



Sandy Level Welcomes You  
to **NEWS ON THE LEVEL**

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April 7th  
10:00 a.m.



April 25th

Everyone over 55 Invited  
bring a dish for Fellowship  
following the 11:00 a.m.  
meeting.



April 21st



April 24th  
Fellowship Hall



Associational and  
State Bible Drills  
April 14th & 30th

**EASTER**

**North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®**  
SLBC In-gathering April 17th Palm Sunday



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**May 1st**

Annual church-wide picnic

**White Oak Conference Center.**



Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided; Sunday School classes will be bringing the fixins'. The church will provide the drinks, plates & utensils. Don't FORGET to come to church dressed casual to go on to White Oak after the Sunday service. White Oak will have lifeguards so we may use the paddleboats, canoes or fish in the lake. There is a Frisbee golf course as well as horseshoes and volleyball or bring your own favorite outdoor game! So plan to come and bring your family. This is such a relaxing time of fellowship for your family and the entire church family!

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## *Celebrating Resurrection*

"Why should I worship a dead Jew?" That question and the message of a theologically liberal preacher converged in the mind of a Presbyterian minister named

Alfred Ackley to inspire the beloved Easter hymn, "He Lives."

Ackley was born in Pennsylvania in 1887. Though gifted and trained musically, his calling took him into the Presbyterian ministry, serving churches in Pennsylvania and California. In 1932 while serving in California, Alfred met and began witnessing to a Jewish man. The man resisted the witness about Jesus, asking, "Why should I worship a dead Jew?" That question resounded in Ackley's mind as he prepared his Easter Sunday message.

Then on Easter Sunday, early in the morning as he was preparing for the day, he heard a radio broadcast by a liberal preacher from New York City which began with the words, "Good morning—it's Easter! You know my dear listeners, it doesn't really matter to me if Christ is risen or not. His body may be but dust in a Palestinian tomb. The main thing is, His truth goes marching on."

Alfred heard that and wanted to throw his radio across the room. "It's a lie!" he shouted. His wife, quite alarmed, said, "Alfred, why are you shouting so early in the morning?" He replied, "Did you hear what that good-for-nothing radio preacher said about the resurrection of Jesus?"

That morning Alfred preached with all the vigor of his soul about the resurrection, and he did the same in the evening service. That night he was still agitated over his Jewish friend's question and the liberal preacher's statement. His wife suggested to him that he write a song about it to help soothe his soul. So he went to his study, re-read Mark's resurrection account, and began writing the words to "He Lives." Later in the evening he seated himself at the piano and began putting the lyrics to music. Little did he know that his hymn would become one of the church's most triumphant Easter hymns.

The first stanza says, "I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice to cheer, and just the time I need Him, He's always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart."

Because Jesus is alive, and He lives in our hearts, on Easter Sunday, April 24, we will celebrate His resurrection in our morning worship. Last year we had 273 in attendance on Easter Sunday. I anticipate this number again, hopefully even more. Since our sanctuary will not accommodate that number, we will move our Easter celebration to the fellowship hall. Romans 4:25 will provide the biblical framework for our celebration: "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (NIV)." All of our choirs will be present to lead us in worship. Jake will assist me with the preaching. It should be a wonderful time of worship. I hope that you and your family will be present, and that you will invite a guest to share the experience with you.

*Ben*



"He Lives"

**Vision 2012 – 500 people  
Giving \$50 each.  
Will you be “one”?**

Last May after Tropical Storm Agatha dropped record amounts of rainfall in Nicaragua, I received an email (including pictures) from Nelson, a young engineer in the Town of Matiguas Nicaragua. His email was simple, “The people want to know when you are coming back to build the bridge?” My reply was also simple, “Tell your people we will be back next year to build them a bridge.” And from that moment on, not raising the money was not an option.

Fast forward to February 2011, as Mike and I sat in front of the town officials of Matiguas, one of them made the statement, “There is more need for these bridges. Where are you going to build the next one and when are you coming back to build it?”



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*“Changing lives one bridge at a time.”*

My reply was simple, “Mike, tell them we will be back next year to build the next one.” But this time the question is not if the money will be raised, because I have faith that it will, but simply “Will you be “one”, and will you share the vision with your friends?”

Finally, I want to share one of the blessings others have received from the bridge project. My Uncle Robert (my dad’s brother) donated to the “Metal to Money” fundraising a piece of old rusted farm equipment that had belonged to his wife’s father, George Bass. Its scrap value was just over \$400! Robert later told me, “Mr. Bass would have never believed that a piece of his old farm equipment would be helping to build a bridge for a community in Nicaragua.”

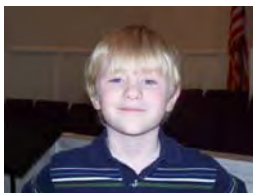
**Senior Saints -- Remember those who cannot come as they once did.....**

Earline Boney ~ 1025 Old Birch Drive	Betty Humphries ~ 1213 Grover Wilson Rd	Gabie Entzminger ~ 1519 Loner Road
Dorothy Geddings ~ 133 Tam O'shanter	Louise McCormick ~ 112 Cooper Road	Freeman Sharpe ~ 2151 Muller Road
Dan Stevens ~ 1155 Russ Brown Rd	Gladys Wofford ~ 2248 Muller Road	<b>all of Blythewood, SC 29016</b>

Dot Blume ~9120 Willow Ridge Road - Apt 225 ~ Charlotte, NC 28210  
 Louise Cooper ~NHC Parklane -7601 Parklane Road; Columbia, SC 29223  
 Polly Raines ~NHC Parkland - 7601 Parklane Road; Columbia, SC 29223  
 Carrie Toplock ~ Life Care - 2514 Faraway Drive; Columbia, SC 29223  
 Ruby Boney ~ Alterra Sterling- 251 Springtree Drive; Columbia, SC 29223  
 Willa Jean & Claude Williams ~ NHC Parklane - 7601 Parklane Rd; Columbia, SC 29223



**Welcome to our Church**



Hayden Barfield  
son of  
Benji & Jessica  
13 Sandfield Court



Amanda Newman  
6 S Firetower Court

## 11 Reasons to Worship with Your Family

Written by: Jason Helopoulos, [www.gospelcoalition.org](http://www.gospelcoalition.org)

Worshiping together as a family was not something that began easily for us. Even as a pastor, I felt awkward in the beginning leading my family in worship (especially in singing!). However, it has now become part of our family life. No, it is more than just part—it is at the very center of what it means for us to be a family. It is a joy, and the moments are not so awkward as they once were. A Christian home must be centered upon Christ, and if it is centered upon Christ, then it will be filled with worship.

Most evangelical Christians are aware of the importance of secret and corporate worship, but fewer have even heard of family worship. What is family worship? It is pretty simple. Tonight, sit down with your family on the couch or at the dinner table. And then . . . pray together, read the Bible together, and sing a great hymn of the faith together. There are many reasons for doing family worship, but let us just mention a handful. Family worship:

**Glorifies and Honors God** — This is the primary and essential reason.

**Centers the Home** – Family worship has the wonderful effect of centering our homes upon Christ.

**Encourages Christian Character** – The home may be the hardest place to live out our Christian lives. There is a reason that Paul addresses each member of the Christian family in the household passages of Ephesians 5-6 and Colossians 3. It is a sad reality that we often manifest the character of Christ more consistently at church, in the workplace, and in the community than we do in our own homes. If there is somewhere that I must especially be on guard against sin, the flesh, and our adversary, it is at home. Casualness and familiarity is a ready playing field for sin.

**Encourages Peace in the Home** – We are sinners living under the same roof in tight quarters. That is a recipe for disaster or at least pain! We know our family members, and we know them well. Family worship helps us confront our sin and understand its effect upon one another. For example, it is awfully hard for a father to lead his family in worship when he has just yelled at his wife. If he is going to lead his family before the throne of grace, he will first have to ask for forgiveness from his wife. And she will find that it is hard to worship unless she willingly forgives him.

**Binds the Family Together** – In our fast-moving society there are few things that a family does together daily. Even eating a meal together these days seems like a feat. What if your family gathered together daily? And what if that gathering was for worship? It would become the most important and central aspect of its life. Your entire family will come to the realization that no matter what else we do or don't do, the most important thing that marks us as a family is that we are a worshipping family submitted to Christ. And that bond is an eternal one that strengthens the family in all its other endeavors.

**Provides Common Knowledge** – As the Scriptures are read together in family worship, the family grows in common knowledge. Conversations around the dinner table or in the car will change dramatically as you have a common knowledge from which to converse.

**Trains Children for Corporate Worship** – Family worship provides the added benefit of training our children for corporate worship. As they sit and listen to the Word of God, hear prayers, and sing hymns these elements in corporate worship will take on a new meaning. The value of this cannot be overestimated.

**Encourages our Children in Christ** – They will see that for mom and dad worship is not just something they do on Sunday mornings. It is something at the very core of their being, important enough that they center their home upon it. We are not raising children just to be moral and competent people, but worshipers of the triune God.

**Reinforces Spiritual Headship** – Family worship reinforces the biblical framework of the family as it looks to the father (or the mother if she is single) as the spiritual leader of the home. As a father leads his children and wife before God's throne nightly and disciples them in the things of Christ, they will increasingly look to him for spiritual leadership. This has the added benefit of reinforcing with the father/husband the spiritual mantle that is upon his shoulders.

**Provides Systematic Discipleship** – As a pastor I often have individuals approach me with a question about how to minister to their children or spouse in a specific area. Usually they are concerned about a particular sin or struggle in their family member's life. In this way we serve as firefighters rushing to extinguish this issue or that. At times this is needed, but it should not be our regular course of action. Systematic discipleship is a much better approach and is aided by family worship. Daily family worship will provide a strong foundation that is built upon hearing the Word daily, praying daily, and giving thanks daily. It takes time to build a strong house. It is an unsteady house that is the result of the carpenter running from shaky wall to shaky wall to hammer a nail in here or there.

**Provides Generational Testimony** – One of the greatest benefits of family worship is the actual passing on of our faith to the next generation. We are teaching our children how to read the Scriptures, pray, confess their sins, sing unto God, and more. Our children will leave the home with memories of this daily worship. They will have learned by watching and participating how to search the Bible, intercede for their future children, and rejoice in God. And by God's grace and mercy they will carry it to the next generation of our families.

I pray for you and your families as you earnestly pursue Christ. Family Worship is a huge part of that pursuit.

Jake





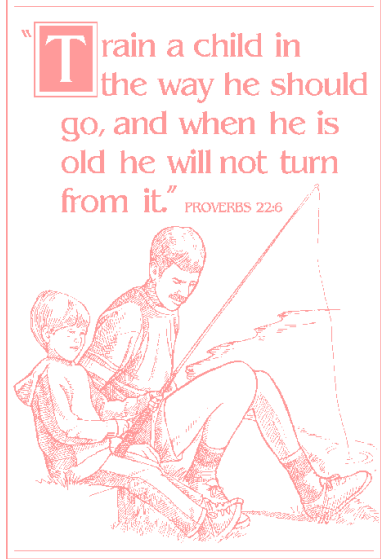
# Children's Ministry Schedule - APRIL

**April 3rd**  
 Nursery: Babbi Bowers \* Missis Broach  
 Toddlers: Christopher Wofford \* Lea Oakes  
 Children's Church: Carisa Buff \* Judy Sitton

**April 10th**  
 Nursery: Lynn Christopher \* Billie Wofford  
 Toddlers: Paula Thayer \* Toni Tennyson  
 Children's Church: Tara Horton \* Susan Combs

**April 17th**  
 Nursery: Donna Baughman \* Cyndy McCormick  
 Toddlers: Eddie Baughman \* Karen Hewlett  
 Children's Church: Alice Wofford \* Danielle Kahle

**April 24th**  
 Nursery: Holly Bunting \* Gina Lee  
 Toddlers: John Combs \* Alex Oakes  
 Children's Church: Jessica Barfield \* Cara Kaiser



**Kids For Christ**  
**April 3rd**  
 John & Susan Combs



## USHERS April

## Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Ken & Karen Hewlett
- 6 Tim & Sophia Hughes
- 9 Danny & Paulette Drafts
- 23 Gary & Vickie Greene

04/03/11	Jerry Kaiser	Bruce Hubbard
04/10/11	Jim Goodwin	Jason Powell
04/17/11	Rick Ellis	Alan Branham
04/24/11	Derrick Horton	Greg Dees

## Happy Birthday!!

- |                    |                   |                        |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Wayne McCullough | 9 Melissa Simmons | 23 Derrick Horton      |
| 2 Jordan Black     | 10 Kathy Wollgast | 24 Robert Blume        |
| 3 Jeremy Newman    | 10 Paula Thayer   | 24 Diane Rose          |
| 3 Bruce Hubbard    | 12 Homer Wofford  | 26 Tina Hendrix        |
| 4 David Smith      | 13 Parker Horton  | 27 Tom Chase           |
| 5 Vicki Greene     | 14 Sophia Hughes  | 28 Emily Broach (Miss) |
| 5 Shirley Watts    | 15 Butch Royson   | 28 Margaret Faye Kelly |
| 6 Tim Hughes       | 15 Hannah Castles | 29 Olivia Wofford      |
| 7 Ken Britt        | 17 Kinsey Kaiser  | 30 A.J. Wollgast       |
| 8 Charles Kelly    | 22 Alice Payne    | 30 Mary Kacsur         |
| 9 Donna Baughman   | 23 Cathy Warren   | 30 Howard Harrison     |










*"Serving the Lord with Gladness!"*

**April**



Look for YOUR T-shirt order form in the April Bulletins!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Youth Flower Pick-Up
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<b>Spring Break</b>		No Meal			
		YLT - 7:00 p.m.				FHall - reserved
10 	11	12	13 Fellowship Meal 	14  Associational	15	16 Youth - DNOW Fellowship Hall
17  ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS	18	19	20 Fellowship Meal 	21  SANDY LEVEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY Caring Together... In Love	22  Good Friday Office Closed	23 Youth Canada Car Wash FHall - reserved
24  EASTER	25  PRIME TIME	26	27 Fellowship Meal 	28	29	30 Youth Yard Work Day State FHall - reserved

**Wednesday Night Schedule**

- 5:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 Music Makers, Youth Bible Drill
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting, RA/GA
- 6:45 Mission Friends
- 7:00 The Station
- 7:45 Adult Choir

**Sunday Morning/Evening Schedule**

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 5:00 Bible Drill 4-6th grade
- Acteens/Iron Men
- Bible Buddies (Gr 1-3)
- Adult Small Groups (Childcare - Infants and Pre-School)
- 6:30 Children's Choir (2nd thru 6th grade)
- Youth Choir
- Men's Small Group
- 6:45 Adult Bible Drill I
- 7:30 Adult Bible Drill II



*Church Bible Drill*



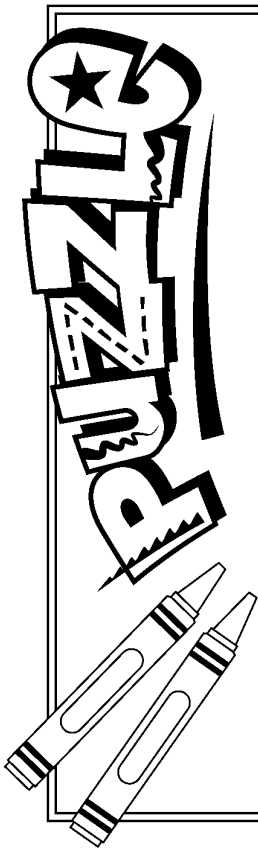
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## FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

- 1. Jesus
- 2. weary
- 3. endured
- 4. opposition
- 5. cross
- 6. endured
- 7. scorning
- 8. shame

- 1. Jesus
- 2. lose
- 3. pioneer
- 4. sinners
- 5. perfecter
- 6. him
- 7. faith
- 8. hand

- 1. eyes
- 2. us
- 3. joy
- 4. heart
- 5. right
- 6. grow
- 7. God
- 8. throne

"... fixing our  on  the  and  of . For the  set before  he  the , and  its , and sat down at the  of the  of  Consider  who  such  from , so that you will not  and ." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV