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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- May 1 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 Noon, Olive Bessent Mtg. @ 1:15 pm**
- May 2 National Day Of Prayer @ 12:00 Noon**
- May 4 Senior Adults Ocean Drive Concert @ 4:30 pm**
- May 5 Baptist Men @ 5:00 pm**
- May 8 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 Noon**
- May 9 Senior Adults Trip - Bald Head Island leave NCBC @ 7:45 am**
- May 12 Muffins With Mom Common Grounds @ 8:45 am, Baby Dedication @ 10:30 am**
- May 14 Luna Belle Mtg. @ 6:00 pm**
- May 15 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 Noon**
- May 19 Student Sunday @ 10:30 am, Deacon Meeting @ 3:30 pm, Family Conference @ 5:00 pm**
- May 20 Salt and Light Mtg. @ 5:30 pm**
- May 22 Mission Journey Kids Celebration**
- May 27 Memorial Day Office Closed**
- May 29 No Student or Kids Activities**

**NCBC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

*Sundays*

- 8:30 a.m.** - Prayer Warriors
- 8:45 a.m.** - Common Grounds (coffee & a treat)
- 9:15 a.m.** - Sunday School for all ages.
- 10:30 a.m.** - Morning Worship.

*Wednesdays*

- 12:00 Noon** - Wednesday in the Word.
- 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.** - Student Discipleship.
- 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.** - Celebration Choir
- 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.** - Mission Journey Kids.



**THE OUTREACH**

North Conway Baptist Church Newsletter

**May 2024**



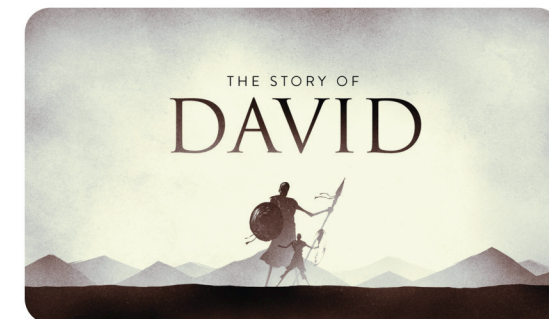
**Current Sermon Series**

**Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

**The Story Of David**

King David is one of the most prominent figures in the Bible. He is known for his bravery, piety, and leadership and is considered Israel's greatest king. David's story begins as a humble shepherd boy, but he quickly rose to prominence when he defeated the giant Goliath with just a sling and a stone.

David is known for his military conquests, including the capture of Jerusalem, which he made the capital of Israel. He also established strong central government and made many reforms to help establish the people of Israel as a nation. However, David was not without his flaws. He committed adultery with Bathsheba and then arranged for her husband to be killed in battle. Despite this, David is still revered for his devotion to God and his commitment to the people of Israel. Overall, King David's legacy is one of leadership, bravery, and devotion to God.



*Welcome  
New  
Members*



**Abby Lisenby**



**Sophia H. Lachhab**

# Pastor's Note



## The Gift of MORE

It's strawberry season! Strawberries are one of our family's favorite fruits. So we love this time of year when you can get them dark red and super sweet right off the vine. Mrs. Frances can make some amazing strawberry jelly and strawberry pies, and when you make them with vine-ripe berries, it just takes them to a new level of deliciousness.

Of course, here in Conway, that means that we made several trips out to Lynn's Berry Farm. Each year we load up the kids, drive over and put them all to work. It's one of those times where it really pays to have a lot of kids, many hands make light work. And at a you-pick berry farm we can pick a row clean in just a few minutes.

But this year was different. When we arrived and got to the gate we were told that all of the rows had already been picked and that we couldn't pick that day. As our faces began to fall, the lady quickly added, "But we do have pre-picked today. So you can just go over and purchase a bucket full."

So we walked over to the table and realized that this was MORE than we could have asked for. The berries had been picked first thing that morning so they were literally the best of the best. The ripest, reddest, sweetest ones on the farm. I said I had lots of workers, but not great workers. So haul is typically not 100% prime berry. And they were there ready to go. We didn't have to bend over, bake in the sun, crawl in the dirt, or get covered in berry juice. It was amazing.

Sometimes that just happens. Sometimes you set out for something good, and you are just handed something great, something MORE. It's a gift. It happens very often with God. He is the God of MORE, abundantly MORE than anything we can ask or imagine.

I feel that way about our Easter Sunday services this year. The staff had prayed, planned, and promoted. We were honestly ready for something good. We expected a good crowd and so we took a step of faith and planned for two services. But then God showed up with MORE.

Our Christmas Eve Sunday Morning worship number of 473 was a big number. But we had a big program. With the rain out of Christmas On Sessions Street and the rescheduling of the program on that Sunday morning, we had a really big program. So I was not sure if we could get back to that number on Easter. But our God is a God of MORE, and that is exactly what he sent...MORE. 501 people were here that Sunday between our two Easter services. It was a wonderful day of celebrating the resurrection.

Now I can't wait to see what our God does next for North Conway. I don't know what it is....But I know it will be MORE!

- Pastor Jay

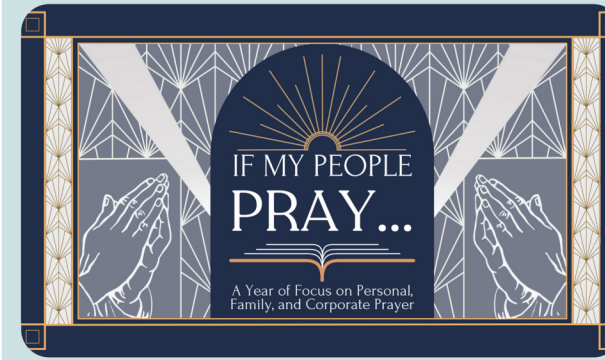
### Family Conference

The May Family Conference will be on Sunday, May 19th, at 5:00 pm. After the conference, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for continued fellowship and ask everyone to please bring their favorite appetizer to share.

### With Gratitude

Dear North Conway Baptist Church family, Thank you so much for the kind words of encouragement, generous gifts, and thoughtful notes that you blessed me with for Pastor's Wife Appreciation! It meant so much to me, and I am grateful for such a loving church family to worship and serve alongside. Our family is so thankful to the Lord for allowing us the great privilege of ministering to and with you as we seek to Love God and Love Conway together!

Much love and thanks,  
Frances Worthington



## Our church vision for 2024 is "If my people pray..."

Our focus will be on personal, family, and corporate prayer. Throughout the year, we will spend time in sermons learning about prayer, and then we will spend time praying in our homes, on prayer walks in the community, praying during our services, and in special solemn assembly services. It will be an excellent opportunity for us all to go deeper in our relationship with God by empowering our prayer life.

### WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD

## MENU

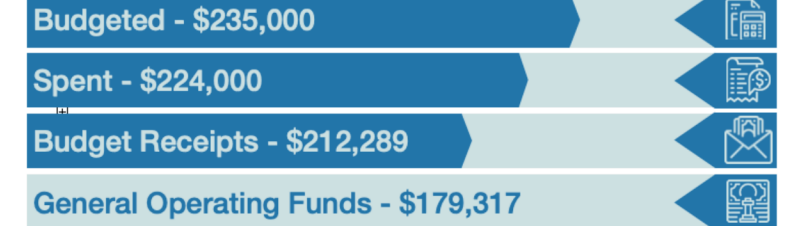
MAY 1 Chicken

MAY 8 BBQ Pork

MAY 15 Beef

All meals come with sides and dessert

## March 2024 Year to Date Giving Snapshot



- 1 Lonnie Skipper, Jerry Trask
- 3 Danny Cummings, Michael Runfola, Rick Matuszewski
- 4 Ethan Hodge
- 5 Hunter King
- 6 Luke Piver, Linda Gutheil
- 7 Pat Vereen, Linda Johnson, Landon King
- 8 Sylvia Jackson, Glenn Humphrey
- 9 Tammy Clardy
- 11 Brian White
- 12 Lillian Gilreath
- 14 Jerry Bishop
- 15 Pat Penninger- Sterlachini
- 20 Colby Calhoun
- 23 Anli Keen
- 24 Mary Beth Grainger
- 25 Joey Tyler
- 26 Pat Skipper, Katelyn Kingery
- 27 Jenni Graham, Pippa Clardy
- 29 Mike Rouhselang



### Children's Dedication

If you have a child you would like dedicated during morning worship on Sunday, May 12th, please contact Mrs. Chery by Wednesday, May 8th.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Monthly Meetings

Olive Bessent Women On Mission will meet in the Conference Room on Wednesday, March 1, at 1:15 pm in the Conference Room.

Luna Belle Strickland Mission Action Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm in the West Wing.

Salt and Light will meet on May 20th at 5:30 pm.



## Student Sunday

Join us in celebrating our NCBC students during the Sunday morning worship service on May 19th. Let's recognize and appreciate their accomplishments and dedication. Make sure not to miss this special event!



## National Day Of Prayer

Please save the date for the National Day of Prayer, which will take place on May 2nd from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The Waccamaw Baptist Association will host the event, which will be held on the lawn of the old courthouse at 1201 3rd Avenue in Conway. We invite everyone to come together with Pastor Jay for this opportunity to pray, as the focus for this year for the church is prayer.



## Senior Adults Event

The Senior Adults will visit the Church of the Lost and Found in North Myrtle Beach to see The Browdess on Saturday, May 4th. Departure from NCBC will be at 4:30 pm. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.



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NORTH CONWAY

Come celebrate a year of learning and serving at our

*Mission Journey Kids Celebration*

May 22, 2024 ★ 6:00 pm  
Worship Center

Parents and church family invited to attend.  
Light refreshments to follow.

save the date!

**STURBA**  
diving into friendship with god

VBS 2024  
JUNE 16-20

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!



# NCBC STUDENTS

## Note From Bryce

Somewhere in Australia back in 1994, an unknown Christian band released a curious song that lyrically made the christian music industry take notice. It was weird. It was not Amy Grant or Steven Curtis Chapman that was for sure. It was just weird enough and the music was plenty good enough to make me as a young kid become hooked. That song was called "Shine" by the Newsboys and ultimately propelled them into becoming one of the most successful Christian bands of all time. As you read this, we should be on our way to see them play 20 years after that song was released and I cannot wait. I hope the students find them just weird enough to take notice and pay attention to the message. What in the world would posses an Eskimo to renounce fur? Make a vegetarian barbecue a hamster? Persuade a dictator to fire his army and teach the poor origami? Try as you may, there isn't a way to explain that kind of change. In that same way, it's hard for the world to understand the kind of change God does in us when we make Him Lord of our lives. Our challenge is to show the world that we as Christians have the answer to all the chaos around us. For those looking for a change. we have the golden ticket! So...go shine your light. Make those around you wonder what it is that you have and wish they could have it too. Share the light of Jesus and who knows...maybe we can inspire the kind of change that would make a bouncer take ballet...even bouncers who aren't happy.

-Mr. Bryce

Want to change the world? There's nothing to it!



SUNDAY, MAY 12TH  
MOTHER'S DAY

NCBC will give a gift to all mothers on this special day.

Common Grounds will be serving muffins and juice at 8:45 am

Baby Dedication during morning service.

SAVE THE DATE

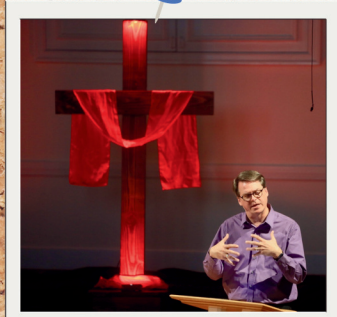
NORTH CONWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Homecoming

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

★ PROTEIN PROVIDED PLEASE BRING COVERED DISH ★



GOOD FRIDAY



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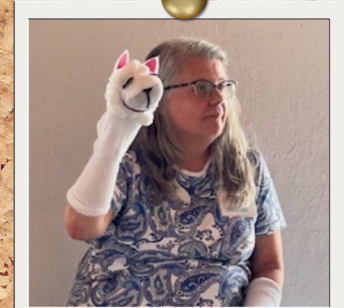
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SHOWING JESUS' LOVE IN GUATEMALA



LOVING GOD LOVING OTHERS IN GUATEMALA



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SERVING IN GUATEMALA



## Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events

**Beach Bingo and Brunch**  
July 20, 2024  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Whether you're a regular or new to our women's ministry, we invite you to bring a friend and join us in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of fun, games, and a delicious brunch at our Beach Bingo event. It's a great way to make new connections and enjoy the summer together!

**Ladies Bible Study**  
Thursdays  
July 11 - August 15th  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall



Join us for an interactive and engaging study of God's Word this summer as we seek to thrive in our broken places. For six weeks, we will explore Eve's life and how God lovingly pursued her, even in her brokenness. Each session will include a mix of group discussions, personal reflections, and guided teachings.



**The Gathering Ladies Conference**  
November 15-16, 2024



Mark your calendars for our second annual ladies' weekend conference! This year, we delve into the profound journey of Ruth, a woman who found redemption in the bitter places of her life. Her story is a testament to the power of faith and providence. You won't want to miss this powerful weekend of worship, study, and fellowship!



## Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for our new First Impression ministry. This new ministry will replace and upgrade our existing Greeter Ministry and will be implemented to maximize the impact we have on guests each Sunday morning.
  - Pray for Pastor Jay and the staff as they formulate and recruit for this new ministry.
  - Pray that God will raise up the lay leaders needed to run this ministry.
- Pray for our new Associate Pastor Will O'Brien, his wife Tori, and children Liam, Lily, and Lyla.
  - Pray for Will as he closes out his time as Senior Pastor of his current church in California. His last Sunday with them will be May 19th.
  - Pray for Will and his family as they plan to move their lives across the country. Pray for physical, spiritual, emotional, and relational protection as they make this transition. His first Sunday with us should be June 16th.
- Continue to pray for our Long Range Planning Team as they begin to meet to determine the best plan for the continued growth of our church. Our sanctuary is quickly running out of space, and this team will look to how we can continue to grow in size and ministry impact as we push back lostness in our community.
  - Pray for wisdom for each individual team member.
  - Pray for unity in vision and purpose for the entire team.



- Pray for our Student Ministry
  - Pray for diligence and motivation for our students to finish out the school year strong!
  - Pray for students who may be going through a tough season. That they would lean into Christ for comfort and understanding.
- Pray for our Music Ministry
  - Pray that as we sing the Lord will be lifted up and will draw people to Himself. That we will worship the Lord, listen to Him and respond.
  - Pray that the songs we sing will be a reminder of the promises of God, the gift of eternal life and the goodness of God.
  - Pray we will set aside any distractions, focus on the Lord and bring honor and glory to Him.
  - Pray that we will be on guard against the attacks of the enemy and stay strong in our faith.
  - Thank God for our musicians, praise team, choir and audio visual techs who practice, plan and prepare for our services each week.
  - Pray that God will raise up more worshippers, instrumentalists and audio visual techs to join the Music Ministry Team.
- Pray for our Children's Ministry
  - Vacation Bible School Planning and for the hearts and minds of children and adults as we experience a week of diving into friendship with God!
  - Sunday School teachers as they study and prepare for each week's lessons and discipleship of children.
  - As our Wee Care nursery area grows, please pray for volunteers to join our team. We praise God for the volunteers who serve each week.

*Celebrate the baptism of*

**SOPHIA H. LACHHAB**



Sophia was baptized on Sunday, May 14th