

## Order of Worship

Song Leader– Randy Gore

Song —We Fall Down (*projection*)

Song —One Bended Knee (*projection*)

Welcome & Announcements– Henry Wigfall

Song #345– It Is Well with My Soul

Song #784– Why Did My Savior Come To Earth

Lord's Supper– Andray Williams

Offering–Andray Williams

Children Song – Let US Worship The Father

Scripture Reading– Rance Woodley

Song #790– Wonderful Love of Jesus

Sermon– Kelvin L. Briggs

Invitation Song #971–Restore My Soul

Closing: Remarks

Collection of Attendance Cards

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Ronnie Martin & Mose Ross III

[Audio/Visual Broadcasting](#)

Wayne Sanders & Sam Graham

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## Wednesday Night Winter Series

“There Is Power In The Name”

**January 18: Lesson I. Randy Gore**

Yahweh (Gen 14:18) The Most High God

**January 25: Lesson II. Charles Crawford**

Yahweh Raah (Psalm 23:1) The Lord My Shepherd

**February 1: Lesson III. Jerome Fulton**

[Yahweh Jireh \(Gen 22:14\) The Lord Will Provide](#)

**February 8: Lesson IV. Andray Williams**

El Olam (Gen 21:33) The Everlasting God

**February 15: Lesson V. Gary Bell**

Yahweh Rapha (Exod. 15:26) The Lord That Heals

**February 22: Lesson VI. Jack McNeil**

Yahweh Shammah (Ezek 48:35) The Lord Is There

**March 1: Lesson VII. Reese Palmer**

Yahweh Shalom ( Judge 6:24) The Lord is Peace

**March 8: Lesson VIII. Sammie B. Taylor**

Yahweh Nissi (Exod 17:5) The Lord our Banner/Victory

## How God Gets You Home

**1. The Gift:** For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.* (Mark 16:16)

**2. The Growth:** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

*Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8)*

**3. The Goal:** Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)



# Family Life

January 29, 2022

The Weekly Newsletter

of the Family of God at Long Creek

## “Difficult People, What’s A Christian To Do ?”

We concluded our sermon this past week with the call of Revelations 2:10 to live faithful unto death as our adversary Satan seeks to throw us in prison, which would rob us of the promised, Crown of Life. The Christian journey to heaven is full of land mines along the way. These land mines are often planted by Satan and frequently include difficult people. Satan knows that Jesus calls us to love all people. Failure to love others will hinder our entrance to heaven. Difficult people are out here, lurking in unsuspecting places. They could be anybody from a boss to a coworker, a family member, a church member, or any random person you cross paths with. We encounter them often and usually are left wondering, “What was that person’s problem?” or “How could I have handled that situation better?”

Before your next encounter with this person, please consider the following. Jesus was no stranger to difficult people. One of the reasons behind us studying the book “What Would Jesus Do” (WWJD) a few years back was for this reason. You generally can’t go wrong with a WWJD approach to life. However, Jesus was able to look into the hearts of men and respond accordingly. While we may not be able to do the same, we are given some practical wisdom on the matter by Jesus in Luke 6:27-31 “*But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. <sup>29</sup> To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. <sup>31</sup> And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.*

Wherever Jesus went it seems He attracted them like flies to a South Carolina summer picnic. The gospels tell us several ways He handled them: silence (**John 8:6**), rebuke (**John 8:47**), questions (**Mark 11:28-29**), Scripture (**Mark 10:2-3**) and stories (**Luke 7:40-42**). Peter gives us similar advice, “*Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing*” (**1 Pet. 3:9**). The Proverbs also offer some insight into this plight. The wisdom found there would have us be prudent and display patience (**Prov. 12:16**). It would have us practice peacemaking (**Prov. 20:3**). It advises foresight in stopping the matter before it begins (**Prov. 17:14**). If possible, avoid contentious people (**Prov. 22:24**).

Difficult people are a part of this life and they will be used by Satan to distract you or even by God to reveal something in you. I want to encourage us to remember six things from Romans 12 when dealing with difficult people:

- Choose blessing:** Romans 12:14 “*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*”
- Seek good in all:** Rom 12:17 “*Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.*”
- Pursue peace:** Rom 12:18 “*If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*”
- Avoid vengeance:** Romans 12:19 “*Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” Be Kind:*
- Be kind:** Romans 12:20 “*Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”*
- Resist Evil Winning:** Romans 12:21 “*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Closing Thought:** When encountering difficult people, remember two things. First, if they are a none Christian (have not been born of the Water and the Spirit John 3:5), accept them for who they are. Accepting them with no expectation of change because a person not of God does not have the Spirit to understand the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:14). Second, no matter who they are in Christ or not never forget to pray and keep the fruit of the Spirit shining according to Galatians 5:22-23 “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*”

God Bless You,  
Minister, Kelvin L. Briggs

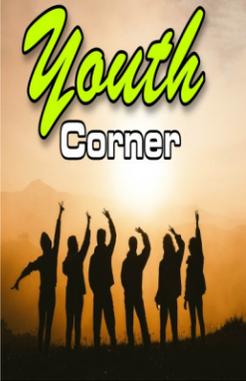
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# Current & Upcoming Events



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6.)

For additional information about our Youth Program and upcoming events, please see our Youth Bulletin located at the Foyer.

If you would like to be part of our Youth Program or have ideas you would like to share, please see Charles/Veronica Crawford, Tony Cooper or Vertelle Hayward.



**January 29**

Immediately after service at FLB

Join us for a great day of fellowship, food and fun!

*Everyone is invited*

**Join Us For Fellowship & Football**



**Sunday - February 12, 2023**

**6:00 pm Until**

Please sign-up at the foyer or contact Kelvin Briggs or Tony Cooper

PLEASE JOIN US

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

February 12  
Immediately after service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

38TH ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

*Living Courageously*

IN A SPIRITUAL PANDEMIC  
I TIMOTHY 4:1-10 II CHRONICLES 7:14

**APRIL 20-23 2023**

36th ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

**ATLANTA GEORGIA**

Atlanta Marriott Marquis



Angels rejoice as **Brianna Kennedy** were baptized last Sunday, January 22 and added to the Lord's Church/Kingdom.

Please see Online Church Directory for her information.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Join Us For Our Beginning Principles Sunday Morning Bible Class

Every Sunday Morning 9AM

Presented by: Gary Bell

Renew your understanding of the Lord's Church.

Ladies, if interested, please sign-up at the foyer and grab a flyer for more details or contact Barbara Wigfall.

All newly baptized into Christ are encourage to attend at Family Life Building.

## Family Notes

- **Congregation Meeting:** February 12, 2023. All members are encouraged to attend
- **Help The Homeless:** Please help the USC Ministry with our Winter Homeless Project by donating the following items (adult sizes only please): Winter knit hats, sweatshirts (either with or without hoods, but no sweaters please, only sweatshirts), gloves, athletic socks, lip balm (like Chapstick). Please wash any used items. Please leave donated items in the large box downstairs in the hallway outside of the office.
- **Life Group 4:** 2023 Kick-off event February 19, immediately after service at FLB.
- **Nursery Attendants Needed:** Please sign-up at the Foyer or contact the church office to volunteer.
- If you need 2022 Contribution Acknowledgement Letters, please let the office know via e-mail or phone call. Letters will be completed the 1st week of February.
- For **contribution via Cash app** please designate \$longcreekcoc as the recipient.

## Nursery Attendants

### Schedule

**January 29**

Alice Matthews  
Angela Smith

**February 5**

Cierra Quinn  
Madelyn Teague

## Preacher's Corner "Lord Help, I am In My Feelings!"

Psalm 133:1 is a beautiful passage of scripture that I frequently quote to begin our worship service-"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. One of Satan's favorite tricks to destroy the beauty of unity within the Lord's Church is making us hyper-sensitive to offense. When people offend us, hurt us, let us down, persecute us, abuse us, take advantage of us, deceive us, slander us, or forget us, it can be devastating and difficult to overcome. I recently fell victim to this, and I harbored bitter feelings toward someone I love dearly for a short period time. Now, I know some of you would like to know the details of whom Brother Kelvin was upset. Who I was upset with (*in my feelings*) is irrelevant. I want to reveal that I am not ashamed to say, even as the minister, that I am not too proud to admit that Satan can still take advantage of me. The Bible tells us offense will come (Luke 17:1); it is part of the Human experience. The thing that offended me was beyond my control, yet I simmered my feelings at the perceived offense for a couple of days. I want to encourage us to no longer dwell on things beyond our ability to change. The longer we stay on it, the more it consumes our thoughts and feelings. Then once it consumes us, it will negatively impact our energy and emotions and disrupt our peace. God tells us to cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us. We often fail to take note of the word **All** and instead choose to release some to Him.

**Closing Thought:** When offended or stressed let us remember the clear contrast of 1 Peter 5:7-8. Know who to take the issue to (verse 7) and never forget who is likely behind the problem (verse 8)-"casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour". When we fail to exercise this great privilege of taking everything to the Lord, we forfeit our peace, and as the song goes, "We Bear Needless Pain When We Fail To Carry Everything To God In Prayer."

Minister, Kelvin L. Briggs

## James 1:19-27

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## Cancer Patients

**Jim Farley Jr.** (Jane Farley's son), **Leo Lawson, Sr.** (father of Pam Lawson), **Alicia Pugh, Doris Jeter** (Kelvin's Mom)

## Improved Health

**Joe Ritter, Lakeshia Jeter, Mose Ross II, Doris Hicks** (Veronica Crawford's mom), **John Asbury, Alma Tillman** (Judy Taylor's mom), **Arthur Bull & Mary Alice Burch** (Linda Baker's brother & sister), **Stacie Cooper, Jane Farley, Verna Morsby, Virginia Thompson** (Lisette William's mother), **Sandy Gray** (Carol Wiley's niece), **Carol & Ora Woodley, Virginia Ann Edwards** (friend of the Woodley's), **Benny Moseley** (Nikita's Cousin), **Leroy Bell** (Gary Bell's Father), **James Hayward, Pearlina Haigler** (Eddie Haigler's Mom), **Sam** (Jane Farley's son in-law), **Malachi Beauchamp, Cooper Davis, Elliot & Deborah Ryant Kirkland, Leo** (great grandson of the Farley's), **Bill & Jeanette Jennings, Marjorie Knight, Suzi Potter, Margaret Wilson, Nikolay** (Irina's dad), **Linda Myers, Herschel & Joana Robertson** (Chris Robertson's parents), **Juana McDaniel**

## God Bless Our Military

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



## January

The miracle is you!

*Happy Birthday*

to someone driven by faith and love of Christ on this day and every day!

- (1/22) Cierra Quinn
- (1/24) Carol Woodley
- (1/26) Marjorie Knight
- (1/27) Rochell Middleton
- (1/27) Jack McNeil
- (1/28) Leslee L. Crawford
- (1/30) Samuel Graham
- (1/30) Jeanette Jennings
- (1/31) Juana McDaniel

## February

- (2/2) Lance Woodley
- (2/3) Derwin Courtney
- (2/9) Lamont Hughes
- (2/9) Kamen Hogan
- (2/10) Kelvin Briggs
- (2/10) Cortina Hammond
- (2/12) Darnell Williams
- (2/14) Shanika Cheatcham
- (2/14) John Douglas



(1/29) Mose & Lashanza Ross

(2/17) Lamont & Neco Hughes