as always, will be preparing and serving the food. Also, we will be preparing and serving the food for the **Special Needs Camp on July 15-19.** Our own, Brittany Smith, is the director for the camp.

AWANA Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m.

We Are So Blessed!

FURMAN

Youth Ministry

Wednesday, May 1 -- Senior Night @ The Locker Room

We will honor our seniors and give them a challenge as they prepare to graduate and enter into another phase of their life.

May 15 – Youth Summer Kick-off at the Anderson Rec. Center, 6 p.m. Join us for a Cookout and Tennis Baseball

May 19 – Graduate Recognition

We will honor our graduates during the 10:30 am worship service. We will have a meal following the service for graduates, their parents, siblings and grandparents. Make sure that you sign up if you plan on participating. (Get pictures to Kelly Copelan no later than April 28th.)

May 26 – S.N.A.C. (out to eat)

June 5 – Community Blitz for VBS (meet @ 6pm)

June 9-13 – VBS

June 17-21 – Jerusalem Project

If you have yard work or a small project that needs to be done, please sign up. If you would like to support this project, you can purchase a t-shirt for \$10.

June 25 – Our Tuesday activities and Bible study will begin!

July 21-26 – Associational Mission Trip to Inez, Kentucky WELDON

Ladies Ministry

**Don't Forget: The Ladies Spring Luncheon—
Saturday, April 27th, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)**

Libby Wooten, Ladies Ministry Director



**Summer Wednesday Night Suppers
Begin June 19th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Check Sunday's bulletin each week for menu.

Children's Ministry

Happy Birthday to:



Ava Wilson	5/3	Gracie Patterson	7/5
Jordan Hoskins	5/3	Amber Wallace	7/13
AudreyAnne Nunn	5/5	Drew Drake	7/15
Colby Jenkins	5/24	Nicole Sanders	7/25
Kameron Howell	6/4	Trenton Slaton	7/26

The Children will be presenting the musical **"God Of This City"** on **Sunday, June 2nd at 6 p.m.** You will not want to miss the kids as they use their hands, mouths and motions to give God the glory.

"Muffins with Mom"
"Donuts with Dads"

Mother's Day, May 12th, 8:45-9:30 a.m.
Father's Day, June 16th, 8:45-9:30 a.m.

As we celebrate our Moms and Dads, we will be doing things a little different this year. We will meet before the Sunday School hour at 8:45 a.m. Moms and Dads, plan to join us in the Fellowship hall for some great time of food, fun and fellowship on your special days.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 9-13, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

This Year: "Ready to Face Your Fears and Trust God?"

Journey with us in a Colossal Coaster World Adventure. We will learn how God has not given us a spirit of being fearful but of power, love and sound judgment (2 Tim. 1:7). If you would love to be a part of leading children to Jesus, let me know or sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. There will be many opportunities in different areas (*Teaching, Assisting, Music, Floating Helpers*).



King's Kids, our summer children's program, will begin **Thursday, June 20th.** Watch for calendars the first of June.

Summer Choir will begin on Wednesday, June 19th from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Children's Program will begin June 5th at 7 p.m. in the Children's Department.

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Dept. Director

NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

4:30 P.M.

(CONFERENCE ROOM)

This class is 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: **Shontel Wardlaw** in the death of her uncle...**Teenie Hair** and **Lisa Meinte** in the death of their mother and grandmother, **Lula Lilly...Hazel Freeman** in the death of her sister in NC...**Family of JoAnn Anderson...Lynn Drake** in the death of her cousin, **Linda Ginn...Family of Phyllis Davenport...Libby Wooten** in the death of her brother, **Troy Dodgens...Tina Hinman** in the death of her father, **Charles Crenshaw...Paul Holmes** in the death of his granddaughter, **Haley Holmes...and to Bobby Patterson** in the death of his mother, **Gail Patterson.**

MAY / JUNE / JULY 2013

Dear Members of Varennes Heights,
Thank you very much for your love and support during our difficult time of the loss of Phyllis. Our family really appreciates your visits, the beautiful flowers, food, cards, and most of all your prayers. Please continue to pray for our family during the difficult days to come.

Love, Rip & Family of Phyllis Davenport

Thank you so much for all the prayers during my hospital stay and recuperation at home. Surgery was much more complicated than had been expected. Continue to pray for me. It is a comfort to know you have so many praying for you in your time of need.

Larry Deer, Lucky & Jim Stidham

Thank you for all your prayers, food and kind thoughts.

In loving memory of Phyllis Davenport—The Family of Hazel Knight

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the expressions of love and concern that you continue to show me during this trying time. The prayers, phone calls and offers of help are greatly appreciated; and the ongoing mountain of cards that encourage me are all placed in my "Joy Box". A special thanks to my wonderful Sunday School Class. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

We Love Our Church, Betty Jo and Farrell Giles

We would like to thank Varennes Heights Church, its members and especially Furman for being such a wonderful Christian family to my parents, Ruth and Glenn McConnell for so many years. They are going through a rather rough time right now and will continue to need your prayers and support. Currently, both are living out of their home: Glenn (NHC, Rm. 410 B); Ruth (Legacy, Apt. 328). Again, thank you so very much.

Mitch and Martha Houston

Varennes Heights Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of support for the mission trip I will be going on this summer. I pray that God will use this gift and my service to bring Him glory and to bring more people to know Him. I would really appreciate the prayers of the congregation while I am in the Philippines from June 1st-August 3rd as I know they too will be an important part of my ministry. When I get back, I will send you a report of my work.

Thank You, Lauren McCorkle

Thank you for your gift to the Church Cemetery Fund in memory of M. Lula Lilly (Teenie Hair's Mother).

Cool Springs South Methodist Church


Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the outpouring of love and support during my Dad's sickness, his going home to be with Jesus, and our time of sorrow at his passing. "We grieved with a sweeter sorrow, Our loss was lighter to bear, As our Master watches the sparrow, In each of you, He showed, HE CARES." Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all the expressions of sympathy!

Tina Crenshaw Hinman and the Family of Charles Crenshaw

*Staff
Anniversaries*

Tiffany Bratcher **May 7**
(1 year as Children's Director)

Peggy Pritchard **July 14**
(16 years as Church Custodian)


**Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meeting
Sundays:
May 5, June 2, July 7—9 a.m.**

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**To Worship God By:
Learning His Word—Living Out His Love—Leading Others To His Son
Return Service Requested**

National Day of Prayer — Thursday, May 2nd

**Church Office Closed
for Holidays:
Memorial Day —
May 27th
and
Independence Day —
Thursday, July 4th**



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Welcome to Varennes Heights Baptist Church

HAPPY Mothers Day

**Sunday, May 12th
9:30 a.m.**

Join us for a special Sunday School for all Ladies in the Sanctuary. Our Guest Speaker will be Darlene Wilkinson, who will be sharing on the topic "The Words of a Mother".

Darlene is a N.Y. Times best-selling author of *The Prayer of Jabez for Women* and *Secrets of the Vine for Women*. She believes women today have an incredible opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives and circumstances of those they touch. Her passion, through writing, poetry & speaking, is to encourage women to seek and delight in the Lord Jesus Christ, who uniquely designed them to make a difference. Darlene has also taught with her husband, Bruce, a six-part video/television series entitled, "A Heart That Makes A Home".

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

— No Evening Services —

	<p>Graduate Recognition Day May 19th 10:30 a.m.</p>	
<p><i>*See Youth Ministry article inside for further details.</i></p>		<p>Vacation Bible School June 9-13 6:00—8:30 p.m. (Ages 3-5th Grade & Adults)</p>

Happy Father's Day! *(Father's Day Weekend)*
**Saturday & Sunday,
June 15th and 16th**

Theme for the weekend: CAMO (Calling All Men Out)

Saturday, June 15th, we will meet at Jay Copelan's shop for food, fellowship and a special speaker (*watch for time*). Then on **Sunday, Father's Day**, all men are asked to meet together for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our Guest Speaker will be Robbie Richey of Ironman Outdoors. **10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service (Men's Choir)**

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