

SUNRISE CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2025

# The Beacon

## Chili Potluck on February 9

Signup in the Fellowship Hall to bring a soup, chili, or cornbread for the Chili Potluck on February 9, following the 10:00 AM Worship Service.

### *The Heart of Christ*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:25-27)

This scripture passage is best known as the Greatest Commandment. It links our love for God with our love for one another. In the Gospel According to Luke, it is immediately followed by the parable of the Good Samaritan, which Jesus tells as an answer to the question: "Who is my neighbor?" It is significant that the answer to the question "which commandment is the greatest" is two-fold. We are called to love God with our whole being and to show that love to one another.



The Greatest Commandment is straightforward. The challenge is in living it daily. As we awake each morning, we know that we will be presented opportunities to express our love for God in what we say, think, and do. In caring for others, we are putting God's love into action!

The Christ Window in our sanctuary is a visual reminder of God's love in Christ our Lord. At the center is *the Heart of Christ*. Christ's outstretched arms are a reminder of our commissioning to *reach out into the world* with loving hands.

In Christ, God showed us how deeply God cares about us. When we take care of others, we are showing the love of Christ. This demonstration of love is powerful and strong enough to transform the world!

The Family Service is being led by a team: Breezy and the Middle School Youth will conduct a Family Service once a month. Neila Cary and Michelle Page have enthusiastically volunteered to lead Family Services.

For February and the first Sunday in March, the theme of the services as well as the Sunday school lessons and crafts will be events in the life of Jesus.

February 2	Baptism of Jesus
February 9	Fishers of Men
February 16	Zacchaeus
February 23	Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
March 2	Jesus Calms the Storm

There is a lot happening around Sunrise! Please read this issue of *The Beacon* carefully. You will notice a number of special events. Also, our Middle School Youth are redecorating the room opposite the library under the skilled leadership of Breezy!

In God's grace,



# February at Sunrise

**Growing Faith's** next meeting will be on February 16th at 9 am in the upstairs classroom. Any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) are invited to join us!

**The Adult Sunday School** class will continue with its Bible study that connects the many familiar stories and people of the Bible. The class meets weekly in the Church Library at 9:00 a.m. There is a video conference option via google meet. ~ Vance

**High School Youth Group** (9th-12th grade) meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the church library. Our evening includes a meet & greet, devotional time, dinner and fun activities such as a beach bonfires, a night at the fair, community service projects and many other fun activities. Come join us and feel free to bring a friend...or two. If there are any questions, please contact Victor Apat at [vapat6604@gmail.com](mailto:vapat6604@gmail.com) or 843-442-1177.

**Middle School Youth Group** (6th-8th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and will also meet February 9th and 23rd from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Sunrise Church. This month's meetings will include working on decorating our new room, dinner, games, and a group devotional. If you have any questions, please reach out to Breezy at [breezy@oursunrise.org](mailto:breezy@oursunrise.org) or (843) 860-9581.

**The Women's Morning Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. After we meet those of us who are able to do so usually regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call Patsy Hindman at (843) 906-8653.

**The Women's Evening Bible Study** will continue their study February 18th at 5:30 pm using *Journaling the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection and Prayer* by Paula Gooder. New participants are always welcome.

**Cents-Ability** is collected the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thanks to you, donations have been made to Neighbors Together, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, and East Cooper Community Outreach. Please continue to give at least two cents per person per meal in the bowl in the Narthex. This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received.

Start off your Tuesdays with the **Jerry Dillon Men's Prayer Breakfast** at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

# Sunrise's 2025 Elders

David Brown (Missions Elder)

Stephanie Kimker (Worship & Music Elder)

Michelle Smith (Pastoral Care Elder)

Helen Panitt (Pastoral Care Elder ~ Congregational Care)

Neila Cary (Fellowship Elder)

Lamar Graves (Building & Grounds Elder)

Ray Dickinson (Clerk of Session, Elder)

Cal McRae (Finance Elder)

Mark Plecity (Personnel Elder)

Jim Bonheimer (Welcoming and Assimilation Elder)

Thank you to Jon Mersereau, Andy Rhyne, Jimmy Hiers, and Shauna Nelson who rotated off this session.

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## Valentine's Breakfast hosted by the Jerry Dillon Men's Breakfast Group

invites you to join them for fellowship and food on February 11th at 9 am to celebrate Valentine's Day.  
Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



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## Thank you for your generous contribution to the Remembrance Garden...

- In memory of Dick Blanchard, Betty Imsande, Ernest Thomas, Bill Dawson,  
and Tim Kane given by Roberta Blanchard and René Severns

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## Souper Bowl of Caring • February 9th

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Again this year, we will be donating to the College of Charleston Cougar Food Pantry which is a student led organization created to combat food insecurity while helping to unify the College of Charleston campus through collaboration and student involvement. You may bring in canned or dry goods and drop them off in the bin in the Narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall doors. If you would like to make a monetary donation, we encourage you to donate directly at <https://give.cofc.edu/donate>.

Thank you!

# The Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is looking for additional participants. This important Sunrise Ministry requires very little time and effort. When you receive a call saying that someone is in need immediate prayers, in addition to praying, you call the next person on the Prayer Chain List and pass along the prayer need. You can be on the Morning Prayer Chain (no calls before 9am) or the Evening Prayer Chain (no calls after 10pm). If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Patsy Hindman (843) 906-8653 or [pbhindman@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbhindman@bellsouth.net).

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## Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden

After three years of research and planning, construction of the columbarium garden is underway! There is a possibility the construction will be completed by Easter. The columbarium will provide a sacred and beautiful final resting place for our members, our families and our descendants for generations to come. Additionally, the garden will be a serene space available to all for remembering loved ones, praying, mediating or just enjoying the sunset over the marsh.

Pre-construction opportunities, including special pricing and the Pre-Construction Agreement, will be available through February 28. The agreement offers the purchase of a niche with a deposit of \$2,000 and the balance paid within six months. If you have been thinking about purchasing a niche, you may want to consider making a purchase while pre-construction opportunities are still available. Regular prices will begin March 1.

Memorial Plaques may be purchase for loved ones who are inurned or interred elsewhere. Additionally, memorial gifts and donations may be made to the Columbarium Fund to help support the construction and maintenance of the columbarium garden.

Each Sunday in February, members of the Columbarium Committee will be in the fellowship hall after worship to provide information about the columbarium garden. Information is also available on the church website at [www.oursunrise.org](http://www.oursunrise.org) under Resources, at the church office, or by contacting Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at [ihavelka@comcast.net](mailto:ihavelka@comcast.net), 843- 412-1884.

Click [HERE](#) to see a video of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden.



# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School Youth</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Communion</b></p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School Youth</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2pm - Goldoff Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30pm - Goldoff Wedding -</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>Cents-Ability</b></p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School Youth</p> <p>2pm - Cub Scouts (Fellowship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Valentine's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Women's Morning Bible</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>2pm - Boulet Wedding</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School Youth</p> <p>2pm - Cub Scouts (Fellowship</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Presidents' Day</b></p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>4:15pm - Seaside Singers Social -</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Battery Gadsden -</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8am - Bike Eval</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School Youth</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1</p>

# February Birthdays

2 Caroline Champagne

4 Barbara Powell

6 Maddie Russell

6 Annie Hakimi

7 Colm Dykes

9 Kylie Ruddock

10 Andy Rhyne

10 Zinnia Tully

11 Russ Penley

11 Maggie White

13 Gary Hawkins

15 John Eppelsheimer

16 Sharon Floyd

20 Bill Schupp

20 Manning Rosen

20 Reid Tinker

22 Jane Hooper

23 Libby Kilpatrick

23 Van Nettles

24 Leo Hurst

24 Patrick Smith

25 Logan Nelson

25 Jake Cannon

25 Pam Rayburn

26 Becca Hodges

26 Dennis Frazier

27 Trent Tinker

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