

# Chester Baptist Church

**CONGRATS**  
**CLASS OF**  
**2019**

Preschool Graduation, June 12, 7:00 PM

Graduate Recognition, June 9  
9:45 AM & 11:00 AM



**FEARLESS**

*STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.*

*1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14*

Passport Camp, June 16-21

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## **Lloyd's Lines—Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor**

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**Summer is here!!** I enjoy the different seasons of the year, but there is something special about summer. Children are out of school. Many of us take vacations and for the most part we are on a slower pace of life. This summer around Chester Baptist, however, is active.

Houston Blake is our youth ministry intern and she, along with Megan Parrish (who is doing an internship at River Road Church, Baptist), has just returned from orientation training at Emory University. Our Wednesday night activities are taking a break for the summer, but the youth will continue to meet on Wednesday night until they go to Passport. After their week at camp, they will meet every Tuesday – for a Tuesday Hang. This will consist of a movie, lunch and preparation for youth Sunday.

Let me share some other upcoming activities and events. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> my father, Rev. Vernon Braswell, preached at both services. I am excited to have my parents visit that weekend and for my dad to be preaching. June 9<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing our high school and college graduates during our worship services. June 9<sup>th</sup> is also Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is fitting to recognize the graduates and focus on how the Spirit gives us the power to move forward in life and to do the things God has called us to do. After the 11:00 worship on the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a called business meeting to vote on the ministry position that will include ministry to our youth.

June 16<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day. This is a great time to focus on the importance of the family to learn about God and to grow closer to God. Our youth will be going to Passport Camp June 16-21. On June 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined worship service in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. All Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 a.m. There will be a covered dish meal after the service. Looking ahead, our Vacation Bible School will be August 4-8 and Youth Sunday will be August 11<sup>th</sup>.

There are a lot of activities and ministries taking place during the summer months. During the summer many of you will be taking vacations. When you are away I encourage you to worship at other churches. I always enjoy joining other Christians in worship and learning different ways of worship.

With people being away on vacations, church attendance and giving are typically down during the summer months. Let's work to not follow that trend. Be sure to give your tithes on the Sundays that you are in town. Let's also all make an effort to reach out to inactive members and friends who do not attend church and invite them to join you for Sunday School and worship. If we will all make a commitment to reach out to others then this summer we could reverse the trend and increase our attendance!

God Bless You.  
Lloyd

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## **Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!**

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Mark your calendars for VBS! August 4-8! We need YOU to make it a success. Please contact Crystal Williams, 986-7471, or the church office, 748-2939, if you would like to help! Use the link below to register as a volunteer or a participant:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/45f133>



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## **Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates!!**

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### High School Graduates

*Jackson Brockwell* will graduate from Thomas Dale High School. He plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall. He is the son of Bruce and Tammy Brockwell.

*Lauren Elizabeth Sullivan* will graduate from Matoaca High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. She plans to attend John Tyler Community College in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie Joe and Nancy Berger.

*Lauren Zuskin* will graduate from Thomas Dale High School. She plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall, majoring in Animal Sciences with a Pre-vet track. She is the daughter of Mark Zuskin and Lisa Zuskin.

### College Graduates

*Hope Magee Nycum* graduated from University of Virginia. She graduated with the highest distinction as Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society. Hope plans to pursue a Master's of Divinity.



### **Mr. Mac's Music Notes**

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It is a joy to me when the church family asks, "Could we please sing...." Our hymnal has over 800 hymns and spiritual songs in it. Do you have any requests? Please list specific titles of the songs that you'd like to sing during the traditional service. Toss the list into the offering plate; give it to the office, or give it to Mr. Mac!



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## **Welcome Houston Blake as our Youth Intern!!!**

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Welcome Houston Blake as our summer Youth Intern! Houston recently completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training for the United States Army Reserves. Houston will be working with the Youth for 10 weeks this summer though Student.church supported by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

Houston will also be traveling to the CBF Global Assembly in Alabama later this month to be presented an award for one of 25 CBF's top Youth Leader's to Know!! These 25 young leaders are "hopeful about the future of the church, are deeply invested in ministry, inspire their faith communities to a higher calling, and see their vocations as the means by which God is using them to participate in redeeming the world."

We are so proud of you and happy to have you as our Youth Intern!

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## **Youth News**

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### ***Don't miss these upcoming youth activities!***

Wednesday, June 5: Youth Group (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, June 9: Graduation Recognition Sunday (both services)

Wednesday, June 12: Youth Group (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, June 16-21: PASSPORT Camp

Tuesday, June 25: Tuesday Hangs begin!

Sunday, August 11: Youth Sunday



### **Stay Connected!**

#### ***Follow Chester Baptist Youth on:***

**Instagram: @chesterbcyouth**

**Facebook: Chester Baptist Youth**

**Twitter: @ChesterBCYouth**

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## **Combined Worship Service and Potluck, June 30**

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Mark your calendar for June 30. We will have one service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. (All Sunday school classes will meet at 9:45 a.m.) After worship we will have a potluck in the Great Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share!



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## **Would you like to order a new CBC shirt?**

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If you would like to order a new Chester Baptist Church embroidered polo shirt, please contact the church office. We will put in an order with Lands End on June 15. There are many options and color choices to choose from. The costs vary depending on how many we order. Contact the church office for more information, 748-2939.



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## **Thank you!**

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Chester Baptist Church,

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards that were sent during James' illness and passing. Also, thank you to those who donated to the benevolence fund on James' behalf. Chester Baptist is the best!

Pam Setterholm



To our dear friends at Chester Baptist Church,

Many thanks for all of the cards, calls, prayers, visits, food and all the concern for me during the time of my recent shoulder replacement surgery. Also, thank you to Lloyd for his constant care to me and my family.

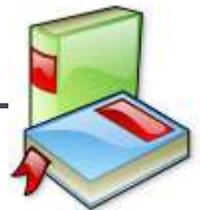
In Christian Love,

Don Blake

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## ***A BIG Thank You from the Library***

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Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, celebrated and made the Virginia Church Library Conference such a success! Our Jewel Barger is not only the librarian for Chester Baptist Church, but the Education Director for the Virginia Church Library Association. This conference brought people from as far away as California, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Carolina, Maryland and Delaware.

There were so many compliments on the facilities, the people who helped, the food, the service this church offers to the community, and, of course – our library.

All of this is because of the love, caring and devotion that Chester Baptist Church offers.

There are too many people to name, but know that each and every one of you gets free hugs, free coffee and much gratitude from Jewel.

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## ***Prayers for Chris Berger and Megan Parrish***

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Christopher has officially begun his summer as a Bible Study Leader with Passport Camps. Please be in prayer for Chris this summer as he ministers to children from across the country. He will be traveling to 7 different locations across the southeastern part of the United States working with PASSPORT KIDS.

Megan Parrish is working as a summer Youth Intern at River Road Church, Baptist. Please be in prayer for Megan as she works with their youth for 10 weeks this summer though Student.church supported by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

## **New in the Library**

***Father's Day is celebrated during the month of June. The library has a large section of men, family and marriage books. We invite you to come in and see what's new to check out. The library is located off the back parking lot entrance by the nursery suite and children's area. Come by the library for coffee, chat and fellowship.***

### **Adult**

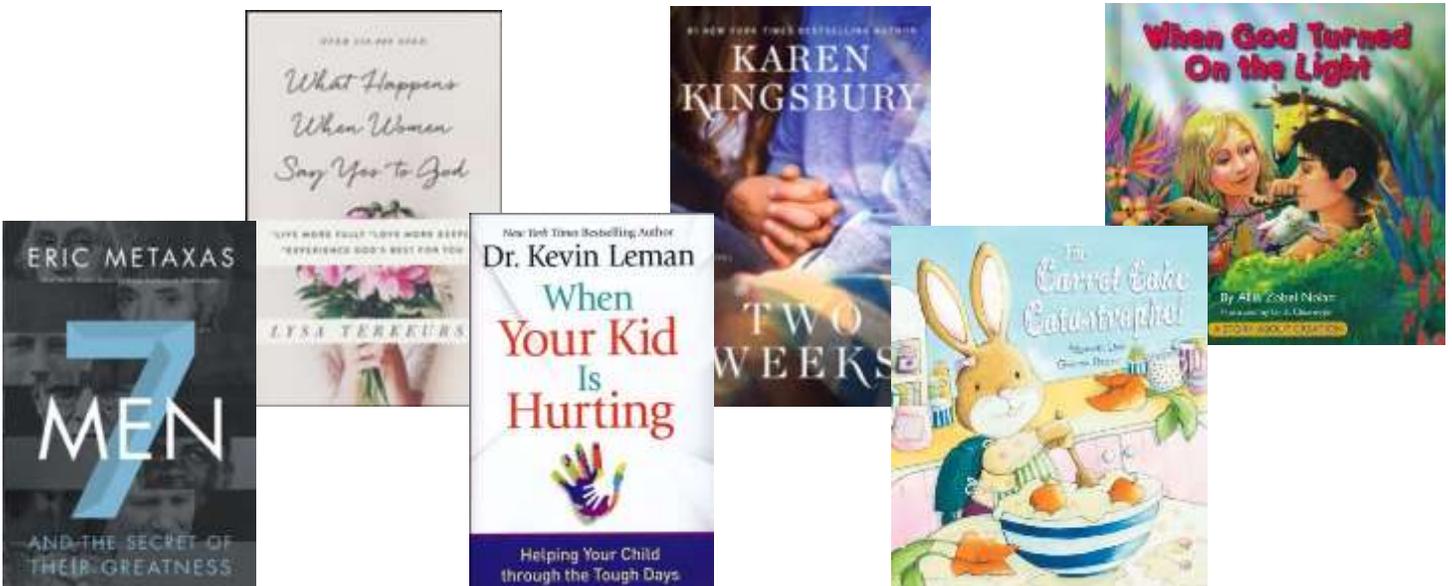
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231.1/GIG *Seven Men and the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas  
*Not Forsaken: Finding Freedom as Sons & Daughters of a Perfect Father* by Louie Giglio
- 248.86/TER *Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely* by Lysa TerKeurst
- 248.843/TER *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa TerKeurst
- 649.1/LEM *When Your Kid is Hurting: Helping Your Child Through the Tough Days* by Dr. Kevin Leman
- F/EVA/A-03 *The Broken Road Trilogy Series - The Road Home* by Richard Paul Evans
- F/KIN/L-05 *Baxter Family Collection Series - Two Weeks* by Karen Kingsbury
- F/YOU *The Solace of Water: A Novel* by Elizabeth Byler Younts

### **Juvenile**

- The Secrets of the Hidden Scrolls Series by M.J. Thomas***  
JF/THO A-01 *The Beginning*; A-02 *Race to the Ark*; A-03 *The Great Escape*; A-04 *Journey to Jericho*
- JF/WHE *The Secrets of the Creeping Desert and Other Mysteries For Boys* by Joe Wheeler

### **Children**

- C226.7/CHA *Goodbye to Goodbyes: A True Story About Jesus, Lazarus and an Empty Tomb* by Lauren Chandler
- C231.7/NOL *When God Turned On The Light: A Story About Creation* by Allia Zobel Nolan
- CE/DAL *The Carrot Cake Catastrophe* by Elizabeth Dale



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## ***Our Love and Sympathy***

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...to Lillian Massie and family. Lillian's sister, Carrie McCloud, went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 6.



...to Barbara Stargardt and family. Barbara's daughter, Debbie Stargardt, went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 20.



...to Nancy Berger and family. Nancy's brother, Edward Arnold, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 29.

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## ***Save the Date!***

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**ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 at 4 p.m.  
WHITE BANK PARK**



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## ***Our New Website is up and going! Check it out!***

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Be sure to log on to [chesterbaptist.com](http://chesterbaptist.com) and check out our new website that launched June 1st. There are lots of new features and we are excited to share them with you!



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## ***Outreach Ministry Team Fundraiser***

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The Outreach Ministry Team is having a fundraiser. The fundraiser will benefit outreach activities and initiatives. We are selling 24 ounce, double insulated, BPA free tumblers. The tumblers has the church logo on them. They are similar to the Tervis tumblers, but they are not the Tervis brand. The cost is \$20 each. If you would to purchase one, please contact Crystal Hill at [hcry5ta1@verizon.net](mailto:hcry5ta1@verizon.net) or call or text 894-2254. They are also available in the church office.



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## ***Join us for Sunday School!***

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In the sanctuary foyer, great hall, and Sunday school office you will find information about each Sunday school class, the name of the teacher, type of Bible study material used, and a statement about the purpose of each class. If you are a visitor, or if you do not attend a Sunday school class, pick up a copy. We encourage everyone to participate in the study of God's Word.



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## ***Rusty's Rap Session***

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The Birds, the Bees, the Flowers, the Trees, the Earth, the Seas, God, Jesus, Us and Me.....

I have been moved by recent events to write about something that all Christians should hold important but we all too often leave unsaid and some even consider to be foolish. What is God's stance on Ecology? If we truly believe that God created the Earth and everything in it, certainly He did not intend for us to abuse His creation. If He is the loving God that we believe Him to be, (and He certainly is...), then the Earth He created and everything in it would certainly be for our benefit and blessing. What then is our responsibility? More importantly, what is the heart of God when it comes to our stewardship of the Earth?

The Genesis story of creation makes it quite obvious that God created everything. He created the Heavens and the Earth. He created the mountains, the seas, the sky and the ground. He created the trees and plants. He created the insects, the crawling things, the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the reptiles. He created domestic animals and wild animals. He created everything in five days. On the sixth day he created mankind, but with mankind He did something different. He said that mankind would be a representation of God by being "made in Our image." He went on to say that mankind was made, "in Our likeness." That word "likeness" means to have the same qualities as, or to bear a resemblance to. First, he created Adam, then He created Eve; both were created on the sixth day; according to the Genesis account. He also gave specific instructions to Adam and Eve about man's responsibilities concerning the earth and all of its creatures. The Genesis account says, "let them have dominion over" all creatures in the sea, in the air and on land. God also said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it"....

According to the Genesis account God gave man absolute authority to rule over all of His creation. He gave man a directive to replenish the earth. The word "replenish" in the Hebrew means to fill up by procreation, but it also means to dedicate it to a higher purpose. The word subdue means to "bring under control", much the way one would bring a wild horse under control to enhance its usefulness, but also to care for it as a valuable asset.

If we take God's directive to Adam and Eve at face value for what it is, we see God's plan for man's interaction with His creation. Mankind is to be His representation and act using the character qualities that exhibit who He is rather than what we want. Having "dominion" over the earth gives man the power to rule over it, but there is a qualifier. Mankind is to rule over the earth in the "image" of and as a representative of who God is, and to subdue it, or bring it under control for better usefulness.

Anyone who has ever worked a garden knows this type of commitment. The gardener has complete dominion over the garden. But he is not a tyrant when it comes to the garden, rather he is the garden's servant. He breaks the ground, plants, fertilizes and waters the seed. As it grows the gardener tends it, pulling weeds and protecting it from insects and animals so that the full benefit of the garden will be realized when the plants bear fruit. He subdues and controls the garden by pruning the plants to ensure they grow as healthy as possible. The character of the gardener is one of steadfast commitment and servitude for what he has been entrusted. That, I believe, is how God wants us to treat not only the earth, but everything and everyone He brings into our individual lives.

Why, one may ask, is this important? I believe that attitude is everything. Jesus said that the "greatest among you will be the servant of all." He also stated that He did not come to "be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many", Mark 10:45. It takes a servant to care for the everyday things of life. Servants care for people, for animals, for forests, for the environment. Servant care for all things. Servants share the gospel, to and look to help provide for the well being of others. If we have the right heart, our lives are not about us. They are about fulfilling God's purposes for our lives and that means, we are servants of everything that God has entrusted to us.

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## ***Rusty's Rap continued...***

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We are stewards. No more, no less. We are stewards of our relationships, stewards of our finances, stewards of our careers, of our education, of our families; and yes, we are stewards of the earth. We really do not own anything, yet we are given the responsibility and the privilege to be the representation of who God is in our dealing with not only His creation and created things but in all of our interactions with people as well. Proverbs 12:10 states, "The righteous care for the needs of their animals..." I sincerely believe that how people treat the weak, whether that be things or people, reveals much about our character. Those with the character of Christ will treat others, especially the weak, with empathy and respect. The character of Christ is considerate of others, it is considerate of nature, it is considerate of all things. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:17 ..."by Him (Christ) all things consist." All of creation is held together by Christ Himself. That reality demands that in and toward all things we act as representatives of who He is.

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### ***Prayer Team Message***

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28**



Do you ever have a tough day? I do sometimes, and when I am having a particularly bad day, I look for help. This verse is one that helps me. It reminds me that the day was not made so that all MY plans and expectations happen, but instead are designed according to God's plan. I know that that plan is going to work out and that it will be good.

It is in God's hands. And in that knowledge, I can not only relax, but can choose to rejoice!

**This is the day the Lord has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Psalm 118:24**

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### ***Online Giving Available***

Online giving allows you to make contributions anytime, not just on Sunday. You can also set up scheduled contributions. To get started go to our website at [www.chesterbaptist.com](http://www.chesterbaptist.com) and select **Donate** and then **Donate Online** from the toolbar, or scan the QR code to the right. You can login in as a member (**1<sup>st</sup> time users must create a login**) or as a guest. All contributors will be sent a receipt to their e-mail address. A pamphlet with more detailed information can be found in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Great Hall. Contact Linda Gwaltney or Susan Meredith with any questions. Church Office: 748-2939.



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## **Celebration Corner**

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### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

- \*June 2– Ed & Dorothy Stansfield
- \*June 4– Chuck & Mildred Freeman
- \*June 6– Emmitt & Ann Totty
- \*June 10– Bob & Shelby Bowles
- \*June 11– Gary & Kathy Lilley
- \*June 18– Kevin & Nina Greene, David & Kathy Williams
- \*June 20– Bill & Roberta Damon, Tim & Susan Meredith
- \*June 25– Ronnie & Brenda Miller

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## **Deacon's Corner**

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Have you ever put off an opportunity and later regretted it? *Procrastinating about service to others is a double-edged sword: not only do we fail to extend a blessing, but we miss the blessing that comes with being a blessing! Instead of a double blessing, procrastination results in no blessings at all.*

(David Jeremiah Morning and Evening Devotions)

If God gives you the opportunity of serving as a deacon at our church, don't procrastinate and fail to say yes. You will have the privilege to bless and be blessed at the same time.

During the month of May, the deacons were blessed by many of you who supported our "Golf Outing" to raise money for the Deacon Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded in June to one or more of our youth, if they meet the criteria for this honor. In the past we have been able to award \$13,500 to qualified youth who have applied. We would like to thank the golfers who participated in the tournament, those who sponsored holes, and the volunteers who served our lunch. A special thank you goes to Ronnie Stewart, the owner of Nanny's Restaurant, who provided the delicious food as a donation to the deacon project. What an act of kindness!

The deacons were also blessed in May by serving communion to some of our homebound members, sending cards to those on the prayer list, visiting many in the hospital, providing food when needed, and performing and receiving acts of kindness within and outside the church family.

Serving as a deacon is certainly a privilege and honor.

Closing Thought: The character of a deacon should reflect his/her love for Jesus while actively doing all he/she can to follow and serve Him.

Kathy Lilley

Deacon Chairman

# Weekly at CBC



## Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Media Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study (including Children)
- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Great Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study for Youth, College & Career, and Berea

## Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Media Library Open
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Sept.-May)

## Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Media Library Open (Sept.-May)
- 6:30 p.m. Media Library Open (Sept.- May)
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner (Sept.-May)
- 6:00 p.m. Activities for all ages (Sept.- May)
- Children's Activities (Nursery-5th Grade)
- Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
- Prayer Meeting
- Ladies' Bible Study
- Media Library Open

## Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Media Library Open
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Monday-Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Chester Baptist Preschool

For an accurate and complete list of all scheduled activities, please access the church calendar at the following website:

<http://chesterbaptist.mhssoftware.com>

## June

- 1 Garnett Osborne
- 2 Sallie Britt, Hema Dayalsingh, Blanche Griffin, Jim Lee, Ronnie Miller
- 3 Leslie Johnson, Sallie Webb
- 4 Travis Phaup
- 5 Samuel Britt
- 6 Jessica Overstreet
- 9 Meredith Blake, Alice Boquist, Daniel Chartters
- 10 Wilma Gartrell, Allison Gwinn, Willie Puryear, Tommy Rinker
- 11 Houston Blake
- 12 Donnie Blake, Jason Totty
- 14 Lisa Beck, Joshua Graf
- 15 Kevin Hood
- 16 Jonathan Parlow
- 17 Kaitlyn Davis, Angie Farrier, Ashley Williams
- 19 Michael Berger, Sean Rinker
- 20 Fred Dill
- 21 Bobby Massie
- 22 Lauren Mills, Kristan Price
- 23 Carrie Brockwell, Buck Herring
- 25 Timothy Dunn, Amy Sink
- 26 Wayne Davis, Robin Moore, Lauren Zuskin
- 27 Noah Harrison, Jackie Landis
- 29 Erik Greene, Tom Magee
- 30 Seth Burkhart, Jacob Chartters

## Building Lock-up Schedule

- Ashley Williams May 26-June 1
- Bobby Parrish June 2- 8
- Paul Sebra June 9-15
- Lloyd Braswell June 16-22
- Paul Damon June 23-29



Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor  
 Randy McConnell, Minister of Music and Worship  
 Rev. Rusty Peaks, Contemporary Worship Leader  
 Edey Parrish, Church Secretary  
 Susan Meredith, Financial Administrator  
 Ellen Sapko, Pianist



Sunday Child Care  
During Worship Services

DEACONS  
For the Week of

Deacons

Pam King	<b><u>June 2</u></b>	Sue Hart	Ashley Williams Eldridge Brock	<b><u>June 2</u></b>	748-9205 748-0557
Kendall Bozarth	<b><u>June 9</u></b>	Robert Wray	Kathy Lilley Greg Gwaltney	<b><u>June 9</u></b>	748-6576 590-0056
Judy Morris	<b><u>June 16</u></b>		Ashley Williams Ellen Sapko	<b><u>June 16</u></b>	748-9205 814-5566
Gayle Fitzgerald	<b><u>June 23</u></b>		Landa Cook Michael King	<b><u>June 23</u></b>	639-0588 748-6850
Crystal Hill Robert Wray	<b><u>June 30</u></b>	Kimberly Sasser	Eldridge Brock Ken Woodcock	<b><u>June 30</u></b>	748-0557 748-3269



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**Our mission is to create devoted followers  
of Jesus Christ.**

*Each Sunday see calendar for possible changes:*

Morning Worship Contemporary (Great Hall) 9:45 AM  
Traditional (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM

Sunday School 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:00 AM