



March 2024

# CBC Connect

700 South Converse Street. Spartanburg, SC 29306



## Bishop's Heart Preparations for Resurrection

As we are in this Lenten Season we must remember Lent recalls and symbolizes the 40-day temptation of Christ in the wilderness and His journey toward Jerusalem and the Cross. As we fast and pray, we deny ourselves, repent and hopefully draw closer to our Savior. Lent also prepares us for the commemorative death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now some will ask -, who wants to serve a Savior that had to go through so much turmoil and pain? The truth is no one escapes the hardships and pains as well as the joy and gladness of life. Remember in Matthew 5:45 Jesus tells the disciples: He gives His sunlight to both the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. God lifts no one above the turmoil and suffering, not even His Son. Many of us are dropped in the middle of seemingly helpless and hopeless situations with a sustainable faith in Christ. Even Jesus had to endure persecution, pain, and the death of the cross. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus agonized in His humanity over the death of the cross until His body produced sweat drops of blood. Yes, no one escapes their assigned trials and everyone has to cross their Gethsemane! David Larsen in his article "No Cross, No Crown" said, "Groans must go before glory." Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:12 that everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. Then Paul said hold fast to the scriptures because God uses His Word to prepare and equip His people to do every good work. Our victory in Jesus Christ is not a free pass to escape the persecutions of life. God's plan is not to always exonerate His people from trials, but to prepare us to endure hardness as a good soldier. Our model of perseverance is Jesus Christ the Author and Finisher of our faith! Hebrews 12:1-2 says "Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." As we continue fasting and praying looking forward to Resurrection Sunday let us focus on our Savior reflecting on how He died for us, committing in our hearts to live for Him!



# March EVENTS

3rd

300

Men & Women in Black

*Installation  
Sunday*

6th

**Weekly Bible Study & Empowerment Hour**  
In-person - 12 noon  
Virtually - 6:30 p.m.

9th

**CPR Training**  
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
**Girl Scout's Meeting**  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

10th

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME STARTS**  
Spring Forward 1 hour

11th

**Miracle Monday**  
7:00 p.m.  
Bishop Brandon Whitehurst will  
be our guest!

17th

*Shepherd's Staff  
Anniversary*

20th

**Weekly Bible Study & Empowerment Hour**  
In-person - 12 noon  
Virtually - 6:30 p.m.

23rd

**CBC Ushers & Greeters Gatekeepers' Workshop**  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

24th



27th

**Weekly Bible Study & Empowerment Hour**  
In-person - 12 noon  
Virtually - 6:30 p.m.

31st

**Ressurrection  
Sunday**



# April

# Save the Dates

**20th**

## Fla'mingle

*Women's Connection Gathering*

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: CBC Gym

**21st**

## Shepherd's Staff Bake Sale

Support the Shepherd's Staff Ministry for their  
Bake Sale in the concourse before and after our  
morning worship experience.



# Monthly Announcements



**LIVE STREAMING**



Follow us on Facebook (Cornerstone Baptist Church), subscribe to us on YouTube (CB Church Spartanburg) or visit our website ([cbconthegrow.com](http://cbconthegrow.com)) for all worship experiences!

**Reminder**

## Cluster and Ministry Leaders

Please submit any announcements for our CBC Connect Newsletter by the 15th of each month.

**MEETING  
TIME**

## Ministry Leaders

Do you need to reserve a meeting space and time?  
Please consult your Cluster Leader with your requests.

**Fundraising  
EVENT**

Have a fundraising project idea that would bless CBC??  
Please submit your ideas to Minister Aleasha & Minister Akia via email.

# CORNERSTONE



Trustees: Micheal Brown, Donnie Smith,  
Ronnie Smith, Jackie Brown

Deacons: Rodney Tidwell, Johnny Harris,  
Lenny Kindall, Larry Porter, Eric Sullivan

Deaconess: Psyche Tidwell, Lucretia Harris,  
Jennifer Kindall, Carutha Porter



Just remember, while you  
worship and while you tarry...  
**NO FOOD OR DRINK** in the  
AV Room or Sanctuary!



All Ministry Leaders and Members-  
The sensor on the front Paxton  
monitor is working!  
Please press “#” and enter your 4 digit  
pin number.  
For assistance contact  
Minister Aleasha Jackson in the  
church office.

*Offering*  
IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Pay your tithes with ease with  
credit card, debit card, online  
through PayPal or CBC Cash App.

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## Stay Connected

Join us for Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 am, Sunday School at  
8:30 - 9:30 am, and Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am.

Follow us on Facebook and on YouTube  
(CB Church Spartanburg) for all worship experiences  
& virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm!  
Download our CBC App, create a profile and save  
864-689-2996 in your contacts on your phone for important  
notifications. Please note this number is for outgoing calls only and  
cannot receive incoming calls.



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# Encouraging Corner with CoPastor Ohmazing Gift

”The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29 NLT

It was the biggest sale of the year and as a young wife and mother, there I was at the boutique outlet determined to get my daughters two beautiful dresses for Resurrection Sunday. I had been watching these particular dresses for months and finally, the sale was on! Today was the day that I had been waiting for!

So there I stood waiting in line for hours and hours playing out scenarios in my head on how I would strategically get two dresses at one time. Finally, the doors opened. I charged in with an aggressive but gracefully swift dash to grab two dresses in record time before anyone else could get them. Success!!! That was a great day.

Have you ever waited for something so long until you almost talked yourself out of it finally coming to pass? Or have you played our scenarios in your mind of how you would obtain or seek the thing that you waited so long for?

This was the atmosphere at the time of Jesus Christ’s appearance. The people of God knew that He was promised but thirty-two generations and hundreds upon hundreds of years is a long time to wait for the Messiah. John the Baptist was the vessel God used to prepare the people for the gift of His only begotten Son. What anticipation must have filled the air, what excitement and maybe some skepticism too. The most OHMAZING gift of all time was finally ocoming. John the Baptist knew it.

The Apostle John, wrote about John the Baptist proclaiming “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.” The long wait was over! The Messiah had finally come.

Lambs in Biblical times were sacrificed creatures but Jesus’ ultimate sacrificial death on the cross put Him on the altar as the last lamb to be slain. The ultimate price for THE ultimate gift. His death reconciled us back to God. Now as believers, we lay our lives down to love, live, and serve as extensions of His sacrifice. So this isn’t just an amazing thing it’s an OHMAZING thing.

What an OHMAZING GIFT!!!

Our Savior came to set us free and take away our sins, even though He didn’t sin. He died for us giving us the phenomenally OHMAZING gift of salvation, as we believe and call upon HIS name. He is our OHMAZING gift who gave us an OHMAZING gift... salvation and freedom from sin.

Stay encouraged!

Happy Resurrection Day!

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