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HERE, I RAISE MY EBENEZER | PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

At the beginning of every New Year, I often find myself setting new goals and new expectations. These new goals and expectations are desires I have for myself, my family, and my church family. Even though I don't believe there is anything inherently wrong with this, I do think that if I'm not careful, I will lose sight of the fact that I am prone to wander. Not necessarily prone to wander from my goals and expectations, but prone to wander from the God I love.

The great hymn, "Come Thou Fount" says it like this, "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love". This idea of being prone to wander didn't come first from a hymn, but from scripture. God's Word says, *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* - Isaiah 53:6

This verse is both humbling and beautiful. It's humbling, because I am that sheep. And it's beautiful, because even though I am prone to wander, Jesus has paid the price for every time I wandered away from Him. So, greater than my desire for new goals and expectations this New Year, I desire to never forget that the Lord is my true Ebenezer. He is my stone of help. And every time I wander, He graciously and mercifully draws me back to Himself. Praise God! Praise God!

- Kevin Giordano, Lead Pastor



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BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



January is Sanctity of Life month and a great way to show your support for life is to participate in the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Drive. Be sure and pick up a baby bottle on Sunday, January 09 and fill it with your loose change (or check or cash). The bottles will be placed at displays located in the front lobby of the main building and the CB kids lobby. We value our partnership with the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and are proud to stand with them as they advocate for life, save lives, and provide counseling, support, and much needed supplies to parents. Bring your bottles back to the church on Sunday, January 30th on Baby Bottle Collection Sunday.

CORE PROJECTS

CORE Crafts (that normally occurs every third Thursday or fourth Friday) is evolving into more of an inclusive ministry and is being rebranded into CORE Projects. Every fourth Friday, men, women, kids, and students are invited to participate in small projects that will minister to people in our community and around the world. The first meeting of the year will take place, Friday, January 28th in the CB Kids wing (grades 1-5) from 11 am - 2 pm. There is great value in serving alongside one another; and this is another great way to connect while impacting our community and the world for Christ.



CONNECT - LOOKING FOR A LIFEGROUP?



CB LifeGroups
ADULTS • KIDS • STUDENTS

By definition, a LifeGroup is a group of 8-20 people who, out of the overflow of worship, have the desire to connect with one another on a deeper level and “do” life together. As we “do” life together, we engage in discipleship through scripture, share in times of celebration & sorrow, encourage one another, share burdens, express our feelings & emotions, and walk together through seasons of life. Want to feel more connected to the congregants here at CBC? Joining a LifeGroup is a great way to get plugged in. Kids and student LifeGroups meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. We have Adult LifeGroups that meet on Sunday mornings and evenings and during the week. Want to learn more about our Adult LifeGroups and meeting times? Stop by the Next Steps desk or visit the Next Steps page:

<https://charlestonbaptist.org/connect/adults/adult-life-groups>

CB LIFE

Welcome

New members, Lee & Sonia O'Toole, who joined Dec. 12

Congrats

To Zach Harley & Neely Millard Harley who were wed, Dec. 19th

To Wes & Rebecca Smith & family on the birth of their son, Hampton Theodore Smith, born Dec. 02

Sympathy

To Micah & Laura Bearden and family in the passing of his mother, Amy (in Mississippi), Dec. 18

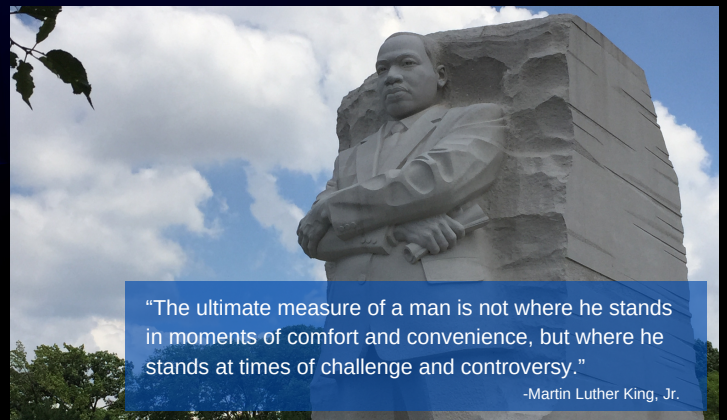
CB WORSHIP

"I don't know what the unprepared stable looks like in your life, but I know this: Jesus is ready to bring a miracle out of that empty place. Can it happen in your life? Can it happen in my life? Yes. Absolutely, yes." Special thanks to Pastor Shaun and the Worship team for the beautiful CB Worship Christmas service on December 12. Would you like to be a part of this multi-generational ministry? Email: shaun@charlestonbaptist.org.



M.L. KING, JR. HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday on Monday, January 17th. *Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to be remembered as one of the most prominent and inspirational leaders in history. His messages of equality, hope and love remain relevant today and, as Christians, we would be wise to take some time to remember Dr. King whose life demonstrated in a dramatic way Jesus' commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves."* (crosswalk.com).



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

HEART-FELT THANKS

Special thank you to Chad Burn and **Chick-fil-a, Rivers Avenue** for donating food for several ministries on campus this past December. Groups that benefitted include: KCA infant-K5 faculty, CB Worship choir, CB kids, and CB students. Everyone gets excited when CFA food is on the menu. We are thankful for the generosity of CFA Rivers Avenue and appreciate their kindness this season.



Special thank you to the **Lowcountry Disc Golf** community for putting on a tournament to benefit the Bread of Life ministry here at CBC. The tournament was held Saturday, December 18th at Wannamaker County Park. The entry fee to the tournament was non-perishable food item(s) for the BOL ministry. Their contribution to the ministry means so much. We appreciate their generosity and good will.



Bart Altman • Charleston Disc Golf Community
December 18 at 8:32 PM · 🌐

I said, I wonder if we can have a disc golf tournament and fill a van full of food for a local church at the same time.

Charleston and Lowcountry Disc Golfers showed me that I should bring a bigger van next time.

Thank you for believing.
Thank you for your support.

Lowcountry Disc Golf
Team Focus
Holy City Disc Golf
CDGC

GROW WITH RIGHT NOW MEDIA

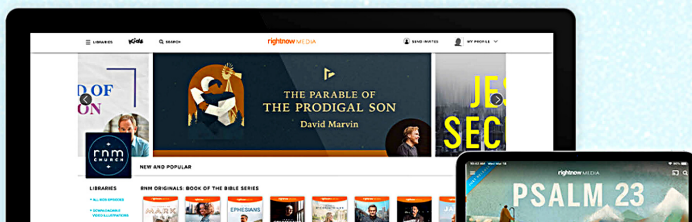
Looking for resources to help you grow in your faith? As a member or regular congregant of CBC, you have access to the Right Now Media library. RNM is like "Christian Netflix". There are tons of videos, Bible studies, and interactive content to choose from for kids, students, and adults. Users enjoy teaching and discipleship by many well-known, well-respected pastors and teachers such as Tony Evans, Johnny Hunt, Francis Chan, JD Greear, Matt Chandler, Jennie Allen, Kyle Idleman, Chip Ingram, etc. The list goes on and on. RNM recently launched a brand new platform making the search, save, and interactive functions more user-friendly. Want to sign up? Email Pastor Jason (jason@charlestonbaptist.org) and begin accessing these resources right away. It's FREE!

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers are truly the heart of our ministry here at CBC, and we currently have several critical volunteer needs in different areas of ministry. Would you prayerfully consider how you can use your time, gifts, talents, and abilities here at CBC?



CB KIDS INFANT - K5

SUNDAYS

- 8 volunteers - serve 1 time per month at 9:15 or 11 am in nursery / baby room or other area
- 2 volunteers - serve 3-4 times per year at 9:15 or 11 am on "fifth" Sunday of the month in nursery / baby room or other area



CB KIDS GRADES 1-5

SUNDAYS

- 2 leaders - help co-teach a prepared lesson and engage in activities with kids at 9:15 am
- 2 substitutes - fill in when/where needed at 9:15 am or 11 am

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- 2 substitutes - fill in when/where needed



CB STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

SUNDAYS

- 1-2 leaders - help teach lesson / lead discussion at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings (materials provided)

LADIES MINISTRY



We are looking to re-launch the CBC Ladies Ministry in 2022 and we need your help. We are currently looking for ladies (all ages) to serve in the planning group. Our goal is to have a group of multi-generational ladies to design events and activities that grow meaningful connections with one another and cultivate a deeper relationship with God. If you are interested in serving in the planning group or serving in any capacity in Ladies Ministry, please contact Julie Giordano (juejue@bellsouth.net) or Louise Moran (loumoran1@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our church has an awesome opportunity to make a difference in our community by volunteering at the Warming Shelter located at the Seacoast West Ashley campus during the months of January and February. You would serve only if the Warming Center is open (dependent upon the weather.) Volunteers will fill a variety of roles. You can serve individually or as a LifeGroup. What better way to show Christ's love than serving our community? If interested in learning more or if you would like to sign up, visit the NextSteps tab on the church website: charlestonbaptist.org/next-steps.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY
Warming Shelter | Seacoast West Ashley
January & February
charlestonbaptist.org/next-steps

UPCOMING

JANUARY

02	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 02 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
03	CORE kids basketball & cheerleading Jan. 03 Practices begin
04	Two are Better mental health support group Jan. 04 @ 6:30 pm
05	Forever Young luncheon Jan. 05 @ 11 am
	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 05 @ 6:15 pm
08	Two are Better chronic pain support group Jan. 08 @ 10 am
09	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 09 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
	Lowcountry Preg Center Baby Bottle Drive Jan. 09
12	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 12 @ 6:15 pm
15	Two are Better chronic pain support group Jan. 15 @ 10 am
16	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 16 @ 9:15 am & 11 am

17	Precept Bible Study Group begins Jan. 17 @ 10 am
	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday Jan. 17 Church office closed
19	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 19 @ 6:15 pm
22	CORE kids basketball & cheerleading Jan 22 Games begin
23	Sunday Morning Worship Lord's Supper Jan. 23 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
26	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 26 @ 6:15 pm
28	CORE Projects Jan. 28 @ 11 am
29	CORE Sports kids basketball & cheer Jan. 29 Game day
30	Sunday Morning Worship Deacon Ordination Jan. 30 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
	Baby Bottle Collection Day Jan. 30 @ 9:15 am & 11 am

FACTS & FIGURES



Attendance

December Average Online Worship Views: 118

December Average On-campus Worship Attendance: 243



Giving

Weekly Budget Goal\$24,477.26

Weekly Budget Receipts:

Dec. 05.....\$31,307.66

Dec. 12.....\$23,177.72

Dec. 19.....\$33,645.39

Dec. 26.....\$

Challenge to Grow Weekly Goal.....\$ 3,500.00

Challenge to Grow Weekly Budget Receipts:

Dec. 05.....\$ 2,325.00

Dec. 12.....\$ 815.00

Dec. 19.....\$ 365.00

Dec. 26.....\$