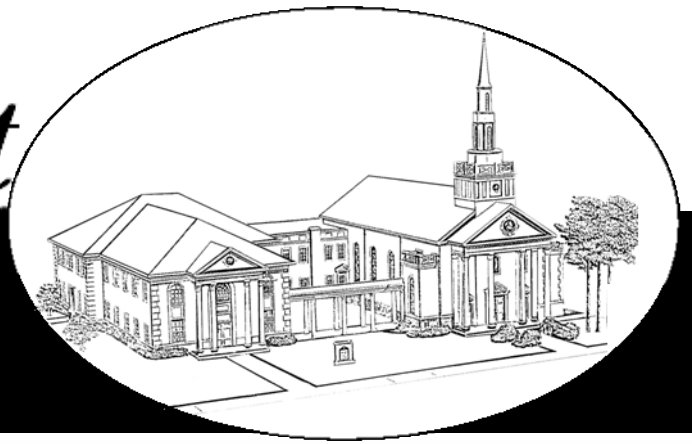


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*Sunday,
February 28*

Lent 3

Pastor

Rev. Ryan Clore

Sermon:
*“Changing Your
Mind for
the Better”*

Luke 13:1-9



Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Isaiah 55: 1-3





"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."

- Deuteronomy 30:19

I am leery whenever I hear someone say, "there are two types of people in this world..." I believe the world is more complex than to categorize people into merely two types. Maybe Disney has scarred our brains. My three-year-old son, after watching a movie, can easily identify which character is "the bad guy." He's already come to believe that there are good guys, and there are bad guys. This makes me sad. I don't think God looks at people that way.

The world is more complex for us to simplify things into two categories. However, I don't think that I can debunk this statement by C.S. Lewis. I think he's on to something. While I'm not ready to say, "There's two kinds of people..." I do believe God gives all of us a choice each moment of every day. Choose God's way - or reject God's way; Bless this world - or curse this world. One of God's greatest gifts he ever gave us was the gift of choice. God gave us the gift of accepting, or rejecting life - eternal life. As Jesus teaches us, how we treat the people around us is a direct product of that choice. So when my son asks me during the movie, "Is he a bad guy, daddy?" I respond, "There are no 'bad guys,' Luke - only good people who do bad things." We all do bad things. But fortunately we serve a God who forgives - and calls us to repentance. May we all choose repentance. May we all choose life.

- Rev. Ryan K. Clore

Email Prayer Group Announcement:

There is power in prayer! For several years, our email prayer group members have prayed for concerns mentioned to us. We do not meet to pray; but we pray earnestly and thankfully. If you feel led to be a dedicated member, please contact Frances Price by phone (910-642-4274) or by email (francesd@centurylink.net).

Music Ministry



Take My Life and Let It Be

A Prayer Lived Out in Life

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) of England began writing verse at age seven. Her insatiable thirst for the Bible led her to memorize the entire New Testament, Psalms, Isaiah, and the Minor Prophets. She was a concert contralto soloist and a brilliant classical pianist. She gave her life to Christ at age fifteen.

At age twenty-one she stood in the art gallery at Dusseldorf, Germany, looking at the painting of the crucifixion with the engraving beneath it "This I have done for thee; what has thou done for Me?" In the previous century the wealthy young Count Zinzendorf of Moravian missionary fame read these same words and was led to consecrate his life to Christ. As she stood there, her very soul was stirred. Tears cascaded down her cheeks. From that moment she dedicated her talents to the service of the Lord.

Throughout her life she was frail and delicate in health and died at the early age of forty-two. When she wrote "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," it was for her a prayer. And when she penned the words, "Take my silver and my gold," she did exactly that! She gave fifty pieces of jewelry (heirlooms) to the Church Missionary Society, including a jewel cabinet that she said was "fit for a countess." She retained only a brooch for daily wear that was a memorial of her parents, and a locket with a portrait of her niece who had gone to heaven. Of that experience she wrote, "I don't think I need tell you I never packed a box with such pleasure." Despite the dark nights of frequent sickness and suffering, the dedicated life of this poetess can best be summed up in her own prayer lyrics.

Join us Sunday as we sing this devotional hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated."

(copied from *Songs in the Night*, William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., Grand Rapids, MI., 1996.)

Our **Youth Choir** is looking forward to participating in *Festival by the Sea* in Myrtle Beach on March 4-6, 2016. The youth have worked for several months on their festival music. Festival participants will represent churches from several southeastern states and around 400 youth singers.

Join us each Sunday as we continue our journey through Lent and on to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

February 28	The Third Sunday in Lent
March 6	The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 13	The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 27	Easter Sunday



Missions Announcement

Our church partners with THE HELP MISSION located at 127 West Commerce Street. They have a Thrift Store that sells clothing and household items at a very low cost to the public. Through their Assistance Program they provide emergency assistance with utilities, water, fuel, medical bills, clothing and household items. You are encouraged to donate clothing and household items anytime during the year. In 2015 they assisted 194 families. The church thanks you for your giving that enables us to partner with THE HELP MISSION.



Feb 27 Peggy FormyDuval
Mar 2 Janice Young
Mar 2 Jan Hinson
Mar 2 Grace Morningstar
Mar 3 Doris Hughes
Mar 3 Coburn Powell
Mar 3 Bryon Ward



From the Nominating Committee

The following positions need to be filled. Ponder the list. If you feel so led, please volunteer by calling Carol Greer (642-5883).

Children's Committee - 1
Flower Committee - 1
Lord's Supper Committee - 2
Missions Committee - 1
Nominating Committee - 2
Transportation Committee - 1
Wednesday Night Supper Committee - 1
Sunday School Greeter - 1 for the 3rd Sunday

What's COOKING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
March 2, 2016

Chair: Peggy Norosky

Teriyaki Chicken, Rice,
Green Beans, & Dessert

Upcoming WMU Sponsored Events

March 3 at 7:00p.m.— North American Missions Study at Columbus Baptist Association Conference Room. Marlene Sears will lead the study. Anyone who would like to participate is invited.

March 5 at 8:30a.m.—Columbus County Literacy Breakfast at First Baptist Church, Whiteville. Breakfast is \$7.00. All money goes to the Literacy Program. Please call 642-2155 or 542-2442 to make reservation. Everyone is invited.

Our Financial Stewardship

February 21, 2016
Worship Attendance: 136

This Week

Budget Rec'd	\$ 6,749.00
Budget Needed	\$ 8,795.15
Under	\$ 2,046.15

This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 184,698.15
Budget Received YTD	\$ 135,428.25
Under Budget YTD	\$ 49,269.90



Members in Ministry

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Children's Church

Tricia Sanderson

Worship Service Greeter

Kenwood Royal

Deacons of the Week

Brownie Cook & Charlie Duncan

Nursery

Yvonne Bass & Tonya Schoolcraft

Sound/Video

Eric Kronenwetter

Offering Tellers

Jerry Wilson, Glenn Waters

Pew Stocker

Travis Harrison

DVD Distribution

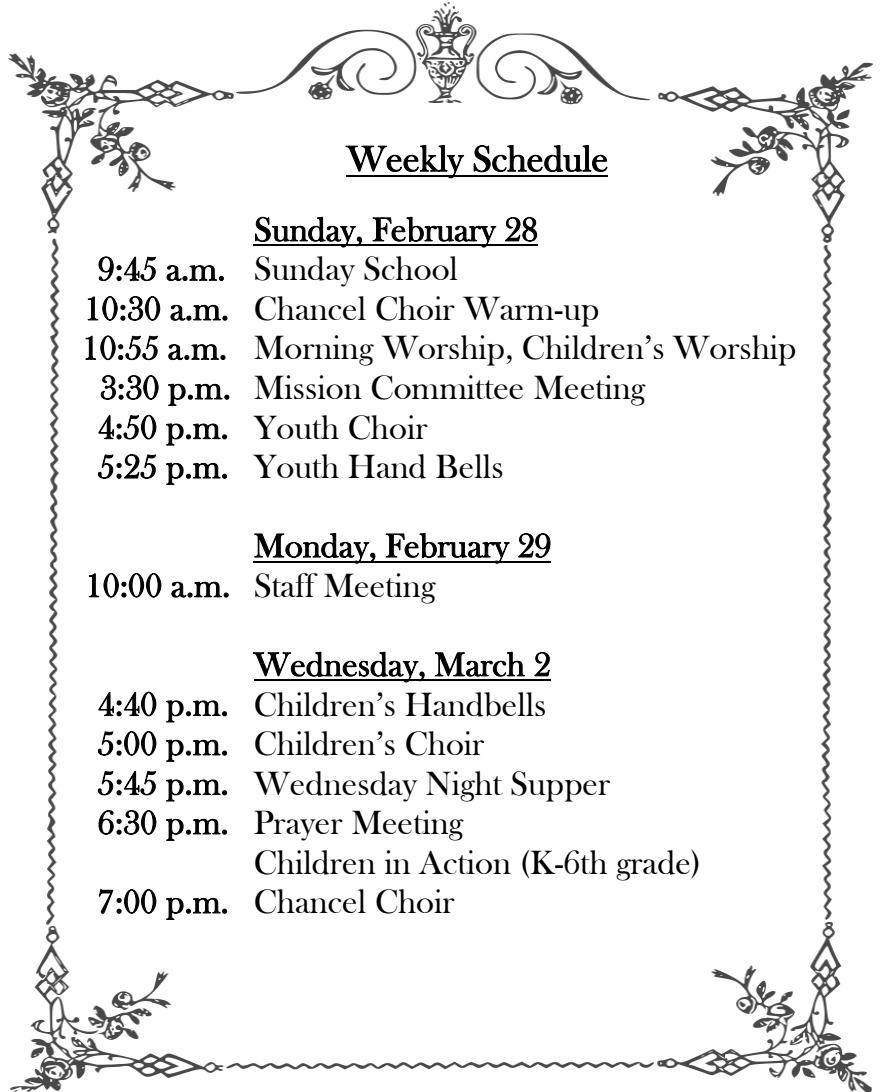
Frances Price

Ushers

February Chairperson, Charlie Duncan

Lewis Sauls, Glenn Waters, Harry Ward

Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com
Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am
Scroll to the "Click to Listen Live" link



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 28

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
- 4:50 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:25 p.m. Youth Hand Bells

Monday, February 29

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

- 4:40 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Children in Action (K-6th grade)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

CHURCH OFFICE- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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