

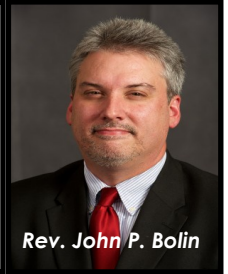
Tranquil Tidings



Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be
blessed when you
come in
And blessed when
you go out.
Deuteronomy 28:6




Rev. John P. Bolin

You Gotta' Have Heart!

The Bible verse that says “Love always trusts” is from 1 Corinthians 13:7. The verse is part of a passage that describes the qualities of love. It says that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

When you come through the doors of the church, you are not just walking into a building. You are supporting and worshipping the Word of God in God’s house. No matter what business leaders may say, this IS the HOUSE OF GOD. For God so loved you that you should love him too by worshipping Him; gathered among your church family. For so many years you have come together; prayed together; grieved together; supped together; studied the Word together; cried together; laughed together and rejoiced together.

In the movie ‘The Replacements’, Coach McKenzie (played by Gene Hackman) was asked the question as his football team was falling behind in score by a female news reporter, “What does this team need to get back into the ballgame?” He replied, “Heart!” Her reply was, “I’m sorry?” He said, “You gotta’ have heart!” The reporter asked, “Can you elaborate on that?” Coach McKenzie beat on his chest at his heart with his papers. “Miles and miles of heart” was all he replied. The team came back and won the game 20-17. 

What does it mean to have heart? One answer is, ‘to be emotionally and enthusiastically involved in something; to do or undertake something with passion or zeal.’ Rather than trust your heart, commit your heart to God. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6). The command is explicit as to not to trust yourselves; there is a promise of guidance to those who choose to follow the Lord.

The Bible teaches that man is to follow God. God declares, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him” (Jeremiah 17:7). God has perfect knowledge of everything (1 John 3:20), a trait often called omniscience. God’s knowledge is not limited in any way. God is aware of all events that have ever transpired, are currently occurring, and will ever happen (Isaiah 46:9-10). God’s knowledge goes beyond mere events and extends to thoughts and intentions (John 2:25; Acts 1:24). It is not all this knowledge, however, that makes God a perfectly reliable source of guidance. God is also aware of every possibility, every eventuality, every imaginable outcome of any series of events (Matthew 11:21). *Taken from Got Questions Ministries*

In summary, when you have heart you cannot lose.

STEWARDSHIP

January Offerings & Attendance

Yearly Budget:
Needed weekly for budget:
Yearly Budget needed to date:
Yearly Budget received to date: \$ **7,732.00**
Attendance 175

God loves a cheerful giver.

SERVING

February Trustee of the Month

Sandy Shaffer
(C)864-980-8496

February Ushers

Cindy Davis and Ann Coker

February Counters

3 Martha Vincent
10 Sandy Shaffer
18
24 Cindy Davis

Altar Guild Volunteer for February

Evelyn Cauley and Von Hill

ALTAR FLOWERS

February Altar Flowers

2 In memory of Joe Ferry
By Danny and Deanna Willis

9 In honor of Beckett's birthday
By Richard and Ann Coker

16 To the Glory of God

23 In memory of Owen Corley
By Jean Corley

LECTIONARY READINGS



February 2 Jer 1:4-10
Ps 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
1 Cor 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 9 Isa 6:1-8 (9-13)
Ps 138 (UMH 853)
1 Cor 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 16 Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1 (UMH 738)
1 Cor 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-25

February 23 Gen 45:3-11, 15
Ps 37:1-11, 39-40 (UMH 772)
1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

CHILDREN'S SERMON ORDER

1st Sunday Sandy Shaffer
2nd Sunday Cindy Davis
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday Pastor John
On 5th Sundays—Cindy Davis

Lay Speakers

February 2 Sandy Shaffer

9 Martha Vincent

16 Sandy Shaffer

23 Martha Vincent

“You don’t realize how much a person does until it’s time to remove them from the list.” Anonymous



February

Birthdays

- 2 Mary Ann Tharpe
- 3 George McKinney, II, Jim Davis
- 4 Melvin Bayne
- 6 Katherine Wu
- 9 Jami Bowling, Mariann Reynolds,
Laura Bundrick
- 13 Jerrel Goldman
- 16 Jackson Taylor
- 17 Jackson Darragh, Spence Dunn
- 19 Willy Jeffreys, Cheryl Simmons
- 22 Jeanne Purvis
- 23 Elaine Turner
- 24 Darrell Minor
- 25 Kayden Beverly, Will Norman
- 28 Ashley Alexander

Happy Birthday

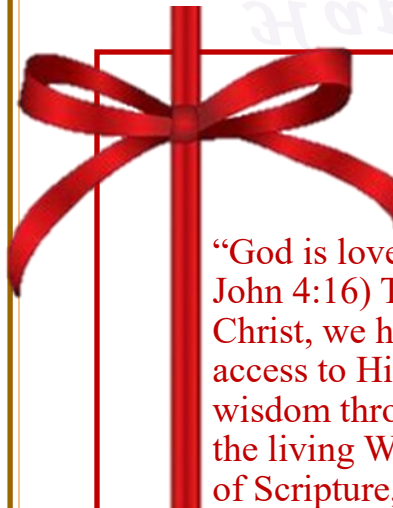


Anniversaries

- 6 Phillip and Andrea Witt
- 9 Mike and Cindy Norman
- 26 Ernie and Janice Sumner



Happy Anniversary



“God is love.” (1 John 4:16) Through Christ, we have access to His wisdom through the living Word of Scripture, providing us wisdom to live out a life of love over fear. LOVE IS ALWAYS BIGGER.



Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor

In honor of Stephen Turner

By the following:

Rut and Norma Hammond

John and Martha Vincent

In Memory

In memory of Betty Jo "Joey" Hayes

By the following:

Rut and Norma Hammond



In memory of Betty Randolph

(Sister to Kathy Mims)

By the following:

Rut and Norma Hammond

In Memory

**In memory of William Robert "Bobby"
Anderson**

(Jo Bartley's brother in law)

By the following:

Richard and Ann Coker



**In memory of Buddy Ridings
(Brother to Claudette McKinney)**

By the following:

Patsy Anderson

Jean Corley

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

Rut and Norma Hammond

JoAnn Purkerson

Bill and Elaine Turner

John and Martha Vincent

Helen Watson

*Tranquil gratefully appreciates the gifts that have been made
in honor and in memory.*



Sympathy is extended to Josephine Bartley in the recent passing of her brother in law, William Robert "Bobby" Anderson, on Friday, January 24, 2025, at NHC of Greenwood.



*In this time of sorrow, we extend to
you our heartfelt condolences. May
our Lord comfort you and your loved
ones.*

Happy Valentine's Day

*For this Valentine's day
Jesus asks you to*

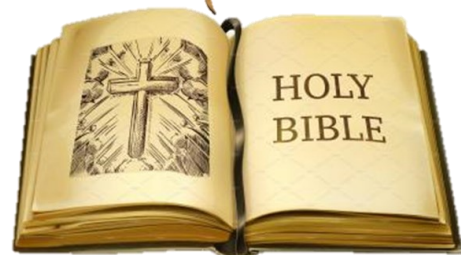


Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
-1 JOHN 4:7-8



Dementia Learning Series



DEMENTIA 201: Positive Interactions

Providing practical communication and problem-solving strategies to support meaningful relationships through a dementia diagnosis



Speaker:



TORI ANDERSON
Dementia Care Specialist
South Carolina Department on Aging

Upcoming webinars in 2025:
Jan 9th 10-11:30 am
March 18th 3-4:30 pm
May 14th 4-5:30 pm

To register for this free webinar, scan the heart!




For more info:
803-545-4277
ToAnderson@aging.sc.gov




SCDOA Dementia Seminar Series

ADVANCING THE SCIENCE:
THE LATEST IN ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH

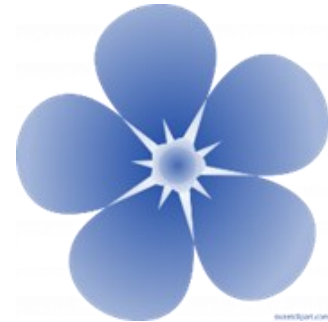


Learn from our guest speaker Taylor Wilson of the Alzheimer's Association about significant progress in Alzheimer's research and the resulting advancements in diagnosing, treating and preventing dementia.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 13TH
1-2PM EST




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DEMENTIA 101 THE BASICS


Providing information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease and the support resources available in our state

First Wednesday of each month 1-2 pm




Speaker
TORI ANDERSON
Dementia Care Specialist
South Carolina Department on Aging

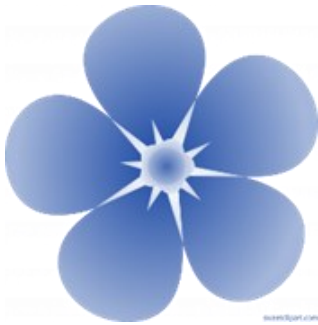
To Register, Click or Scan the Brain:



For more information:
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South Carolina
DEPARTMENT ON AGING



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Dementia 101

First Wednesday of each month

Dementia Seminar

February 13th

Dementia 201

March 18th

May 14th



COMING UP:



Community Lenten Pilgrimage:

- March 5 – First Baptist Church, Greenwood
- March 12 – Immanuel Lutheran Church
- March 19 – Greenwood ARP
- March 26 – South Main Baptist Church
- April 2 – Main Street United Methodist Church
- April 9 – First Presbyterian Church
- April 16 – Morris Chapel

Some Reminders:

- First Lunch at noon
- Service at 12:30 PM
- Second lunch at 1:00 PM
- Offering will be taken and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministries. The cost for lunch is 2 dollars.

Lent signifies a solemn 40-day period preceding Easter. Commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday, Lent is characterized by fasting, prayer, and repentance as believers prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. This season of reflection and self-discipline involves practices such as abstaining from certain indulgences, fostering a deeper spiritual connection, and commemorating the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Lent



This is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Meetings & Practices

MAKE A *Joyful* NOISE

WORSHIP

BE PRESENT



CHOIR PRACTICE

Each Sunday 2:00 p.m.
Brockwell Classroom

BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays—10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Pauline Botts Circle

Monday, February 17, 2025
Noon—Montague's
Hostesses: tba

Tranquility Circle

Monday, February 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Immediately following worship!

MARKS OF THE TRUE CHRISTIAN

Romans 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, **serve** the Lord.

John 12:26 If anyone **serves** me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone **serves** me, the Father will honor him.

1 Peter 4:10 (taken from)

As each has received a gift, use it to **serve** one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jennifer Byrd upon receiving her Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning with an emphasis on Technology in the classroom from Lander University on December 12, 2024.

Jennifer was recognized during the worship service on Sunday, January 19, 2025, before the congregation by Pastor John Bolin and Sunday School Superintendent Martha Vincent.



Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864 223-5333, tranquilmc@wctel.net or by accessing the church website at www.thetranquillife.org.



Prayer



Requests



Riley Addis
Ann Daniel
Ashton
Shannon Butler
Janice Sumner
Michael Byrd, Sr.
Jean Corley
Dennis
Jim and Judy Davis
Dolly
Rut and Norma Hammond
Israel
Jackie

Charlotte Koone
Jeremiah Teams
Larry and Francine
Liz
Lucille
Macy
Melissa and Mel
Nick
Claudette McKinney & Family
Kathy Mims
Our Country and Leadership
Phyllis L.

Shannon
Margaret Simpson
Wayne Still family
Suzy
Terry
Sonny Tharpe
Tranquil
Jennifer Traynham
Stephen Turner
Those in addiction
Unspoken
Anne and Blair Willingham

REACHING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Food Bank of
Greenwood County



Collected items can
be placed on the
table in the hallway
near the church
office.

Deadline for
collection
is...
Sunday,
February 23rd



February

OUTREACH PROJECT

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:

CANNED ITEMS OF:

VEGETABLES

FRUIT

TUNA/CHICKEN

VIENNA SAUSAGE

RAVIOLI

PACKAGES OF:

RICE

DRY BEANS

RAMEN NOODLES

PASTA

MACARONI & CHEESE (IN A CUP)

Spread the LOVE



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Perseverance Prayer Under God's Care

Caring Father, You faithfully keep watch over us, never ceasing from making sure we are safe, and never taking Your eyes off us as you guard us. Though we may run into trouble, we know that You will continue to give us strength to keep our feet firmly planted in the right direction.

When we struggle, give us the peace to realize that You have freed our paths from unnecessary problems. In the face of adversity, keep us steadfast so that we may persevere by the assurance of Your faithful presence.

Amen.



**Keep praying
for the church.**

God is hearing you.



Persevering in prayer is like rowing a boat upstream; if you do not persevere, you will be carried downstream by the current.



WHAT'S UP IN FEBRUARY?

2 Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day (Pennsylvania German: *Grund'sau dâk*, *Grundsaudaag*, *Grundsow Dawg*, *Murmeltiertag*; Nova Scotia: *Daks Day*)^{[1][2][3]} is a tradition observed regionally in the United States and Canada on February 2 of every year. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early. In 2024, an early spring was predicted.



9 Superbowl Sunday

The 2025 Super Bowl (aka Super Bowl LIX or Super Bowl 59) is set for 6:30 p.m. ET, on Sunday, Feb. 9. at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans.



14 Valentine's Day

Valentine' Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.



17 President's Day

President's Day, commonly known as Washington's Birthday, is a federal holiday observed on the third Monday of February in the United States.

It is a day to commemorate the birthdays of two of America's most renowned presidents: George Washington, the first President of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, the 16th.

The holiday was created to commemorate [George Washington](#), who was born on February 22, 1732. It was declared a federal holiday in 1879 and became a national holiday in the United States with the enactment of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968.



So, why do we celebrate special occasions? Because they allow people to gather together and be joyful. In the Bible special occasions are celebrated, and are significant because they allow people to worship God, observe His wondrous acts, and share the blessings He provides. The Bible emphasizes remembering and sharing occasions with others. Much can be learned and shared by celebrating together.

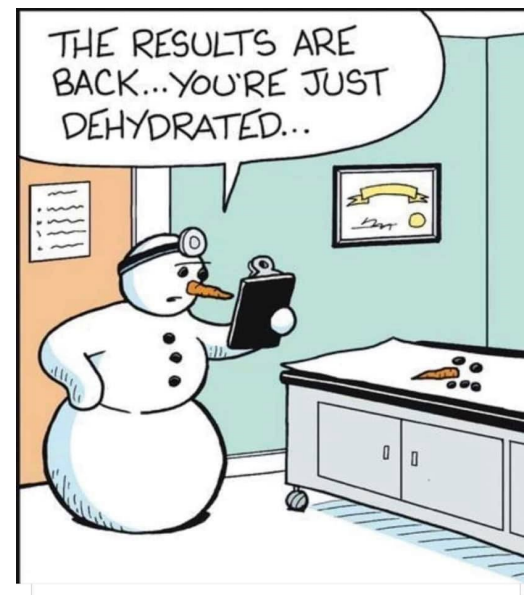
Snow funny!

Why are people born on February 29th good jumpers? They were born on a leap year.

What month is the best for coffee? Feb-brew-ary.

How do snowflakes greet each other?
They say 'Long time, snow see!'

What did Jack Frost say to his lady the day he proposed?
I only have ice for you!



Laughter is a gift from God.

God wants us to be happy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and what better way is there to express joy but through laughter?

Thank You

THANK YOU

Dear Tranquil Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful devotion book I was gifted for graduation. I am reading it each day and will think of you all as I do. Thank you also for all of your love and support shown to me and my family over the last several years. Our Tranquil family means the world to us! Love, Jennifer

Thank You from Outreach

Thank you Tranquil for all of the delicious snacks that you provide for the Hamilton Cottage Children of Connie Maxwell.



Connie Maxwell
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



<p>2</p> <p>Worship—11: 00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class GROUNDHOG DAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Worship — 11:00 a.m. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MTG Immediately following worship service.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell SS Class</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pauline Botts Circle Noon—Montague’s</p> <p>Tranquility Circle Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Felllowship Hall</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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“The highest act of love is the giving of the best gift, and, if necessary, at the greatest cost, to the least deserving. That’s what God did. At the loss of His Son’s life to the totally undeserving. God gave the best gift—the display of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.” John Piper



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be touched__they must be felt with the heart.

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Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube and our Website www.the.tranquillife.org.

FH = Fellowship Hall

B/C SS Class = Brockwell/Clark SS Class

KIT=Kitchen

ON MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make an announcement(s) in the newsletter please do so two weeks in advance, if possible, to provide adequate time for publishing.

DEADLINE to submit information is by the 23rd of each month unless otherwise noted.

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