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Neill's Creek Baptist Church Mission Statement

Neill's Creek Baptist Church is a community of believers committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and exists for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom through worshiping God, making disciples for Jesus Christ, and ministering to persons in need.

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The Light on the Hill

A Message From Your Pastor March 2020

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 1 Corinthians 15:55

"When peace like a river, attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."

This famous first line of the hymn found on page 410 in our hymn book was penned by a man named Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888). Mr. Spafford's life story started out like a fairy tale. He married his soulmate, was blessed with five healthy children (4 daughters and 1 son), and experienced remarkable success as a Chicago lawyer and businessman. A devout Christian, there was no doubt at this point in his life Horatio could say, "It is well with my soul!"

Yet, no matter how strong a person's faith nor the pinnacle of success they may have reached in life, nothing can fully prevent the adversity associated with the human condition. Things began to unravel for Horatio when the great Chicago fire destroyed all of his real estate properties across the windy city. This was financially devastating as all his investment properties were gone. In the aftermath of the fire, Horatio sensed how stressful it had been on his family, so in 1873, he decided to treat his wife and children to a European family vacation. He sent them ahead on a ship across the Atlantic, with the promise to join them a few days later because he was delayed by last minute business. Before he could ever board a boat to follow his family, he received a devastating telegram from his wife, "Saved Alone. What shall I do?"

In this short message was news of deepest sadness. The ship had wrecked and the Spafford children did not survive. Days later, on the way to meet his wife, the ship's captain told Horatio that they were approaching the spot where the previous ship had sunk. Horatio Spafford walked to the bow of the boat, his eyes filled with tears, as he looked into the dark blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean that claimed the life of his children. When he could bear it no more, he went back to his cabin and penned the words to the hymn that we now know by the title, "It is well with my soul."

In the face of tragic loss, we may not have the faithful words that Mr. Spafford summoned that day. But we can acknowledge that sometimes our grief is heavy—like the waves of the ocean crashing over us. It can literally feel like we're drowning in grief. That is why we are focusing on the grieving process during this season of Lent through the Sermon Series on death and dying. It is important that we know that we are not the first to face situations of stunning loss. We are not the first to have to find our way through the many emotions of the journey of grief. Like Mr. Spafford, we trust that, "*God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in times of trouble.*" (Psalm 46:1)

As Christian disciples we must come to terms with the reality that death is a decided factor and a destructive force. The season of Lent helps remind us of that. But as we prepare to move toward Easter, we know that the good news of the gospel is never far from us—death is also a defeated foe through Jesus Christ our Lord! Let us be sensitive to those in our family of faith who are grieving in this season. Let us do all we can to comfort, support, and pray for them. Let us also make a point during this sermon series to have important conversations with our family members which help us, and them, prepare to face death. Most of all, let us make arrangements with Jesus, for forgiveness and surrender, so that when we must face that inevitable hour we can say—it is well with my soul!

*Blessings,
Pastor Chris*

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A Quick Look: Upcoming Events

Looking Ahead

- March 4 Staff Meeting at 5:00pm
- March 5 Ladies Bible Study at 9:00am
- March 6 Council on Care Giving Dinner at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- March 8 Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am
Women's Retreat information meeting after worship service
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 9 Mission Action Circle Meeting at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Outreach Committee Meeting at 7:00pm
- March 10 Youth and Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- March 11 Children's Ministry Mission Project @ Crossing All Borders
- March 12 Ladies Bible Study at 9:00am
- March 13-15 NCBC Youth Disciple Now Weekend at Crossroads Church, Lillington
- March 15 Baby Shower for Mark and Allison Eason in Fellowship Hall 2-4pm
Diaconate Meeting at 5:00pm
- March 19 Ladies Bible Study at 9am
- March 20 NCBC Packing Day-Buddy Backpack at Angier Baptist Church
multipurpose room at 8:30am
Spring Begins
- March 21 Couples Date Night in Fellowship Hall at 6pm
- March 22 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Drew Adams in Fellowship Hall 2-5pm
- March 23 LRBA Spring Meeting at Memorial Baptist Church, Buies Creek
- March 20 Spring Begins
- March 26 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30am
- March 27 Youth Night at Ellington Studios at 7:00pm
- March 29 5th Sunday Offering (Family Life Center)
Community Outreach at 2:45pm

Adult Choir Practice will be on Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Happy Birthday

March

- 1 **Steven Ennis**
- 2 **Randy Wilson**
- 3 **Ashley Reid**
- 4 **Floyd Thornbrough**
- 4 **Ava Long**
- 8 **Harry Ennis**
- 8 **Sandra Strickland**
- 10 **Sarah Lemons**
- 12 **Jim Deese**
- 13 **Carol Blalock**
- 16 **Jason Brown**
- 16 **Sadie Strickland**
- 18 **Nancy Adams**
- 22 **Bill Shires**
- 25 **Coy Broadwell**
- 31 **Hilda Salazar**



Kaylen Tyson joined our church by profession of faith on 2/2/20 and Caleb Davis joined our church on 2/16/20 by transfer of letter from Woodhaven Baptist Church. We rejoice with them and welcome them into our NCBC Family.

The Buzz on Children's Ministry



We are working hard on memorizing scripture and learning how to apply God's word in our own lives. Please, continue to encourage our children in their own personal walk of faith.

If you feel led to help or be a part of our Children's Ministry please let me know!



Train UP a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



March 11th - Packing Hygiene kits for Crossing All Borders.
*We are asking for donations: bar soap, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, chap stick, tissues, finger nail clippers, and travel size shampoo.

April 5th - Palm Sunday/ Easter Jubilee
Our children will be participating during Palm Sunday service with palms, followed by an Easter Jubilee luncheon, Egg hunt and Picnic at Jack Marley Park at 1:00pm.



April 12th-

Wednesday Night Activities
Wednesday Night Activities are from 6pm- 7pm

- 6:00 - Mission Friends for ages 3 through Kindergarten
- 6:00 - Children in Action for Grades 1 - 5

We are continuing to learn and grow as **Disciples in Training**. Learning to use our BIBLES and how to apply HIS word in our lives. Learning where and how we can SERVE!

Death and Dying Sermon Series

Starting on Sunday February 23rd, Pastor Chris will begin a Sermon Series for the Season of Lent focusing on death and dying. Every effort will be made to be sensitive to those in our family of faith whose grief is still raw because they have recently lost loved ones.

- March 1st Death & Dying Part II: Let's Talk About Suicide (Matthew 27:3-5)
- March 8th Death & Dying Part III: A Theology of Death—How we think about God's will (John 11:1-21, Ecclesiastes 3:2)
- March 15th Death & Dying Part IV: What Is and Is Not Helpful To Say (Job's Friends)
- March 22nd Death & Dying Part V: Transforming Pain To Purpose
- March 29th Death & Dying Part VI: The Hope of Heaven

Fifth Sunday Offering Family Life Center:

Your generosity and support of God's work have been a blessing. On March 29th we will collect our 5th Sunday offering. Please prayerfully consider your sacrificial contribution to the Lord's work. Please designate "Family Life Center" on your check or offering envelope.



Couple's Date Night
Saturday March 21
at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
We will be having a game night. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please let the church know if you need childcare.



Say Y.E.S. to VBS!!!
July 26th-31st
6pm-8:30pm

Join us on our FB page!
NCBC Children's Ministry

Blessings,
Mrs. Nikki
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SCHEDULES FOR MARCH 2020

NURSERY WORKERS

March 1: TBD
 March 8: Rick and Angie Ellington
 March 15: Spencer and Lauren Thomas
 March 22: John and Lesley Tyson
 March 29: Robert and Edie Wood


DEACON OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Please contact the Deacon of the Week if there is an emergency and you need assistance:

March 2: Sharon Call 919-602-6024
 March 9: Leonard Johnson 919-369-5897
 March 16: Cary Stewart 919-814-7990
 March 23: Alex Adams 919-414-6761
 March 30: Sarah Lemons 910-890-4144

Neill's Creek Baptist Church Budget Information

Monthly budget contributions needed - \$28,560
 January 2020 Offerings - \$22,206
 January 2019 Offerings - \$20,925
 NCBC Family Life Center total as of 2/23/20 - \$274,944.25
 Family Life Center offering received on 2/23/20 - \$1,285.00
 Valentines Banquet Tickets - \$1,520.00
 Heck Jones Offering - \$885.00



Baby Shower: Please join us for a baby shower for Mark and Allison Eason on March 15th in the Fellowship Hall (2-4pm). They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Buy Buy Baby. We celebrate the arrival of Baby Boy Collier Eason in April.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Doris Jones who passed away recently.
 Dale Cogburn (Father of Kay Ferrell) who passed away 2/12/20.
 Jaheim Currie (former HCHS student) who was tragically killed on 2/14/20.
 Mark Denning (friend of Jason and Caleb Brown) who passed away 2/15/20.
 Reba Bowden (sister of Charles Price) who passed away 2/21/20.
 Bennie Pollock (friend of Cary & Susan Stewart and neighbor of Furman Keith) who passed away on 2/27/20.



TAPE MINISTRY

March 1: Frances Johnson
 March 8: Sandra Strickland
 March 15: Judith O'Quinn
 March 22: Shirley Johnson
 March 29: Susan Stewart

USHERS

*Timothy Johnson Mark Blalock Jay Locklear
 David Johnson Bartley Adams
 * Team Leader

Usher Coordinators : Timothy Johnson 910-893-6155
 Ken Edwards 919-842-6080

FLOWER MINISTRY

March 1: Leon and Linda Jones
 March 8: Ronnie and Susan Partin
 March 15: Alex and Leigh Adams
 March 22: Ken and Patsy Edwards
 March 29: Jason and Sarah Lemons

Thank You Note:

*Dear Pastor Chris and NCBC Family,
 Robert and I can never thank you enough for your visits, cards, calls and delicious food. We especially appreciate your prayers. We are so thankful to God, that he has blessed us with a church family who loves and supports us with your prayers. God does not give us things we cannot handle, he helps us handle what we are given. While Robert still has a way to go, slowly but surely he continues to see small improvements in his vision. Your prayers and continued support has helped us trust God's plan for our lives. Even on some of our most difficult days, we know we are being lifted up in prayer and nothing is too difficult for our heavenly father to handle, the prayers of his faithful children can move mountains.
 We thank God for you every day and for your continued support and prayers.*

*Love,
 Robert & Edie*

Youth News March 2020

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

Romans 8:11



Hello everyone! I hope that you all are having a wonderful start to 2020, and that all is well with you. Our youth are busy as ever, as we had a great month of February and are looking forward to all that March will bring! During February, we had a successful winter retreat, as we were able to travel to West Virginia for the BeDoTell ski retreat. We enjoyed a weekend of fun, skiing, worship, and more, as we were able to deepen our relationships with one another and with our God. We were also able to play paintball for a day in February with other youth groups in our county, enjoying a fun day with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. During the month of March, we are beginning a new Wednesday night series entitled “Weird Stories From the Bible, and Why They Matter For Us Today.” The Bible is filled with all sorts of weird, obscure, and just plain strange stories, and it is our prayer that through this series, our students may realize the importance and significance that these stories have on our own lives today. In addition to this, we are working through new Sunday school material, collectively going through studies in the Youversion Bible app, in hopes of better connecting with one another on Sundays, as well as throughout the week. A breakfast signup sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board, and we would be especially grateful for any who are willing/able to help provide breakfast. We also have a D-NOW weekend this month, where multiple youth groups in our county will gather for a weekend of worship, mission projects, games, activities, meals, and more. There are all sorts of things we are doing as a youth group, and as always, we welcome any and all students in grades 6-12 to join us for our weekly activities or special events. Be sure to stay up to date with all we are doing through the Remind messaging system. Thanks for all you do! Love and blessings, Christian

Upcoming dates to be aware of:

Wednesday night Youth @ NCBC, 6-7pm, each week (unless otherwise noted)
 Ellington Youth Night @ Ellington Studios, 2/28, 7-9pm
 D-NOW Weekend, 3/13-3/15
 Winterjam, 3/22, @ PNC Arena (our youth will go, if enough are interested)
 Ellington Youth Night @ Ellington Studios, 3/27, 7-9pm



March 2020

We have finally gotten a little taste of winter and a beautiful snow even though it did not stick around long. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did and also ate some snow cream.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Baptist Women's Day. We had a great service and a wonderful guest speaker who inspired all of us. A special thanks to the girls of the CIA who were ushers and especially to Reagan Sharp and Kaylen Tyson who sang so beautifully.

Also, thank you so much for supporting the Heck-Jones Offering. This offering supports all of our ministries. Please continue to support WMU through your prayers and giving.

Our mission project for March will be the collection for Marc and Kim Wyatt's ministry to the refugees in Raleigh. The following items are needed at this time: toilet tissue, paper towels, laundry detergent, liquid soap, trash bags and \$25 Food Lion cards. Please bring these items to our March meeting.

The Mission-Action Circle will meet on Monday, March 9, 2020. All those who want to go to lunch should meet at the Red Barn in Angier at 11:00. The meeting will begin at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Beanie Roberts and Betty Williams will be hostesses for this meeting.

All women of the church are invited to become a part of our circle and enjoy a time of Bible Study, mission projects, and fellowship.

Carolyn Broadwell, WMU Director

Neill's Creek Baptist Church

Calendar of Events

March 2020

| Sunday 1. | Monday 2. | Tuesday 3 | Wednesday 4 | Thursday 5 | Friday 6 | Saturday 7 |
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| 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am...Morning Worship <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Steven Ennis</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Randy Wilson</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ashley Reid</i></p> | 5:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm...Open Prayer Time 6:00pm...Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 1-5) Mission Friends (Ages 3-1st Grade) Children in Action (Grades 2-5) 6:00pm...Adult Bible Study 6:00pm...Youth Bible Study 7:00pm...Choir Practice <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Floyd Thornbrough Ava Long</i></p> | 9am Ladies Bible Study | 6:30pm Council on Care Giving | |
| 7:30am... Brotherhood Breakfast/Meeting 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am...Morning Worship 12:15pm...Women's Retreat Mtg. <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Harry Ennis Sandra Strickland</i></p> | 12:30pm...Mission Study Circle Mtg at the church 7:00pm...Outreach Committee Meeting | 7pm Children & Youth Council Meeting <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sarah Lemons</i></p> | Children's Ministry Mission Project @ Crossing All Borders—6pm 5:30pm...Open Prayer Time 6:00pm...Adult Bible Study 6:00pm...Youth Bible Study 7:00pm...Choir Practice | 9am Ladies Bible Study <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jim Deese</i></p> | NCBC Youth Disciple Now Weekend @ Crossroads Church in Lillington <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carol Blalock</i></p> | NCBC Youth Disciple Now Weekend @ Crossroads Church in Lillington |
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| 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am...Morning Worship 2:45pm...Community Outreach <p style="text-align: center;">5th Sunday Offering for Family Life Center</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hilda Salazar</i></p> | | | | |