



April 2024

CBC Connect

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Bishop's Heart Keep Moving Forward

One of our greatest challenges is looking to the future without looking back at our past. Exodus 14:14-15 provides some clarity on how to move forward: “The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. (15) And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward...”. It seems as if Moses is speaking to the people, but in verse 15 Moses is actually speaking to God. God’s response to Moses “Stop crying to me and tell the people to move forward..” can be interpreted as - ‘ I didn’t bring you out to take you back; I didn’t bring you out to leave you now; I didn’t bring you out to camp here; and this is not the land I promised you, so why are you crying. Moses, hold your staff high and stretch your hand out over the sea and the children of Israel will walk across on dry ground.’Moses allowed the pressure from the people and the weight of the assignment to cause him to forget he had power in his mouth and a staff in his hand. Like Moses, God wants us to use the power of our mouths to speak His word and propel us to our purpose. When Moses stretched forth his hand God made the sea part and made dry ground under the water. Now some say it wasn’t the Red Sea, but the Reed Sea, which was more shallow, only a few inches in many places. Well, if it was a Reed Sea with shallow water then God performed an even greater miracle in drowning the entire Egyptian army in shallow or ankle-deep water! Let us stop worrying about our problems, and the pressures of our current circumstances! Let’s start moving forward in faith and watch God fight our battles and drown our problems in the sea!

See you at the top!

Join Bishop...

Sunday,
April 28th, 2024

Greater Hopwell Baptist Church

3:00 p.m.

215 Hickory Drive

Startex, SC 29377

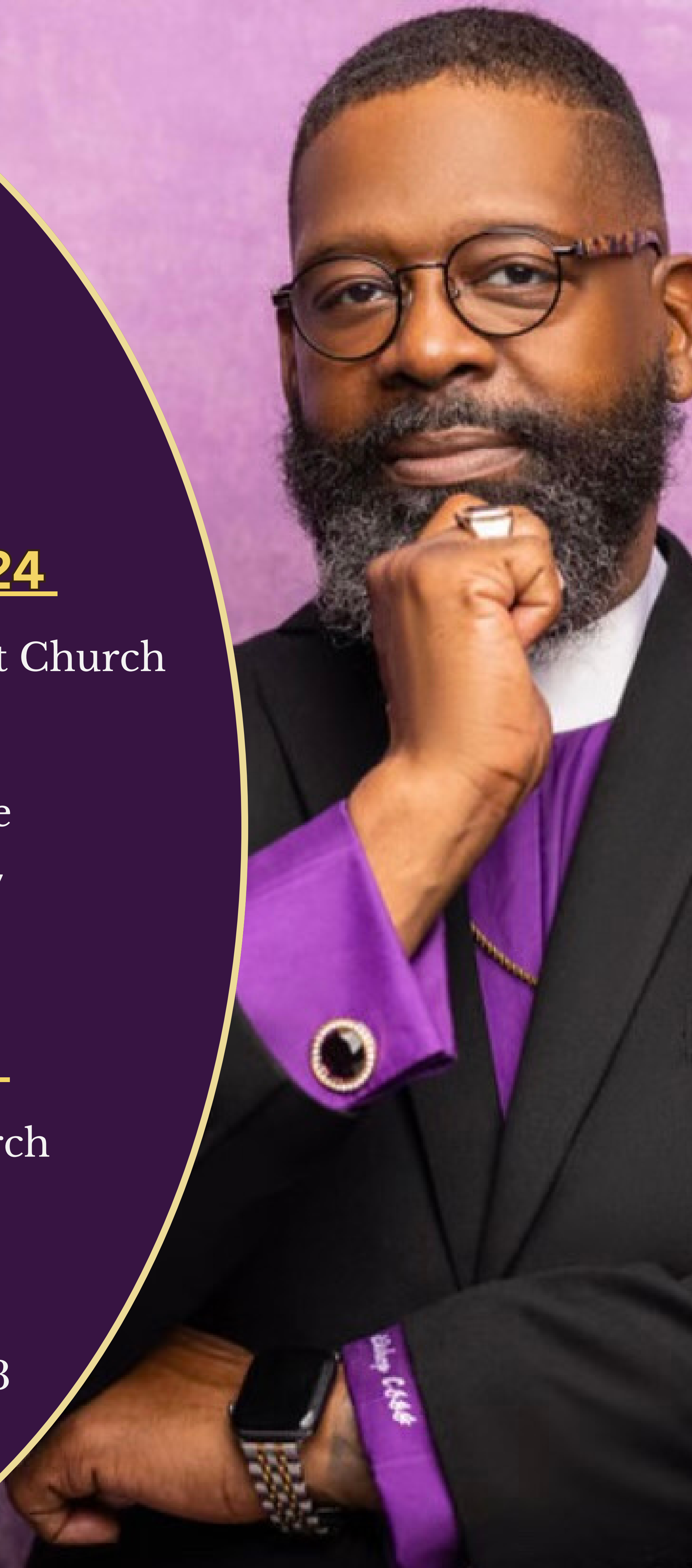
Sunday,
May 5th, 2024

Bethany Baptist Church

2:00 p.m.

618 Forest Street

Jonesville, SC 29373





April EVENTS



Miracle Monday
7:00 p.m

Apostle Sharome Gentry
will be our guest!



**Weekly Bible Study &
Empowerment Hour**

In-person - 12 noon
Virtually - 6:30 p.m.



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Fla'mingle
*Women's Connection
Potluck Gathering*

Sign up in the concourse to bring
your best soul food dish!
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CBC Gym



**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.



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MAY

Save the Dates



11th

Cornerstone

Mother's Ministry Brunch

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 📍 The Piedmont Club

\$25
per Guest
only

Invited guest by a CBC mother must pay by Sunday, April 21st, 2024.
Please see Elder-Elect Angela Jackson for payment and details.



13th

Miracle Monday

Pastor Allen Rector will be our guest!

7:00 p.m.



25th

The Women's Ministry presents...

Canvas, Coffee & Conversations

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 📍 CBC Gym



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) 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: Robert Smith, Sandra Thompson, Melvin Walker, Paulette Young, Hubert Dowell
Deacons: Lee Sartor, Mark Peake, Eric Rookard, Tommy Dawkins, Ann Cuff
Deaconess: Olivia Sartor, Angela Peake, Sylvia Rookard, Nancy Dawkins, Doris Tidwell



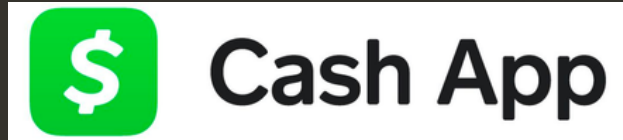

Just remember, while you worship and while you tarry...
NO FOOD OR DRINK in the AV Room or Sanctuary!



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.

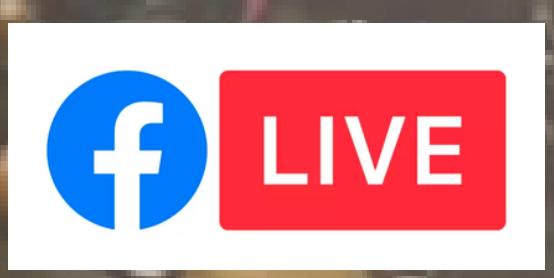


Join us for Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 am, Sunday School at 8:30 - 9:30 am, and Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am.

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 **Lay Down**

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

In a society where our culture celebrates those who take a stand, stand up for themselves, and those who with courage and tenacity build themselves up; paradoxically Jesus, in this scripture shows us the greater path of laying down.

Jesus shows us that serving others doesn't always require us to stand up to be seen but rather to lay down, come down, and kneel down to serve.

As we reflect on the Resurrection and what Jesus did for us, we also can appreciate His “lay down” mission and the purpose of His life and ministry. Jesus came to serve - to lay down His life as a ransom for us. He paid a debt that He did not owe and we owe a debt that we can never repay. How do we attempt to repay the debt? We lay down our lives to serve others in Jesus' Name!

Imagine the journey of our triumphant and priestly Savior. Leaving His throne in glory, clothing Himself in flesh, and walking sin-stricken earth. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, performed miracles, taught and trained followers, made disciples, washed feet, fed multiple thousands, preached the Gospel, and then laid His life down as the sacrificed Lamb of God.

Our focus scripture shares that Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve. He came to show us how to lay down our agendas, our egos, and our selfish self-serving plans to humble ourselves and serve others. What would our world look like if we all came to serve and not be served? What amazing things we could accomplish for the Kingdom of God if we all had a “lay down” mentality. As we go about our daily tasks, let us look for ways to “lay down.” Not in submission to oppressive mindsets and standards, but in submission to the will of the Lord in daily lives. May we look for ways to serve others, and bring glory to our gracious, merciful, and loving Father.

Stay Encouraged!

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