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# Beacon

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING MARCH 9, 2025 DURING 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

**CSBC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 - 12:00 NOON**

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**SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF FAMILIES**

Last Sunday our deacons unanimously voted for the following individuals to serve on the search committee for finding the man God is preparing to serve as our Pastor of Families. We are asking the church to confirm these five members and one alternate as our search committee at a called business meeting on Sunday, March 16 immediately after the morning worship service.

Jason Barrett, Vanessa Conway, Kevin Mangan, Suzanne Merrell, LeighAnn Thomas  
Alternate: Malissa Stephens

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▲ **GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP CLUB LUNCH**

The Golden Fellowship Club members will leave on the CSBC bus at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025 for their trip to Seneca Family Restaurant, Seneca, SC. Plan now to attend this event for the month of March. This group always enjoy the company of each other along with the good food that is shared. For further information, please contact Linda Quarles at 864-903-3715.

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**VBS MATERIAL & TRAINING MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025, 5:00 P.M.**

“Visit many good books, but live in the Bible” - Charles Spurgeon



### VISIT THE CSBC LIBRARY

- ◆ Open before and after each church service.
- ◆ Self check-out.
- ◆ Contains Christian fiction books, Bible study books, self-help books, church history books, DVD’s and more.
- ◆ Resources for adults, youth and children.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact one of the Library Committee members: Rhonda Haltiwanger, Angela Long or Anita Stancil.



### CSBC CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS FOR 2025

Ms. Connie Springs is the new coordinator for our Clothes Closet as of 2025. Following is a note from Ms. Connie:

The Clothes Closet is in need of donations of all kinds, especially shoes, coats, bedding and towels. Donations can be brought to the Clothes Closet on Mondays or Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to bring the donations directly to the Clothes Closet, you may contact Ms. Connie to make arrangements for drop off. Call the church office at 864-638-2986.

# Attendance Report

## Weeks of 2-01 - 2-23-25 (Averages for above dates)

Average 10:30 AM Worship Service Attendance (4 Wks.)	189
Average Sunday School Attendance (4 Wks.)	143
Average Weds. PM Adult Bible Study Attendance (Est.)	48
Wednesday PM Youth & Children (4 Wks.) (Est.)	33



### FOOD PANTRY HOURS MONDAY & TUESDAY 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

### Month of February 2025 Information

Total number of households served: 99

Total number of people in the families served: 191

Total number of seniors (65+) served: 39

Total number of adults ages 19-64: 105

Total number of children (under 19) served: 47

Total number of veterans served: 6



### CSBC CLOTHES CLOSET

CLOTHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AT 301 SOUTH LAUREL STREET. WALHALLA, SC 29691

OPEN ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
10:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM

### Month of February 2025

Total Clients - 67

Total Number of Family

Members - 189

Number Under Age 18 - 66

Number Over Age 60 - 39

## **Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

At our February meeting of Golden Fellowship, we were blessed to have as our guest speaker, Kaitlyn Turner, president of the Westminster chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. What we learned that night moved everyone in attendance. After the meeting was over, we knew something had to be done. The issue was too important to ignore, and our Golden Fellowship members are too caring to sit idly by.

What we learned that night caught us all by surprise, as we really had no idea of this terrible problem that is literally right under our noses. The problem is children, Oconee County children, sleeping on the floor every night because they do not have a bed to sleep in. Something as simple as a bed with soft sheets, a fluffy mattress, and a pillow, not being available to every child in our community just left us heartbroken. Kaitlyn shared some staggering numbers with us that night. Right now, they currently have over 330 applications for beds for children (ages 3-17) who do not have one. That number is just for children who live in Oconee County! That is unimaginable! Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501-c3 organization that relies solely on the kindness of others to work towards the goal of their motto, "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town". We want to help. The cost of 1 bed is \$250, which covers the wood and hardware to construct the bed, a mattress, a sheet/comforter set, and a pillow. The beds are paid for by donations, and volunteers along with a few SHP builders build the beds at what is called a "Bed Build" event.

These events are planned when they have a group or organization who will partner with SHP and provide the money and volunteers to help build the beds. There is a minimum of 10 beds needed to host a Bed Build, which means to host a Bed Build at College Street Baptist Church, we would need to raise \$2500. Also, we would need a good number of volunteers who could help on "build" day. With the faith to believe God is going to provide, Kaitlyn has agreed to schedule a Bed Build Day to be held at College Street Baptist Church for Saturday, June 21st. A line item has been put in our budget for donations toward this event. Donations can be placed in an offering envelope with the designation "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." If donating by check, please make checks payable to College Street Baptist Church. If we get more than \$2500 total, and we believe we will, we can build more beds that day! It's going to be a wonderful event and will bless so many local children who presently sleep on the floor every night. Please pray about how you can help. We need donations now and volunteers on that day. Also, you can volunteer to help deliver the beds with a SHP team member after the build. All tools and materials will be provided, along with a few SHP builders to oversee the bed construction. No building experience is needed. There will be something for everyone to do on that day. Let's do this, because "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"!

For more information on how you can help, please contact Gary or Rhonda Barker.



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

# HOMEBOUND MEAL TEAMS SCHEDULE MARCH 2025

12-Mar	Vanessa Conway and Connie Springs
19-Mar	Sharon McManamay and Mildred Dodd
26-Mar	Brenda Gibson and Brenda Turner
	FIRST UP April 2 – Eugenia and Greg Tichenor



## *Marketplace Egypt* VBS 2025

This June, multi-age groups, called Families, will step back into Bible times and explore Egypt during the life of Joseph. Kids and adults will participate in a Bible-times marketplace, music, games, Egyptian foods, and visit Joseph in prison and the palace.

Sunday, June 8th - Thursday, June 12th

Time: 6:00 to 8:30pm.

We will need:

- Family Leaders and Assistant Leaders for our multi-age groups
- Shopkeepers for the Marketplace
- Playground Leaders for the Egyptian games we will play
- Joseph and Rameses - meeting with families while you go from prison to the Palace, helping us all to understand that God is with us through good and bad times
- Records keepers and traffic controllers



**SCAN the QR code to sign up!**

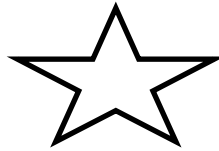
There is a place for everyone, no matter your age!

## **GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE**

- 3-20-25 Seneca Family Brunch (Meet @ CSBC @10:00 a.m. or restaurant @ 10:30 a.m.)
- 4-07-25 Easter Dinner @ CSBC @ 7:00 p.m. (Easter Bingo following dinner)
- 5-15-25 Strawberry Hill for lunch at The Junction (Meet @ church @ 9:00 a.m.)
- 6-16-25 Sisters for breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bus will be taken for this date.

## **YOUTH SCHEDULE**

- 3-16-25 St. Patrick Day Scavenger Hunt @ the Riggs House @ 6:00 p.m.
- 4-13-25 Dinner & egg hunt @ the Riggs house.
- 5-25-25 End of School Party (place and time TBA).



### **Easy Tithe Online Giving Is Now Powered By Ministry Brands**

Easy Tithe has a name change and is now Ministry Brands Amplify online giving. This is the same corporation, but with software improvements for making your tithes, offerings and donations online. Tithing and donating have never been easier, and all existing accounts and records have been automatically transferred. As always, it's quick, easy and secure and you can use debit or credit or check cards, or checking account. Online giving does not replace any of the traditional ways we already give, but is an additional option to those who prefer to make their donations by computer, cell phone or other mobile devices. Our online giving is powered by the Ministry Brands Corporation and this giving platform is used by hundreds of churches across the nation. You can make individual contributions, or you can specify recurring donations. You can specify whether the contribution should go to the general budget or to designated categories. A credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover) or a debit card can be used as well as a regular checking account. The process is secure and confidential, and you will have continual access to your giving records. For more information about online giving, go to [collegestreetbaptist.org](http://collegestreetbaptist.org) or contact the church office at 864-638-2986 or e-mail at [office@collegestreetfamily.org](mailto:office@collegestreetfamily.org).



### **FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION 2025**

YOU WILL HAVE TO **RE-CERTIFY** TO RECEIVE FOOD BEGINNING **JANUARY 2025**. PLEASE BRING VERIFICATION OF YOUR **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** WHEN YOU COME.



### **THANKS**

*Thanks for giving me your ears  
and listening when I need a friend.*

*Thanks for giving me your heart  
and caring so much about me.*

*Thanks for giving me a shoulder  
when I needed someone to lean on.*

*Thanks for giving me a hand  
to help me through many a troubled time.*

*Thank you, Lord for giving me you  
It's been the best gift  
I've ever received!*



### **CSBC MEDIA & SOUND SCHEDULE**

**Month of March 2025**

2. **Sunday, March 9, 2025** -  
Media: Brandon Pearson  
Sound: Joe Rukat
3. **Sunday, March 16, 2025** -  
Media: Tracy Tichenor  
Sound: Jeremy Tichenor
4. **Sunday, March 23, 2025** -  
Media: Brandon Pearson  
Sound: Mike Oakley, Sr.
5. **Sunday, March 30, 2025** -  
Media: Tracy Tichenor  
Sound: Jeremy Tichenor

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you, dear College Street Church family, for all of the cards, calls, texts and gifts of sympathy during the illness and loss of my father. Most importantly, we are deeply grateful for your prayers which have been a source of comfort, strength and encouragement. May God richly bless you for blessing us.

Rhonda & Tim Haltiwanger

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Dear College Street Family,

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the "Son" Flower Clothes Closet. Your donations have provided warmth and comfort to those in need. We continue to need donations, especially children's clothes, toys, towels, linens and kitchen items.

A special thank you is given to:

Rick & June Boaen for assembling shelves for our processing room

Joe Rukat for setting up the security system on the phone.

All of our hard working volunteers: Anne Crenshaw, Rhonda Haltiwanger, Diane Jackson, Katherine Lieftink, Barbara Burrell, Georgia Burrell, Vanessa Conway and Tammy Parker.

Connie Springs



### **I COUNT MY BLESSINGS**

*I count my daily blessings, Lord.  
And try to count them all.  
But, it's like counting all the stars at night  
Or the raindrops, when they fall.*



*For, my blessings are so many  
And my troubles are so few  
That the good always outweighs the bad:  
Due to blessings, sent from You.*



*So, Father, please forgive me  
If I fail to count the ways  
As you have blessed my life immensely.  
Through your love that never strays.*



### **GIVING**

Your arms, so warm, hold me  
My tears, so sweet, you catch.  
Your voice, so still, moves me.  
My pain, so real, you fix.



Your promises, so true, mend me  
My joy, so awesome, you give.  
Giving thanks to you is my honor  
I'll love you forever and ever, Lord.  
Amen

