

THE HEALTHY CHURCH

How would we define a healthy church? What does that look like? For many church leaders and lay people alike, a healthy church is defined by the number of members and those present during the Sunday morning worship hour. For others, it could be the number of programs or ministries that are active and prospering. Some churches have tried everything under the sun to achieve the “healthy” church model. Some have tried to be cool, and worldly. Others, have crossed the line by compromising the Word of God just to be relevant to certain people groups. Now, I have nothing against numbers, or vibrant ministries. I also believe that innovation and creativity can be a good thing, if we maintain perspective. With all that said, I believe that the key to a healthy church is the Word of God. All the programs, ministries, and methods are secondary. The place of the Word of God in the life of the individual believer, will determine the health of the church. When Paul was addressing the church in Colossae, he said in 3:16, **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”**. As a church, we have to take this seriously. There are many professing believers in which the Word of God only dwells superficially. If we let the Word of Christ dwell, you will see a revival like you have never seen. Here are a couple of characteristics of a life saturated by the Word of God:

- Authentic in worship
- Active in attendance
- Aggressive in giving
- Ambitious in service
- Attractive to others



George Mueller said, “The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts” So, if the Word of God has its rightful place in your life, the characteristics that I gave you will come naturally. A healthy church is made up of strong, passionate people who are intentional about loving God and living on mission to serve God by serving His church and being involved in the Great Commission. How do we get there? By looking, listening, learning, and living the Word of God, whether we have 50 or 500!

In Him, Pastor Godfrey

The School Scoop by Wydette Ackerman

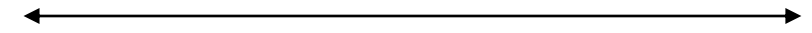
It’s hard to believe but teachers will be back on Monday, August 1st and student return on August 8th. We have been very busy getting ready. Mrs. Pope, busy with calls and registrations. Mrs. Sullivan, busy preparing handbooks, ordering books, cleaning, and working on supplies, etc. for the teachers, as well as working in my office. Teachers have been coming in and working in their rooms, some for the past month. Five of our teachers have been taking STEM Training with the CCSD. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. They will share and learn new techniques for teaching and reaching students in these areas.

Two new storage buildings have been constructed at the back of the church to store extra tables, chairs, mops buckets, and coolers that have been sitting at the back of the church.

We are looking forward to our Church clean-up day. God’s house is very important to all of us and we are fortunate to be able to give of ourselves and our talents through the small things we can do to show Him our love and appreciation for all that He has done for us.

I have been busy working on our accreditation. The team will be coming in January 2017. Planning for teacher development, training and setting up class for Bloodborne Pathogens, CPR training, and workshops have kept me pretty busy. Pray for and with us as we endeavor to do God’s will in our school for His glory. Let us soar on wings of eagles.

Isaiah 40: 31, “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not be faint.”



We will honor Pastor Godfrey & Koby on Sunday, August 21st, **Pastor Appreciation Day**. A pot-luck dinner will follow the morning service. Everyone is asked to please provide a covered dish and/or some delicious desserts. Pastor Appreciation Envelopes have been placed at the end of each row of chairs for your convenience.

AUGUST 2016

Aug. 1	6:00	WOM Meeting
Aug. 4	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Aug. 4	4:30	NWCA Open House (9 th - 12 th)
Aug. 5	4:30	NWCA Open House (6 th - 8 th)
Aug. 6	2:00	NWCA Open House (K4 - 5 th)
Aug. 7	8:45	Meeting of Deacons
Aug. 7	6:00	Bible Science
Aug. 7	7:00	Church Council Meeting
Aug. 8		NWCA Back to School
Aug. 8	7:00	Men’s Ministry Meeting
Aug. 11	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Aug. 13	10:00	Back to School Bash (Pool Party)
Aug. 14	12:30	Baby Shower for Dora Kinsey
Aug. 15		Colleton County Back to School
Aug. 15	2:00	Veteran’s Victory House Singing
Aug. 16	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Aug. 19	7:00	Mark Trammell Quartet
Aug. 21	11:00	Pastor Appreciation Day
Aug. 22	TBA	Fall WMU Training
Aug. 23	6:30	Deacon Visitation



A baby shower for Dora Kinsey will be held on Sunday, August 14th following the morning worship. Finger food will be served. ***Dora is the mother of Thomas & Russell Kinsey***

From the Associate Pastor...

Hi everyone. I pray that this note finds you having a great day in the Lord. I'd like to take a minute and update you on a few things that have been going on through the summer with Driven Youth Ministries. As you know, we made two trips to Lakewood campground in Myrtle Beach to assist with VBS and all of their beach ministries. Many of you were a big part of that by helping financially and on behalf of all of our Driven missionaries, we are grateful. Without your gifts, prayers and support we would not have been able to witness 116 people come to know the Lord within those two weeks. Please continue to pray for that ministry as the Lord is doing a mighty work there. In the near future, Driven is planning a Carowinds trip, Zoo trip, and a lock in here at the church. I will announce the dates in the near future. We are also still trying to organize with the SCHD the Adopt-A-Highway program. I will get more information concerning that in the near future as well.

Don't forget on Friday night August 19th, the Mark Trammel Quartet will be with us. This is a premier Southern Gospel quartet on the circuit right now so you don't want to miss this one. Mark has been singing professionally for some 42 years. He has sung with many well know groups including the Cathedrals and Gold City. This concert will begin at 7pm. Invite your friends. I would love to see our sanctuary filled for this.

Believe it or not, it's already time to start on Christmas music. This year we are going back to a musical that we did three years ago, called "The Christmas Shoes". This is an exciting musical that employs a lot of singing and acting. This is wide open to everyone so if you would like to participate, please let me know. We will be starting on it early September. Folks, as always, if you need me I am available. Don't hesitate to contact me if a need arises.

I love serving the Lord and I love serving Him with you.
Pastor Steve

Church Council Meeting Sunday, August 7th at 7:00pm



You're invited to join K'Motion Kidz Ministry at Bonnie Doone Plantation on Saturday, August 13th from 10:00am - 1:00pm for a Back 2 School Bash Pool Party. Food and drinks will be provided. FREE back to school supplies will be available for Nursery thru 6th grade.

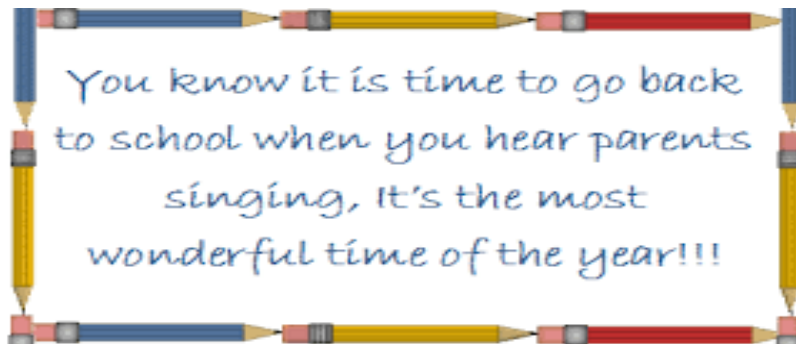
Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, dry clothes, and bug spray and get ready to bring school back with a SPLASH!



Please RSVP Bri Gallagher via text: (952-240-2891). She will need to know how much food to prepare and how many school supplies to provide.



BONNIE DOONE PLANTATION is located at 5878 Bonnie Doone Road in Walterboro.



Friday, August 19th @ 7:00pm



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