

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sun AM March 2

Nursery – Wendy and Della
Crawlers – Sheila and Bailey
Toddlers – Wes and Mary

Sun PM March 2

Della and Carissa

Sun AM March 9

Nursery – Allison H. and Pat
Crawlers – Della and Brenda
Toddlers – Jeremy and Katrina

Sun PM March 9

Della and Lydia

Sun AM March 16

Nursery – Della and Courtney
Crawlers – Anna and Lydia
Toddlers – Dana and Holly

Sun PM March 16

Della and Lola

Sun AM March 23

Nursery – Becky and Megan
Crawlers – Carissa and Jess
Toddlers – Terry and Della

Sun PM March 23

Della and Allison P.

Sun AM March 30

Nursery – Della and TBA
Crawlers – Becky and TBA
Toddlers – Carissa and TBA

Sun PM March 30

Della and Becky

COUNTING COMMITTEES

March 2 #2 Renee Brunson
March 9 #3 Diane Rogers
March 16 #4 Bridget Coffman
March 23 #1 Terry Edens
March 30 #2 Renee Brunson

FACTS AND FIGURES

February, 2014

Tithes & Offerings \$26,866.55
Designated Funds 1,404.00
Refunds 71.00
Total Receipts \$28,341.55
Average Attendance – 166

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray for North American Missions in March and support these missions with your **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. The National Goal is \$70 Million and Doorway's Goal is \$3,000.

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING

Monday, March 10

9:30-10:30 am: We will have a Program and Day of Prayer for North American Missions.
10:30-Noon: Work on pillowcases to take to MUSC Children's Hospital for Easter. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

2014 STATE WMU MEETING

"Ignite", March 21-22

Calvary Baptist Church in Florence. If you would like to go, see Ann Rauton for reservations.

FLOWERTOWN FESTIVAL PRAYER

BOOTH, April 4-6

Please consider giving of your time to help with this important outreach ministry. Sign-up sheets are at the welcome center.

MISSION TRIP, May 17-24

Join us as we take the **Gospel to Salt Lake City**. If God is calling you to go, you must submit a \$100 deposit to the church no later than **March 16** guaranteeing your spot. If you would like more information talk to Matt Pressley or Joe Marsh.

Listen to our sermons online by searching for *Peter Beck* on www.sermoncloud.com.



THE CONTACT: Our Monthly Newsletter
March, 2014



DOORWAY'S GOAL \$3,000

Pastor: Dr. Peter Beck Associate Pastor: Rev. Matt Pressley
Associate Pastor: Rev. 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 . . .

On my desk sits something most people never get to see – pictures of the inside of my body. A few years ago I had knee surgery. Number ten but who's counting? The photos were taken using an arthroscope. They tell the story of a middle-aged knee. They also teach a timeless theological lesson.

More than two decades ago jumping out of airplanes and carrying heavy combat loads took their toll. At the early age of twenty-one, I had degenerative arthritis, the scientific name for “bad knees.” Ten years later the prophecies of orthopedic gloom and doom came true. My knee was getting progressively worse. It was done even if I wasn't.

The prognosis wasn't good. I had three options. One, live with it. Two, joint replacement at 32. Three, a procedure that lacked long-term studies to verify its usefulness. Not ready to jump on the knee replacement merry-go-round, unhappy about the prospects of maybe having to replace the replacement every five to ten years, I opted for number three.

In August of 1997, I was given the gift of an active life through the death of a man just two years my senior. He died of a heart attack. I received a significant portion of his knee. Through the generosity of a grief-stricken family I'll never meet, I was given a chance to walk hopefully pain free through a meniscal allograft.

The surgery was long. The recovery longer. At the end of eight months, and two more minor surgeries later, I was able to hobble around a softball field. For the next twelve years, I was able to do what I wanted physically. No pain. All gain.



**Joy R. Rigney, Gunner L. Loveless,
Cody and Shelby Kisgen**

Then it happened. I was in the best shape I'd been in for years. I'd been enjoying long, brisk walks with our dog. I was ready to start running again just to push the edge of my fitness envelope.

Then I slipped, literally. A minor accident threw it all away. At the time my initial thought was, “Wow, that could have been bad.” Three days later I realized it was. The MRI confirmed what I already knew. I had torn my donor's meniscus. I was about to hop back on the surgical carousel.

After twelve years I had knee surgery once again. I stayed awake for this one. I wanted to watch, to see what the doctor saw.

What we saw was interesting. There was the scar tissue. Reddened flesh appeared on the screen giving testimony to the recent injury. And, there it was, the meniscus, his meniscus. Except, now it was my meniscus. It was mine not just because it had been placed in my body. It was mine because it had been grafted in. It was literally mine as my blood flowed through it. It was mine as my nerves felt its pain. It was mine even down to the DNA. It had become mine the moment it was engrafted.

The same principle holds true in salvation. At the moment of regeneration, we are grafted into the family of God. We become part of the true Israel – Christ. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit our hearts begin to beat with a

passion for and the passions of Christ. We feel his joy. We feel his pain. We are no longer our own. We are his. And, over time, we become more and more like him because we have been engrafted.

Rather than receiving twelve years of respite, our spiritual engrafting provides an eternity of new life. While the struggles of our present earthly existence cause momentary, light affliction, the life to come for those who are in Christ Jesus will last forever. No more heartaches. No more pain. He has taken our heart of stone and replaced it with a heart of flesh. He died so that we might live.

The prognosis for my knee isn't as good. All it took was another small slip, a misstep on a wet surface on the side of a mountain. My renewed hope for an active future was replaced with pain and the need for more surgery.

Ultimately, my meniscus is on loan. One way or the other, it's going back to nature, either at death or one piece at a time. On the other hand, the gift of life that I've been given through Christ's death cannot be taken away from me because I cannot be taken away from him. I am his. I am in him forever. Amen.

By His grace and for His glory,
Your Pastor



***Our prayers and sympathy go out to
the families and friends of
Bill Blocker, Helen Gunnells, and
Margaret O'Quinn***

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Omnipotence is an attribute of God. The word literally means “all powerful.” It refers to God's ability to do whatever He wills in the way that He wills it. However, He does not do anything contrary to His own nature of wisdom and holiness. God's eternal purposes for history are not frustrated, but fulfilled in the way He chose to accomplish them (Eph. 1:11).

CHOPS FOR COPS, March 21, 6:30 pm. Appreciation dinner for our local law enforcement officers that serve and protect the community. **Pre-Event meeting Sunday, March 9** following the morning service.



BABY DEDICATION, March 23, during the morning worship service. If you would like to take part in this special time, please provide the child's name and date of birth and the parents' names to the church office no later than March 16.

SPRING SALAD CELEBRATION, Sunday, March 23, 7:30 pm. Bring your favorite salad to share with your fellow church family along with a canned or dry good to donate to our local food pantry.

