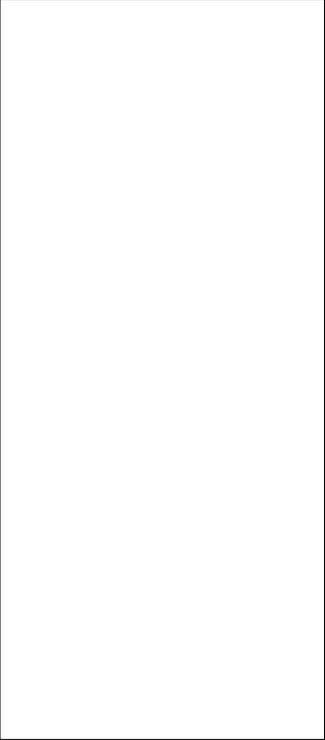


March: Church Calendar

- 1 Children’s Council Meeting 7PM
- 3 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM
- 5 Easter Performance Rehearsal (LFBC) 7PM
- 8 Daylight Savings Begins
- 8 Personnel Committee Meeting 4PM
- 8 Youth Council Meeting 7PM
- 9 Church Council Meeting 7PM
- 11 Joyful Sound Outreach Ministries Concert (LFBC) 6PM
- 12 Men For Christ
- 17 Easter Performance Rehearsal (TCBC) 7PM
- 19 Seniors To Webster 11AM
- 19 Deacons Meeting 6:30PM
- 21 Evangelism Training 8:30AM
- 24 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal (TCBC) 7PM
- 25 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal (TCBC) 7:30PM
- 26 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal (LFBC) 7PM
- 28 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal (LFBC) 4PM
- 28 **EASTER PERFORMANCE (LFBC) 7PM**
- 29 Palm Sunday - NO EVENING SERVICE at LFBC
- 29 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal (TCBC) 5PM
- 29 **EASTER PERFORMANCE (TCBC) 7PM**
- 30 Horry County Schools Spring Break Begins



April:

- 1 Rev. Johnny Rouse - Lenten Service
- 3 **Good Friday** (Church Office Closed)
- 5 **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 7 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM
- 9 Men For Christ 7PM
- 12 Personnel Committee Meeting 4PM
- 12 Children’s Council Meeting 7PM
- 16 Seniors To Webster 11AM
- 16 Deacons Meeting 6:30PM
- 17 **Waddell Family Benefit**
- 19 Youth Council Meeting 7PM

May:

- 3 Children’s Council Meeting 7PM
- 5 Wrapped In Love 6:30PM
- 10 Mother’s Day
- 14 Men For Christ 7PM
- 17 Friend Day
- 21 Seniors To Webster 11AM
- 21 Deacons Meeting 6:30PM
- 25 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)



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CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY
DESIGNED WEBSITE
for church calendar, events,
and information.
YOU CAN NOW TITHE ON-LINE.
www.lorisfbc.com

The church office will
be closed each
Wednesday from 1:30
PM to 2:30 PM for staff
meetings.

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997 Highway 90
Conway, SC 29526
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Loris, SC 29569-2735
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Sunday Service Times

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 9:45 AM - Prayer Time
- 10:15 AM - Worship Service
- 5:45 PM - Youth Worship
- 6:00 PM - Evening Worship

Wednesday Service Times

- 5:30 PM - Team Kids Meals
- 6:00 PM - Team Kids Classes
- 6:00 PM - Youth Bible Study
- 6:15 PM - Prayer Time/Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal



FEBRUARY 2015

Bringing The Dead To Life

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were VERY DRY. He asked me, ‘Son of man, CAN THESE BONES LIVE?’”– Ezekiel 37:1-3

One of my favorite bible passages is the account of how God took dry bones of previously dead Israelite soldiers and brought them back to life. At first, all that Ezekiel saw was a horrible mess of dead bones spread out across the floor of a valley. I am sure it reminded Ezekiel of how his people had continued to rebel against God until, finally, the nation of Israel was judged and destroyed by the Lord through the nation of Babylon. The situation could not have looked more hopeless to Ezekiel. And yet, God told Ezekiel “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear THE WORD OF THE LORD! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I WILL make breath enter you, and you will COME TO LIFE...Then you will know that I am the Lord.’” (Ezekiel 37:4-6) Of course, just as the Lord promised, when Ezekiel began to “prophecy” (i.e. speak the words of God!), those very same dry bones were turned back into a standing and living army of Israelites! Can you imagine Ezekiel’s surprise?

As I look out across the towns, countries, cities, and states of America today, I can’t help but see a vast valley of “dry bones” as many of my people (i.e. fellow Americans) are “dead in their sins and trespasses” (Ephesians 2:1). I find it so hard to read a newspaper, watch the news, or follow any local and/or national politics without getting very angry or feeling like crying for this nation that I love. Like Ezekiel, there are times when what I look at makes me feel HOPELESS!

However, God made it clear to Ezekiel that hope is still available and miraculous events can occur as long as the WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED! The major cause for Israel’s final decline was that even the “priests” (i.e. shepherds) of Israel had rejected God’s Word and followed false doctrines and gods.

That’s why God spoke through the prophet Hosea to tell His people “Because you have REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I also REJECT YOU as My PRIESTS; because you have IGNORED the law of your God, I also will IGNORE YOUR CHILDREN...” (Read Hosea 4:4-14)

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March

1 Benjamin Horne
4 Louis Weber
5 Todd Harrelson
5 Clyde Richardson
6 Regan Grainger
6 Rick Kidman
8 Tony Ambrose
8 Martha Hardee
8 Randall Stevens
9 Sharon Antonio
11 Linda Mishoe
12 Ruby Cook
13 Michael Nirenstein
14 Steve Cox
15 Jessie Clardy
15 Nancy Harrelson
15 Jay Strickland
16 Jimmy Anderson
16 Ronnie Franklin
16 Haylee Robinson
18 Brian Archibald
19 Morgan Nirenstein
20 Wilbur Arnette
20 Hannah Harrelson
21 Amy Paul
21 Jacob Porter
22 Susan Johnson
24 Jennifer Turner
30 Libby Ambrose



If your birthday was omitted, please call the church office so you can be included in our birthday list!!

April

3 Dawson Marlowe
3 Steven Planty
3 Sherril Wilson
4 Mary Hardee
5 Jameson Hardee
5 Kay Vaught
6 Georgette Collins
6 Caitlyn Rhodes
6 Curtis Turner
7 Tracy King Collins
8 Julie McQueen
8 Elijah Springs
10 M.J. Cox
11 Louise Boyd
11 Lucille Boyd
14 Kathy Watts
15 Dorothy Richardson
16 Cynthia Fox
16 Dot King
17 Beth Antonio
17 Selma Graham
17 Dax Marlowe
18 McKenna Archibald
18 Dale Burroughs
18 Shanda Marlowe
18 Lucille Weber
19 Bella Blackburn
19 Annie Causey
19 Etheleen Cox
20 Alston Elizabeth James
20 Becky Morton
23 April Trotter
23 Courtney Trotter
23 Melissa Trotter
25 Matthew Collins
26 Ann Cox
26 Fannie Cox
27 Mary Reagan Floyd
27 Dale Graham
27 Sylvia Graham
28 Wayne Fox
30 Henry Harrelson



May

1 Boyd Ford, Jr.
2 Dianne Merritt
2 Jason Porter
3 Nancy Moore
3 Cody Stevens
4 Elsie Burroughs
4 Teresa Nirenstein
5 Harold Hardee
6 Jada Ward
7 Josie Anderson
7 Barbara Byerly
7 Sylvia Hardee
8 Aaron Antonio
10 Bonnie Mills
11 Christa Russell
12 Jimmy Powell
13 E. H. Causey
13 Jean Dozier
14 Gemma Cox
15 Sandra Jordan
16 Kaya Cook
16 Susan Graham
16 Peggy Keefer
16 Hadley Ward
16 Linford Cox
17 Sarah Johnson
17 Wendy Boyd
18 Ann Carter
20 Janette Hughes
21 Martin Workman
22 A. C. Horne
24 Samuel Milhorne
25 Harrison Collins
27 Patricia Piver
28 Myron Herring
29 Gene Mills
30 Ella Lupo
31 Grace Cox
31 Ruby Oliver



Condolences to our families
who recently lost loved ones:

Walin Graham
Karen Graham
Eloise Little
Irene Martin
John Mills
Christopher Waddell
Miles Waddell
Lucille Hardee
Queta Vae Buffkin
Ester Tobar
Matt Ward
Curtis Keith Hardee
Helen Spigner

*Our thoughts & prayers
are with you!*



Cookbooks & Umbrellas

We have plenty of cookbooks and umbrellas left for sale. They are \$10 each. The umbrellas are blue and have the LFBC logo. This is a great way to help support the church. Please see Paula in the church office.



Sunday School Training Conference

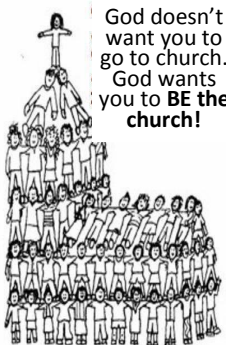
Saturday, March 14, 9AM to Noon

(registration at 8:30AM)

Led by the SC Baptist Convention
Socastee Baptist Church

3690 Socastee Boulevard, Myrtle Beach
Light continental breakfast, age-specific
classes for all levels. All Sunday School
teachers and workers are asked to attend.

The church bus will be running.
For more information call (843) 293.2762.



God doesn't
want you to
go to church.
God wants
you to **BE** the
church!



Altar Flowers

There are several open dates on the flower calendar.
Please consider volunteering to fill these dates to honor
or in memory of a loved one.

IMPORTANT

The alarm system is now armed and monitored. **DO NOT** open the doors without the security alarm code. The entry door code is a separate code from the security alarm code. You must enter the building at the bell tower. Any other entry point will set the alarm off.

Many things are happening right now as we get ready for the Spring. First, the youth room is being updated and redone to make way for our “hang out” times on Sunday afternoons and our worship times on Wednesdays. These updates are making for great times and the students are enjoying just spending time together here at the church, which is a huge step when it comes to reaching out to this generation. Secondly, the Children’s ministry is picking up momentum as we move into warmer temperatures. They are enjoying the playground; and yes, they are enjoying it even in this frigid weather. As we start to look toward Spring and Summer, we are preparing for camp and VBS so all involved are getting very excited.

**LFBC
KIDS
ZONE**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors!!

Waddell Family Benefit @ LFBC

April 17: 11 AM - 2 PM & 4 PM - 7 PM

Take Out or Delivery

Choice of Chicken Bog or BBQ

But the very Word of God that justified the holiness of God by bringing judgment against the sins of Israel was also the very Word of God that introduced “grace” and “newness of life” in the dry bones. When Ezekiel preached the Word of the Lord to the dry bones of those disobedient Israelites, they came back to LIFE; not because the bones had done anything “good” to deserve this favor from God, but rather, only because He chose to forgive them of their sins and make them a “new creation” by His grace!!! (Ephesians 2:8-9; 2Corinthians 5:17; Romans 4:7-8)

It is through stories in the Bible like this one (Ezekiel and the Dry Bones) that I continue to be strengthened to fight the good fight of faith and not LOSE HOPE! (2Tim 4:7; Gal 6:9) I don’t want to see our beautiful USA face the full wrath of God in my lifetime, like Ezekiel saw happen to Israel in his lifetime. When I see a nation that is consumed by materialism and sex, a government that is pagan and corrupt, and a church culture that is secular and empathetic, I can’t help but compare our country to that of Israel just before God allowed them to be destroyed. That being said, when I stop looking at the world around me and begin to concentrate on the power and grace of God available to me (Colossians 3:1-2), I refuse to give up or get depressed at our current national moral and spiritual decline. Instead, I am getting even MORE DETERMINED to preach and teach the Word of God (while encouraging you to do the same!) until God either comes to take us home (1Thess 4:14-18; 1Cor 15:51-58)...or He decides to REVIVE the dry bones of America’s faith in her Creator, back to the spiritual truth and vitality it was when this country was first founded (Heb 4:12). Regardless of which of these options Jesus Christ chooses for me, I know I won’t be disappointed!!!

So, since God did not call you and I to be “discouraged”, but instead, called us to be “determined” to make disciples of Christ through the sharing of the gospel (Matt 28:19-20; Rom 1:15-17), the best thing we can do for our country is to obey our Lord and Savior until He reveals His perfect will for our nation. I am so excited that over 80 members of our church family have signed up for “evangelism” training on Saturday, March 21st. From 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., I will teach you a way to share the gospel through the use of the Evangecube, as well as make you familiar with how to do Door-to-Door Opinion Polls. After lunch, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., those who want to go with me “out into the harvest fields” will be put into teams and sent to pre-mapped out streets and addresses to see how “many dry bones” we find in Loris FBC (i.e. We will find out how receptive Loris residents are to being brought to life by the gospel of Jesus Christ!).

While two hours out in our community “sharing the good news” may not be enough to turn this sinful nation back to God just yet, I know it will be “pleasing to God” (John 14:21) and may be used by Him to light a spark in our city that could cause “flames of revival” to spread throughout the country we so dearly love! Therefore, please be in prayer for March 21st and show up ready to serve a powerful God who can do even “beyond what we could ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). Maybe He will even breathe new life into your spiritually “dry bones”!?! – **Pastor Louis**