



**2022**

**Deacons of the Week:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Elmer Overton  
Joey Byrum

10<sup>th</sup> G. Mike Jones  
Mike Layton

17<sup>th</sup> Curtis Byrum  
Lonnie Coker

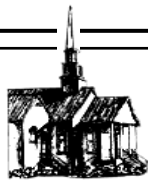
24<sup>th</sup> Kevin Goodwin  
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31<sup>st</sup> Phil Huey  
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Deacon Chairman.....Mathew Simons  
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Secretary.....Rachel Gregory  
Custodian.....Joyce Jack**

**MBC Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**



What is your favorite genre of music? What about when you are feeling sad? Happy? Nostalgic? Funny? If you are like me, my style of music changes based upon my mood. Maybe for you as you get ready to cut the grass you put on a playlist that has some rock, some oldies, or some rap. If we're honest, music is central to our lives and it is all around us. For Israel their playlist was the book of the Psalms. These were the songs that were sung while they worshiped, while they traveled to Israel for the sacrifices, while they experienced death and life, and in every instance of their life. The theologically rich lyrics show our God as strong, majestic, blessed, king, lord, savior, rock, righteous, teacher, sustainer, and lover. We can often read through the 150 Psalms without soaking in the riches of grace contained in the lyrics and prayers of the psalmists. As we travel through a *Summer in the Psalms* here are **six** simple ways that you can use the psalms to help you grow as a disciple of Christ.

#### 1. Sing

I do not think that there is a better way for us to use the Psalms than as our own hymn book. Singing the Psalms may seem daunting at first but there are many resources to help us with the task. There are modern artists that have done the hard work of preparing these Psalms into a melody for us to enjoy and sing to. Shane and Shane, Poor Bishop Hooper, Keith and Kristen Getty, Sovereign Grace Music are some that have albums dedicated to the Psalms. Sing them to your favorite hymns that you know by heart. You are not called to make a *beautiful* melody unto the Lord, but a *joyful* noise unto the Lord. (Psalm 98:4)

#### 2. Pray

Use the Psalms as a prayer manual for yourself. Walk slowly, line by line, in petition and supplication. Let these prayers influence yours. Let them guide you in your devotion to the Lord your God.

#### 3. Praise

There are 278 uses of *praise* throughout the whole Psalms. Praise God for all the things that he has done for you throughout your life, praise him for his steadfast love, praise him for he keeps his promises, *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!* (Psalm 150:6)

#### 4. Weep

As we read through the Psalms we see the hurting, pain, sorrow, and depression of the Psalmist. The psalms of lament show us that it is okay to weep and pray to God with our questions. Mark Vroegop defines lament as, "a prayer of pain that leads to trust"(1) Psalm 3, 13, 22, 42, 44, and 60 are a few psalms of lament.

#### 5. Love

Love the Psalms for in them we find the God who loves us. Be like the blessed man in Psalm 1 who meditates on the instruction of the LORD day and night. Study them and see the God who loved you first.

#### 6. See Jesus

Study the Psalms with a Jesus centered lens. Hopefully through the preaching of the word you have seen Christ in the Psalms. Seek him throughout. He is the blessed man, the anointed king, the one that did not stay in the valley of the shadow of death but defeated death to defeat his enemy and provide for us salvation.

May this Summer in the Psalms draw you closer to Christ, so that you can rejoice in your Lord.

By His Grace, Pastor Chris Lindsey

(1) Mark Vroegop, *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*, Crossway (2019)

### Mark your calendar:

**Vacation Bible School will be July 10-14**

**6:00pm—8:30pm nightly**

**We invite Parents and the Church to join us Thursday**

**July 14 for the commencement ceremony at 7:45 pm**



Unearthing the truth about Jesus.  
Jeremiah 29:13

Reminder to be in prayer for the upcoming August 1-5 Columbia, SC Mission Trip. If you would like to join the Student Ministry in going, please contact Chris Lindsey or come to the information meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following morning worship service.

**We still need another Male and another Female adult to travel with us on this trip.**

### THANK YOU

I want you all to know how thankful I am for the kindness, thoughts, and prayers that you showered me with after my dad passed away recently. Life is hard, but it would be so much harder without having a loving and supportive church family! I love and appreciate you. **-In Christ, Phil Huey**



**MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in July!**

2 Roy Forehand 6 Holt Shaw, Sr. 13 Carroll Skinner 14 Brad May, Kim White 16 Janet Winslow 22 Paul Ainsley 23 Clara Adams, Brandon Jones, Ryan Overton 24 Rose Byrum, Liz Baker 26 Bryant White 28 Lilie Bass 29 Rod Mumma 31 Thomas Skinner



**July 3** - Coffee & Fellowship 9:00am, Morning Worship & The Lord's Supper 11 am

**July 3-9** Fellowship Hall Reserved for VBS set up

**July 4** - Independence Day; Church Office Closed

**July 10-14** - Vacation Bible School 6:00—8:30 pm nightly

**July 17** - Informational meeting for August Mission Trip following morning worship, Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm

**July 19** - Ora Harrell Prayer Group at MBC 12:00 pm

**July 20** - Helen Mitchell Bible Study at MBC at 1:00 pm, Business Meeting 7:30 pm

**July 21** - August Newsletter information due