



The Builder

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Week of March 16, 2025

Jesus the Son of God

Last month we completed the second part of our series, "The Godhead" and our focus was on Jesus, the son of God. We looked at Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, and saw how his becoming one of us facilitated God's plan of salvation. As we learned in our second and third weeks, God's plan of salvation centered on Jesus taking on the role of the Lamb of God, and in successfully doing so, becoming our Victorious Intercessor, who even at this very moment is making intercession for us. Jesus in each of these roles secured for the Christian the assurance of eternal life for all who have faith in him and in his faithfulness. Join us this month for our focus on The Holy Spirit, or catch up on the series online on Facebook, YouTube, or our website. God bless you!

Pastor Johnathan

The Church has left The Building

Recently I snapped this photo of Larry Harris and Lewis Denton leaving the building on their way to visit members of our community. As I watched them walk away my mind jumped to Christ's instructions to make disciples as we go about our lives and living.

If ever any two people have worked to make disciples it is certain Lewis and Larry. May we learn from their examples and make disciples by investing into the lives of others as we go about life and living.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Pastor Johnathan

Monday, March 17

7:00 pm Church Council, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 pm Bible Study/Pastor Johnathan

First Quarter Study: Hebrews "Christianity 101"

Wednesday, March 19

11:15 am Christian Education Committee

12 Noon Bible Study/Pastor Johnathan

12 Noon Lenten Service/Meal @ 1st ARP Church

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 23

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Pastor Dwayne

Worship Greeters: March

Marsha Long and Sharon Rhodes



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SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Joyce Laws upon the death of her sister, Tommy Sue Atkinson

To the family of Kay Parkhurst upon her death, February 24, 2025

To Rev. Dwayne Burks and family upon the death his niece, Hannah Johnson, March 2, 2025

To Doris Avery upon the death of her brother L. S. Guy and her sister in law, Nellie Guy

IN LOVING MEMORY

KAY PARKHURST

FEBRUARY 24, 2025



March Birthdays

13 – Nancy Carter

17 – Kara Hope

22 – Rebecca Hart

23 – Will Blalock

Doris Craig

27 – Bill Smith

30 – Cathy Murdock

31 – Suzanne Long

Dan Wynkoop

IN LOVING MEMORY

MARTHA JEAN STEGALL

MARCH 5, 2025

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Dibbie Biggerstaff

Given by: Bill & Julia Blalock, Jim & Regina Blalock, Freddy & Vicki Jones, Audrey Rhyne, Brenda West

In Memory of: Faye Collis (Mother of Rob Collis)

Given by: Ann Siva, David & Linda Wight

In Memory of: Kay Parkhurst

Given By: Ann Siva, Jeff & Tammy Worley, David & Linda Wright

In Memory of: Liz Talluri

Given by: Jeff & Tammy Worley

Mission Update-February

Lisa Pardo, Ann Costner, Steve Medlin, Pastor Johnathan, Pastor Dwayne, and Charlotte Eddings had fun giving coffee to our neighbors headed to work on Monday, March 10th. We had a great time providing a service to the community and visiting with each other between cars! The event was publicized by the Gazette and on WBTV, in fact a camera man from WBTV showed up to record part of the event. All supplies not used for the give-away were donated to the Sunday School/Bible Study groups that meet on Sunday, Tuesday evening and Wednesday at lunch. (Pictured are volunteer Lisa Pardo serving coffee to Eli Pardo, the volunteer group chatting in front of the church, and Pastor Johnathan talking with the representative from WBTV.)

CAM continues to be the focus of Missions for the month of March, and our contribution will be at the height of their need. With the discontinuation of the annual Community Foundation Run, they project close to an \$80,000 deficit this year, so whatever amount we send them will be most appreciated. In conjunction with the Gaston Business Association, CAM is hosting a "Business After Hours" on March 27 from 4 to 6 pm. If you would like to stop by during this time and see their facility and renovations that were made last year, you are most welcome: 805 West Airline Avenue, Gastonia.

The Mission focus for April, May and June is DEEP Missions, the organization run by Dan and Shan Rose. Thank you.



Church Council

Monday, March 17 @ 7:00 pm

In the fellowship hall

FINANCE MEETING

Monday, March 24 @ 6:00 pm

DEACON'S MEETING

Monday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

WILL MEET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @11:15 AM IN THE PARLOR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

@ 11:15 am in Johnathan's Office

March 19-next meeting

JOY CLUB

TUESDAY, April 1 @ 11:00 AM IN THE

FELLOWSHIP HALL

CALL MARTHA SPURRIER FOR

A LUNCH RESERVATION

Back Pack Ministry

The Back Pack Ministry now serves 8 families which consist of 34 people

Fourth @ First 2025

Join us every fourth Sunday in 2025 at 11AM for a special series led by Pastor Dwayne called, "The Words and Life of Christ." In it, he will explore the key moments in the life of Jesus through our Lord's own words. We can't wait to see you here!

March 30: Deacon Sunday

April 27: Triumphal Entry

May: Last Supper

June 22: Rev. Brandon McKoy

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

The Godhead Series:

Exploring the Trinity

Pastor Johnathan

"The Holy Spirit"

March 16: The Insider: March 23: Pastor Dwayne

PRAYER JOURNALING WORKSHOP

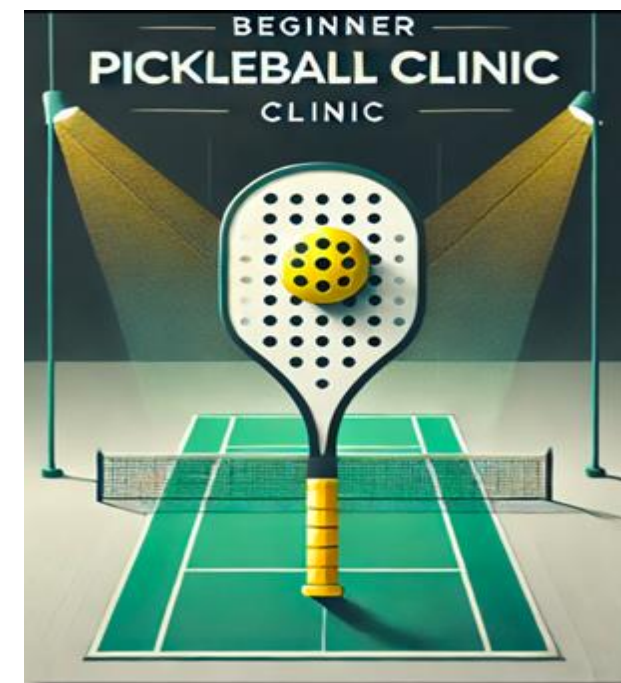
SATURDAY, MARCH 29

10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Builder will be published monthly (second week of month). Any articles you want included must be into church office by the Friday before.

Thanks.



March 22nd | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

FBCG FMC

Looking for a fun way to stay active? Join us for an exciting Beginner Pickleball Clinic

✔ Learn the basics of pickleball

✔ Hands-on instruction & practice games

✔ A fun and welcoming atmosphere

Bring Water Bottle, Comfortable Shoes. We have Paddles but bring them if you have one.

◆ RSVP by March 19th to Marsha Long: 843-860-9466

PASTOR JOHNATHAN TALKING TO REPORTER – DRIVE THRU COFFEE EVENT

