

The BEACON

January 2024



WELCOME

COME GROW WITH US

*Sunday School
A Place to Gather & Grow Together
Sundays @ 10:45 am*

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

DECEMBER 3
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$16,191.61
 BUILDING FUND \$ 265.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14
DECEMBER 10
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$10,795.53
 BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 14.14
DECEMBER 17
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 9,137.71
 BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 14.14
DECEMBER 24
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$26,000.49
 BUILDING FUND \$ 30.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14
DECEMBER 31
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$
 BUILDING FUND \$
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$
LOTTIE MOON \$4,328.00



BRING A FRIEND!
 INVITE SOMEONE YOU KNOW





January 16, 2024
@ 11:30 am
Potluck Lunch

Wednesday Night Prayer Groups
 @6:30 pm
 Men's Group—Room S106
 Ladies Group—Room S103
 Coed Group—S105
 Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided




Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday Afternoons @ 4:30 pm
 There is a seat for you.



CHURCH SECURITY

Jan. 7: Dalton Bobo
Jan. 14: Robert Marler
Jan. 21: Mike Anders
Jan. 28: James Bailey



Deacons' Meeting
 Sunday, January 7, 2024
 @ 4:00 pm
 All deacons are encouraged to attend.



John Martz

NEXT

Galatians 2:20

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

People Do Strange Things

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. Proverbs 19:21

I recently read an article on strange traditions that Irish people perform to bring luck, health and wealth in the New Year. Here are some of the more interesting traditions:

- **Banging away bad luck with bread.** One of the more unusual traditions involved banging the walls of the house with bread as a way of chasing away bad luck and evil spirits. Some thought it was a way of encouraging good luck and ensuring there would be plenty of bread available over the coming year.
- **The importance of who was first through the door.** Great importance was placed on who was the first through the door at the start of the New Year. Families thought if a dark handsome man were first through the door, it would signify good luck for the coming year. However, a woman would mean bad luck, even more so if it was a young, red-haired woman.
- **Hoping for westerly winds.** Families would take note of the wind direction as the New Year began. If it came from the west, then Ireland could look forward to a good year, but if it came from the east than things would be bad, and all the good luck would go to Britain instead.
- **Homes spick and span for the New Year.** In most parts of Ireland, it was considered essential to begin the New Year with a clean home. That meant following the old adage that cleanliness is next to Godliness. With this in mind, families would set about cleaning the house from top to bottom. The idea was to enable the family to make a fresh start, symbolizing fresh hope that the New Year would be a good one.

Now before you start laughing at the Irish people, remember we here in the south have our strange traditions as well.

According to popular folklore, certain foods are eaten on New Year's Day to guarantee good luck for the New Year.

- **Peas and beans** symbolize coins or wealth. Choose traditional black-eyed peas, lentils, or red beans to make a dish seasoned with pork, ham, or sausage.
- **Greens** resemble money, specifically folding money. Make dishes using green, leafy vegetables to ensure good fortune for the coming year. Southern favorites include boiled cabbage or sauerkraut, collard greens, kale, chard, mustard greens, and turnip greens.
- **Pork** is considered a sign of prosperity in some cultures because pigs root forward. This is probably why so many southern New Year's Day dishes contain pork or ham.
- **Cornbread** symbolizes gold because corn kernels represent coins. Cornbread is also essential with black-eyed peas and greens, so you can triple your luck with these dishes that naturally complement one another.

I have to admit that I will be eating peas, greens, pork and cornbread on New Year's Day. Not because I think they have some kind of magical powers but simple because that is the kind of food I like.

Carrolls Creek Baptist Church, now is the time to seek the Lord and His purposes. I pray that we do not do things simply because of traditions and refuse to try new ministry opportunities because we have never done things that way before. I invite to you to join the Church Staff as we seek ways to grow CCBC and see us fulfill the purposes God has for us in 2024.

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*

Live Nativity at Lake Lurleen a Success

December 8th the youth had a wonderful time providing a silent nativity for the Lake Lurleen Christmas festivities. Thank you to all the youth that gave their time to be a blessing to others. The gift of Christ changes hearts and lives every day of the year.

Sunday Mornings

The youth are continuing their study called REVERB on Sunday Mornings. We are learning about being called and sent into the world to be the light, representing Christ, and sharing the good news of what He has done for us. The youth ministry is looking forward to a year that we not only study what this looks like at church but how we live it out in the community and world around us.

Baskets of love and encouragement for TCHS, Echols, and Crestmont

The youth are putting together 3 baskets to show the teachers and staff of these schools how much they are appreciated. These baskets will have snacks, and other goodies with a card signed by our youth. We are planning to deliver these baskets to the schools in the months of January and possibly February.

The Lift Tour January 26th & 27th

We will leave CCBC on Friday January 26th at 6:15pm. Youth will need to eat before coming. Parents can pick up youth Friday night at 10:15pm. We will leave CCBC Saturday morning at 8am. Saturday we will be together all day and parents can pick up youth Saturday night at 10:15pm. Youth will need money for lunch and possible free time activities. I will finalize our plans and let the parents know asap.

“The Theme for **The LIFT Tour 2024** is **I N V E R S E**. Inverse (*n*) simply means, “something that is the opposite or reverse of something else.” When Jesus spoke, His teachings were the inverse of what culture was and is saying. It was the opposite of what we would assume to be true. This year we will explore some of the most challenging and controversial teachings of Jesus. One of the most common truths that have regularly been applied to the person of Jesus is the fact that **He comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable**. Yes, Jesus said and demonstrated the most loving, accepting, and grace-filled things. However, He also said some of the most complicated truths that even perplexed the people who knew Him best. Why? Because **Jesus taught both grace AND truth!** “



Brian Wilson

*“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.*

The Bible says in James to draw near to God and He will draw near to you. As we begin a new year, I would challenge you to pick a worship song and print out the lyrics and go over them with your heart and mind. You might consider researching who wrote it and the message the writer is trying to convey. May you truly worship God this year.

Brother Brian



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Offices Closed	2	3 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7 4:00 pm	8	9 7:00 am—7:00 pm	10 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 New Member Class	15	16 11:30 am Potluck Lunch	17 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 Church Security & Greeters Luncheon CCBC Gym	29	30	31 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm			



January 1	Betty White
January 5	Billy Wharton
January 6	Sabrina Clardy
January 7	Rawley Rogers
January 21	Rollie Savage
January 24	Mary Elizabeth Colbum, Taylor Gurganus
January 25	Zephriah Hamner
January 30	Hudson Long
January 31	John Martz, Maddi Rinehart

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Diapers and Wipes

Diapers, bibs and bottles galore, Abby and Luke are having one more. Big brother Levi has plenty to share, this is a “sprinkle” to show them we care. A sweet baby boy is on the way, let’s celebrate baby Archie before the big day.

Abby Acker Crain is the new Children’s Director at Carrolls Creek Baptist Church. Join us as we collect diapers and wipes for Baby Archie and flood their family with love.

Donations will be collected from Sunday, December 31st through Sunday, January 7th.