

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sun AM August 3

Nursery – Wendy, Delores and Della
Crawlers – Jason and Anna
Toddlers – Wes and Shelby

Sun PM August 3

Della, April and Carissa

Sun AM August 10

Nursery – Allison H., Pat and Alanda
Crawlers – Della, Brenda, and Tina
Toddlers – Terry, Katrina, and Amber

Sun PM August 10

Della, April and Lydia

Sun AM August 17

Nursery – Della, Courtney, and Edna
Crawlers – Todd and Lydia
Toddlers – Scottie and Holly

Sun PM August 17

Della, April and Lola

Sun AM August 24

Nursery – Linda H., Carissa and Dana
Crawlers – Maegen, Beka and Gaby
Toddlers – Jeremy and Della

Sun PM August 24

Della, April and Allison P.

Sun AM August 31

Nursery – Crystal and Della
Crawlers – Jess and Ginger
Toddlers – Wes and Shelby

Sun PM August 31

Della and April

COUNTING COMMITTEES

August 3 #4 Bridget Coffman

August 10 #1 Terry Edens

August 17 #2 Renee Brunson

August 24 #3 Frank Anguiano

August 31 #4 Bridget Coffman

*Listen to our sermons online from the Sermon
Cloud link on our website, www.doorwaybc.com*

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING

Monday, August 11, 9:30 am

After a program, we will work on pillowcases. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome!

iServe: DEACONS' DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, August 16

The Deacons will serve the needs of our seniors. Let us know how we may help you! Our first event was on July 12, and six men helped members with plumbing, yard work and appliance repair. Contact a deacon or the church office with your needs.

HELP OUR LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN

There are over ten thousand foster children in SC, many of them here in our area. Over the next several weeks we will be collecting new backpacks, school supplies and socks for our local foster kids. Please drop new items off in the box in the Welcome Center.

CSU FRESHMEN MOVE IN OUTREACH

Friday, August 22, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

We will help new freshmen students move into their dorm rooms and also host a booth on campus where we will talk to students, and hand out baked goods and church information cards. Anyone can help! We need as many people as possible! Please take this awesome opportunity to connect with our local students. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Josh Crawford at grizzlyadamcrawford@gmail.com or phone 904-864-4627.

FACTS AND FIGURES, JULY, 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$27,185.39
Designated Funds	2,583.00
Refunds	30.00
Total Receipts	\$29,798.39
Average Attendance	– 170



THE CONTACT: Our Monthly Newsletter AUGUST, 2014



**Pastor: Dr. Peter Beck Associate Pastor: Rev. Matt Pressley
Associate Pastor: Bob Stephenson**

Our Vision

*To share hope with the Charleston area as we celebrate life in Jesus Christ
through meaningful worship, fellowship, encouragement, and nurturing relationships.*

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From the Pastor's Pen . . .

I love to listen to the prayers of others. I listen to how they pray and what they say. The language they use reflects their understanding of God. Some refer to God as "Father" in their communication with Him reflecting a profound sense of intimacy. Others approach Him as "Sovereign God" or "Lord," titles which suggest a healthy dose of reverence and awe. The depth of some believer's relationship with God saturates their prayers and lifts you up to heaven with them.

Unfortunately, the prayers of others often reveal how little they know about the God to Whom they pray. Their prayers betray an understanding of God that renders the Creator of the universe subservient to their temporal needs and concerns. Their God is often little more than the Big Guy in the Sky. He's the heavenly Santa Claus who's keeping score, trying to find out who's been naughty or nice, so that he can determine the magnitude of His generosity before He answers. With such a low view of God, is it any wonder so few Christians experience the joy of having their prayers answered?

Jesus recognized this tendency of the human heart to bring God down to our level rather than to raise ourselves up to His. Thus, when He taught his disciples how to pray (and, yes, He taught them; they didn't do it intuitively as so many of us hope we people will), He taught them to pray with God as the central focus of their prayers. This, He intimated, was to be the norm, not

the exception. "Pray, then, in this way" (Mt 5:9). The remainder of the so-called "Lord's Prayer" provides a guide, a model to be followed of true God-centered prayer.

The prayer begins in verse 9 with a recognition of God's supremacy and a concern for His glory. "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name." Prayer is not about us. It's about God. With this in mind, prayer becomes a matter of worship rather than an opportunity to update God on our needs. If we were to keep this fundamental truth in mind, perhaps more of us would be faithful in keeping prayer a central part of our Christian walk.

Jesus continued in verse 10 by pointing His disciples to the realization that God's will, both on earth and in heaven, trumps our human desires and needs. "Your kingdom come. Your will be done," He said. What a tragedy it is that so few prayer meetings begin with a concern for God's will and work. Instead of the advancement of the kingdom and the promotion of God's renown, we settle for prayers that seek our health and promote our well-being.

Only after placing God's name and will before ours should we then bring forth our petitions. Even then, however, Christ made it clear that these too should be God-centered. The requests "Give us this day," "forgive us our debts," and "protect from evil" reveal that the pray-er is wholly dependent upon the grace of the glorious and sovereign God rightly acknowledged at the beginning of the prayer. As J. I. Packer

rightly argues in his book *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, it is in prayer that all believers, Calvinists and Arminians alike, admit, demand, and depend upon the gracious sovereignty of God. If the God to Whom we pray is not the God of verses 9 and 10, we have no legitimate hope of the petitions in verses 11-13 ever being answered.

The God of the "Lord's Prayer" is not the man upstairs. He is not to be trifled with. His grace is not to be presumed upon. He is to be approached with confidence because of the work of Christ (Heb 10:19). But, He is to be approached "reverence and awe" (Heb 12:28-29). Prayer is to be God-centered. The prayer that isn't, isn't a prayer at all.

The next time you pray, thank God that Jesus taught us how to pray.

By His grace and for His glory,
Your Pastor



*Calista Collins
and son Keegan*

*Phillip and Jackie
Branham*

FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP **August 24, 7:30 pm**

Bring your favorite finger foods to share with your church family along with a canned or dry good to donate to our local food pantry.

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Temptation: A temptation is the effort of the devil, world, or flesh to draw us away from Christ and to sin against His commands. We, like Adam and Christ, are tempted in a threefold manner: lust of the flesh and eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16); but never by God (James 1:13). Because of giving into temptation all have sinned and deserve death (Romans 3:23; 6:23), but because Christ overcame temptation believers are declared righteous on His merit (Matthew 4:1-11, Hebrews 9:13-14; Romans 3:24).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN THE LIGHT AND SOUND CREWS FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICES. People will be trained but need to have some basic computer skills. Please come by the sound booth before or after church to let us know you're interested, or see Bridget Coffman or David Edens.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
August 24 after Morning Worship Service
to vote on proposed changes to the church's Bylaws and Constitution. You can pick up a copy of the proposed bylaws at the Welcome Center. If you have any question, plan on attending one of the special **information sessions either August 13 or 20 at 6 p.m.** in the Worship Center.