

Family News & Notes

- All Worship Services and Bible Classes** will be virtual only until further notice.
- Fellowship event:** Join us for a night of fun as we support the Top Ranked Women's Carolina Gamecocks Basketball Team **January 27, 2022 @ 7 pm** (Tickets \$15). If interested please contact Reese Palmer. Deadline for payment is January 16.
- Church office will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of MLK Holiday.
- If you need **2021 contribution acknowledgement letters**, please let the church office know via e-mail or phone call.
- Help the Homeless**: If you would like to donate items for the USC Ministry's Winter Homeless Project, please bring the following items (adult sizes only please) and put in the boxes in the hall of the office: winter knit hats, gloves, sweatshirts, thick socks. Please bring only these items, and wash any used items.
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming "**Work Day**" at Palmetto Bible Camp scheduled for March 12. Details to follow.
- We have several options for giving at this time. 1. **Cash app** designate **\$longcreekcoc** as the recipient. 2. You can **mail or bring by** your contribution to the church office. 3. You can also set up one time or re-occurring donation to Long Creek Church of Christ **through your bank**.
- Ladies, Please join us for the **Virtual Bible Study/Prayer (Book of study will be James)** via Zoom every Tuesdays at **10:00 a.m.**. Zoom link and other details will be sent via text messages.

Acts 2:40-47

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Cancer Patients

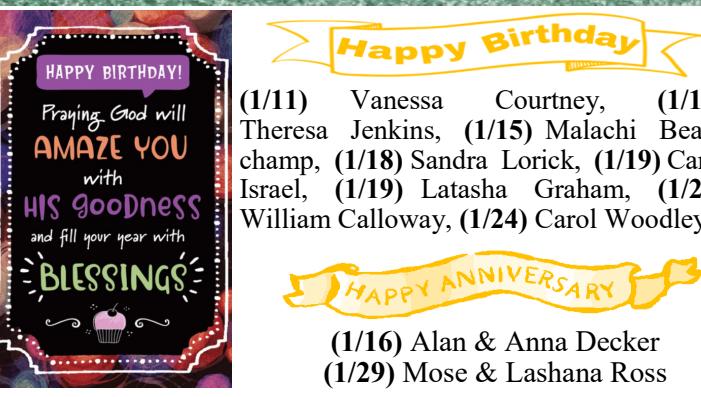
Tara Bacote (*Elliott Kirkland's family member*), Leo Lawson, Sr. (*father of Pam Lawson*), Alicia Pugh

Improved Health

Benye Mosely (*Nikita's Cousin*), Jamarcus Duckett (*Kelvin's cousin*), Leroy Bell (*Gary Bell's Father*), Pamela Lawson, Kamen (*Gina Kirkland's Daughter*), Larry Winn Sr. & Ada Hill (*Barbara Wigfall's brother-in law and mother*), Laura Jurisa (*David & Susan Redmond daughter*), Antonio Wallace (*Juana McDaniel brother*) James Hayward, Pearline Haigler (*Eddie Haigler's Mom*), Barbara Ann and Sam (*Jane Farley's daughter and son in -law*), Malachi Beauchamp, Marie Crowder, Julie Courtney, Cooper Davis, Elliot & Deborah Ryant Kirkland, Leo (*great grandson of the Farley's*), Bill & Jeanette Jennings, Marjorie Knight, Suzi Potter, Jan Townsend, Margaret Wilson, Nikolay (*Irina's dad*), Aaron Moore (*Grandson of Darnell Williams*), Doug & Linda Myers, Herschel & Joana Robertson (*Veronica Robertson's in-laws*)

God Bless Our Military

Daniel Beauchamp, Justin Briggs, Jevon Briggs, Christian Cromartie, Keturah Miles, Alyssa Day, Joseph Adams-Howard (*Reserves*)



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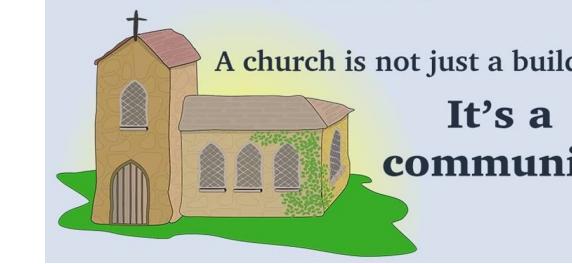
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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God...
Read More: Acts 2:42-47



Family Life

January 16, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter
of the Family of God at Long Creek

"Why We Gather Together"

A **churchgoer** wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the editor's delight. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" The focal point of American life is the workweek for adults and school for our children over five days. These five days often leaves us physically, emotionally, and spiritually drained. One way we can remain energized and focused for the week to come is regular attendance at appointed times of worship to tap into the promise of God in 2 Peter 1:3; "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue."

One of the greatest metaphors that God has ever used to teach us about the Christian life is that it's like running a race. Running in a race can be challenging at times. One can become fatigued, muscles hurt, and dehydration can set in. However, despite these hardships, one must still overcome these things and continue the race. So is the Christian life. We must prepare like track runners by training, practicing, and stretching with our teammates before the race. There is no greater way to do this than strict adherence to Hebrews 10:25; "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Otherwise, our performance will be subpar, or we will hurt ourselves. One of the main objectives of our worship service and bible studies is all that we say and do be supported with book, chapter, and verse according to God's word, as a way to appeal to our members to continually examine their lives for compliance with God's standard of righteous living. We cannot effectively run the Christian race if we do not know the rules of the race organizer who is God. Also, it is essential to stay hydrated during the race, which refreshes the body! Prayer does the same thing for the mind. It is where God provides the strength for you to keep going (Eph 3:14-16). The Lord's church concludes weekly with collective prayer for the saints. Lastly, the Christian race is not a short race but a marathon! We must stay faithful to Jesus to the end to have the victory (Rev 2:10; Mk 13:13)!

Closing Thought: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (Hebrews 12:1). Our weekly worship services and bible classes are a wonderful time and place to be refreshed for the week to come. It is there that we receive encouragement from like-minded brethren and guidance from our earthly shepherds (The Elders).

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