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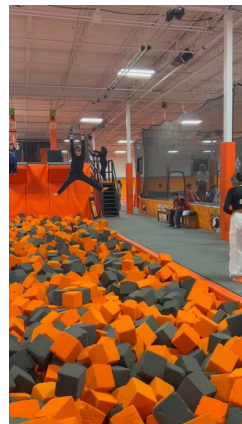
I was reviewing my files the other day and I came across an item I hadn't thought about in several years. It was my newsletter article on the YouTube video by Jeffery Bethke with the eye-catching title: "Why I hate religion, but love Jesus". It was posted twelve years ago, January 10, 2012. It quickly went viral, over 6 million viewers in just a month. Now in ten years it has been seen over 35 million times. Jeffery Bethke is part of the nontraditional, Mars Hill Church, out in the state of Washington. His message, a short 4:03, is done in edgy, rap style, is aimed squarely at the younger generation.

Of course the video has gotten a lot of response both negative and positive. I bring it up here because it is important for us to know how the church is perceived by those who are not "in" the church. Many, if not most, in my generation in the south grew up on the inside of a church, whatever the denomination, almost everyone was part of a church. Now this is no longer the case. There are those in our country who do not know what the inside of a church looks like. Even weddings and funerals are no longer exclusively held in a church and often members of the clergy do not officiate or even have a part of the ceremonies.

Sadly there have been many more who have been burned by those connected with the institutional church. This coupled with the abuse scandals that are part of everyday news cycle in every part of the country, have given the church some really big obstacles to overcome.

In his video, Jeffery Bethke highlights the personal nature of our relationship with Jesus as a way of connecting with those who don't have a very positive view of the church. What came to my mind initially was the importance of Jesus. In other words, the more we are centered and connected to Jesus, the more we are clearly focused on Jesus first, the more effectively God can use us to reach our world.

In God's Grace,
David Vess



Big Air @ Myrtle Beach
February 22
Cost - \$30 / non-jumper \$10
1 hour jumping time AND lunch @ Cici's

FEBRUARY 2025 Calendar

Sunday, February 02
Sunday School- 9:45
Worship-11
Missions Committee/
Lunch-12

Monday, February 03
Needlework Class-5

Wednesday, February 05
Prayer Meeting- 6
Choir-7

Friday, February 07
Parent's Night Out-6

Saturday, February 08
Deacon/Spouse Supper-6

Sunday, February 09
Deacons Meeting-8:45
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

Monday, February 10
Needlework Class-5

Tuesday, February 11
Youth/Children-5:30

Wednesday, February 12
Prayer Meeting-6
Choir-7

Friday, February 14
Happy Valentines Day!

Sunday, February 16
Ladies Volunteer Choir
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11
Youth Fundraiser Lunch-12

Tuesday, February 18
Klondyke Elderberries-11:30
CBA Backpacking Party-6:30

Wednesday, February 19
Prayer Meeting-6
Choir-7

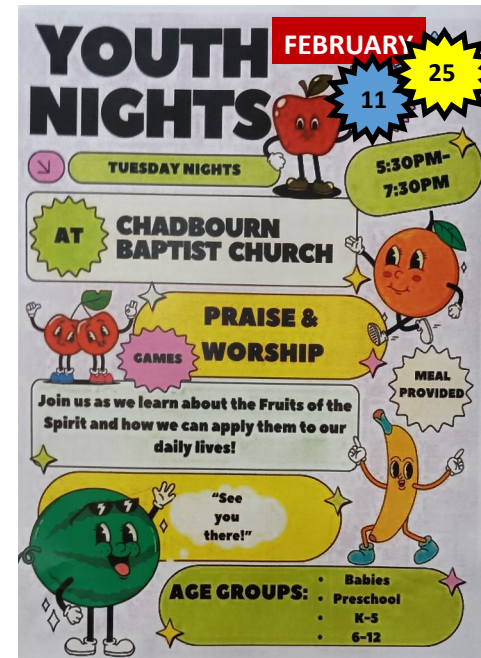
Saturday, February 22
Big Air at MB-10

Sunday, February 23
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

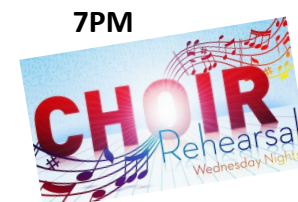
Monday, February 24
Needlework Class-5

Tuesday, February 25
Youth/Children-5:30

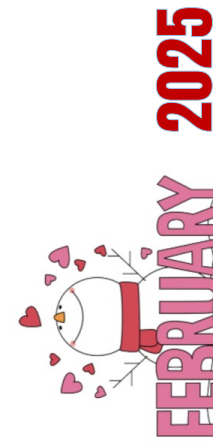
Wednesday, February 26
Prayer Meeting-6
Choir-7



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February - Deacon Captain
Ann Ferguson

February - Welcome / Ushering Team
Georganna / Will Fisher

Youth Fundraiser
Spaghetti Lunch
February 16
12 PM

Donations help
offset costs of youth
camp retreats



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Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm



February - Nursery Calendar

- 02- Wesley / Doris Caines
- 09- Wade / Wendy Marshburn
- 16- Ron / Jan Hinson
- 23- Amanda Britt / Janice McRae



NEEDLEWORK LESSONS

Ladies, have you ever wanted to learn to crochet, knit, cross stitch, etc?

MONDAYS 5 - 7PM

Janice McRae will be the instructor. If you know how, join us anyway for the fellowship. Bring a friend!



CAKE DECORATING LESSONS

Ladies, have you ever wanted to learn to decorate cakes?

**MONDAYS 5:30 - 7:30PM
BEGINNING MARCH 3**

Amanda Britt will be the instructor. If you know how, join us anyway for the fellowship. Bring a friend!

This will take the place of needlework classes beginning March 3.



Christian Sympathy to the family of:
**Glenda Norman Strole
Phyllis Britt**



Ladies of Chadbourn Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch you all prepared for the family and friends of Glenda Strole. The service was so beautiful and to be able to gather and share a meal was so appreciated by everyone.

Thank you for allowing us to spend almost the whole afternoon visiting and remembering with our cousins who drove from VA, Elkin, Winston, Raleigh, Rhonda & Myrtle Beach.

Thank you for all you did to add to the celebration of Mother's Life. Love, *Phyllis Strole Breeden*

Thank you so much for everything Chadbourn Baptist Church did to celebrate the life of my beloved aunt, Aunt Glenda Strole. From the service and joyful music (I'm still humming 'Victory in Jesus' to the absolutely delicious lunch afterwards- (Ahh, nothing like real Southern cooking!) - it was all beautiful. We are so grateful! May God continue to bless you as you share His love to others. In Him, *Glenda Canfield*

Thank You to Chadbourn Baptist for supporting the Bicycles for Children at Christmas. *Lisa Blake*

"And Now a Word from Dave"

It's moving towards the end of January as I type this and if you're like me, you're waiting & wondering if you're going to see some snow in the next 24 hours. I'm adopting the "I'm from Missouri" stance of, "Show me!" If we get snow & no ice, I'll be pleased to see a side of God I don't normally get to enjoy here in Columbus County at winter-time. I'd love to introduce Clem (Ruthie's cat, not mine) to a good ol' fashioned snowball fight. Just kidding, or am I?

We've had an excellent start to this new twice a month on Tuesday nights **ministry with our children & youth**. I've had a great group of youth and had the pleasure of engaging with 'em as we go thru the study of the "Fruit of the Spirit." Many thanks to Amy Williamson's vision and the folks that are stepping out also in faith that this is something our church - its people...needs. Elsewhere in this Enabler you'll see the Feb. dates for our next couple of Tuesdays, but just in case... 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Tuesdays, Feb. 11th & 25th.

We had a nice group of gentlemen who sang one Sunday morning, volunteer choir style. The ladies get their turn on Sun. Feb. 16th. I'll invite all who will, to come to the piano as you (not me, cause I'm a guy) lift up your voices in song. God will love your efforts as will all those who'll hear you. It's official: **Ladies Volunteer Choir**, Sun. Feb. 16th, 11 a.m.

Another **Parents Night Out** is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 7th. Note the time: 6-8:30 pm. There will be pizza and drinks for everyone who comes on out. This is for our young people, from babies thru 12th grade. This gives Mom & Dad a chance to enjoy a night out, or some peace & quiet around the house. We'll need some help minding the younger ones. I'll be on hand with the youth, and we may play some games - all of us - if we can. Younger ones can be like herding cats sometimes. Everyone's good at helping out, but still, don't think to yourself everything's covered. Just reach out and let us know if you would like to help.

We're having another **Youth Fundraiser** - a **Spaghetti Lunch** right after church February 16th. Come for a mighty fine lunch, excellent fellowship round the table, and know that you are helping offset the costs for when our youth go to their next camp retreat.

Big Air @ Myrtle Beach is a youth function set for Sat. Feb. 22nd. If you didn't know, it's a trampoline park. The cost is \$30 and it covers 1 hour jumping time there AND lunch @ Cici's. If you are wishing to go as a non-jumper (like myself), the cost is \$10. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the SS hallway.

Somewhere amidst all that busy-ness, it's Groundhog Day...and some other little day folks call "Valentine's Day." Remember your sweetie...that day, and every day!! Are those candy hearts with messages still popular? I hear they've brought those messages into the 21st century " with messages like, "GOAT," "BFF," "Text Me," and "Big Dog." Good for them.

In the meantime, read your Enabler, see what's happening here at CBC, and be part of it, not APART of it. Looking forward to throwing some words your way come next month. For now, to quote a message from a candy heart, "Love U."



Sunday, February 09 - 8:45am

Deacon & Spouse

Fellowship Supper

Saturday, February 8 at 6pm



Tuesday, February 18

6:30 pm

**Backpacking Party
at the CBA building**



EVERY SUNDAY

9:45 AM

We have a class for YOU!



- 01 -Em Nobles
- 07 -Doris Caines
- 08 -Ginny Buffkin
- 08 -Sharyn Edwards
- 09 -Vincent Winnies
- 10 -Russell Beaver
- 10 -Jonathan Honeycutt
- 10 -Katelyn Pettit
- 13 -Nicole B Creech
- 16 -Tommy Powell
- 17 -William Williamson
- 25 -Wendy Marshburn
- 27 -Mary Lou Bridgman
- 28 -Randy Pettit
- 28 -Caselynn Shipman

Klondyke

Elderberries

February 18 - 11:30am

On the Menu:

Chili / Chowder

**Erin Hooks will be
our guest speaker.**

Youth 6 - 12 grade

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 4:00PM
WESTERN PRONG BAPT. CHURCH - KEITH BENTON, SPEAKER**



ROOTED TOUR
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7