



# THE BEACON

*May 2023*



Her children arise  
and call her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:28



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES

### SUNDAYS

**Morning:**  
Morning Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:45 AM

**Evening:**  
C.R.E.W. 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Children's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Youth 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
NEXT Ministry 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Mid-week Connection 6:30 PM  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Children's Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Choir Practice 7:30 PM

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## GOD'S BLESSINGS LAST MONTH

### APRIL 2

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$11,888.17  
BUILDING FUND \$ 255.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 94.14

### APRIL 9

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 7,069.40  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 108.14

### APRIL 16

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$19,454.00  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 94.14

### APRIL 23

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 6,064.93  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 14.14

### APRIL 30

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$  
BUILDING FUND \$  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG \$ 3,642.00**



## Muffins For Mom

May 14, 2023

8:45 am

CCBC Welcome Center

Everyone is invited to come help us recognize and honor all moms. Muffins & Juice will be provided by the CCBC Children's Ministry.

## Deacons' Meeting

May 7, 2023

4:00 pm

All deacons are encouraged to attend.



May 9, 2023

11:30 am



## VBS Volunteer Information Meeting

May 7, 2023

@ 4:30 pm

Old Fellowship Hall



Calling all who would like to be involved in VBS this year (teachers and volunteers). You are never too old to help with VBS! There is a place for everyone willing to be used by God during VBS 2023! Come learn about our new routine & schedule. Hope to see you there!!!

## Wednesday Night Prayer Groups

@6:30 pm

Men's Group—Room S106

Ladies Group—Room S103

Coed Group—S105

Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



Wednesday Nights @ 7:30 pm

There is a spot for you.

## Security Ministry

May 7: Dalton Bobo

May 14: Stan Acker

May 21: Mike Anders

May 28: James Bailey





# NEXT

Galatians 2:20

John Martz

## A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day – to some it's merely the beginning of summer and to others it's a solemn day to remember those who have passed from this life. However, to the war veteran and to the families of fallen soldiers, Memorial Day carries significance so deep that words cannot express their hearts.

A decade and a half before Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971, Billy Graham was in Boston to deliver a memorial address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The year was 1955, and he had just finished visiting many U.S. military installations in Europe. Below is an excerpt from our archives of his timeless message, which still rings true this Memorial Day as we remember with gratitude the sacrifices of so many for our nation.

In all the American idiom, there is none more endearing than the word "buddy." It is warm, with intonations of friendship, brotherhood and common purpose. We are assembled today to pay tribute to those, our "buddies," who poured out their full measure of devotion upon the altar of freedom.

Thousands of you gathered here could tell dramatic stories of heroism which you yourself have seen acted out by your buddies on the grim stage of war's theater. They have left this realm of time and space, they have outstripped us in life's races, but the sacred memory of their selflessness and the freedom they died to obtain will live forever.

Three weeks ago, I had the privilege of spending an afternoon with President (Dwight D.) Eisenhower at Gettysburg. He took me on a personally conducted tour of the Battlefield of Gettysburg, explaining the strategy used by both the Confederate and Union forces. Both of my grandfathers fought at Gettysburg. This famous battlefield, and hundreds of others like it, have become hallowed soil, where thousands of Americans have died either to preserve freedom, prevent aggression or keep intact the union of American states.

Some months ago, when President Eisenhower was touring the Battlefield at Valley Forge and was being shown from one historic spot to another, he made this statement at the conclusion of the tour: "This is where they got it for us."

What did he mean? He meant that those men, and thousands of others in all the wars that America has fought, purchased by their blood the freedoms that we enjoy today in "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." That terse statement from the lips of our President has rung in my ears for many months. ...

These battlefields of the world today are hallowed and holy to every American, and we pause to give them our highest honors, humbly realizing the sacred trust that these, our war dead, have handed to us.

I stood by the bedside of a boy in Korea whose spine had been torn away by a shell blast the night before, but by some miracle he was still living. He was unable to change his position; and if he lived, the doctor informed me, the rest of his days would be spent lying on his stomach. The army medics had patched him up the best they could. I gripped his cold, perspiring hand and said words of comfort to him. He made a statement I will never forget. He said: "It was worth it if it will keep America free!"

That's what you call "getting it for us"! As we think of the selflessness and heroism of such fellows, we are reminded of the words of Jesus Christ who said: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The freedoms we enjoy, the freedoms we take so much for granted, the freedoms we so often trifle with were bought not by the gold of our millionaires, nor altogether the genius of our scientists, nor the sacrifices of the people at home, but primarily by the blood, sweat and agony of those whose names on this day we honor—those who died that we might live!

They found, as have brave men of all ages, that there are principles well worth dying for. Their noble, unselfish sacrifice is a silent, eloquent rebuke to the self-centeredness of this generation. Let those who want "peace at any price" remember this day that thousands have died for honor and freedom and that what we have today has come at the price of shed blood. ...

As I stood in the hospital quarter of the Danish ship "Jutlandia" in Korean waters by an American boy scarcely 20 years of age and watched helplessly as this young life ebbed away, I thought: What right have thousands of pleasure-seeking Americans to go on living when this lad in the early flower of youth has to die? And in that moment, the fact dawned on me that if he had to die for America, some of us must live for America. Sometimes it is far more difficult to live than it is to die. They have handed us a torch, and we have a responsibility to see that they have not died in vain.

Even though the sacrifices of our war dead have been great, yet the greatest sacrifice of all time was made by a man on a cross who died not only physically but spiritually that men might live. We have neglected Him too long! We have rejected [His plan for peace](#), and as a result, we have fought, bled and died for centuries! I challenge the world at this hour to accept His program of heart regeneration that can transform the society in which we live, and we can know the meaning of genuine peace in our time. ...

Yes, the bells of liberty ring in America today because these men we honor today got through for us. The sacred memory of their sacrifice will always live in our hearts, and we have a sacred and holy trust—and we cannot fail them!

My mind goes back 2,000 years to another battle which was fought on a hill called Calvary. It was a battle of one young man against all the forces of evil. It seemed like a futile, hopeless struggle as Jesus Christ took on Satan's task force single-handed. The jeers of the rabbis, the spittle of the soldiers and the sneering of the people were incidental compared to the inner struggle which was taking place in His soul. But I watch Him, in fancy, as one hand is stretched out toward God and the other toward rebellious man, and He makes the connection and says: "It is finished." He got through for us!

In Christ,

Bro. John



**Chuck Eavenson**



*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set for the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12*

## **CCBC Youth Camping Trip—May 5<sup>th</sup>**

The youth camping trip is just days away. The youth will get to experience so many wonderful things on Friday and Saturday. God's Word, music, food, and fellowship, plus lots of adventures. Parents, please drop off youth at Lake Lurleen any time after 5:00 pm. We will have dinner in the park on Friday night. On Saturday, we will have breakfast and lunch in the park. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The girls will be staying in campers, and the boys will be roughing it in tents. Pack the necessary items for two days of cool mornings and warm days. The park has facilities for the youth to shower and freshen up just feet away from the campsites. Towels are recommended just in case anyone might tumble out of a kayak.

## **Summer Camp 2023—Student Life at the Beach—June 12th-16th**

The youth ministry is so excited for our trip to Orange Beach. They will be blessed and changed as they spend their days worshiping and studying God's Word with thousands of other youth. Ed Newton is the camp pastor and will bring God's Word alive each day. The total cost for summer camp is \$275.00 plus seven meals and spending money. I will text parents very soon with the final balance for their students. The deadline for the balance will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. I have a few spots available if any youth would still like to attend. Please see Chuck as soon as possible.

## **Sportsmen's Family Dinner—May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm**

We are looking to collect donations for the Sportsmen's Dinner giveaways. If you are interested, please see Chuck as soon as possible. Please pray that we will reach people in the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Carrolls Creek is looking forward to hosting another Sportsmen's Dinner on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm. Andrew Nordbye, a Major League Fishing Pro is coming to share his testimony and encourage us to seek and trust the Lord in everything we do. You will find his theme on almost everything: "Cast your cares on the Lord,"<sup>1</sup> Peter 5:7. You can also find Andrew on his YouTube channel "Fishing with Nordbye." Church family, make sure you mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come enjoy this wonderful night of family, fellowship and faith. It is very important that everyone registers ahead of time so we can manage our available space and have enough food. Also, in order to qualify for door prizes, you must preregister. Sign-up at [www.carrollscreek.org](http://www.carrollscreek.org).



**Brian Wilson**

The Bible promises that God will give peace to those whose focus is on Him. One of the best ways to focus is through scripture and music. Your smart phone is an avenue to the presence of God. You Tube is full of all types of music that can lead you to His throne. Many of the songs today come from the scriptures. Let your focus today be on Him.

God Bless You!

*Bro. Brain*

*"I will sing of the Lord's  
great love forever; with my  
mouth I will make your  
faithfulness known through  
all generations."  
Psalm 89:1.*



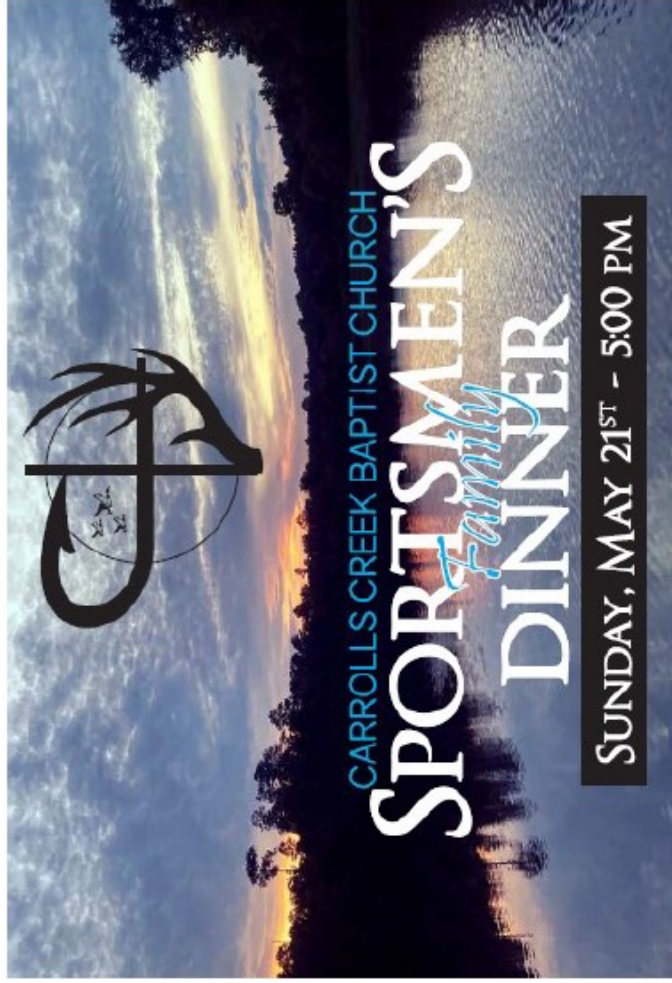


# May 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	4	5  Youth Camping Trip Lake Lurleen	6
7  Deacons' Meeting 4:00 pm	8	9  JOY Fellowship 11:30 am Potluck Lunch	10 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14  Mother's Day No Evening Services	15	16	17 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21  GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL Gideons Speaker During the AM Service	22	23	24 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28	29  Memorial Day Church Offices Closed	30	31 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm			



Call your area on the Lake  
**FISHING**  
*With Nordbye*

#### To Register

Visit <http://carrollscreek.org>  
or Scan the QR code below



**FREE DINNER**  
FOR THE FAMILY  
(CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR 11 & UNDER)

**SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**5:00 PM**

HEAR FROM ANDREW NORDBYE  
MLF PRO & YOUTUBE SENSATION

**GIVEAWAYS**  
-MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN-

Register by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** to qualify  
for hundreds in giveaways!

FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL CCBC AT 205-339-1742



May 1  
May 9  
May 11  
May 18  
May 20  
May 22  
May 23  
May 24  
May 25  
May 26  
May 30

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