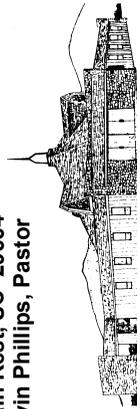


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Return Service Requested

*"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news..."  
- Proverbs 25: 25a*

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills"*



*Upward*

**Mountain Rest Baptist Church  
September, 2019**

Greetings Mountain Rest Baptist Church family!

I hope you are doing well today! I certainly am. We had a very unique service on Sunday evening. I call it unusual, but, should it really be unusual? I think not. Shouldn't people regularly be called to serve? Shouldn't we regularly send people out to serve? Shouldn't we regularly commit to pray?

Sunday evening, we had the privilege of participating in a commissioning service for our missionaries. What a blessing it was to make a covenant as a church to support them. I can't go into the details here, but you know their journey. They are helping fulfill God's command to "Go make disciples." They are going to the uttermost and we are going with them. How can I say we are going with them? We have agreed to partner with them both in prayers and finances, therefore, we are partners in the Gospel with them. I hope you will regularly pray for them.

Second, next week, the ladies in the church will begin a Bible study. They will be going through the book of Philippians. The letter was Paul's prison epistle. It has been aptly described as the Letter of Joy. Myra has been preparing diligently, to make sure the ladies Bible study helps thoroughly equip the ladies of our church to serve the Lord more faithfully. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. I hope you will participate.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin

Janie Chapman Offering  
 State Missions, Missions Education,  
 and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina

Week of Prayer - September 8-15  
 Church Offering Goal \$1,850.00

Please be prayerful on the amount you can give to reach  
 the lost in South Carolina

**Deacon Election**

On July 28, Cecil Horton, Felix Gravino and Buddy Hardee were elected to serve as deacons for the next three years.

The other men currently serving are Kevin Cain, JAC Cashin, Rick Moxley, Robert Hurst, Thom Moxley, and Artie Provost.

Pray for our Deacons as they serve Mountain Rest Baptist Church.

**Fifth Sunday Night Singing**

September 29  
 6:00 pm

Host Church  
 Double Springs Methodist Church

Join us in praise and worship with our sister churches on the mountain.

**Tabitha's Hands  
 A Yarn Ministry**

Tabitha's Hands Yarn Ministry met at Gather 205 in Walhalla for a delightful lunch and time for our craft. Seven ladies were in attendance. A prayer shawl was prayed over and presented to a church member in August.

New members welcome. We will teach you how to knit and crochet if you wish to learn. We meet each Wednesday at 1:00 pm if you care to join.

**Poverty 101 Conference**

Jon & Mindy Jamison  
 Guest Speakers

Tuesday, September 17  
 9:00 - 12:00  
 Lunch Provided

Make plans to join us on Tuesday, September 17th as the Beavertown Baptist Association hosts a Poverty 101 Conference led by Jon & Mindy Jamison. Jon serves with the Missions Mobilization Team at the South Carolina Baptist Convention with an emphasis in Compassion Ministry. The conference will offer ideas/suggestions to churches concerning how to minister to and assist those presently living in poverty. (Benevolence Ministry) "You cannot end poverty by giving people stuff."

Please call 882-7070 to register for the conference.



**Vacation  
 Bible  
 School**

This summer we had had 67 enrolled for *The Incredible Race: Hope Explorers!* As always we took up an offering each day. Our children gave **\$423.05**. The offering was given to Children's Hunger Fund and has provided **1,692 meals!** Thanks to the children and their families for their generous giving.

Our children have been recognized by Children's Hunger Fund as "Amazing Ambassadors!" To see the recognition on Children's Hunger Fund website visit <https://childrenshungerfund.org/vbsrecognition>.

**Senior Adults**

Thirty-five senior adults were present on August 22 for a wonderful presentation on the Seven Feasts of the Lord from Leviticus 23 presented by Dave Taylor. Dave explained the seven feasts and how they were fulfilled in Jesus. We all learned a lot from this presentation and thank Dave for giving his time to do this for us.

After the presentation we enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies. We had a variety of toppings for our ice cream.

## Multi-Focus Mission Group

Our August was held at the church with ten members present – Eleanor Cobb, Deidra Cooper, Freida Andreu, Janie Wilbanks, Dorothy Obregon, Bea Ventura, Louise Turpin, Betty Jean Hurst, Ellen Horton, and Suzanne Koon. We missed Ann Moxley, Terri Eiff, Dagmar Faircloth, Donna Turpin, Sarah Moore, Betty Genoble, and Mattie Hooper.

Eleanor welcomed everyone and led us in reciting the watchword 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Deidra led the prayer calendar. She read Ephesians 3:14-19. Paul's prayers for the Ephesians provide us with a powerful visual of intercessory prayer. We need the prayers of others and they need our prayers. The prayer focus was South Asian peoples. Violent persecution is happening throughout northern Bangladesh. Many believers have been beaten and told no non-Muslims can live in the country. We read the names of missionaries having birthdays and Deidra led in prayer.

Eleanor, Louise, Dottie, Louise and Bea participated in the program from Mission Mosaic, "Looking in the Mirror" about our legacy. A legacy is not just something we leave behind but is the example we live out every day while the world watches.

Janie presented the financial report, which covered the months of May and June.

Eleanor informed us that she would not be our Facilitator this next year. The Nominating Committee will nominate someone for this position. We elected our other officers for the new church year that starts in September.

Janie nominated Bea for Treasurer and Ellen for Assistant Secretary. Suzanne nominated Janie for Secretary. Deidra agreed to continue as Missionary Prayer Support. Dottie and Betty will continue to be Coordinators for the Nursing Home Ministry.

Many prayer requests were given and Janie prayed for these and closed our meeting.

We appreciate Eleanor for all the years she served as our Facilitator. She loves missions and our group and it shows by her dedication and hard work over the years.

Our next meeting will be September 5, at 6:00 pm.

## Heart4Schools School Mentorship

Did You Know That...

- SC 4th Graders are 47th in Literacy nationwide?
- In SC there is a connection between 3rd Grade reading levels and planning for future state prisons?
- A student supported by a mentor once a week (30 minutes a week) for 6 months or longer has an 87% chance of graduating.
- Greatest Needs Today are for Reading Buddies, Backpack Buddies & Teacher Support

For more information on how you can help contact Randy or Suzanne Koon.

## Free Plant Swap

WHAT:

- bring 5 potted, identified plants & select 5 plants to take home
- all are welcome to swap, learn more about plants & how to best grow

WHEN:

- Saturday, September 28
- 9 am check in your plants
- 10 am the plant swap begins

WHERE:

MTN Rest Community Club's Pavilion (site of Hillbilly Day)

HOW:

- check your plants in and receive a ticket according to the number you've brought
  - exchange ticket for the new plants you have selected
- bring boxes or bags to carry your plants away

CONCESSIONS:

- Fresh-squeezed lemonade
  - Berry & flower iced tea
- Munchies

Rain or Shine

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