

The Tilly Swamp Beacon

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"Dissocialized" Social Media: The Modern Counterfeit for Community

It would seem the most ironic of paradoxes that we have never in all of history had a greater capacity and opportunity through modern technology to communicate and connect with one another, yet simultaneously be so relationally dysfunctional as a culture. Seemingly on a daily basis, there is an ever-growing proliferation and saturation throughout our culture and personal lives with the influence of social media. There is almost never an hour, much less a day, where we aren't connecting online or opening an app on our smart phone to the world of cyber communication. The social media narrative attempts to sell itself as a means of streamlining our lives by consolidating our activities, relationships, and communications into one of a handful of locations with which you are able to effectively reach and relate to others. However, we or someone we know have personally seen the almost gravitational-like effect that it has to be more than a mere convenience, becoming more a compulsion that threatens to deter from real, personal interaction to the point of obsession. As stated in the title of the article, social media poses to be just so... a modern counterfeit for genuine community. Satan understands our fascination with this modern novelty. Conclusively, he also realizes the power it wields to influence our lives and sphere of influence. He understands the capability it has to accomplish great good for our testimony and the Kingdom of God, but also instantaneously ruin that same testimony. Likewise, he wants to do everything he can to lead us to believe that things such as social

media or text messaging is genuine, biblical relationship building in order to detract from genuine fellowship to the point of isolation. This is by no means an attempt to smear the concept or usage of social media as if it is inherently evil, but rather a call to introspection on the issue. Through over a decade of ministering to teenagers and their families, I have seen the consequences this social juggernaut has wrought within the culture and the family; whether innocent or intentional. However this is not an issue merely isolated to teenagers. Social Media, especially by means of the smart phone, has become the Trojan horse of the modern culture. It has steadily infiltrated almost every aspect of our lives like an anesthetic until we sober to the reality of how much we devote our time, energy, and resources to it. The Lordship of Christ would call us to evaluate our lives as to whether we are master over this issue or if it has unconsciously become master over us. It would also compel us to initiate and maintain authentic, personal relationships. Likewise it would commend us to seek wisdom to discern at what frequency and with what character we participate in social media; setting appropriate limits and standards by which we conduct ourselves. Conclusively, let us then resolve to use this "tool" of our modern culture as a testimony to reach the culture for the glory of God, and gain wisdom to discern through the counterfeits of the enemy.

In His Name,
Pastor Aaron



World Changers will be in Conway in June working on homes that were damaged by hurricane Matthew. Our church will be hosting a team on June 11th. They will be attending our morning service and we'll be serving them a potluck lunch afterwards. The church will provide the meat but we are in need of side dishes and desserts. We have also agreed to put together lunches for them each day, from June 12th-15th to be delivered to their worksite (WBA has provided a suggested menu for each day). If you are able to help in any way, please sign up in the foyer or see Deana for more information. There will be a brief meeting after the morning service on June 4th.



Hello Sisters!

What a great turn out for our Ladies Retreat! We had 40 in attendance plus all the workers. I have heard rave reviews about it, and hope to do it again next year.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to the men and women who helped me pull it off. It couldn't of been done without all of you.

So the next big thing on the calendar is VBS. Looking forward to this event as well.

Since VBS is in June (were did the Spring go?), WMU will not meet until Saturday, July 15th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you would be available to do a short devotion, please let me know.

As always, please keep the leadership of our country, state and church in your prayers.

Love & Prayers,

Carla

June Collection:



We will continue collecting small toys and stuffed animals for our shoeboxes. No military or war themed toys, please.

Thank you!



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 June 13th

at Hog Heaven in Pawleys Island. 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.

Vacation Bible School

June 19th-23rd 6-8:30 nightly

Theme: Young People That Made A Big Impact For God

We invite all children & youth to come out and explore the lives of a young Joseph, Ruth, David, Daniel & Mary. Learn the attributes that set them apart from other young people in the Bible and how you can apply these attributes to your life.



Relationships; we all have them. Whether they are good ones or bad ones, we have them nonetheless. For June, the adult classes will be about relationships from various viewpoints, including the kind of friend we need to be to others.

The Bible class is continuing their study of "Step by Step Through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament. They are having an excellent study and will continue to do so for a while longer.

Our Elementary classes will be studying lessons about the mission work of the early church. These are stories taken from the book of Acts.

Want to get to know the Lord better? Have questions? Come and seek the Lord in one of our Sunday school classes! 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



Mark Your Calendar...Tuesday, July 4th, 2017 for our annual Fourth of July Celebration. Event starts at 7pm. There will be a devotion, food & music. Fireworks show pending due to permits & insurance.

Morning Fellowship Clean-up:

6/4: Floyd & Laura Kirby
6/11: Chuck & Carla Kline
6/18: Kim Collins
6/25: Bill & Chris Skipper

Morning Service Greeters:

6/4: Ralph & Georgia Bryant
6/11: Debbie Sharrer & Ann Barger
6/18: Carl & Pat Hardy
6/25: Kelly Long

Daily Bible Reading for May:

1	2 Samuel 5-6	Luke 12:1-12
2	2 Samuel 7-8	Luke 12:13-34
3	2 Samuel 9-10	Luke 12:35-59
4	2 Samuel 11-12	Luke 13:1-17
5	2 Samuel 13-14	Luke 13:18-35
6	2 Samuel 15-16	Luke 14:1-24
7	2 Samuel 17-18	Luke 14:25-35
8	2 Samuel 19-20	Luke 15
9	2 Samuel 21-22	Luke 16:1-18
10	2 Samuel 23-24	Luke 16:19-31
11	1 Kings 1-2	Luke 17:1-19
12	1 Kings 3-4	Luke 17:20-37
13	1 Kings 5-6	Luke 18:1-17
14	1 Kings 7-8	Luke 18:18-43
15	1 Kings 9-11	Luke 19:1-27
16	1 Kings 12-13	Luke 19:28-48
17	1 Kings 14-15	Luke 20:1-26
18	1 Kings 16-17	Luke 20:27-47
19	1 Kings 18-19	Luke 21:1-28
20	1 Kings 20-21	Luke 21:29-38
21	1 Kings 22	Luke 22:1-23
22	2 Kings 1-3	Luke 22:24-53
23	2 Kings 4-5	Luke 22:54-71
24	2 Kings 6-7	Luke 23:1-12
25	2 Kings 8-9	Luke 23:13-32
26	2 Kings 10-11	Luke 23:33-56
27	2 Kings 12-13	Luke 24:1-12
28	2 Kings 14-15	Luke 24:13-53
29	2 Kings 16-17	John 1:1-18
30	2 Kings 18-20	John 1:19-51
31	2 Kings 21-23	John 2

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

6/4: Angie Bloch & Pat Rutherford
6/11: Laura Kirby & Pat Rutherford
6/18: Sylvia Causey & Pat Rutherford
6/25: Paula Inman & Pat Rutherford



June

1- Ginny Riseborough
4- Sidney Altman
6- Carla Kline
7- Jill Primm
8- Kim Mishoe
9- Jimmy R. Thomas
9- Walter Dilworth
9- Ralph Bryant
10- Howard Ashburn
11- Heather Taylor
11- Vicki Autry
11- Billy Boatwright
14- Pat Thomas
21- Debbie New
22- Linda Bullard
25- Sue Shrader
26- Mary Ann Jones
26- Kate Singleton
27- Kurt Starks

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

6/4: Catherine McDowell & Sidney Altman
6/11: Eula Cronk
6/18: Bill & Chris Skipper
6/25: Catherine McDowell & Sidney Altman

Usher Teams:

6/4: Team 4
6/11: Team 1
6/18: Team 2
6/25: Team 3



Our Shut-ins: Billy Boatwright, Faye Chestnut, Marie Holmes, Joyce Inman, Wynness Thomas, Elsie Vaught

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

Calls and Visits are Welcomed!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Graduate Recognition – AM svc. (Speaker: Rev. Mike Belue) Deacon’s Meeting 5pm *Bill Skipper 843-399-5736	5	6	7 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	8	9	10 Church-Wide Yard Sale 8-3
11 World Changers, Communion & Deacon election– AM svc. Business Mtg. 7pm *Ralph Bryant 843-347-3847	12 ◀	13 Blood Drive at SWA 7am-12pm OASIS– 10:30 am & Street Reach 6:30pm	14 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	15	16 Youth Night	17
SERVING LUNCH ON WORKSITE FOR WORLD CHANGERS						
18 Father’s Day service w/ Christian Crossroads No evening service *Bill Bullard 843-685-1358	19 VBS 6-8:30 PM	20 VBS 6-8:30 PM	21 VBS 6-8:30 PM Newsletter Deadline	22 VBS 6-8:30 PM	23 VBS 6-8:30 PM	24
25 Baby Shower for Rebecca Todd 2-4 Council Meeting 5pm *Rob Herrington 843-241-0327	26	27	28 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	29	30	
* Denotes Deacon of the week						