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# Reflections

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I have been recently blessed, challenged, and inspired by the writings of A.W. Tozer. I would like to share with you one excerpt and one prayer from his book, *The Pursuit of God.* 

"Be thou exalted" (Psalm 21:13) is the language of victorious spiritual experience. It is a little key to unlock the door to great treasures of grace. It is central in the life of God in the soul. Let the seeking man reach a place where life and lips join to say continually, 'Be thou exalted,' and a thousand minor problems will be solved at once. His Christian life ceases to be the complicated thing it had been before and becomes the very essence of simplicity. Let no one imagine that he will lose anything of human dignity by this voluntary sell-out of his all to his God. He does not by this degrade himself as a man; rather he finds his right place of high honor as one made in the image of his Creator"

Reflect prayerfully on his prayer. "O God, be Thou exalted over my possessions. Nothing of earth's treasures shall seem dear unto me if only Thou art glorified in my life. Be Thou exalted over my friendships. I am determined that Thou shalt be above all, though I must stand deserted and alone in the midst of the earth. Be Thou exalted above my comforts. Though it means the loss of bodily comforts and the carrying of heavy crosses, I shall keep my vow made this day before Thee. Be Thou exalted over my reputation. Make me ambitious to please Thee even if, as a result, I must sink into obscurity, and my name be forgotten as a dream. Rise, O Lord, into Thy proper place of honor, above my ambitions, above my likes and dislikes, above my family, my health and even my life itself. Let me sink that Thou mayest rise above. Ride forth upon me as Thou didst ride into Jerusalem mounted upon the humble little beast, a colt, the foal of a donkey, and let me hear the children cry to Thee, 'Hosanna in the highest." Amen.

(864)246-1921 Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (ADULTS ONLY) • MEN meet in the Chapel

- LADIES meet in the Choir Room
- CO-ED meet in the Crosswalk

#### **10:15 a.m.** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning this Sunday, **childcare will be provided** for birth through 3-year-olds in our Child Development Building. <u>CDC doors will open at 10:00.</u>

*Worship KidStyle,* provided for **4-year-olds through grade 5**, will begin in the main Worship Service and then move to the Senior Adult Building. We ask one parent or older sibling to attend with the child in order to help maintain social distancing, etc.

No Evening Worship

### **Upcoming Important Dates for the Reaching Center**

**Thursday, July 30** will be backpack and school supply workday. We will begin at 10am and work until 2pm preparing the backpacks to be given out the next week. If you can spare an hour or several hours, any and all will be of great help.

<u>**Tuesday, August 4**</u> our backpacks will be distributed, 9:30-12:00. Extra hands are always needed on this day to help give out our backpacks and let the children know our prayers for them are to have a great, successful school year.

## School Supplies needed for Children in our Community

Last year the Reaching Center gave out around 200 book bags filled with school supplies to children in need. Donations were also made to Berea High, Berea Middle, Berea Elementary, Westcliffe and Armstrong. We are confident that we will be able to help just as many families this year, but we need your help. Please bring your donations of back packs and school supplies to the church office during the week or to the Welcome Center on Sundays.

<u>ITEMS NEEDED</u>: backpacks, Crayola crayons, spiral notebooks, No. 2 pencils, pearl erasers, Fiskars scissors, pencil pouch or pencil box, glue sticks, notebook paper, 2-inch notebooks, and pencil sharpeners.



For Him, Chad

#### **Welcome New Members**



Melissa Vinson 321 Gibson Rd. Greenville, SC 29617



Glenda Echols 204 Courtney Cir. Greenville, SC 29617



Tracy and Amy Robertson Miranda, Emma, Gia 10 W. Harris St. Greenville, SC 29617

#### **The Very Newest**

Congratulations to:

Zack and Rebekah Tarrant on the birth of a daughter, Larson Elizabeth, born June 20. Larson is the granddaughter of Julie Lunsford.

Michael and Kelsey Leccese on the birth of a daughter, Mila Blake, born June 23. Mila is the granddaughter of Shep and Debbie Tallon and the great granddaughter of Sallie Taylor.

#### **Deacon's Meeting**

Monday, July 13 7:00 pm In the Chapel

#### Financial Report Sunday, June 28

Total Annual Budget	.\$1,429,626.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 6-28	\$15,698.00
Legacy Gifts	\$306.00
Designated/Reimbursemen	t\$1,975.00
Total Deposit	\$17,979.00

#### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Joyce Clayton in the death of her grandson, Rory Powell.

Sally Arrowood in the death of her mother, Marion Smith.

#### **Memorials**

Gifts have been given in memory of :

Todd Hallman by: Jim and Sara Connor Brenda Kelly Amy and Darrell Reese Joyce Clayton Juanita Carson Judith Jenkins Guy and Betty Davis Allison Henderson Joe and Gwen Williams Linda Emory, Gena, Rob & David Jerry and Gloria Weaver Iris Lezan Harriet, David and Angie Baker Bob and Kay Dobbins Tom and Susan Combs Steve and Kathie Burgess **Batson Sunday School Class** Sam and Susan Childers **Ernest and Betty Reece** Ronnie and Kathy Durham Jerry and Mary Barton Michael, Elke, Stelan & Max Martin Frances Martin Norman and Betty Willis Barry and Gina Tatum Vivian Day Martha Hodge Jeff Raymer by: Bob, Karen, Robert, and Joselyn Burdine Sonny Epps by: Joe and Gwen Williams Lilly Phillips by: **Benny Evans** James Farr Latham by: Anne Latham Rory Powell by: **Margaret Freeman** 

#### **Opportunities**

**SUNDAY** 9:00 am 10:15 am

Bible Study for Adults Morning Worship Service No Evening Service

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study

**THURSDAY** 7:00 am

Men's Prayer Time

#### **VBS Cancelled**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in the interest of protecting our children and workers, we have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School for this summer. We look forward to things improving in the future and being able to plan some awesome and exciting activities for our kids!

# Wednesday Night Bible Study THE CHURCH and the RACIAL DIVIDE

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Thank you Preschoolers & Children

Our kids have been collecting food and drinks for the Appalachian Ministries of the Carolinas. They are a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to providing aid to families living in distress because of fires, foster care, homelessness, etc.

"Thank you so much for the donation of food and drinks. We were able to help a lot of people through your kindness. God bless you very much."

Delbert and Rachele Hart Appalachian Ministries of the Carolinas

#### **The Reaching Center**

Items needed in July: Dried Beans or Canned Pinto/Navy Beans

Our Reaching Center continues to help those in need in our community every Tuesday morning. Please help us keep the shelves stocked by purchasing a few extra items as you shop this week.