



Glorifying God by making obedient followers of Christ through the Word.

April 2024

Pursuing Christ

April Memory Verse

He that believeth on the
Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not
the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God
abideth on him.
~ John 3:36

April Birthdays

4/1 - Robert Ritzenthaler
4/2 - Alan Rowley
4/10 - Barb McCoy
4/10 - Able Sheffield
4/14 - Paul Lu
4/16 - Titus Moore
4/18 - Bradlie Ritzenthaler
4/20 - Deb Claar
4/22 - Teddie Ritzenthaler
4/25 - Grace Li
4/26 - Gracie Bollom



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CCS No School 7pm Softball Game (GTB)	2	3 6:30pm Bible Study & Prayer Youth Group Awana— <i>Hawaiian Night</i>	4 <i>CCS Sports Banquet</i>	5 8pm Softball Game (BP)	6 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00am Ladies' Craft 9:45am Deacons' Mtg.
7 (Bergey's visit) 9:15am Q&A with Austin 9:45am Austin Preaches 10:30am Worship Service	8 7pm Softball Game (BP)	9 CCS at AACs (9-12)	10 6:30pm Bible Study & Prayer Youth Group Awana Clubs	11	12 9pm Softball Game (GTB)	13
14 9:30am Combined Adult Sunday School and 10:30am Worship Service with Missionary Houtz	15 8pm Softball Game (GTB)	16	17 3:30pm Mini Golf Youth Activity 6:30pm Bible Study & Prayer; Youth Group; Awana Clubs	18 <i>7pm CCS School Play "Twelve Angry Men"</i>	19	20 10:30am Lyndi C.'s Bridal Shower (church lobby)
21 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Business Meeting	22 CCS Book Fair (22-26)	23 <i>7pm CCS Elementary Spring Program</i>	24 6:30pm Bible Study & Prayer Youth Group Awana— <i>End-of-Year Store</i> 7:15pm Deacons Mtg.	25 1:45pm Lipizzan Senior Adult Activity	26 CCS Jr Fine Arts	27
28 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Lunch and Community Groups	29	30	May 1 6:30pm Bible Study & Prayer; Youth Group; Awana 7:00pm Awana Final Awards Night (aud.)	2	3	4 CCS Senior Trip (4-11)

April Community News

Bergey Visit: Austin and Charlotte Bergey (who traveled with the Ron DeGarde team) will be visiting our church and school ministry **April 6-8**. Austin is coming to candidate for the youth pastor position. He will have a Q&A time with the deacons on Saturday morning. Then on Sunday, there will be a Q&A time with the church starting at **9:15am** in the auditorium. Austin will preach from about 9:45-10:15, followed by our regular 10:30 Worship service. The Bergeys will visit the school on Monday. We hope you will have a chance to meet and greet them! Be praying for the Lord's will for them and our church!

Missionary Report: Missionary Aaron Houtz and his family will be with us on **April 14** to give a report during the 9:30am Sunday School hour and preach during the 10:30am service. They are currently raising support to take the gospel to remote villages in Alaska.

Mini Golf Youth Activity: Those in grades 7-12 have a Mini Golf youth activity at the Fish Hole after school on Wednesday, **April 17**, from 3:30pm-6:15pm. They will need money for golf (TBA) and for a fast food dinner stop.

Wedding Shower: Ladies, you are invited to Lyndi Casto's bridal shower on Saturday, **April 20** at 10:30am in the church lobby. Lyndi is registered at Target and Amazon.

Senior Adult Activity: Postponed from last month, our senior adults are invited to go see the Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan horses practice on **Thursday, April 25**. Please sign-up in the lobby if you'd like to attend. Meet at the church at 1:45pm to ride the bus to the 3:00 show in Myakka City. The cost is \$10 per person. You can bring your own lawn chair or bleacher seats are available.

Lunch and Community Groups: Everyone is invited to stay for lunch in the fellowship hall after the morning service on **April 28** (more info to come on what you can bring, etc.). Following lunch we will meet in smaller Community Groups to dig deeper into God's Word and further discuss what Pastor's been preaching on Sunday mornings.

Men's Softball: The men's softball season is coming to an end this month with just a few regular season games left. Stay tuned for possible playoff information!

Awana News:

- The last theme night of the Awana year is **April 3—Hawaiian Night!**
- *The end-of-the-year Awana store is **April 24** where clubbers can spend the Awana bucks they've earned all year! This is also the *last night to finish sections!*
- The *final night of Awana* is **May 1**. Our church family is invited to the end-of-the-year Awards Ceremony at **7:00** in the auditorium that includes a video, class presentations, and ice cream afterwards! (We will have our regular Bible study, youth group and Awana from 6:30 until 7:00.)

**If you can help provide toys, games, puzzles, books, etc. for the end-of-the-year Awana Store, there is a box in the lobby where you can leave donated items by April 21. Or you can help with the purchasing of items by marking "Awana Store" on your giving envelope.*

Upcoming Opportunities

May 4-11.....CCS Senior Trip
 May 12.....Mother's Day Sunday
 May 17.....CCS Kindergarten Graduation, 7pm
 May 19.....Teen Service (10:30am) and Fundraiser Dinner
 May 24.....CCS Senior Graduation, 7pm
 June 9-15.....Wilds Camp Week (Teens & Juniors)

CCS News:

- Congratulations to Ron and Beth Fox and many of our CCS students in grades 9-12 who are going to Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC **April 9-12** to compete in the **national fine arts competition** (AACs). Pastor and Kasey are also going (pastor is driving the bus and Ron the church van). Please pray for them while they are away!
- There will be a **Book Fair** happening in the school library from **April 22-26**. Please call or check in at the school office if you'd like to stop by and browse the books available for purchase.
- You are invited to the **Elementary Spring Program** on Thursday, **April 23**, at 7 PM in the auditorium. Book Fair books will also be available for purchase after the concert.
- The school is presenting the **play**, "Twelve Angry Men" on Thursday and Friday evenings, **April 18-19** at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 each.



^ Thanks to everyone who bought donuts and milk from the Community Kids and/or donated items to the youth yard sale last month!
 Both fundraisers were a huge success!

> We had a great time at our annual church picnic last month! Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible!



Community Connections:

Email: See Pastor or Kasey to be added

Church Text:
 941-347-0322

Facebook:
 CommunityBaptist

YouTube:
 CommunityBaptistFL

March Attendance

Sundays	Wednesdays
3/03—154 (SS 97)	3/06—109
3/10—142 (SS 94)	3/13—95
3/17—136 (SS 82)	3/20—100
3/24—113 (SS 64)	3/27—53
3/31—145 (Sunrise 70)	4/03—102

March Giving

3/03—\$8,389.95 (\$974 FP)
3/10—\$3,487.00 (\$555 FP)
3/17—\$7,158.00 (\$421 FP)
3/24—\$4,587.00 (\$435 FP)
3/31—\$2,714.05 (\$315 FP)
Other: Child's Min-\$10; CCS Min-\$110; Wilds Fund-\$3,553