

May 2019

# **Evangelism and Discipleship**

A lot is going on during the month of May. A mixture of school, athletic, and church events will keep many of us extremely busy. Mother's Day is May 12, Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 19, and the church picnic is May 26. When we are busy, neglecting significant priorities is always a possibility. Our number one priority is our relationship with God. Jesus said loving the Lord was the greatest commandment in the Bible, followed by loving our neighbor. Neglecting family, friends, and others can easily take place, whether we are busy or not.

Evangelism and discipleship can also be neglected whether we are busy or not. In Mt. 4:19, Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." We need to ask ourselves three questions. Question number one, have I trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord? Because of our sin, we deserve to spend eternity separated from God (Rom. 3:23; 6:23), but Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin so that we can have eternal life and spend eternity in heaven if we believe in Jesus, if we depend on Him to save us because of what He did on the cross (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 3:16). In Jn. 1:12, The Bible said, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." If you have not been saved, if you are not sure you are going to heaven, I would encourage you to make sure today by receiving Jesus as your Savior, believing on His name.

Question number two, am I following Jesus as His fully devoted disciple? Am I committed to a close relationship with Him, learning His Word and obeying it consistently? God's Word should be our authority in life and ministry. Too often we do what we want to do or what we are expected to do rather than what the Bible tells us to do. We are wise when we hear and obey God's Word (Mt. 7:24-27).

Question number three, am I sharing the gospel with others? We do have good news, that we can have everlasting life if we rely on the one who died on the cross for us. If we are following Jesus, He will make us fishers of men. We should share the good news with others. We as individuals and as a church should make evangelism and discipleship major priorities. Are we doing so on a regular basis. Jesus told us to make disciples through going, baptizing, and teaching to observe all things. We should all be disciples and make disciples. If you would like to be baptized, we are baptizing Sunday morning, May 19.

Please get in touch if you are interested.

— Pastor Ron

### **Weekly Events**

#### Sunday

8:00 Men's Prayer Time 9:15 Sunday School Life Groups 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 Pastor's Bible Study;

RAs, GAs, & **Mission Friends (Birth-Grade** 5): Youth: & College Age

9:00 Staff Devotions 7:00 C.A.R.E.

#### Tuesday

9:00 Staff Devotions 9:30 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday

9:00 Staff Devotions 12:30 Praying for Our Nation 6:15 Catawba Kids JAM & Youth 6:30 Bible Study and Prayer

Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies on First & Third Wednesday

7:30 Celebration Choir

### **Thursday**

9:00 Staff Devotions 6:30 Unchained Rehearsal

### **Friday**

#### 9:00 Staff Devotions

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2	12:00	National Day Of		
5	3:00	Prayer/Worship Center Olivia Jolly Bridal Shower/FH		
9	6:30	Association WMU Spring Meeting/FH		
12		Happy Mother's Day		
		No Evening Activities		
17	10:00	Strawberry Hill, USA Trip		
	7:00	Youth Open Gym		
18	11:00	Baby Shower for Nicole Walker Groesser/Vicky Walker's granddaugh ter/FH		
19	10:30	Graduate Recognition		
	4:30	Church Council		
	6:00	RA's, GA's , & Mission		
		Friends Recognition		
21	9:30	Daycare Graduation		
	7:00	Alicia Lisee's Baby Shower/FH		
26	5:00	Churchwide Picnic		
27		Church Office Closed		

**Association WMU Spring Meeting** Thursday, May 9 @ 6:30 pm In Fellowship Hall **Guest Speaker IMB Missionary** Cathy Warren All ladies are invited to join us. We will serve dessert & beverages.



**Summer Dates have been set for VBS** and Children's Camps! Registration forms are available.

VBS and Camp dates:

June 9-13 VBS

June 17-20 Sports Camp

July 22-25 Camp Hodge Podge

August 5-9 Music Camp

August 11 Music Program

## **Operation Christmas Child**

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child.

Our items for May are Hygiene items: brushes, combs, toothbrushes, etc. You may drop them off at the collection box at the communication center.

We also have boxes available if you want to start packing as a family during the year! Just see Donna Strickland or Michelle.

# **CARE for May**

7:00	C Team	<u>May 6</u>
7:00	A Team	<u>May 13</u>
7:00	R & E Team	May 20
1:00	Senior Adult	May 20

### **Acts Bible Study**

Ladies we will begin this precept study on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30. This is the first of a two part study on Acts that will last for eight weeks. We would love to have you join us for this study in the chapel/A building each Friday from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. If interested and you would like to order a book (not mandatory), contact Rhonda Howell at the church office.

"This is "the hour" - the time to learn from the apostles what it means to be His witnesses, Christ-followers in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation." If you are aware of what is transpiring in the nations, you can sense the increasing conflict between the darkness and light. If you know the whole counsel of God, you should be keenly aware that the day of the Lord is drawing near. If ever there was a need to understand and do the will of God, it is now. May you discover for yourself, through this study, what it means to be His faithful witness even to the remotest part of the earth and may you hear His "Well done!"



**Graduate Recognition** Sunday, May 19

**High School and College Graduates** 

Contact the church office by May 12. Please send 3 photos (childhood, graduate and other) of the graduate, and complete the Graduate Form.

# Music & Senior Adult

# **Strawberry Hill, USA** Friday, May 17

Join us as we travel to Chesnee. We'll enjoy lunch in the café and go across the street to The Shed for some fresh strawberries and other available fruits & vegetables. Oh, and don't forget the ice cream parlor! See Chuck to sign up.

# **Homebound Member for May**

**Bobbie Collier** 

Carolina Gardens, Room 207

1785 Lexington Commons Dr.

Rock Hill SC 29732







We are wild with excitement!

Please join us for a baby shower Honoring Alicia Lisee

> May 21 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Alicia is registered at Target and Amazon online

Huggies diapers size 2 and up are always welcomed!

It's a girl!

