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MAY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

- May 3 Team 5 Ashley Sims, Stacey Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly
- May 10 Team 6 Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Bailey Speares, Megan Spires
- May 17 Team 1 Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor
- May 24 Team 2 Nicole McLeod, Rhonda Smith, Tina Sandstrom, Sammy Smith, Ally Smith
- May 31 Team 3 Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Eden Barfield, Matt Barfield

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121 Oakey Springs Drive
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Dear Church Family,

On November 4th, 1916, a baby boy was born in Buffalo, New York, to an Italian Family. This baby was the sixth of ten children. This Italian family then moved to New Jersey. This young man grew up attending St. Bernard Parochial School but dropped out at 15 to become a golf caddy. In addition to working on the links, this young man enjoyed being a 'back street' boxer.

At the age of 18, he joined the United States Army and served in the Philippines from 1934 onward, the height of the great depression in the United States. In 1937, this young man was honorably discharged and went home to the United States. He tried working as a truck driver but felt incomplete. Longing to be back in the service. This young man, at age 23, enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 11th, 1940. Keep in mind, while the country felt it was inevitable that the United States would be dragged into WWII, no one knew when. This young man, now a Marine, trained at Parris Island, South Carolina, and Quantico. He was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before he was sent to the Southern Solomon Islands in the South Pacific Ocean.

There, he commanded two machine-gun sections in the Battle of Guadalcanal in October 1942. Yes, I'm writing about John Basilone. During this battle, it became evident that the Americans were heavily outnumbered, but John's bravery boosted morale among his troops. He earned the Medal of Honor for running through enemy fire to deliver ammunition to his men and manning the machine guns himself. He would later fight in the Battle of Iwo Jima, showing great heroism there as well. But, during the battle of Iwo Jima, John Basilone was killed. He was later awarded the Navy Cross. Two United States Navy Destroyers bear his name. Streets across New Jersey are named after him. And I'm writing about him today. Why? Because he gave his life for his country. Later this month, we will honor those in our own Church family who gave their lives so that we may have the spiritual freedoms that we have. There are many in our nation's history, just like John Basilone. May we honor them, cherish our freedoms, and keep serving Christ!

All gave some, but some gave all!

With Love,
Senior Pastor,

Voice of the Tigers,



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON STAFF

- Rev. R. Brady Henderson, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Steve Kittrell, Associate Pastor
- Mrs. Sherrell Ott, Minister of Music
- Mr. Allen Ott, Media Director
- Mrs. Velvet Lucas, Administrative Assistant



Women on Mission



Summer is here and mission activities are everywhere. Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Highlands Senior Center. Mrs. Sandy Kittrell did the delivery of all the items and the Center was very appreciative.

The health kit collection is extended to the end of May. There is a list of items needed in the Welcome Center already in a zip-lock bag. Please grab one and fill with supplies.

Our ladies meeting will be May 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. The Men's group will be cooking for us so come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Melissa Goff will bring our devotional time. Our craft will be Bible tassel bookmarks. You can keep or donate to the Samaritan's Purse shoebox items.

This summer we have some special events which will include Ladies Night Out, June 22nd and Mother/Daughter/Friends Tea Party on July 20th (GAGirls can earn a badge). Please be in prayer about these events and how you can be a part of them.

As always, pray for our missionaries worldwide.

Children's Worship

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- May 3 Team 4 Emily Petrey, Liz Henderson
- May 10 NO Children's Worship, Happy Mother's Day
- May 17 Team 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway
- May 24 Team 1 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey
- May 31 Team 2 Shawn & Mellisa Goff, Ally Smith

Dear Families, our attendance in Children's Worship has been low lately, and we truly miss seeing your kids on Sunday mornings. We love them and want to teach them Biblical truths that will help shape them. Please encourage your child, grades 1st through 4th, to join us in Children's Worship at 11am on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions about our Children's Worship ministry, please see Sandy Drawdy.

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS
May 6th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will be serving hamburgers & hotdogs bring sides to go with burgers & hotdogs



Men's Ministry
Meeting May 26th at 7:00 pm. Terry Pound will be the speaker

May Notes

May is a very busy month for everyone! I hope that in the business of it all, you and your family will make being with our church family a priority. So many events and starting vacations are on the horizon, so make sure we do not neglect our time together at church and other outreach events! We will have choir rehearsals in May – one at 5 PM on May 17th and one at 4 PM on May 31st! If you would like to join the choir, please feel free to come to our rehearsals, we would love to have you.

Please make sure and mark your calendar for Sunday, May 24th at 5:00 PM for our White Table presentation with our children and decorating the graves of our fallen active-duty soldiers following the presentation. This is a time to honor the memory of those who died in action and connect with the true meaning of Memorial Day.

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." — Franklin D. Roosevelt



Joyfully Serving,
Sherrell



Upcoming
EVENTS



MAY DEACONS ON CALL

- May 3 Troy Peele 803-673-5330
- May 10 Heyward Kelly 803-794-0723
- May 17 Keith Ray 423-823-2555
- May 24 Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915
- May 31 Mike Rollison 803-269-3089

Children's Choir will practice every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm to get ready for VBS

- May 1 Family Fun Night "Minute to Win It" at 6:00 pm. Subs will be served for dinner
- May 1 - 2 Men's Annual fishing trip to Santee, all men & boys are invited. See Troy Peele or Chris Vidrine for information
- May 6 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 bring sides for hamburgers & hotdogs
- May 7 Family Matters 1.0 at 6:30 pm, sign up sheet in the Welcome Center
- May 9 Still Waters Sisterhood meeting at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, see Kaylyn Johnson for information.
- May 10 Mother's Day, we will have baby/child dedication during the service. There will be NO children's worship
- May 17 Graduate Recognition during the service, See Adam Callahan if you are a high school or college graduate this year
- May 17 Choir practice at 5:00 pm
- May 18 Women on Mission at 6:00 pm, speaker will be Melissa Goff
- May 22 RA Camp at the church, drop off 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Bring 2 sets of clothing, PJ's, toothbrush & toothpaste, blanket, pillow & extra sheets for making forts
- May 24 White Table presentation, and grave decoration at 5:00 pm
- May 25 Church office is closed for Memorial Day
- May 26 Men's Ministry meeting at 7:00 pm, Mr. Terry Pound will be the speaker
- May 31 Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- May 31 Children's safety training at 5:00 pm, sign up in the Welcome center

Sunday	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Stafford Johnson	2 Josh Stabler
3 Riley Davies Bonnie McBride Mary Ann Mosley Taylor Freeman	4	5	6 Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00 pm, GA/RA & Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	7 Chase Pound	8 Diane Smith Lellani Warden	9
10 Ruth Barwick Keith Ray	11 Sara Pound Stephen Burdette	12	13 John Godfrey Kathy Travers Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm- 8pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	14 Marilyn Callahan	15 Amya Bozard Mariah Weatherford Erika Hutto Dorothy Reynolds Charlie Sharpe Blandon Smith	16 Abigail Henderson
17 Rachel Davis Pam Thomas Pam Williamson	18 Juanice Aaron Jeanette Spires Kaidence Williams	19 Sonya Reolegio	20 Brian Guy Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	21 Debra Ray Linda Sightler	22	23 Brystol Hathway
24 Chandler Reynolds	25	26 Megan Spires	27 Elijah Jackson Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm2	28 Todd Callahan Christian Gaffney Susan Morey	29	30
31 Sara Marks						