

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study	9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Small Groups	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: April 3, 2011

Worship Leader	Rick Castleman
Lord's Supper:	Wayne Burress
Servers: Dannie Guill	Jeff Guill
Cliff Brown	Keke Brooks
Rob Brannan	Michael Barker
Elder Blessing:	Allan Whitacre
Sound:	Chester Warren
Greeters For April:	Dennis & Sharon Carter
Nursery (Infants- 2yrs): Fran O'Dell	Mary Turner
Nursery(2-4 yrs): Cheryl Larsen	Damaris Larsen

Shepherds	
Jack Close	462-4618
Phil Harrison	356-0084
Steve Izard	356-5751
Allan Whitacre	356-1026

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Rob Brannan	Men's Ministry	622-1372
Mike & Kris Bridges	Hispanic Outreach	657-7467
Wayne Burress	Guest Relations	520-4937
Dennis Carter	Missions	957-4625
Sharon Carter	Fellowship	957-4625
Lance Daniel	Family Care	996-4777
Sarah Fabry	AV Technologies	546-3652
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Weekly Statistics for March 27, 2011	
AM Bible Class	115
AM Bible Class Avg.	114
AM Assembly	212
AM Assembly Avg.	222
Contribution	\$8,587.00
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,975.21
Weekly Budget	\$9,815.38



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Twelve Years Ago Tuesday

Twelve years ago yesterday I had a pacemaker put in. When they put it in they told me that it would last somewhere between eight and twelve years but probably more like ten if I was lucky. Since I don't like to spend money on frivolous things I was hoping that it would be more like twelve – at least. This Monday morning I will have it replaced. I feel like I won. As hard as I have made it work it still lasted longer than they thought.

Looking back it is hard for me to believe that when we went through all that we had only been here less than eight months. Laura sat in the waiting room with several of you all day long. I know what it is like to sit in waiting rooms during long procedures and how good it is to have people you feel comfortable with around you. Among other things Laura remembers that Rachel Shearer did her nails while they waited. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then.

How long do you have to be here before people love you? I can tell you it is less than eight months. Certainly we have a much deeper relationship now than we did twelve years ago but you were willing to help me and my family go through a tough experience. I think the truth is that there is no waiting period for our love. When God sends us people he is sending them for the purpose of us loving them so we should get started as soon as possible with each person. This is true for the youth group, the college group, and the entire congregation. Sometimes when you have a close group it can seem hard to break in and feel like a real part of the group but if we truly are the hands and feet of God we will immediately begin to love each new person that comes. When it comes to love we should have an abundance mentality not a scarcity mentality. That means that we believe there is always more love so we should never hoard it or try to save it. We should never think that if we give too much love to one person there won't be enough for

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the next person. God will always make more. It is like the Doritos commercial where they urged us to eat all we want – they will make more.

I think this is the mark God is looking for in a Church. Lots of people have lots of things they brag about when it comes to their Church but this is what God brags about. This is what Jesus said was the second greatest commandment. This is what Paul meant when he said that if you don't have love you are a clanging symbol. I believe that if we love the people God sends us then he will send more. If it takes us awhile to be able to do that then God will have to wait awhile each time before he sends us more. My experience twelve years ago says God doesn't have to wait with us. Praise God!
Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the church directory. Please check your information Sunday on the proof copy and make changes, additions or put and X if your information is correct. We plan to send the information to the printer next week.

Lexington Coming Events

April 16 Church Yard Sale
May 1 Collection for Makonde Missions

Baby Shower

For Meredith Falls Sunday April 10th at 2 pm.
She is having a boy and is registered at Buy Buy Baby in Harbison.
See Karen Oliver if you have questions.

Welcome Our Newest Member

Barbara Thompson
137 Volley Court
Lexington, SC 29073
608-6370

CHURCH YARD SALE

Begin collecting items for our yard sale on April 16th. Please price, box and label items so that they will be ready to sale.

Wednesday Night Schedule

April 6 Renovations begin on Alanna's Bathroom
April 13 Combined event at the building 7 pm
April 20 Southlake Village visitation
April 27 Fellowship/ Testimony/Discussion at the church 7 pm

Youth News

I am so excited about our Girls and Guys groups that are going on during the week! On Tuesday nights the High School girls meet at Jamestown Coffee for a great bible study. The atmosphere there is perfect for a group like ours. We get a chance to drink coffee or hot chocolate, indulge in a little dessert, and enjoy real quality time together including deep, meaningful bible study. Lately our beautiful group of girls has been growing to include about 3-4 regular visitors. I love how these new girls can feel welcome and comfortable enough to participate!

The guys have been meeting on Monday evenings at Crossfit lately to work out together with Ray Anderson. This time also includes bible study, which is being led by the teens themselves. I love the way the dads are involved in this as well. What a great way to bond, as men of God, in an atmosphere where you can be active, yet spiritual, all at the same time! I am so thankful for Ray and Mary Anderson for introducing us to Crossfit, and for being so open and willing to share their time with us. I think what they are doing at Crossfit, and in our church, is a true blessing to many people, including our guys!

I would like to encourage you, if you are not a part of one of these groups, you should get involved. I think you'll be blessed if you do. Heather Gonda is about to begin a new group for the Middle School girls at the church very soon, so then there will be something for every age group!

Upcoming Events:

4/4 Guys Group @ Crossfit 6:30pm
4/5 HS Girls Group @ Jamestown Coffee 7:30pm
4/6 Service Project

BIRTHDAYS: April 3 Kyle Oliver April 4 Jeff Larsen April 4 Amanda Ulmer
April 5 Harriett Betterson April 6 Rochelle Kellis April 9 Jeff Kerby

ANNIVERSARIES: April 7 Rom & Robin Kellis April 7 Jeff & Lani Guill



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown Glenna Hart Makonde Team

Glenna Hart is in Lexington Hospital.
Sara Hanle, Pray that she and the baby will stay healthy.
Laird Robinson, friend of Laura Daulton, his cancer has come back, he is not doing well. He will have surgery on April 7th.
Beverly Brown is having problems with her MS, she is unable to get out of bed.
John Wukits, 5th grade teacher at PHE has liver cancer, and will be going to Duke hospital for treatment.
Chris Shedd Pray for God's will to be done.
Ryan Shedd this is a very stressful time for him. Pray for strength.
Addison, Sammy Iniguez' friend has scoliosis.
Matt, Amber's brother needs prayers.
Terry Kneece, for his safety and protection while he is in El Salvador.
Alexander, has heart issues, he will be having test. Pray for Ehineo & Yadira also as they go thru this with their young son.
Ehineo's brothers need prayers.