

PRAYER CONCERNS

Press Beattie (brother of **John Beattie**, open-heart surgery); **Lyndell Becker**; **Kathryn Beckham** (home hospice, Columbia); **Cathy Britton** (dislocated elbow); **MaryAnn Chapman** (health issues); **David Fletcher**; Beverly Kemp (sister of **Kathryn Beckham**, pneumonia); Mike Shelley (brother of **Dianne Byrd**, tumor behind eye); Whitney Terry (niece of Wendi Beattie, breast cancer)

**** If your prayer need is resolved, or if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 843-383-5169 or office@stlukehartsville.com. We will keep all prayer requests in the Newsletter for one month. After that, they will be removed unless you tell us otherwise.**

BOY SCOUTS HARTSVILLE SC-TROOP 523 CHICKEN BOG FUNDRAISER



April 16th
11:00-1:00
ST Luke Methodist

\$10 DONATION



All proceeds go to benefit the local troop.

BOG provided by Oliver Segars and Jamie Beasley

APRIL

HARTSVILLE
Food Bank
Canned Fruits
Cereal

Pastoral Visitation

Pastor Todd enjoys visiting St. Luke disciples. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com



St Luke
Methodist Church

April 9, 2026

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM-4:00 PM

The deadline for submitting information for the St. Luke Newsletter is the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Noon.

If you have a Pastoral Care emergency outside of regular church office hours, please email Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com

GOOD NEWS

"Experience is sufficient to confirm a doctrine which is grounded in Scripture."

Experience has always played a vital part within the Wesleyan movement. From that still small voice heard in prayer to the ecstatic encounter of worship, the early Methodists placed great emphasis on experiencing the transforming love of God. This is why John Wesley penned the words above in his sermon, "The Witness of the Spirit, II."

Not every tradition within Christianity places such emphasis on experience. But as the Wesley brothers (and many others) were swept up in the Evangelical Revival, experience became a hallmark of the movement. We can read about the experiences of conversion, assurance, and even entire sanctification in many of the testimonies left by the early Methodists. These testimonies were inspiring then, and they are inspiring now.

The Incarnation of Christ is at the heart of our faith, and so experience of Christ should be a part of the Christian life. St. John wrote about this in the first few verses 1 John when he talked about seeing, touching, beholding (i.e. experiencing) the Word of life. By the power of the Spirit, we continue to experience Christ, in the means of grace and most notably in the sacraments.

But what role does experience play when it comes to doctrine and the Christian life? This has always been a challenge for an experience-oriented movement. In the Fetter Lane Society where the Wesley brothers, George Whitefield, and others first gathered at the beginning of the Revival, experience got out of hand.

A group called the "French Prophets" became a part of the Society and made claims to ecstatic visions. One of these "prophets" claimed to have had a vision telling her who in the society should be married to who, including people already married! She broke up marriages. This ended when Charles Wesley came in and swiftly brought an end to the scheme. Charles was often leery of too much emphasis on experience.

At the same time, we can see that experience is a wonderful part of the Christian life, but (and here's the key) it needs to be grounded in Scripture. Part of the reason for this is because we know that our experience isn't always trustworthy. We are fallen, and that fallenness impacts every part of our lives. A more grounded approach then, would be to say that we can experience the promises of Scripture, that we can experience the Christ revealed in Scripture, and the Holy Spirit promised in Scripture. But that experience needs to be grounded.

As Wesleyans, we should never relegate the experience of God, but we can be assured of its benefit when we ground it in Scripture, assured that the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, the same Spirit who inspired the writing of Scripture itself, continues to work in our hearts and lives – a comfort and a blessing that we can trust. May God bless you, **Pastor Todd**



2026
Collection Drive

April Items
of the Month

Stickers, Coloring Books, Crayons,
Outside Chalk, Jump Ropes

For more info contact
Jessica Bedenbaugh or **Kim Taylor**

NEED A RIDE?

WE HAVE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT OUR HOMEBOUND DISCIPLES AND OTHERS WHO MAY NEED A RIDE TO:

NON-EMERGENCY DOCTOR VISITS
XRAY AND LAB APPOINTMENTS
PHARMACY
GROCERY STORE

VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE
MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM-
5:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION MUST BE
SECURED AT LEAST 3 DAYS IN
ADVANCE

A LIST OF VOLUNTEER
CONTACT INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING
THE CHURCH OFFICE.



April

- 1 Sarah Watkins
- 2 Ted Newman
- 3 Ken Evans
- 4 Peggy Query
- 7 Norm Roberson
- 8 Jacob Bedenbaugh
- 10 Bruce Bogardus
- 10 Calvin Babb
- 13 Amelia Brown
- 13 Feeka Ewing
- 14 Ron McElhannon
- 14 Justin Evans
- 14 Emily Culbreath
- 15 Jessica Bedenbaugh
- 15 Judy Lyles
- 17 Melanie Jackson
- 19 Carter Johnson
- 21 Garrett Brown
- 22 Lucas Saleeby
- 23 Linda Ann More
- 24 Grady Weaver
- 25 Betsy Howle
- 25 Lainey Calabrese
- 26 Ginger Manning
- 26 Roger Buckley
- 27 Ella Alexander
- 28 Bryer Bedenbaugh
- 29 Kate Buckley
- 29 Jay Lopiccolo
- 30 Don Lockman



April

- 3 Sandra & Don Gaskins
- 5 Chip & Patsy Auman
- 10 Richard & Linda Cook
- 15 Eddie & Linda Drayton
- 16 Charlie & Teresa Johnson
- 17 Jason & Jordan Murdock
- 19 Ken & Alison Evans
- 23 Richie & Sherry Galloway
- 23 Glenn & Debra Beckham
- 30 Greg & Cissy Alexander
- 30 Judson & Stephanie Shaw

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 9

8:30 AM Disciple Bible Study
Sunday, April 12
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Worship Service and Children's Church
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour

Monday, April 13

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study
 12:00 PM Dannie Newsome Circle
Tuesday, April 14
 4:30 PM Evangelism Team Meeting
 6:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, April 15

2:00 PM Ladies Game Day
 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

8:30 AM Disciple Bible Study
 11:00 AM Boy Scout Chicken Bog

Sunday, April 19

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Worship Service and Children's Church
 11:15 AM Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary Renovation
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour

Monday, April 20

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study
 6:00 PM Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary Renovation

Tuesday, April 21

6:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22

2:00 PM Ladies' Game Day
 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Holy Spirit Bible Study Series 1

Thursday, April 23

8:30 AM Disciple Bible Study

CHURCH TEAMS

April Greeters

Deborah Griggs, Debra & Glenn Beckham

Counting Committee

April 12: Bill Query, Kevin Kelley
 April 19: Scott Cameron, Kevin Kelley

April Ushers

Bob Braddock (Captain), Joseph Ringer, Mike McConnell, Wayne Jeffords, Donnie Aumen, Storm Beasley, Al Sansbury

Bereavement Meal Committee # 4

Alison Evans, Sara Odom, Donna Cameron, Nancy Edinger, Jennifer Evans, Ginger Manning, Betty Coke Lawson, Jeannette Galloway

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

Weekly Contributions

March 22: \$9,892.00 March 29: \$13,972.00 April 5: \$41,450.33

Weekly Worship Attendance

March 22: 197 March 29: 209 April 5 Sunrise: 82 April 5 Easter: 289

Graduation Sunday—May 10th

Please join us on Sunday, May 10, as we celebrate and honor all of our graduates during the worship service. This is a special time for our church family to recognize their hard work and accomplishments.

Immediately following worship, everyone is invited to a church-wide reception in the Reaves Center. Come enjoy fellowship and help us congratulate our graduates on this important milestone!



Welcome, New Members

We had the wonderful joy of formally welcoming **Ruth Ann Jones, Patty Fisher and Gail Eubanks as disciples** of Jesus Christ on mission with God through the ministries of St. Luke Global Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Please extend a special WELCOME! to Ruth Ann, Patty and Gail when you see them in church!



Ruth Ann joined St. Luke by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a life-long Methodist and loves being active in the life of the church. She loves worship at St. Luke and how welcoming the disciples of St. Luke have been to her and her friends from Cheraw.



Patty joined St. Luke by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in the Methodist denomination. She loves the friendliness, love and care of St. Luke, and the bible studies that encourage fellowship and friendship.



Gail joined St. Luke by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in the Methodist church. She loves St. Luke's welcoming spirit, and the presence of God's Holy Spirit through worship, music, and Bible study.

Sanctuary and Narthex Renovation Town Hall Meetings

Sunday, April 19th
following worship
or
Monday, April 20th
6:00 pm



For more information,
please contact
Ben Gore or Pastor Todd

DISCIPLE

FAST TRACK

Remember Who You Are

- Immersive study of the books of the Old Testament Prophets
 - Read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily
 - 75-minute group session once a week, **Mondays at 10 am**

Begins May 4
Study Guides- \$17

To register contact:
Courtney Eubanks

The Holy Spirit Study Series

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning April 22

Learning to Hear God's Voice
Tuesdays at 10 am or Wednesdays at 6 pm
beginning May 26

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Tuesdays at 10 am or Wednesdays at 6 pm
beginning July 7

Each study will be 4 weeks.
Sessions will last an hour.

For more info and to register, contact Courtney Eubanks