

The other day I was splitting some firewood and I was reminded of my childhood. In our house we had a fireplace and my dad, my brothers, my uncle, and myself would go out and cut trees to burn. We would load the wood on a truck or trailer and take it back to the house. Then more work would ensure as the wood had to be unloaded and the big stuff had to be split. I remember my dad swinging the ax and sometimes hitting oak that did not want to give up the ghost and he would say, "oh boy." He would continue swinging with deadly accuracy until there was a sound that I do not know how to articulate but if you have ever split firewood you may understand what I am trying to say – a pop. When the "pop" happened my dad would say, "oh yeah." The sound meant that the wood was splitting. The sound would cause the adrenaline to flow and the splitting would continue.

The other day I was splitting firewood and I heard the pop of the oak I was working on and I was reminded of my childhood. But a thought came to my mind how sounds affect us. When someone prepares a meal and watches another person eat what they have prepared the cook waits with anticipation for the sound of "mmmm that's good." The power of sound is powerful. The simple sound of the "mmm" motivates the cook to continue cooking in the future. Wow.

I thought about how people need to hear certain things. As a husband/man I like to hear my wife say that I am strong (even though I am not that strong). A woman may like to hear from her husband that she is beautiful. We all like to hear someone say "I love you," "you are appreciated," or "good job."

One day a couple of thousands years ago a man said something that changed the lives of billions of people. In English the translation of one word is broken down into three words – "It is finished!" I do not think we completely understand what this means and how it impacts the world. Sitting here trying to remember all the theology I have studied in the past 8 years I struggle for words.

You may have heard the old adage, "It's not what you say but how you say it that counts." Have you ever pondered "how" Jesus proclaimed those words? One answer is he did it with great difficulty. Bleeding from his scourging, writhing in pain from the nails, suffering from thirst, and struggling to breath from the position of his body caused the simple act of speaking to be very difficult.

Another answer is he did it with perfect authority. Jesus said in John 12:49-50 "For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak." Jesus' words were not up for debate. He proclaimed the perfect truth. When Jesus cried out that "It is finished" surely it was finished, no questioned asked.

He spoke the words with perfect, selfless love for humanity. The idea of Jesus' love for people was portrayed before his crucifixion as he looked at Jerusalem and wept and as he approached Lazarus' tomb and wept. His love and concern for people was portrayed when he stopped the funeral procession and brought the widows son back to life. His love was revealed when he touched the leprous man. His love was revealed when he did not condemn the adulterous woman. His love was on display when he freed the demon possessed. His love for us is beyond our understanding. His love for us was verbalized with perfect, selfless love as he hung between heaven and earth, "it is finished!"

Pastor Scott

Hello Swamp Sisters!

Can you believe we are a month into the New Year already? Time is flying by.

I am sorry WMU was cancelled last month, I promise nobody wanted what I had! The next meeting is on February 18th at 10 am. Please bring your favorite side dish.

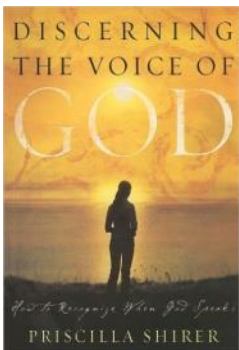
In May we are having a guest speaker, Beth Greer. It will be a Ladies Retreat for the day. I am looking for some door prizes (books, CDs, DVDs, candles, blankets, etc.). If you can help please let me know.

I look forward to seeing everyone on February 18th!

Love and Prayers,  
Carla Kline



The OASIS group (our Seniors) meets on the second Tuesday of each month for food, fun and fellowship. If you are 50 years of age or older (or younger) come join us! This month, OASIS will meet on February 14th at Ella's. If you would like to attend, please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. If you should have any questions, please call Linda Bullard at 843-997-6685.



### **Discerning the Voice of God** **How to Recognize When God Speaks**

#### **A 7-Session Study from Priscilla Shirer**

Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help you know the voice of God: His language, character

and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.

Ladies Bible study Monday nights @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall beginning February 6th. Books have been ordered for the ladies that have signed up. If you would like to attend, and have not signed up previously, you can purchase a book online at

[lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) or check to see if the Lifeway store in Myrtle Beach has it in stock.



This month the adult classes will be finishing up the theme of "Thrive: Living in Real Joy" from the book of Philippians. The overall idea is that if Jesus is with us, we have all we need to live a joyous life!

The Bible class will continue with their study of "Step by Step Through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament.

Our Elementary classes will be studying lessons about "Do What God Says". These lessons will be centered around Old Testament stories that include giving offerings for the repair of the Temple as well as heeding the words of the Old Testament prophets.

Let's make February a month that we reconnect with our Lord through His word and through our hearts.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (or 9 am if you care to have breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall) as together we learn more about how we can better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,  
Ralph Bryant  
Sunday School Director



## **TILLY SWAMP'S GOT TALENT**

COME DRESSED AS YOUR TALENT TO WIN PRIZES!  
EX: KNOW HOW TO JUGGLE  
DRESS AS A CLOWN, EAT A BURGER IN ONE BITE  
DRESS LIKE THE BURGER KING, BAKE AN AWESOME CAKE  
DRESS AS A CHEF. BE CREATIVE!  
IF IT'S A TALENT YOU WISH YOU HAD ... NOW'S YOUR TIME  
COME DRESSED THE PART!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL VALENTINES BANQUET 02/11 @6PM  
\$10 PER PERSON



**Our Shut-ins:** Joyce Inman, Marie Holmes, Wynness Thomas

**Our Monthly Prayer List:** Jackie Brady, Ryan Turner, Billy Boatwright, Andy Autry, Pat & Bonnie Lebedez, Lloyd Tyndall, Martha (Dean) Reaves, Reynolds Watson

### **Morning Fellowship Clean-up:**

2/5: Chuck & Carla Kline  
2/12: Kim Collins  
2/19: Bill & Chris Skipper  
2/26: Kurt & Cheri Starks

### **Morning Service Greeters:**

2/5: Debbie Sharrer & Ann Barger  
2/12: Carl & Pat Hardy  
2/19: Kelly Long  
2/26: Jamie Herrington & Deana Altman

### **Daily Bible Reading:**

*(Mature Living Magazine)*

<b>1</b>	Exodus 27-28	Matthew 18:1-20
<b>2</b>	Exodus 29-30	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>3</b>	Exodus 31-32	Matthew 19:1-15
<b>4</b>	Exodus 33-34	Matthew 19:16-30
<b>5</b>	Exodus 35-36	Matthew 20:1-16
<b>6</b>	Exodus 37-38	Matthew 20:17-34
<b>7</b>	Exodus 39-40	Matthew 21:1-22
<b>8</b>	Leviticus 1-3	Matthew 21:23-46
<b>9</b>	Leviticus 4-5	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>10</b>	Leviticus 6-8	Matthew 22:15-46
<b>11</b>	Leviticus 9-10	Matthew 23
<b>12</b>	Leviticus 11-13	Matthew 24:1-31
<b>13</b>	Leviticus 14-15	Matthew 24:32-51
<b>14</b>	Leviticus 16-18	Matthew 25:1-30
<b>15</b>	Leviticus 19-20	Matthew 25:31-46
<b>16</b>	Leviticus 21-23	Matthew 26:1-35
<b>17</b>	Leviticus 24-25	Matthew 26:36-56
<b>18</b>	Leviticus 26-27	Matthew 26:57-75
<b>19</b>	Numbers 1-2	Matthew 27:1-31
<b>20</b>	Numbers 3-4	Matthew 27:32-66
<b>21</b>	Numbers 5-6	Matthew 28
<b>22</b>	Numbers 7	Mark 1:1-15
<b>23</b>	Numbers 8-10	Mark 1:16-45
<b>24</b>	Numbers 11-12	Mark 2:1-13
<b>25</b>	Numbers 13-14	Mark 2:14-28
<b>26</b>	Numbers 15-16	Mark 3:1-12
<b>27</b>	Numbers 17-18	Mark 3:13-35
<b>28</b>	Numbers 19-21	Mark 4

### **Nursery (Infant—3 yrs.):** *(During Morning Service)*

2/5: Pat Rutherford & Sylvia Causey  
2/12: Pat Rutherford & Cheri Starks  
2/19: Pat Rutherford & Misty Newlands  
2/26: Pat Rutherford & Paula Inman



2- Dale Richardson  
4- Floyd Kirby  
6- Judy Fontana  
9- Wrien Inman  
15- Trent Ammons  
16- Ronan Solinsky  
25- Rebecca Adams

### **Children's Church (3-5 yrs.):** *(During Morning Service)*

2/5: Eula Cronk  
2/12: Bill & Chris Skipper  
2/19: Sidney Altman & Catherine McDowell  
2/26: Eula Cronk

### **Usher Teams:**

2/5: Team 3  
2/12: Team 4  
2/19: Team 1  
2/26: Team 2



Operation Christmas Child goal will once again be 150 shoeboxes.

We will collect items each month. The items for February are toothbrushes (individually packaged, please) and combs.



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# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	<b>2</b>  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Deacon's Mtg. 5pm  *Charles Lee 843-399-8219	<b>6</b> Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Valentine's Banquet 6pm
<b>12</b> Business Mtg. 7pm  *Mason Shrader 843-995-0851	<b>13</b> Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>14</b> OASIS 10:30 am- Ella's Street Reach 6:30pm  Happy Valentine's Day!	<b>15</b> Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	<b>16</b> Brotherhood 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> Youth Night	<b>18</b> WMU 10am
<b>19</b>  *Chris Singleton 843-465-9049	<b>20</b> Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm  Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Communion-AM Service  *Bill Skipper 843-399-5736	<b>27</b> Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>28</b>				
						
* Denotes Deacon of the week						