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SPIRITUAL



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A PERSONAL PRAYER From the Model Prayer of Jesus

Heavenly Father, I thank you for giving me the power to become your child. Father, I trust you, and I desire to be like a child in your presence. I realize that whoever does not receive your kingdom like a little child shall no way enter into it. I do thank you for that.

I have not received the spirit of bondage, but you have given me the spirit of adoption, whereby I am able to cry, "Abba Father."

Father I adore you. I choose to put away childish things from my life and to replace them with godly things that reflect and produce spiritual maturity. Father, you are helping me to grow in grace and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory. Amen.

Deacon Jimmy R. Nichelson Sr.

Scriptures

Romans 8:9

Matthew 8:3

2 Timothy 1:7

Romans 8

Galatians 4:6

SPIRITUAL

SCRIPTURES FOR MAY

May 1 – Psalm 37:39

May 2 – Ephesians 1:7

May 3 – Psalm 62:5-7

May 4 – Ephesians 1:4

May 5 – Psalm 116:1-2

May 6 – Psalm 23:4

May 7 – Colossians 2:10

May 8 – Joshua 1:9

May 9 – Psalm 147:3

May 10 – Psalm 121:1-2

May 11 – 2 Corinthians 3:5

May 12 – Psalm 35:9

May 13 – 2 Corinthians 5:7

May 14 – Hebrews 4:9

May 15 – Psalm 138:7

May 16 – Psalm 48:14

May 17 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

May 18 – Psalm 46:1-2

May 19 – Psalm 138:3

May 16 – Psalm 48:14

May 17 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

May 18 – Psalm 46:1-2

May 19 – Psalm 138:3

May 20 – Psalm 84:4

May 21 – Ecclesiastes 3:1

May 22 – Ecclesiastes 3:11

May 23 – Isaiah 54:10

May 24 – Psalm 40:2

May 25 – Isaiah 43:1

May 26 – Psalm 125:1

May 27 – Proverbs 8:35

May 28 – Jeremiah 29:11

May 29 – Jeremiah 17:14

May 30 – Isaiah 60:19-20

May 31 – Isaiah 43:4

SPIRITUAL

2023 RESURRECTION SUNDAY AT RCBC



HEALTH

A HEALTHY YOU! MIND. BODY. SOUL.
May Is Women's Healthcare Month

FACTS ABOUT WOMEN'S HEALTH THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND

1

Nearly 13% of women over age 18 are in poor health.

2

Obesity is a cause for worry. Nearly 38% of American women are obese.

3

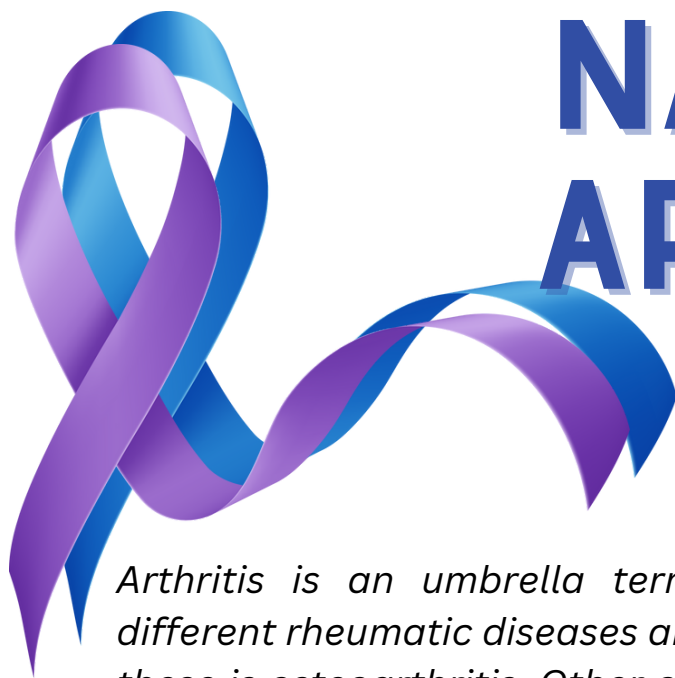
Two out of three Alzheimer's patients in America are women.

4

One of eight women is likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer in America.

5

Women are twice as likely as men to experience depression.



NATIONAL ARTHRITIS MONTH

Arthritis is an umbrella term that includes more than 100 different rheumatic diseases and conditions; the most common of these is osteoarthritis. Other common forms of arthritis are gout, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus. Symptoms include pain, aching, stiffness, and swelling in or around the joints. For additional information on arthritis, please see the [CDC Arthritis page](#).

- SC has the 6th highest rate of arthritis in the nation.
- Over 1 million South Carolinians have arthritis.
- 36% of South Carolina adults with arthritis have severe joint pain.
- 45% of South Carolina's working-age adults have some work limitations due to arthritis.
- 50.5% of people with diabetes in South Carolina also have arthritis.
- 60% of people with cardiovascular disease in South Carolina also have arthritis.

MINISTRY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Jesus Calls Us

Studies in the Gospels and Acts

Unit 3: The Birth of the Church

Jesus Makes a Promise **Apr. 30**
Acts 1:1-11

The Day of Pentecost **May 07**
Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-39

Jumping for Joy **May 14**
Acts 3:1-11

An Ethiopian Is Baptized **May 21**
Acts 8:29-40

Saul of Tarsus **May 28**
Acts 9:9-17

Join us for Sunday School at 9AM in the sanctuary prior to the 10AM service.

MINISTRY

SCRIPTURAL PRESENTATION

"Get Ready and Stay Ready"

Matthew 25:1-13

Presenter: The Reverend John F. Kennedy

MAJOR TAKE-AWAY POINTS

1

As Jesus talked with His disciples and the multitudes, He shared what heaven would be like. He told them about the wise and the foolish virgins. The wise were ready for and stayed ready for the bridegroom. The foolish virgins were not. We don't know the day or the hour the Son of Man cometh. We must get ready and stay ready.

2

Many believers who are wise--they are led by the Holy Spirit. The foolish try to rely on their own intellect. You cannot make it on your own. You will not be ready. You must have the spirit of God leading you. The wise will have oil for their lamp and will not allow the fire to go out.

3

You don't want to be in the position where Jesus says, "I don't know you." Our salvation is the opportunity to get ready; then, living for God is our opportunity to stay ready. We must daily cultivate our relationship with Christ. We must give up our will for His will. We want to get ready and stay ready.

To listen to the scriptural presentation, go to our [Facebook Group page](#). Search "get ready."

MINISTRY

MINISTERS AND DEACONS WIVES ANNIVERSARY



Candle Lighting at Ministers and Deacons Wives Anniversary on April 16, 2023. Mrs Annette Dinkins lit the candle.



Mrs. Cassie Mack and Rev. Melvin Mack



L to R: Mrs. Dorothy Brooks and Mrs. Esther Gardner





A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,*

*It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .*

*It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart
is breaking . . .*

*It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .*

*It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .*

*A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.
—Helen Steiner Rice*

CONNECTIONAL



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

TYRONE DENNIS

JAYDEN CRIM

LAURENCE SANDERS

JAVIONYA SANDERS

ALYSE KENNEDY

FAITH GLOVER

JOHN F. KENNEDY

CONNECTIONAL

MORRIS COLLEGE CHARTER DAY: APRIL 12, 2023

"Honoring The Past As We Chart A New
Pathway Into The Future"



The Endowed Scholarship Luncheon was held in honor of Dr. Emily England Clyburn (d. Sept 2019), longtime librarian, civil rights activist, and wife to the Honorable James Clyburn (Rep.). Rep Clyburn was the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

Several events scheduled throughout the day (9AM-9:30PM) included a Gospel Concert featuring John P. Kee, Arts and Crafts vendors, Network Information, High School Visitation Day, a Greek Showcase, and Guided Tours by Dr. Orenthio Goodwin.



CONNECTIONAL

EASTER LUNCHEON A JOYOUS OCCASION

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, an Easter Luncheon was held at the Rafting Creek Community Center. The luncheon was given by Mrs. Myrtle H. Wright. With some of the seniors reading about the meaning of Easter and the wonderful fellowship, the luncheon was a joyous occasion.



SENIOR PROGRAMS IN SUMTER COUNTY

"Our Senior Programs are open to the young at heart aged 50 and older who enjoy interacting with others that share the same interests. Activities include but are not limited to aerobics, sewing, ceramics, Bible study, bowling, board games, trips and more. These programs are offered at Delaine, Cherryvale, Ebenezer, Rembert/Rafting Creek, and the Spectrum community centers."

CONNECTIONAL



Remember & Honor

MEMORIAL DAY

CONNECTIONAL

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

PRAY FERVENTLY
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Meetings and Rehearsals

Meetings and rehearsals will be held by Zoom or Conference Call until notified otherwise.

Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

Children/Youth

Saturdays, Before 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12pm

Inspirational Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11am

Male Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

Thursday Night Scriptural Presentations

Weekly, 6pm

Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

Trustees

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, 4th Sunday, After Church