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Merry Christmas

PK's NOTES

Ken Forrester,
Transitional Pastor

Press On

In 1978 my dad bought a brand new car---a Ford Granada Ghia. It was the nicest car we had ever owned. Dad really stepped it up with this purchase. Power windows, air condition, leather seats and cruise control.

My Dad loved having cruise control. Not that he was a speed demon but it was a luxury to be able to arrive at a desired speed and with a push of a button have the car maintain that speed. You did not have to worry about speeding and it seemed to allow you to get in a more comfortable driving position. Oh the life!

Cruise control was great for traveling on the interstate but cruise control is not good for a disciples journey. We are not called to comfort and ease. We are not called to "cruise" and we are not in "control". Jesus said, "Follow Me"—not a part time job--nothing temporary about it. To follow Christ means faithfulness. To follow Christ means focus—keeping your eyes on Him. Following Jesus means forsaking other pursuits and pursuing Him. Following Jesus may even involve fatigue. What the Lord calls us to is not always easy. There will be plenty of perspiration and labor.

I will close by saying that following Jesus also involves fellowship—with Him and with each other. To follow means "to take the same road as another does." It is not following behind—it is accompanying another. It is not so much what we do for Him but what we get to do with Him and with one another.

So let's press on (or should I say "drive on") with Him and with each other!!

In His Love,

PK

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

As we continue to deal with Covid Health issues in our state and county in 2021, there is still much uncertainty about our daily schedules. And this includes the ministries of our church. The Music schedule is a 'wish list' of what I hope, and I know most of you also hope, that we will be able to do together. That is why the word 'tentative' is used above the rehearsal and worship schedule. But even if we are not able to meet together in these ministry opportunities, GOD is still in control and on the throne. Keep praying and keep looking to HIM daily.

I love you!

Ray



THE "SON" FLOWER CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE

CLOSED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER! TO RE-OPEN JANUARY 2021!!
MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED

CLOTHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES AT 301 SOUTH LAUREL STREET, WALHALLA, SC 29691

Note: Clothing items from church family ONLY are being accepted at this time.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Mildred Byars, Tel: 638-5330

Hours: 9:30 AM until 12:00 Noon

Music Ministry

- Ray Conway, Minister of Worship

MEDIA & SOUND

SCHEDULE

1. Sunday, December 27 -
 - 8:30 AM - Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
 - 10:00 AM - Worship (Live & On-Line—YouTube)
 - Sound: Mike Oakley, Sr. (BE)
2. Sunday, January 3 -
 - 8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
 - 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (WT)
3. Wednesday, January 6 -
 - 7:30 PM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
4. Sunday, January 10 -
 - 8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
 - 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sound: Joe Rukat (WT)
5. Wednesday, January 13 -
 - 7:30 PM - PraiseTeam Rehearsal
6. Sunday, January 17 -
 - 8:30 AM - Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 9:15 AM - PraiseTeam Rehearsal
 - 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (ORCH/PT)
7. Wednesday, January 20 -
 - 7:30 PM - Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
8. Sunday, January 24 - BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
 - 8:30 AM - Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 9:15 AM - Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
9. Wednesday, January 27 -
 - 7:30 PM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
10. Sunday, January 31 -
 - 8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
 - 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (WT)

Student Ministries

- Lauren Beddingfield, Director of Student Ministries

Dear CSBC,

I know that many of us want nothing more than to put this entire year behind us. It's definitely been challenging to navigate through together. There are many things I thought would happen for me that haven't happened yet. There were events and activities I hoped our children and youth would be able to participate in and those things were impossible to accomplish in the midst of a pandemic. Lots of creative new ideas and methods for relationship building came out of 2020. I'm thankful for those moments.

When I'm discouraged, I like to list things that help me to feel better or Bible verses that uplift me when I feel sad. I encourage you to try it. Your list might be different than mine. For example, I like watching videos on YouTube about cool places I hope to travel to someday. I also like to look at pictures of cats, reflect on happy times with my family and friends, or watch a Disney movie (honestly, who doesn't feel better after watching a Disney movie?). I also like to think about the things I've learned to do this year that I wouldn't have had the time to learn or a reason to learn about it without having to do so. For example, I became less afraid of my kitchen this year and learned how to cook new things. I made a valiant effort to try learning to sew with a machine (think driving a car really slowly...that's what I pictured when pumping the pedal). I'd love to hear some stories about some things you've learned. Please feel free to share them with me.

A verse that has encouraged me this year is Isaiah 57:10 - "You wearied yourself by such going about, but you would not say, 'It is hopeless'. You found renewal of your strength and so you did not faint". I know that renewal of strength felt very hard to come by this year. We as individuals and as a church got knocked up, down, and all around more than a few times this year. But we DID NOT faint! We DID NOT fall! YAY!

I'm sad that the holidays may be different for many of you this year. Like my family, you may not be able to celebrate with your family in the way that you are used to doing. Your family may be far away, sick, or in their heavenly home. Your family may have some broken relationships that seem past repair. My heart hurts for you. I hope that you can find comfort in these hard and unhappy times. I KNOW that joy can still be found in Christmas. Even though this year feels like a five-year-old grabbed a snow globe and won't stop shaking it. Eventually the snow settles, and the little city/cabin/woodland creature/tiny national landmark can be seen again, standing upright. God holds us firmly in his hand. He remains with us in the storm because that is who He is. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

Merry Christmas!

~Lauren



FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY INFORMATION *Month of November 2020*

Total number of families served this month:	130
Total number of people in households served:	298
Total number of families that received USDA products:	126
Total number of people in the families that received USDA products:	298
Total number of seniors (60+) served at your pantry:	68
Total number of children (under 18) served at your pantry:	81

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, visits, texts and random acts of kindness that Rhonda and I received following my recent surgery. I was amazed at the number of people who called or texted Rhonda while I was in surgery and in the hospital. I am well on my way to recovery, and Rhonda and I are trully blessed to be a part of such a caring and compassionate church family!

Gary Barker

Dear College Street Family,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love during the passing of our father, Doug LeCroy. Your cards and care package was a precious blessing to our family. There is really no better church family than the faithful network of College Street family members. From day one, you have been amazing! You are the light of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Terri LeCroy Corbett

Dear College Street Baptist Church,

Abbeville Presbyterian Church acknowledges with appreciation your gift in memory/honor of Mary Catherine Newell (mother of Mrs. Janet Davis). Notification has been sent to the family.

Abbeville Presbyterian Church
301 North Main Street
Abbeville, SC 29620



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Your tithes, offerings, and donations to College Street Baptist can now be made online. Tithing and donating have never been easier. It's quick, easy and secure and you can use debit or credit or check cards, or checking account. Just go to our website at **www.collegestreetbaptist.org** for further information and instructions.

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You can make a regularly scheduled contribution or you can specify recurring donations. You can specify whether the contribution should go to the general budget or to designated categories. A credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover) or a debit card can be used as well as a regular checking account. The process is secure and confidential and you will have continual access to your giving records.