

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

Many of the Psalms that I have been studying and preaching on were written by King David. The Bible describes David as a “man after God’s own heart.” I would like to be described that way, wouldn’t you? We all would like to have that “label,” that our heart reminds others of God’s heart. In Psalm 132, (one of the Songs of Ascent), we discover a description of David that gives us a clue about how to have that kind of heart.

David swore this oath before God: *“I will not enter my house or go to my bed—I will allow no sleep to my eyes, no slumber to my eyelids, till I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”* (Verses 3-5)

For David before anything else; before going home, before sleeping, his number one concern was finding a place for the Lord to dwell. That’s the answer! Before anything else have I found a place in my heart for the Lord to dwell? Is He truly my first thought in life? If we honestly assess our lives would it be more accurate to say that God is on the list, but He may not be first? David earned the “man after God’s own heart” description by having the Lord as his first love.

In Luke 10:27, when asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.” David loved God this way, and we can too! How do we receive this sold out, passionate, “all in” heart? Just ask God like David did in Psalm 86:11 “Give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name.”

Please pray for that undivided heart in your own life, and join me in praying that prayer for the leaders of our church. There are 9 men who have been nominated for our next class of elders and deacons. They will be working through our officer training over the next several months and then presented to the congregation for a vote. Please pray for them: that like David they would be men after God’s own heart!

*Steve*

**CHILDREN’S IMAGE BEARERS, YOUTH AND CARE GROUPS**

start this

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10!**

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Walk  
for  
Life  
2017



Friday,  
9/8

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Crisis Pregnancy Center Main, 700 Robinson Road, Gastonia.



## THE BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING KAYLEE COLEMAN (JOE DEESE)

IS THIS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10  
2:00 - 3:30 PM

Kaylee and Joe are registered at: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Belk and Target.



## OUR OUTREACH GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

**Westport Golf Course**  
7494 Golf Course Dr. S, Denver NC  
**9am Shot Gun Start**

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10!**  
Sign-up at the bulletin board in the main hallway or through the church office.

Cost is \$35 and includes golf, cart, food for breakfast and lunch, and prizes!

Invite a friend or three to hit the links. This is great way to connect with folks in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. We will play Captain's Choice in foursomes and gather at the end for lunch and a brief testimony/devotion time. Ladies as well as gentlemen are welcome.

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*In Memoriam*



**Johnny M. Robinson**  
July 7, 1927 - August 28, 2017

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of **Johnny Robinson** who passed away on August 28.

We also extend our sympathies to **Ailene Friday** and **Wayne Friday** on the August 30 death of Ailene's sister-in-law in Maryville, Tn.

**2017 Missions Conference**  
is coming soon!

Mark your calendar for  
**October 18 - 22!**

## WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Classes start at Christ College in **Taipei, Taiwan** this week. Pray for our missionary **Becky White** and others who teach there.

We continue to pray with **Kevin and Alisa Bentley** for her father. He went from preaching twice a week, riding his bicycle, and doing pushups in May, to planning end of life a month later due to a very rare and life threatening condition where an aneurysm (9.3cm) he had last fall had been pressing into his esophagus. He came home from the hospital on July 7 with the plan to initiate Hospice care. On July 20, he went for a follow-up appointment with the vascular surgeon and through some tests and another procedure, they discovered the hole in his esophagus had healed! Several doctors agreed this is a miracle. Time will tell and prayers continue. Alisa writes: "Like all of life, this is an ongoing story and we still aren't sure what the future holds, but on September 17 Daddy plans to preach a message on Heaven at a church where he used to be the interim pastor."



# Birthdays to Celebrate in September

17 Andy Murphy

18 Claudia Forbes-Robinson  
Dillon Lamb

19 Kary Kopka

22 Tracy Withers

23 Judy Dixon  
Ann Featherstone  
Gracie Hager  
Mark Harper



25 Austin Abernathy  
Darlene Sweigart

27 George Ross

28 Pam Cole  
Crystal Hare  
Abigail Jessen

30 Jim Tilley

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