

THE

MESSENGER

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Attention 3rd - 6th Graders



G.L.O.W. Jr.

**We need you! Come try G.L.O.W. Jr.
Learn to do puppets and other expressive
ways to worship!**

Sunday nights 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**We will meet you in the Lobby of the
CGC and then go as a group up to the
G.L.O.W. room.**

Hope to see you there!

Live Stream / 11:00 a.m. Service
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The family of Gilbert Gaskill, brother
of Debbie Gaskill

The C.C. Munsey family, brother of
Paul Munsey

Minister On Call Each Week

February 15th - David Cox
February 22nd - Scott Haynes
March 1st - Tonya Garrison

From: Butch Moore – Deacon Chairman

In preparation for our Interim Pastor to begin on March 7, 2021, Tracy Jessup and I have had many conversations regarding our Florence family, where we have been, where we are and what is our path forward. It is critically important that we understand each other, recognize the path that we are on collectively. I asked Tracy if he would in fact share portions of his life’s journey so that we could take a look at the things that are going on in his life and how we may better get to know who he is. Below are some of his thoughts, plans and dreams that he has shared:

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The Latin word for voice (vox) is somewhat related to vocatio, the Latin word for “calling.” Both words are especially fitting in describing my experience at Gardner-Webb University as a student, alumnus, and minister to the university. Those words also are important in my experience as an interim preacher/pastor.

On August 19, 1985 (my first day of freshmen orientation), I heard the voice of a beautiful, junior co-ed named Teresa Cannon. She was walking across campus with a friend to see a movie when they heard music coming from Gardner Hall. They popped their heads in the window, desiring to put faces with the voices they heard singing, and (as they say) the rest is history! Teresa and I will celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary in June and God has blessed us with two wonderful children who loved growing up in the shadow of their parents’ alma mater. Christian and his wife Megan are both graduates of Gardner-Webb and live in Raleigh. Anna is a sophomore at Appalachian State University majoring in elementary education. Mere words cannot express the joy and contentment that comes from my calling as a husband and father.

During my journey as a student at Gardner-Webb, I also heard the voice of God confirming His calling upon my life to full-time Christian ministry, although I had no idea what shape my call to ministry would take. I simply knew that I was to step out in faith like Abraham, who “when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, [obeyed], not knowing where he was going” (Hebrews 11:8). Little did I know that following my graduate theological education in Alabama, God’s call would bring us back to Gardner-Webb. Since 1996, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as Senior Minister to the University. Not only do I get to live out the call of God on my life at a place that means so much to my family and me, but I have a front row seat to witness numerous students, faculty, and staff responding to the voice and call of God.

God’s call upon my life also has taken me to numerous churches as interim preacher/pastor. I have such respect and appreciation for the faithful ministry of Pastor Bobby Gantt and I consider it a great honor and privilege to serve Florence Baptist Church during this time of transition as you seek God’s will in searching for the next pastor to shepherd this congregation. As we serve God together through the ministries of the church, let our response to God’s voice be in keeping with Samuel’s response – “Speak, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

Tracy Jessup

SUNDAY, February 7, 2021	
General Fund	\$12,829.54
Lightshine/Bldg Fund	\$2,291.50
Back Pack	\$328.00
US Hunger	\$25.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- Bryce Arrowood**
Terry & Tracy Self
- Madge Bradley**
Terry & Tracy Self, FBIC SS Class
- Buddy Bennett**
Joyce Buckaloo
- Barbara Brock**
Martha Jean McFarland
- Joe Garrison**
Terry & Tracy Self, Rick and Denise Millwood
- Merlin Hines**
Chester & Glenda Melton
- Tiny Jones**
Barbara Millwood, Chester & Glenda Melton
- Patsy Searcy**
Terry & Tracy Self

IN HONOR OF:

- Bobby Gantt**
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INCLEMENT

WEATHER



We will make every effort to gather for worship or provide a Livestream service. To keep up to date in the event of changes to our schedule, we encourage you to join our text alerts. It is simple. Text @66kcd9d to the number 81010. We will also post announcements on our Facebook Page, Website, and WYFF (4), WSPA (7), and WBTB (3) television stations.

CHILDREN & YOUTH Activities:

- Jr GLOW (3rd-6th Grade) 5:00-6:00 pm
- MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH: Sundays 6:00-7:00 pm (Loft)
- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm (Loft)
- BIBLE DRILL: Sundays 6:00-7:00 pm (Ark)

POWER HOUSE: Sundays for ages 4-3rd Grade 6:00-7:00 pm (SS Classrooms)

Also remember masks will be required during these gatherings as an extra effort to protect against Covid19.

 FEBRUARY
Birthdays

- 02/21 Georgia Epley, Jerry Williams
- 02/22 Bostic Holland
- 02/23 Taylor Conner, Gail Holland, Robert Rogers
- 02/24 Lori Means, Janice Robbins, Staci Roche,
- 02/25 Linda Bradley, Jaiden Silvers
- 02/26 Shirley Bowen, Mike Cudd, Anthony Helton,
Rick Holland, Erik Rhyne
- 02/27 John Dufford, Sandra Jolley

 FEBRUARY
Anniversaries

- 02/23 Dan & Reena McKeithan

Hello Florence Family!

These past couple of weeks have gone by very quickly! We may have had a snow day recently but if you were back with us yesterday, you will see we haven't skipped a beat! Each week we look forward to the word God wants us to hear and the opportunities He gives us.

We are always seeking to reach the community. For the past few weeks, we have distributed food boxes which contained fruit, vegetables, milk, and a meat. We see so many smiles coming through the line. This past week we had a flyer we included with the box that showed our service times and programs currently in session.

On Wednesday, we put together a "breakfast bag" containing a Chick-fil-A biscuit, granola bar, and a juice. We delivered them to the Health Department staff before they started their day. We expressed our appreciation for their dedication and service to the community and told them we supported them physically with the food that day but spiritually each and every day. Before leaving we prayed with them. We ask that you continue to lift up our health care workers.

Small groups are going great! I want to encourage you to find a small group. If you need help finding one or are interested in starting one, please let me know. Our Bible Journaling class on Tuesday has been so much fun. We are working through the Book of Psalm and learning ways through art to dive into the verses and worship in a creative way. We usually get a famous "Laura Harris school brownie" too!

Florence is facing a new chapter. We will cherish all our memories of the past, embrace the foundation that continues to support the future, and strive to grow deeper in relationship with each other as a body of Christ, and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

May the Lord's face shine upon us!

Love,

Tonya

Children's



PODCAST

<http://florencechurch.net/florence-kids-podcast/>

Kids audio Podcast password: **glowjr**

Hey Youth and Youth Parents,

I wanted to let you all know that there is still time to sign up for MFUGE! Many of our youth have already signed up but we still have slots available. Please let me know as soon as possible if your student would like to go this year. I know it will be a different camp experience but we will do everything we can to keep our students safe and have a great time growing in our faith. I am sure this year at camp God will do amazing things in the lives of our students!



MFUGE INFORMATION:

When: June 21st-June 26th

Where: North Greenville University

Cost: \$50

Sign up at: florencechurch.net/youth

Also, FUGE Camps has posted their COVID-19 safety guidelines that they will implement at all camps this year. I would like to encourage all of our parents to review these guidelines so they are comfortable sending their students to camp this year. You can view these guidelines on the FUGE website:

<https://www.fugecamps.com/covid-19-updates/>

Thank you,

David

Hey Florence Family,

I hope you are well. Today, we are exactly halfway through the month of February. In February we have, Black History month, Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Ash Wednesday. That seems like a lot of special days for the shortest month of the year.

For me, February is the beginning of gardening and grass mowing season. Now is the time, if it will ever stop raining, to break up the garden and get the spring onions in the ground. Spring onions love the cool, cold nights and warmer temperatures of late February and March. Also, I like to fertilize the yard around Valentine's Day. I am not prejudice, but I prefer the brand Scott's Southern Turf Builder.

I enjoy the four seasons we have in the south and the change that is specific with each one. My favorite seasons are Spring and Summer. I love being outside, working in the garden, mowing the grass and watching the kids play under the hose.

Florence is also in a season of change. We just moved from a season of certainty and stability with the Gantt's to a season of uncertainty. Only God knows who will be sent to lead us into the next season. I look forward every year to Spring and Summer and I also look forward to what God has in store for Florence's next season.

The Bible gives us several references for time and season, but I find this passage, Galatians 6:9, to be very comforting. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Have a great week,
Scott



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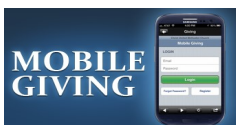
Connecting to Christ's Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-24

In our lesson today, we are reminded that no one person can take all the credit and the situation with Apollo 13 as a perfect example. It took a team of engineers and technicians and so many others to rapidly figure out a solution to save the lives of the three men out in space. Our spiritual growth also needs support and input from others. The body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body are one body!

Live it out:

1. Talk to someone new. Make an effort to connect with someone in the church whom you do not know or do not know well.
2. Restore a relationship. If you are at odds with someone, seek to work the problem out.
3. Step out and serve. Use your time to immerse yourself in a new culture and serve a people group unfamiliar



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your smart phone!

Explore the Bible

Explore the Bible

Loved

Luke 7:40-50

Jesus saves all who come to Him in faith. Forgiveness is something we hold back from sometimes. We know we should forgive someone but the anger or the hurt is just too much to completely forgive. What if Jesus looked at us that way? Jesus died on the cross to give all of us a second chance. Our lesson today stresses the importance of forgiving and loving. The two go hand in hand.

Apply the text:

- ◇ Believers should demonstrate love for God with great intensity.
- ◇ Believers demonstrate love for God because of His great forgiveness.
- ◇ Forgiveness is found through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Retirement Souvenir Booklet

If you did not get one of the Souvenir Booklets, about Bobby's ministry at Florence, please call Pam McKeithan at 828-245-1098 and make arrangements to get one.