



Church Family,  
In recent months, who among us hasn't longed for a return to "the good old days;" you know, those pre-Covid-19 days? Reflecting on the many changes we've gone through since the beginning of March, I've been reminded of these words penned by King David in Psalm 139: ***Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.*** Psalm 139:16. King David reminds us that all the days of our life—past, present, and future, were written in the Lord's book before a single one of them came to pass.

To be sure, in the midst of this pandemic, it is tempting to long for the comforts of the past; one of those comforts being a sense of normalcy. In his book, *The Primitive Liturgy* published in 1726, author Rev. John Henley, dedicated his book, in part, "to all admirers of the Good Old Days, of their Best and Wisest Forefathers."

Oftentimes we find it difficult to get over our longing for the comforts of the past. We make the assumption that the future, about which we know nothing, surely will not be as good as the past, about which we know everything. But wait—shouldn't we, as those who look to the Lord, have confidence that the future, regardless of what it holds, can be trusted? *In the good old days*, our Young Adult LifeGroup began a study of Revelation. We have continued to meet each week via Facebook Messenger. We're not at the end yet, but looking forward, we will encounter these words: ***Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.*** Revelation 21:1. The Bible teaches that our eternal destiny is earthly. As Peter wrote, ***But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.*** 2 Peter 3:13 Think about that—for the child of God the future holds a new earth, full of righteousness in which pain and sorrow will be absent.

Yes, the days of our lives—past, present and future are written in God's book. And as David Jeremiah noted of those days, *none are better than others because they are all in the hands of God.*

A famous anonymous quote goes something like this: *we may not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.* Let's put aside any notion of dwelling on *the good old days* and put our focus on Him Who holds the glorious future that awaits.

-Bruce

**Churchwide LifeGroup  
Resumes July 12  
7:30 p.m.**

**Danny will resume his weekly Churchwide LifeGroup Bible Study beginning Sunday evening. Note the change to Sunday evening as that will be the case going forward.**

**At such time as we resume in-person LifeGroups on Sunday morning, Danny's class will move to the Sanctuary in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. He plans to continue livestreaming his lessons via Facebook on Sunday mornings.**

**Pastor Tim and your deacons stand ready to help with any needs you might have. On-call deacon for the next week is Danny Wright.**

**Danny can be reached at 252-432-1141.**

**Pastor Tim can be reached at 252-432-6780.**

# The Creek Courier

Weekly Update July 10, 2020

*Loving God  
Learning Together  
Leading Others*

**Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m.**

**Drive-In  
FM 107.5**

**In-person  
Face Coverings Required**

**Facebook Live  
[New Sandy Creek](#)**

## Nominating Committee Update

Reminder that the Nominating Committee is working diligently to prepare their report for the upcoming church year. There are positions yet to be filled. For information about where you can serve please contact Betty Blue at 252-492-0395, Pastor Tim at 252-432-6780, or call the church office at 252-492-6000.



## Vacation Bible School August 3 - 5

BOLT VBS will be held online and in the Family Life Center Monday - Wednesday, August 3-5 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. There will be a limit of 30 kids in the FLC so that we can do it safely. Online will be available at the same time. That means you can enjoy three nights of fun and games with a purpose from your home.

Please click on the link below to register. You will be asked what VBS option you would prefer. For those wanting to follow along at home, you will be provided with a tote that has everything you will need for VBS!! Be sure to share this link with all your family and friends!

Register at: <https://forms.gle/9tPe1ZXlikZMA3fx8>

## Deacon Nominations Due This Month

In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, Deacon Nominations are open through July 19.

Deacons rotating off at the end of September and not eligible for nomination are:

**Talmadge Burgess  
Bruce Franklin**

**Steve Collier  
Bryan Jones**

Remaining active deacons are:

**Billy Edwards  
William Hoyle  
Tony Norwood  
Danny Wright**

**Charles Hearn  
Larry Johnson  
Gordon Wilder  
Hartwell Wright**

Prayerfully consider this process, and before nominating one of our men to serve, please confirm with them that they will serve if elected.

## ACTS Pantry Needs

Boxed pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, 18 oz. jars peanut butter, jelly, any type of canned goods: fruit, beans, vegetables, soups, meats (preferably with pull tops).

Items may be dropped off at ACTS at 201 South William Street M-F between 8:30 and 3:00. You can also call them for a special drop off time at 252-492-8231.

If you are unable to drop off your items, please contact Jackie Ayscue by text at 252-767-3257 or by e-mail at [jayscue@hotmail.com](mailto:jayscue@hotmail.com).