

# The Voice Of MBC



"We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too." 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

## A Wake Up Call ... From The Cove!

***I was surprised and shocked with some of what I learned at The Cove listening to Tom Rainer. To hear how deeply "Cultural Christianity" is taking hold of and hurting so many churched through out North America. Also how we are in a decade where more churches will close their doors in North America than ever before in history!***

***With this also comes a challenge and direction to lead in a way to keep Mechanicsville Baptist Church as a "Christ Centered" and "Bible Believing" church! A church that knows, reaches, and ministers to it's local community and beyond!***

***So I have gone much deeper in understanding just what is meant by "Cultural Christianity" compared to God's inspired Word! This is just some of where my study is leading me...***

Cultural Christianity is religion that superficially identifies itself as "Christianity" but does not truly adhere to the Faith. A "Cultural Christian" is a nominal believer— he wears the label "Christian", but the label has more to do with his family background and upbringing than any personal conviction that Jesus is Lord. Cultural Christianity is more social than spiritual!

The following are some identifying marks of cultural Christianity:

- ◇ Denying the inspiration of Scripture or parts of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
- ◇ Ignoring or down playing true repentance as the first step toward knowing God ( Matthew 4:17; Acts 2:38)
- ◇ Focusing on Jesus' love and acceptance to the exclusion of His teaching on hell, obedience, and self sacrifice (Matthew 4:17;23:33; Mark 9:43; Luke 12:5)
- ◇ Tolerating or even celebrating ongoing sin while claiming to know God (Romans 1:32; Corinthians 5:1-2; 1 John 3:9-10)
- ◇ Redefining scriptural truths to accommodate cultural (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6)
- ◇ Understanding Jesus to be primarily a social reformer, rather than God in the flesh who is the sacrifice for our sin (Matthew 10:3; Mark 14:7)

- ◇ Claiming God's promises while ignoring the requirements included with them (Psalm 50:16-17; Jeremiah 18:10-11)
- ◇ Denying or minimizing Jesus' claim that He is the only way to God (John 3:15-18;14:6)
- ◇ Performing enough religious activity to gain a sense, but very little about Jesus Christ as Lord (Galatians 5:16-17; Romans 8:9-10)
- ◇ Talking much about "God" in a general sense, but very little about Jesus Christ as Lord (John 13:13; 14:6)
- ◇ Seeing protection and blessing as goals to be achieved, rather than byproducts of a love relationship with God (Mark 12:30; Deuteronomy 11:13-17)
- ◇ Choosing a church based upon any or all of the above (Revelation 3:15-17)

Pastor Darryl



### Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages	9:30a
Morning Worship	10:30a
Prayer Closet	4:00p
Children's Groups	5:30p
Evening Worship & Study	5:30p

#### Wednesday

Chapel Worship Service	10:30a
Fellowship Meal	6:00p
Worship Service	6:30p

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**"Trust In The Lord With  
All Your Heart..."**

They left Norfolk and moved to Asmara, Ethiopia (now Eritrea), arriving in the midst of a severe drought. Water was rationed, being turned on for 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the evening. There had also been a locust swarm, and not a blade of grass or leaf was to be found. The ground looked like a jigsaw puzzle. Thankfully, it didn't remain this severe. They lived there for 4 years and is their favorite duty station.

From Ethiopia, they moved to Rota, Spain. While there, they attended Bethel Baptist Church, under the leadership of Eddie Woodfield, an Independent Baptist missionary to military personnel. The church was able to acquire an old bar/nightclub off-base and they helped to establish the church in its new location and convert the former bar into a building to glorify God. The word "BAR" remained prominently visible on the side of the building even after multiple attempts to paint over it, so someone suggested it be the acronym for **BELIEVE AND REPENT**.

While in Spain, Steve transferred to Fleet Reserve in November 1975 and the family moved back to Darlington, eventually settling in the Mont Clare community where they now live. Steve retired from the Navy/Fleet Reserve in 1985.

Steve and Anne have been active in all the churches they have attended. They previously have been members of Mont Clare Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church, before they felt led to move their memberships to Mechanicsville Baptist Church, where they continue with their service to the Lord.



## Bar B Que Fund Raiser April 8th 11am-7pm

Eat-In / Take Out / Lunch Deliveries ( 7 or more plates)

**\*Dinner Buffet (Eat In Only) 4pm-7pm will include lots of Southern Side Dishes and Desserts to go with the Bar B Que!**

If you would like to purchase tickets or set up a lunch delivery please contact the church office. (843-393-1029)

**Country Store & Bake Sale will be open all day!**

Featuring some local wood work items and lots of sweets, jellies, sauces, and other treasures!

**Silent Auction will be open all day** with lots of neat items to bid on!

**Live Auction (6pm)** will include the MBC **Famous Cake Auction** & Auction of some very nice items!  
This is the highlight of the event!

**\*\* We are currently accepting donations for the auctions. If you would like to donate an item please contact the church office. (843-393-1029)**

All the proceeds from the Fund Raiser will go towards the funding of the Renovation of the Playground here at MBC! We have decided to dedicate the **New Playground** to **Pastor Frankie Tanner**, for the 20 + years of service he has given to MBC and the community! We will be sharing updates about this project very soon! Make sure to follow us on Face Book and check out our website: [www.mbcdarlington.com](http://www.mbcdarlington.com).

We hope that you will **PRAY** over this fundraising opportunity, and consider giving towards this project that we believe God is orchestrating in preparation for outreach to our neighbors, and the growth of our church. Thank you for your consideration, and we are giving God the glory for the outcome that we **KNOW He will provide!**



\*\*\* You may mail in a donation to the church office at- 2364 Cashua Ferry Rd Darlington, S.C. 29532 Please note-Playground Project

## STEVE & ANNE HUNTLEY

Steve was born at home, prematurely at 7 months, on his granddaddy's farm somewhere in the High Hill area of Darlington County. Anne also was born at home, near Vaughan's Crossroads in Darlington County close to the Lee County line. When she was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Anne was saved when she attended a revival at Lamar Baptist Church held by Rev M O Owens, Sr. Steve was invited to join the Methodist Church when he was in his early pre-teens; but his salvation came later.



At the age of 17, Steve joined the Navy. After graduating high school, Anne worked various jobs, including as a seamstress at a sewing factory. Steve served 4 years on the USS Bayfield and was deployed 3 times to the Western Pacific. Each deployment would last 8 – 9 months. These deployments took him to Hawaii, Japan, South Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.

In September 1960, Steve left the USS Bayfield for shore duty in Norfolk, VA. He and his shipmate, Glen Godfrey from Sanford, NC drove cross-country from San Diego, CA. While they were on leave and heading to their next duty station, they stopped in Darlington to visit for a few days. They got to his grandmother's home late at night and tried to quietly enter without waking everyone but knocked over a stove pipe. The first time Steve saw Anne was the next morning across the breakfast table. She had spent the night with his cousin, Shelda, who also lived with his grandmother.

One Saturday in December, he was home for another visit. Anne and her sister, Donna Sue, had come over to get Shelda and go to a movie in Florence. Shelda asked Steve if he wanted to go with them. Steve actually had a date lined up, but instead decided to drive Anne, Shelda, and Donna Sue to the movie. Once inside, Shelda and Donna Sue disappeared, leaving Steve and Anne to watch the movie without them. They would continue to see each other whenever Steve was home.

In May 1961, Steve was transferred to the Naval Radio station in Virginia's Dismal Swamp and he made the rank of E6. He and Anne were married in June. Their daughter, Mirenda, was born the following February. They left Norfolk in September 1962 for Bambridge, MD where Steve spent a year in advanced training school for advanced equipment. From there, Steve was stationed 1600 miles out in the ocean on the Aleutian Island of Adak, AK. Anne stayed with her sister, Donna Sue, in Lake Swamp, waiting on the arrival of their first son, Steve Albert. With 6 month old Steve Albert on her hip, a heavy diaper bag on her shoulder, and 2 year old Mirenda in tow, Anne made her first plane trip and they joined Steve in Adak. They were in Adak when the big M9.2 earthquake occurred in March of 1964 in the Prince William Sound region of Alaska, generating a major tsunami that caused casualties and damage from the Kodiak Islands to northern California. Lasting 4.5 minutes, it was the largest recorded earthquake in US history and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest ever recorded. Officials went door to door advising evacuation to higher ground due to tsunami warnings. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> time Anne had ever heard of a tsunami.

When Steve was stationed in Guam next, Anne again stayed with her sister waiting on the arrival of their second son, Preston. When he was 6 months old, they joined Steve in Guam. Then, while Steve was given a short assignment in Iceland, Anne and the kids returned home and rented a house in Lamar. After that, they moved back to Norfolk, VA. While they were in Norfolk this time, they began attending Northwest Baptist Church and it was here that Steve came to salvation in Jesus Christ on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May 1969.

## The CREW News

As we begin the month of March, The CREW is finally beginning to see some normalcy. We are having MNM on a normal basis and averaging nearly 20 youth. On Wednesdays, during Bible study our numbers are constantly increasing and we are looking forward to see what God has in store for the Spring and Summer. On Monday nights we have just started a new devotion called "Spiritual Reality Check," where students have the opportunity to evaluate their spiritual lives to see if they are being true followers of Christ. We also continue to send cards to our sick and shut-ins. On Wednesday nights we are in the middle of a Bible Study entitled "Defined." It is based off the movie "Overcomer," and it gives youth the opportunity to discover who they are or who they can be in Christ.

We are also excited to announce that Youth Day has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 10th. We invite everyone to come join us as we ask our children to join us in presenting the Gospel in our own special way.

For anyone interested, we will once again be collecting can goods and school supplies for our Atlanta Missions and Wal-Mart gift cards (to purchase supplies instead of paying outrageous shipping prices) for our Puerto Rico Missions. If there are any questions about our Puerto Rico Mission Trip this summer, our next meeting will be Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Those planning to go to Puerto Rico are asked to bring a deposit of \$200.

Suzie and I are very blessed to be part of such a loving church. We thank God daily for bring us to Mechanicsville. Thanks again to everyone who supports our ministries both financially and through prayer.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Stanley

### Encouragement on these Last Days

What a glorious time to be alive! Things are not falling apart, but as my favorite prophecy speaker-Jan Markell- says, "Things are falling into place!" For those who are true believers, we know to look up and not down.

Titus 2:13- Looking for that Blessed Hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. As we recognize so many signs of the times, how can not be thrilled knowing our redemption draws near! So what do we do when so much tragedy surrounds us in these last days? We give people hope by telling them the truth, with gentleness. We comfort them, we show up, we serve them and we love them. We have more opportunities than ever before to share the love of Jesus Christ.

As the Bride of Christ, we must shine brightly, and tell people why we are Not defeated, Not discouraged, and Not deceived. We are given victory, strength, hope, discernment and godly wisdom and we must stand strong and hold the line and never compromise truth. It's going to be hard as our redemption draws near but we have each other. May we be closely knit, of one heart, one mind, and encouraging one another! Keep looking up!

Rhonda Edgerton

**"Let's continue prayers for Pastor Frankie finishing strong and coming home safely to share his story of God's amazing work in Nicaragua and Honduras.**

< Frankie  
6:59 AM, Feb 21

Sunday- February 20- A great day in the Lord and with the Gonzalez family! This PESCAR FAMILY are special people who are moving the Gospel in many creative ways! It's good to see the transformation of families who want to make a difference for Jesus! Mechanicsville Baptist church and close friends- thank you for your commitment! You know who you are and I promise you that your investments are expanding the Kingdom!



**March 13th @  
9:30am**

Thank you for encouraging  
our children to come to  
Church.

### Theme In February

*God's Love.*

### Focus Memory Verse

*Romans 5:8*

*But God demonstrates his  
own love for us in this: While  
we were still sinners, Christ  
died for us.*

### Dates to Remember

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday @ 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt at 05:00pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday @ 10:30am

Join us every week  
for an exciting time,  
learning about God  
through Songs,  
Stories, Crafts and  
great fellowship!!

Sunday Service @  
10:30am

Wednesday  
Service @  
06:30pm

IT IS A BLESSING TO SERVE  
YOUR CHILDREN!  
EVANGELINA DOSAPATI

### Bible Trivia

Q: What was God's sign to Noah  
that he would never destroy the  
earth again?

A: A rainbow

Q: With what did Samson kill 1,000  
Philistines?

A: A donkey's jawbone

### PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Lord, May my  
son/daughter.....not  
conform to the pattern of this  
world, but be transformed  
into a new creation by the  
renewing of his/her mind.  
Help him/her know your will  
and understand what is right  
through your word.

Amen

Romans:12:2





# GRACE MOMENTS



## GRACE MOMENTS upcoming events:

Join us on **Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:00 pm** for a baby shower for A Choice to Make Pregnancy Resource Center. Stay tuned for more information on how we can help this organization.

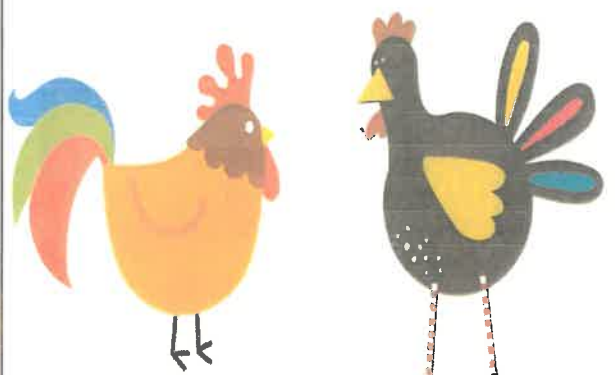
No meeting in April

**Saturday, May 7, 2022- "Fill my Cup" Grace Moments breakfast (more info to come)**

Grace Moments Beach Retreat was an enjoyment for all 12 women! We gathered together and studied about REST, being RESTORED and being READY to share the gospel with others. It was a surprise to wake up on Saturday morning with a view of the snow on the inlet. Later we were able to take a stroll down to the ocean for some quiet time and reflection. We ended Saturday afternoon with a trip out to eat with some great entertainment from one of our own and some ice cream. Everyone had a great time as we worshipped and sang on our van ride! Sunday morning we gathered for our last session of the weekend and discussed being READY for sharing the gospel in our community and reaching out to others. It was an awesome time of fellowship, fun, and restoration.

*Ephesians 4:23 - Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

We also met at the beginning of February and were able to bring food for our very own Blessing Box and gathered over at least 50 food items as well as took up a love offering for a special family. We also showed love by sending cards.



Peaceful Piecemakers will feature an UGLY CHICKEN contest on April 8th during our Spring Fund Raiser. Stop by and vote for the ugliest chicken in the coop. You vote with your change or dollars having every penny count as one vote. The proceeds of the contest will go to feed the BLESSED BOX. We will have about 8 to 9 ugly chickens on display in a chicken coop. Please stop by and help us decide what chicken will wear the crown and help us help others.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6th- **Pray & Go Ministry** Starts @ 5pm

March 28th- **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** Starts @ 6pm

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

COMMUNITY CHANGERS  
2022  
JUNE 12-16  
(Sunday-Thursday)  
\$50

\* Must have completed 6th grade to attend

**Finding Jesus**  
Vacation Bible School  
July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Steve Huntley 843-393-3489	Naveen Dosapati 843-639-2446	Jonathan McInville 843-992-4160	Jimmy Bonnoitt 843-621-1843			
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Fund Raiser Meeting @ 5:30pm</b>	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Deacon Steve Huntley 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time Pray & GO 5pm	ISI 6:00pm <b>MNM</b> 6pm	<b>Community Changers Meeting @ 5:30pm</b>	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Deacon Naveen Dosapati 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time Pray & GO 5pm 	ISI 6:00pm <b>MNM</b> 6pm	<b>Fund Raiser Meeting @ 5:30pm</b>	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study	Church Council Meeting @ 5:30pm 		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deacon Jonathan McInville 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time Pray & GO 5pm	ISI 6:00pm <b>MNM</b> 6pm		6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study	<b>VBS Meeting @ 5:30</b> 		
27	28	29	30	31		
Deacon Jimmy Bonnoitt 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time Pray & GO 5pm	ISI 6:00pm <b>MNM</b> 6pm	<b>Fund Raiser Meeting @ 5:30pm</b>	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study	<b>GRACE MOMENTS @ 6:00</b>		

Save The Date  
Sunday School  
starts back on the  
13th  
at 9:30am!

# MARCH



28-Jacob Heatherly  
30-Rene' Bryant  
31-Cyndi Rice

- 02-Sherri O'Neal
- 05-Ally Skinner
- 07-Adeen Odum  
Phyllis Daisy
- 11-Steve Graves
- 13-Adrianna Weatherford
- 14-Will Adams
- 18-Mahlon Bonnoitt  
Elizabeth Owens  
Sean Moody
- 19-Cassandra Bonnoitt  
Barbara Huggins
- 21-Jonathan McInville  
Johnny McInville
- 25-William Leslie  
Randy James
- 26-Brayden Lewis  
Shelly George



- 03-Larry & Myra Mims
- 05-Jimmy & Rene' Bryant
- 07-Jacob & Bailee Heatherly
- 13-Steve & Sandy Graves
- 31-Anthony & Elizabeth Owens



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