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“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
-1 John 4:10

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Service Times

Sunday Morning Opening Worship:
9:00 AM
Sunday School:
9:45 AM
Worship/Sermon
11:00 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM

Location

Church of Christ
Minister: Sylvester McCray

Lamar Campus
680 Sandy Grove Church Rd
Lamar, SC 29069

Sumter Campus
490 S. Pike East
Sumter SC 29150

Birthdays & Celebrations

March

Mae Francis Cooper 3/1
 Stanley Shannon 3/5
 Montrell White 3/7
 Tyrone Davis 3/16
 Johnny Holmes 3/16
 Christopher McCray 3/16
 Mae Bell Holmes 3/17
 Khloe Moses 3/19
 Gavin Nichols 3/20
 Jimmy Brunson 3/24
 Micheal Sims 3/24
 Peyton Shannon 3/27

April

Sharon Nichols 4/1
 Gary Solomon 4/5
 Gene Boyd 4/19
 Charles Shannon 4/20
 Rayshard Haynesworth 4/21
 James Harkless 4/21
 Derrick Ashe Jr. 4/25
 Chelsey Moses 4/27
 Frankie Sanders 4/27
 Cynthia Brown 4/28

Marsha McQuillar Dupree (Neicy) 4/29
 Monica Solomon 4/30
 Ethel Brunson 4/30

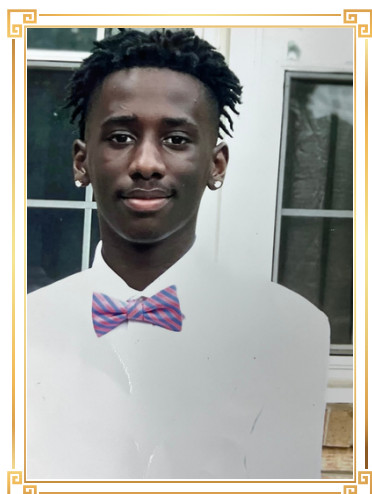
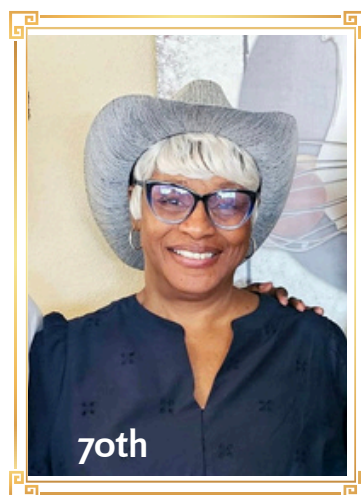


Birthday Spotlight

MaeBell Holmes



Mae Francis Cooper



In Loving Memory

Brian D. Jefferson Jr.

(aka Dooley)

March 27, 2005 - December 16, 2021

Happy 20th birthday My Beloved.

Continue to Rest in Peace.

With Much Love,
Grandma Viola



Birthdays & Celebrations



We Remember



Deacon Eddie McQuillar

Eddie McQuillar was born on August 29, 1910. He was united in holy matrimony to Minnie Lee McShore. To this union was born fifteen children. He was a businessman and owner of two stores. One was a neighborhood grocery store and the other was a dry good convenient store. He was also a farmer, sharecropper, and worked as a janitor at Spaulding Schools in Lamar South Carolina.

Early on in his life he was born again in the Church of Christ where he served faithfully on the deacon board, was head of the usher board, and also head of the church yard attendants. He was a member of the Church of Christ for over forty years until his death. His wife Minnie McQuillar was also a faithful member of The Church of Christ along with seven of their children, four girls; Edna Harkless, Minnie McCall, Paulette Harkless, and Annie Hamby and three boys; Richard McQuillar, James McQuillar, and John McQuillar.

When moved by the holy ghost, he would walk the floor praising God to the highest. He loved to quote scriptures from the bible. One of his favorites was "He that believeth and is baptize shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned. One of his favorite songs that he sang often was "I'm a Soldier in the Army of the Lord".

Today there are still descendants of Deacon Eddie McQuillar in the Church of Christ. Following in his footsteps. Believing what he believed. On the lighter side of things, Deacon Eddie McQuillar loved to sneak up behind you, scare you and make you laugh. He had the most contagious laugh so you had no choice but to laugh too.

Deacon Eddie McQuillar, we remember you.

-Sis Patsy Commander

Richmond Virginia
Church Of Christ 2nd Annual
 Saturday, April 12, 2025
 Festivities will begin at 2:00 pm

AUTISM AWARENESS
Family & Friends Weekend
 Sunday: April 13, 2025* Blue Attire

816 Whitehead Road
 Richmond, Va 23225
 Minister Ronald Hamiel

Autism spectrum disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave. According to the Centers for disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States today. Autism looks different for everyone and each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges.

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Church Of Christ
Autism Awareness
RAFFLE
Ticket Sale

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1st Prize: \$300
2nd Prize: \$200
3rd Prize: \$100

All proceeds and donations will benefit Autism Awareness Family & Friends Day weekend in Richmond Virginia

Ticket money will be due on March 30, 2025

Our Deepest Sympathy
 and prayers for all those who have lost loved ones. May God bless you and your families with strength and peace.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.
 Revelation 21:4

Beware of Scammers!

Please beware of people pretending to be others on Social Media. And be careful never to send any codes to another person that you receive via text. There are scammers trying to take advantage of the innocent and elderly. People are also receiving phone calls pretending to be grandchildren or saying that a delivery needs to be scheduled. Before you speak to anyone, please contact your family directly to be safe.

CELEBRATE
Easter
 AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESSURECTION OF JESUS

EASTER SUNDAY
 APRIL 20, 2025
 SERVICE BEGINS AT 9AM
 THE EASTER PROGRAM WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED."
 — JOHN 20:29.

Youth Department Spotlight

Congratulations to the Student of the Quarter Winners Eryn & Logan

Letters submitted by teachers for Student of the Quarter Winners.



Eryn Noelle Lisbon

Eryn is a hard worker and our social butterfly. Eryn is always willing to be the teachers helper. Eryn goes the extra mile for her classmates and friends.

Eryn received the Terrific Kid award for the 1st Quarter. Eryn has already met her Accelerated Reader (AR) goal for the 2nd Quarter. Eryn scored "Exceed Expectations" on the Linkit Benchmarks.

Eryn goes above and beyond, and she's definitely a great young lady. Thank you in advance.

Logan Solomon

I am writing to recommend Logan Solomon for recognition of his outstanding achievements during the first quarter of his 5th-grade year.

Logan is a bright, hardworking, and kind-hearted student who exemplifies the values of respect, diligence, and community spirit. Logan has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, as evidenced by his earning a place on the A/B Honor Roll. He approaches his studies with enthusiasm and persistence, showing a genuine love for learning.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Logan received an award for perfect attendance, reflecting his dedication and reliability. Logan's friendly demeanor and positive attitude are evident in the way he interacts with his peers and teachers. He treats everyone with kindness and respect, making him a valued member of his classroom community. His excellent behavior and ability to maintain strong relationships with others set a wonderful example for those around him.

It has been a joy to watch Logan grow and thrive this quarter, and I am confident that his dedication and character will continue to shine throughout the school year. I wholeheartedly support his recognition for his accomplishments and positive contributions to his school community.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.



Shout Out!!

My mommy and daddy are two of the strongest people I know. They work so hard for our family and make a way out of no way some times. They have faced so many trials and tribulations this past year but they handle it with such grace. Growing up they always reassured me that I could accomplish anything I wanted in life, as long as I “Keep God at the head of my life.” I walk by that statement everyday.

My parents have raised me into the young woman that I am today and I always want to make them proud. I am so grateful for them and blessed that God chose them as my parents. I love them past eternity.



- Sis. Reagan Shannon
Daughter of Sis. Tamala and Bro. Robert Shannon Jr.

Dear High School Seniors



A message to upcoming college students

Going away from home whether it be through college or military, can be a great but difficult chapter in life, especially as a believer in Christ. What you knew as home for the past 18 years may change depending on how far you are from home but this isn't always a bad thing. You will be around new people and new environments. This is where you will decide on if you grow as a believer or dwindle, but always remember whatever you do..Christ and your faith can get you through it.

I made the decision to go to a Christian college, so many of the principals and standards they hold are of basic Christian belief.

Regardless if you choose a Christian based college or regular public college, You have to put in the work to stay strong in your faith. What I found best is to be intentional in your time with Christ. Find people that have similar beliefs and morals. They will help you be accountable. Taking out time to do things like pray and read the bible will always be important. I found a good group of friends with whom I have had many Bible studies and conversation about faith. You won't always agree with the people around you but that will be everywhere in life. You will also have to learn to navigate with people around you that aren't similar to you in beliefs. They are God's children too! Remember to always treat people as if they are your brother or sister in Christ. This is how you can be a light to others.

Lastly if you ever find yourself in a situation or season of trouble or making bad decisions.. Be honest with yourself & Christ.. pray, repent and ask God to help you stay clear of things that aren't of his will. All in all remain true to your faith and keep God first in all that you do.

Romans 8:28 KJV - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

-Bro. Nicholas Jefferson

Health & Wellness



Healthy Eating Habits That Last

Healthy Eating Habits that will last take the focus off of what you can't eat and focus on what you can eat. Changing your diet is a chance to try new foods and learn how to cook your favorite foods in a healthier way. In fact, many experts recommend easing into a diet instead of

making sudden changes. In order to make changes that will last, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends reflecting on your current eating habits, replacing the unhealthy eating habits, and reinforcing your new, healthier habits.

Eating healthy does not mean cutting out your favorite comfort foods. It is important to balance your favorite foods with healthier foods and more physical activity. Eating healthy doesn't happen overnight and it doesn't have to be all or nothing. Simply making small changes to your diet can make a big difference to your health over time.

Adapted from

https://www.evms.edu/community/community_health_initiatives/portsmouth_diabetes_prevention_project/patient_client_resources/health_newsletters/

March is National Kidney Disease Awareness Month in the United States.

African Americans are more at risk for kidney failure than any other race. More than 1 in 3 kidney failure patients living in the United States are African American. Diabetes is the number one cause of kidney failure.

It causes nearly half of all cases of kidney failure in the United States.

How To Prevent Kidney Disease

Your kidneys are two bean-shaped organs about the size of your fist. They sit below the rib cage on each side of the body. Kidneys filter blood. They remove waste products and water to make urine. They filter about a half cup of blood every minute.

The kidneys also make substances that control your blood pressure. And they play an important role in keeping your bones strong. Chronic (long-term) kidney disease damages your kidneys so that they can't filter blood properly. The damage happens slowly over a long period of time. It can lead to kidney failure. If your kidneys fail, you will need a kidney transplant or dialysis, a treatment that filters your blood artificially.

Kidney disease is common. Certain people are at higher risk. Diabetes is the leading cause. Almost 1 in 3 people with diabetes has chronic kidney disease. You're also at greater risk for kidney disease if you have high blood pressure or heart disease.

Early kidney disease may not have symptoms. Getting tested can be the only way to detect it. Talk to your health care provider about kidney testing if you have risk factors, including a family history of kidney failure.

You can take steps to protect your kidneys. Make healthy food choices and cut back on salt and added sugars.

Aim for a healthy weight and more physical activity. <https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2021/03/preventing-kidney-disease>



Recipe Corner



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Holding your knife parallel to the cutting board, halve Hawaiian rolls horizontally. Put roll bottoms in a 2-quart rectangular baking dish.
3. Spread cut sides of roll bottoms and tops with honey mustard. On roll bottoms, layer deli ham, sliced Swiss cheese, and dill pickle slices. Replace roll tops. Brush roll tops with butter and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Cover baking dish.
4. Bake, covered, in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking uncovered until filling is hot and roll tops are lightly browned, 10 to 15 minutes more.
5. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes.
6. Cut into individual sliders. Attach 1 cornichon on top of each slider with a toothpick.

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Cuban-Style Sliders

Ingredients:

- 1 (12-oz.) package Hawaiian sweet rolls (12 rolls)
- 1/2 cup honey mustard
- 12 ounces deli ham
- 6 ounces Swiss cheese
- 3/4 cup dill pickle slices
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- 12 cornichons

Strawberry Creme Rolls

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting (Optional)
- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup heavy cream, chilled
- 1 cup fresh strawberries
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, for dusting (Optional)



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Butter a jelly roll pan. Line it with buttered foil or buttered parchment paper.
2. Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored. Gradually add 1 cup white sugar, beating constantly. Stir in water and vanilla extract. Fold in flour, baking powder, and salt. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
3. Bake until cake is springy to the touch and beginning to shrink away from the sides of the pan, about 15 minutes.
4. Lay out a tea towel, and sprinkle it with confectioners' sugar. Turn cake out on the towel. Peel off the paper or foil. Cut crusty edges with kitchen shears or a sharp paring knife. Roll cake up in the towel, and leave it to cool.
5. In a microwave-safe bowl, sprinkle gelatin over the cold water and set aside. Wash and hull strawberries; if they're large, you may halve or chop them. Melt gelatin in the microwave, checking every 15 seconds. Pour gelatin and 1 tablespoon sugar over strawberries.
6. Whip cream to medium-stiff peaks. Fold in cooled strawberry mixture. Unroll cake, spread with strawberry cream, and roll up again. Chill cake for at least 1 hour. Before serving, dust cake with confectioners' sugar or top with additional whipped cream.

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Easter Word Search/Trivia

L E X Y N G Z R J X B S Q L N
T S L E E T O S C E V U O K O
J O S Q H I D E R E S V D I I
H I H O V F T N O S E U H N T
R K R A Q G U Y W K V L S G C
Y N S D I A E W N D Y X G K E
S A O C Y S R E T S A E K R R
W C D L O N S Y R A M Y H Z R
B V J N V D N E O D I A A D U
C M C O U E W M M S D D I P S
P R O P Y S A C R I F I C E E
A Q O T F S A Z H M D R P V R
P Z B S B E H O P E Z F I K J
L Y F K S L J W X A N G E L Q
L B I M I B N O I T A V L A S

ANGEL
CROSS
CROWN
THORNS
EASTER
TOMB
BLESSED
HOLY
HOPE
JESUS
KING
LOVE
MARY
MESSIAH
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SUNDAY
FRIDAY
SAVIOR

Find the word in the puzzle.
Words can go in any direction.
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



Bible Trivia

A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

Dates to Remember



Sunday, March 9th

Daylight saving time begins
Don't forget to SPRING
FORWARD!



Sunday April 13th

Autism Awareness
Family & Friends Weekend
Richmond, VA.



Sunday April 20th

Easter
Easter Program-Immediately
Following Service



Saturday, April (TBD)

Share The Care
Sponsored Yard Sale
More Details Coming
Soon



Sunday May 11th

Mother's Day

- May/June is Graduation Season
- The Church of Christ will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Pentecost Services on June 2-6th

If you would like to submit information for the next edition of our newsletter, all submissions are due by the third Monday of each month.



One Lord, one faith,
one baptism,
One God and Father
of all, who is above
all, and through all,
and in you all.

Ephesians 4:5-6



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