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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2: Wednesday In The Word @ Noon & 6:00 pm, Olive Bessent @ 1:00 pm, Mission Journey Kids, Student Discipleship and Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

April 5: Stations of the Cross @ 9:00 am-6:00 pm

April 6: Stations of the Cross @ Noon, Homebound Lord's Supper @ 3:30 pm, VBS Planning Meeting @ 4:00 pm, Student One Night @ 5:00 pm

April 8: Luna Belle Meeting @ 6:00 pm

April 9: Wednesday In The Word @ Noon & 6:00 pm, Mission Journey Kids, Student Discipleship and Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

April 12: Senior Adults Ocean Drive Concert @ 4:30 pm

April 13: Easter Family Fun Day at Southern Palmetto Farms @ 3:00 pm, Stewardship Meeting @ 6:15 pm

April 16: No Wednesday In The Word, Mission Journey Kids, Student Discipleship and Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:00 pm

April 20: Easter Services @ 9:00 am & 10:30 am, No Adult Sunday School

April 21: Office Closed

April 22: Senior Adults Picnic @ Brookgreen Gardens @ 10:00 am

April 23: No Wednesday In The Word or Wednesday Evening Activities

April 25-26: Big Spring Thing

April 27: Acts 1:8 Meeting @ 3:00 pm, Thailand Mission Trip Meeting @ 4:00 pm, Salt and Light @ 5:00 pm

April 30: Wednesday In The Word @ Noon & 6:00 pm, Mission Journey Kids, Student Discipleship and Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

NCBC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

8:30 am - Prayer Warriors

8:45 am - Common Grounds (coffee)

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Morning Worship

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon - Wednesday In The Word

6:00 - 7:15 pm - Wednesday In The Word

6:00 - 7:15 pm - Student Discipleship

5:45 - 7:00 pm - Celebration Choir

6:00 - 7:15 pm - Mission Journey Kids



THE OUTREACH

**APRIL
2025**

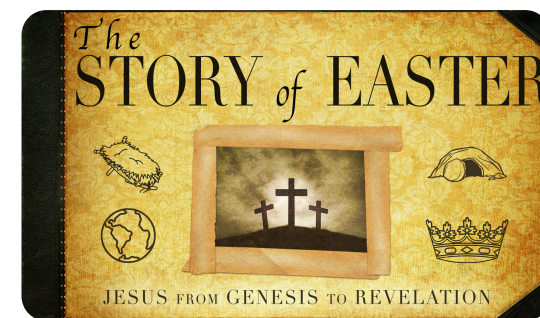
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Current Sermon Series

The Story of Easter: Jesus From Genesis To Revelation March 30, April 6, 13, 20

Sometimes, during the Easter season, we focus so tightly on the cross and empty tomb that we miss the larger story of redemption. This year, in our Easter sermon series, we will zoom out and look at the full story of redemption from Genesis through Revelation. From the beginning to the end of scripture, we will examine why we need a savior, why Jesus had to be fully man, what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and what the empty tomb means for our eternity. Don't miss The Story of Easter; it is Jesus' story, but it is also yours.



Maundy Thursday Service

April 17th @ 6:00 pm

A candlelight service
focused on the Lord's Supper

Easter Sunday Services

**Two services on April 20th
@ 9:00 am & 10:30 am**

Childcare: Birth - PreK
Kids Worship: K5 - 3rd Grade
No Adult Sunday School



Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk

Join us for a self-guided prayer walk at the church on April 5 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and April 6 from Noon to 5:00 pm. This personalized prayer activity involves receiving a prayer guide and visiting various stations across our campus. The journey will begin at the main office entrance, where you can pick up a prayer guide. At each station, you will reflect on Christ's crucifixion and spend time in prayer.



Note From Pastor Jay

The Power of Fellowship

Our theme for the 2025 church year is Koinonia - Building Authentic Community in the Body of Christ. Throughout the year, we will focus on strengthening the relational bonds that we have with each other. Those relational bonds are an essential part of our functioning as a body of Christ. The more we know each other, the better we can support each other. The more we know about each other's families, the better we can pray for each other. The more we know about each other's struggles, the better we can encourage each other. Relationships are the grease on which ministry runs most smoothly.

If you don't have grease, things can go sideways pretty fast, which I know firsthand. Our family spent several years traveling around the country in an RV. This means that we spent many hours pulling that big fifth-wheel camper behind our truck. Because our family was so large we had to travel in two cars, so Frances (my wife) was always right behind me in our van. One day she called me in panic, "The camper's on fire! The camper's on fire!" I got pulled off on the side of the road, and luckily, we were not on fire, but we were smoking really badly because the grease in our wheel bearings had failed, and the metal on metal had created a lot of heat and melted some of the parts.

I'm happy to report that there was no permanent damage. It took us a day to gather all the necessary parts, but I was able to install a new wheel, and we were back on the road the following day. This experience taught us a valuable lesson: without grease, the parts of the wheel don't glide smoothly. Instead, they create friction and generate heat, which can lead to things falling apart... or catching fire.

Relationships in our ministry play a similar role. When we don't know each other well or love each other deeply, it's easy for relational friction to arise. We tend to be less patient and understanding with one another. However, when we cultivate strong relationships, the minor annoyances become insignificant, and our ministry efforts flow more smoothly.

So be sure to participate in our Koinonia activities throughout the year and add some relational grease to our ministry!

-Pastor Jay

Family Conference

There will be no Family Conference in the month of April.



Mission Journey Kids have a fun event coming up and we'd love your help in making it happen! Our MJKs will participate in a Progressive Dinner to recap all the missionaries and locations they studied throughout their year of RAs and GAs. Volunteers are needed to host.

MORE DETAILS

- choose a time slot and missionary to represent
- prepare a snack/appetizer from your chosen missionary's location (we can help with ideas!)
- decorate the table or a small area to represent the missionary/area
- read a small biography about the missionary to the children and explain the food they are eating (bio provided)
- this will be repeated twice: GA's will come first, then RA's after

Contact Shannon Kemper to sign-up - 843-450-1659



MISSION TRIP TO BANGKOK, THAILAND

Dates: September 1st, 2025 -September 12, 2025

Price: \$2,650* per person

Project Focus: One-on-one evangelism and conversational English with college students.

*Exact cost and dates may vary slightly due to final airline arrangements.

NEXT STEPS

Attend Info Meeting

Pray About Going

Apply Online



April 27th at 4:00pm at North Conway Baptist



Spend time asking God if He is leading you to



Applications available at northconwaybaptist.com

Trip sponsored by Waccamaw Baptist Association, North Conway Baptist Church, and the International Mission Board



NEWS & UPDATES

February 2025 Year to Date Snapshot

Budgeted - \$81,333

Spent - \$76,879

Budget Receipts - \$91,288

General Operating Funds - \$212,946



2025 Church-Wide Focus:

Koinonia - Building Authentic Community in the Body of Christ

This year, our focus will be on fellowship—not just casual gatherings for meals, but true biblical fellowship. This is where believers in Christ come together in love, faith, and encouragement. As described in the Book of Acts, koinonia played a vital role in the rapid growth of the early church. The same power is available to us today. As we work towards building community this year, we pray that God will use our efforts to bless us profoundly.

Please Pray For Our Mission Team

February 28-March 7, 2025

Thank you for joining us in prayer as we lead a retreat for the women serving Central Asian peoples in Europe. Please pray specifically for the safe travel of our team and all the ladies attending the retreat and for us to be an encouragement to each other through God's Word and authentic fellowship.



Frances Worthington



Lauren Sullens



Paula Folsom

With Gratitude

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent mission trip to Germany and the Netherlands through prayer and financial gifts!

It was a wonderful time of encouragement and refreshment for the missionaries who are serving in very difficult situations. Thank you for being a blessing, and please continue to pray for those ministering to the Central Asian peoples in Europe.

Frances

Happy Birthday

- 1 Jase McCormick
- 2 Heather Lewis
- 3 Barrett Grooms
- 4 Susan Skipper, Dylan Lewis
- 5 Cynthia Singleton, Mary Smith
- 11 Randy Skipper, Lux Skipper, Madelyn Peavy
- 14 Margaret Chandler
- 15 Harrell Hardwick
- 16 Wade Reavis
- 18 Wendy Mckee
- 21 John Kinman, Oliver Lorenzo
- 22 Naomi Cummings
- 23 Sydney Rose Skipper
- 24 Billy Rogers
- 25 David Clardy, Jennifer Grooms
- 26 Billy Hughes, Rebecca Frenti
- 28 Nora Martin
- 29 Brandi McCormick
- 30 Jackson Causey, Destiny King



WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD MENU

APRIL 2 HAM

APRIL 16&23 NO WITW

APRIL 9 CHICKEN CHILI

APRIL 30 LASAGNA

All meals come with drinks, sides, and dessert



Our Deepest sympathies are extended to...

... Loretta Smith, upon the death of her husband, Marvin Smith



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Missionary Union (WMU)

Olive Bessent WOM will meet in the Conference Room on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 1:00 pm.

Luna Belle Strickland Mission Action Group will meet on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:00 pm. in the West Wing.

Salt and Light will meet on April 27th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

WMU Health Kits

It's time to start collecting health kits! Health kits can be dropped off at our collection table near the West Wing stairwell and are due at NCBC by April 13th. These kits will be used for local missions and other needs. A list of items needed is available at the table.

Joyful Endeavors (Senior Adults)

Picnic

Join us for a delightful afternoon of good food and peaceful scenery at Brookgreen Gardens on Tuesday, April 22. Please meet at NCBC by 10:00 am. and sign up by April 6 in the Welcome Center. Admission to the gardens is \$20 and can be paid on the bus.

OceanDrive Concert

Senior Adults are invited to travel to the Church of the Lost and Found in North Myrtle Beach to enjoy a performance by Glory Road on Saturday, April 12th. We will depart from NCBC at 4:30 pm. Please register at the Welcome Center.

Sumter Trip

Senior Adults are invited to join a trip to Swan Lake in Sumter to admire the stunning blooming irises on Tuesday, May 20. Please meet at NCBC by 9:00 am. The only cost will be for your lunch.

Sunshine Ladies (Widows and Older Single Women)

April Lunch

The Sunshine Ladies will meet at California Dreaming, 2657 Beaver Run Blvd, Surfside Beach, for lunch and fellowship on Monday, April 21, at 11:30 am. Please sign up in the Welcome Center by Wednesday, April 16. Those who want to carpool need to be in the NCBC parking lot at 10:45 am.

Rooted Ladies Ministry Upcoming Events



Ladies, we invite you to join us for the Bloom Ladies Spring Dinner on May 3rd at 6:00 pm.

Come enjoy a delicious Italian meal and uplifting fellowship as we focus on cultivating authentic friendships in our lives.

The cost is only \$10.

Registration will open online on April 1st on the church website.

This year, we would love for you to volunteer to host and decorate one of our tables! You can find more information online or reach out to one of our Rooted Women's Ministry team members.

Save The Date

Ladies Summer Bible Study: Ruth
Thursday evenings, July 10 - August 14th

The Blessing Fall Conference
November 7th-8th

KIDS
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NCBC STUDENTS

Note From Bryce -

April is easily my favorite month of the year. Spring is springing, Easter is Eastering, the students are making their annual pilgrimage to Carowinds, and of course, a Tradition Unlike Any Other is renewed each year at The Masters. Take away the pollen and April is as close to heaven as we can get here on this rotating rock. Another April tradition of mine is the shaving of my beard. I like to grow it out during the fall and winter months and each April, I will pull out the rusty razor and shave it off to get some Vitamin D on my cheeks. Just once...I'll let mom see her baby boy's God given face for a few days. I can vividly remember the few times my Dad would shave off his beard during my childhood. It was terrifying. I did not know that stranger living in my house. Nowadays, I find myself scaring my own family and coworkers when I walk around a corner fresh-faced and unrecognizable. Students, here's your question to ponder...If I were to run into you out in the wild, would I recognize you as the same person I see in church each week? Putting on our Sunday best goes far beyond what we wear. We are all guilty at times of putting on our smiley church faces and playing the best church versions of ourselves each week, myself included. Our character is who we are when no one is watching. In your daily walk away from me, Pastor Jay, and even your parents; are you living out your faith so that others can see? Has your relationship with Christ radically changed or directed the way you think, the way you speak, the friends you surround yourself with? Steven Curtis Chapman has great song called "The Change", that asks those very questions. When we consider God's grace and forgiveness, we should be desperate to live a life that shows we are undergoing the change. That is our challenge, in a season where we celebrate new life and renewal, we should be committing ourselves daily to showing the world we have undergone the change. At the very least, our actions should turn a few heads and hopefully provide an opportunity to sew a seed for Christ. Want to change the world...there's nothing to it.
Mr. Bryce





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Prayer Requests



- Pray for our Standing Ministry Teams:
 - Personnel Team - Pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as the Personnel Team is reviewing and updating the personnel policies and procedures and handbook.

- Pray for our Upcoming Events
 - Senior Ladies Fellowship Group—Pray for this new ministry focused on widows and older single women. Pray for their first few meetings as they spread the word and start this important new ministry.
 - 2025 Vision: Koinonia—Pray for our Table of 8 fellowship groups, which will start this month. Pray that each participant will be able to build new relationships and deepen old ones through these dinner events.
 - Mission Trip to Thailand—Pray for our church mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand, this coming September. Pray for our informational meeting at the end of April. Pray that the Lord will give those who are considering joining this team wisdom and discernment.
 - Easter Outreach – Pray for our Easter Outreach. This is a great opportunity to engage with people in our community who might not normally come to church. Pray that our people will be faithful to invite their friends and neighbors. Pray that those who are invited will attend and experience the Love of God as we serve them and their families.
 - Maundy Thursday Service – Pray for our service the Thursday before Easter where we will focus on the Lord's Supper. Pray for those who will lead in song, scripture reading, and teaching. Pray that it will be a meaningful service that helps people to connect with the sacrifice Jesus made for them on the cross.
 - Easter Sunday – Pray for our TWO Easter services. Pray for our staff and leaders as they navigate doing two services. Pray for all of our guests that they will see clearly the truth of the gospel.



- Pray for our Music Ministry
 - Pray for our musicians: Robin, Patti, Corey, Leah and Tony
 - Pray for our Audio Visual Team: Russell, Kevin, Jeff and Anthony
 - Pray for our Worship Teams and Choir as we prepare for our weekly services and Easter.
 - Pray for us to be healthy physically and spiritually.
 - Ask the Father that the Word of Christ might dwell richly in us as a result of corporate worship.
 - Pray that we keep our focus Jesus as we seek to remember and experience what is true through song and scripture. Colossians 3:16
- Pray for our Student Ministry
 - Pray for the One Night event at Langston on April 6th that God would be glorified and students from all over the county will be challenged to live for Christ.
 - Pray for safety and great fellowship during our Big Spring Thing event this month.
- Pray for Pastor Will's Ministries
 - Pray for the formation of a new Sunday School group for 25- to 35-year-olds with young children. We have an older couple ready to lead—ask God to bring the right people to join.
 - Pray for our Sunday School leaders as they faithfully invest their time and energy into teaching and disciplining each week.
 - Pray for our upcoming Easter series—that many would come to salvation and that our church would grow in a deeper understanding of the gospel, leading us to greater worship and evangelism.
- Pray for our Children's Ministry
 - Pray for volunteers to rise up for our nursery and preschool areas as these classes continue to grow.
 - Pray for the VBS Planning Team that is underway making plans for VBS 2025.
 - Pray for VBS Volunteers to rise up as we seek to establish a team that is intentional to help children discover that Jesus is our True North!