



# Charlotte Avenue Family News

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## **Meeting Times:**

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Classes: 7:00 pm

## **A Mother's Hands** **Mark Reynolds**

The story is told of a young boy who always made his mother wear gloves out in public because he was embarrassed at the unsightly deformity of her hands. However, during a presentation by the teachers and parents at his school, he made a discovery that would forever change his perspective. His mother shared the story that when the young boy was a baby, the family house caught fire in the middle of the night. In her effort to save her son, the mother's hands were badly burned as she fought the flames to rescue him from his crib. The young boy approached his mother with tears streaming down his cheeks, and slowly removed the gloves from her hands. As he stroked her deformed hands he said to her, "these scars are symbols of your love for me, and I am so proud of them. To me, they are the most beautiful hands in all the world."

There is something almost magical about a mother's hands. Solomon recognized this as he described the worthy woman of Proverbs 31: "She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet...Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:19-21, 31). Think of all the wonderful blessings in life that come from your mother's hands.

Your mother's hands were the first to hold you when you came into this world. Your mother's hand held your hand as you took your first steps. Your mother's hands comforted you after you took your first fall. Your mother's hands held you so you could be soothed when you were scared. Your mother's hands helped to teach you that wrong will not be tolerated in her house as she disciplined you when you did wrong. Your mother's hands clapped the loudest when you did anything half-way worthwhile; whether a hit in a baseball game, a speech you gave, or a band performance. Your mother's hands folded in prayer every time you were late coming home. Your mother's hands prepared the best meals on earth. And, though your mother's hands have aged along with the rest of her body, some even lying folded in death; they are still the most splendid specimen of what constitutes love.

Can there be anything more beautiful than a mother's hands? So much of the love a mother has for her child, whether small or full grown, is manifest through her hands. On this Mother's Day, pay close attention to the hands of your mother, and be ever grateful for them. We are thankful and appreciative of the hands of all mothers here at Charlotte Avenue.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** Visitors, we are pleased you have come. We want a record of your being here. The blue cards in the book racks are for visitors. (Charlotte Avenue members use the white ones.) Pass the cards to the inside aisles and they will be collected during the closing song.

### Prayer list

**Grant Pitman's** parents were in a car accident last Saturday in Kentucky. His father died and his mother is in critical condition. Grant is a member at Gold Hill Road.

**Margaret Manning**, Joe's mother, fell and broke her hip last week. She had surgery this past Monday at PMC.

Please pray for the family of **Brian Ingram** who passed away Friday (May 4<sup>th</sup>). Brian was the nephew of Steve Norton.

**Dow and Mark** will be leaving for Kenya tomorrow morning. Please pray for a safe and productive trip.

**Brandon Shackelford**, the cousin of Vincent Davis, is in need of a kidney transplant. Vincent is the boyfriend of Brittany Fields.

**Jack Dalton**, the nephew of Ruth Hartsell, has blood clots in his lung and leg. He is in St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Prayers for Our Members:

Pat Robinson; Julia Yeomans; Earl Hall; Frances Whiteaker; Jerry Hartsell; Dixie Derrick; Mary Whitmore; Jerry Hager; Virginia Moss; Joe Smith; Bill & LaVerne Carroll; James Bertha; Margaret Manning; Alice Boyd and Gretchen Boyd.

### Prayer List for Relatives and Friends:

Alice Carroll (sister-in-law to Martha Rutledge); Tony Morales (Pat Robinson's grandson-in-law); Gary Reynolds (Mark Reynolds' brother); Susan Dennison; Dan Taylor (friend of Jennifer Beasley); Gail Nugent (friend of Cindy Cox); Becky Hallman (friend of Lois Purvis); Steve Edwards (father of Joan Purvis); Tina Drumm (friend of Dow Hix); Susie Lang (friend of Andrea Friddle); Margaret Durant (friend of the Cain's); Rhonda Parker (friend of the Hughes); Chuck Grant (Lindsay Timmons' father); Lavelle Parker (Elaine Graves' mother); Sharon Pugh (Chip Pugh's mother); Mary Shealey (Betty Vaughn's sister-in-law); Audie Smith (Joe Smith's brother); Reid Douglass (friend of Andrea Friddle); Grady Watkins Jr., (uncle of Ruth Clade); and Ron Shelton (friend of the McGuirts).

### Young Mothers, We Love you

What better way to express how we appreciate young mothers? The things written in this article are representative of the thinking of many Christians. They remind us of our responsibility, our challenge, and our hope for the future. Mothers, we salute you! And if you want to know why, keep on reading.

**We Love You Because** God has committed to your trust and care the priceless gift of little children. They are "an heritage of the Lord," and a reward to womanhood (Psa. 127:3).

**We Love You Because** little children are a blessing to all people. Think how dull and insipid life would be without the sight and sound of little children. They are examples for us in so many ways. We need to observe their love, innocence, humility, purity, and forgiving spirit (Mt. 18:1-4; 1 Cor. 14:20).

**We Love You Because** we know how keenly and fearfully you feel about your responsibility to love, teach, train, nurture, provide for, and be an example to your children (Tit. 2:4; 1 Tim. 5:2; 2 Tim. 1:5; Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:4-9). You have shown your concern by taking advantage of opportunities provided by the church to help you in your task.

**We Love You Because** we know from experience how much of your time, energy, and patience it takes just to bring you children to Bible study and worship services whenever the saints assemble. Yet, it is "worth it" and for the sake of the children and the Lord's church please don't let up. So many are counting on you.

**We Love You Because** you are trying to guide little minds toward the goal of sincere and mature worship and service to God. All of us who have tried to do the same know that it is not always easy to get up on a day when most don't have to worry about getting the family off to work and school, when you are still tired from a busy week, and maybe not feeling well, and get ready for Bible study and worship.

And when we hear little voices and shuffling during services-don't be embarrassed. It just means a young mother cared enough to make the effort. Don't give up-God will bless you for it.

--Hobbs St. Herald

### TRIP TO KENYA

Mark and Dow will be leaving for Kenya on May 14<sup>th</sup> to meet with the new director of the preaching school and to help prepare for the start of the first semester of the school. They will also work to edify several congregations of the Lord's church as well as conduct Bible studies with non-Christians in the Butere and Malaha areas. Please pray for a productive and safe trip.

### Worth Remembering

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." – Abraham Lincoln

**WORSHIP  
APPOINTMENTS  
SUNDAY MORNING  
May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Singing:** Ryan Hefley  
**Prayer:** Stephen Pharr  
**Table:** 1. Frank Calloway\*  
 2. Russ Conner  
 3. Kyle Norton\*\*  
 4. Steve Norton\*\*\*  
 5. Charles McGuirt  
 6. Samuel Fitzgerald  
 7. Isaiah Fitzgerald  
 8. Cameron Bosch

**Welcome:** Mark Reynolds  
**Cards:** Marshall Freeman  
 Zach Lineberger  
 Cameron Bosch

**Announce:** Dow Hix  
**Nursery:** Amanda McHaney

**SUNDAY EVENING**

**Singing:** Randy Hollingsworth  
**Prayer:** Ken Williams  
**Welcome:** Randy Hollingsworth  
**Table:** 1. Scott Lindsay  
 2. Brandon Tomlin  
**Cards:** Samuel Fitzgerald  
 Keaton Lindsay

**Announce:** Dow Hix  
**Nursery:** Jessica Calloway

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Announcements:** Michael Cox  
**Singing:** Michael Cox  
**Prayer:** David Thompson

**Sunday School Lessons**

**Today:**  
 2 Kings 3  
**Next Sunday:**  
 2 Kings 4-5  
**Wednesday's Topic:**  
 Responding to Christ's Invitation

**PULPIT PREVIEW**

**Morning:** Mothers  
**Evening:** The Living and Abiding Word

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Relay for Life will take place on May 18th. We will be ordering "Remembering Riley" T-shirts for those wishing to support the American Cancer Society. The shirts are \$10 which covers the cost of the shirt as well as a donation to the Cancer Society. Please see Andrea Friddle for more information.
- You are invited to join the Mountain Island Church of Christ on May 19-20 as they celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westside/Mountain Island Church of Christ. Please see the bulletin board for more information
- The Relay for Life walk will take place on May 18 at 6:30 at the Nation Ford High School.
- Team Riley will host the annual Relay for Life car wash on Saturday, May 19th at 10:30 at the Chick-Fil-A by the Galleria Mall. Please sign up if you are able to help.

**The Men's Camping Trip  
October 4<sup>th</sup> thru October 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Any men interested in the October Fishing trip to Cherokee, NC please contact Bennie Moseley @ bm52310@comporium.net for information concerning this trip. If you will e-mail me I will forward what information I have concerning the campground. You may tent camp, use your camper or if you like cabins are available. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESERVING YOUR CAMPSITE.** If you have any further question please contact Bennie Moseley.

Thank you  
 Bennie Moseley

**REMEMBERING RILEY**

Team Riley will host the annual Relay for Life car wash on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the Chick-Fil-A by the Galleria Mall. This is done each year to raise money for cancer research and to honor the memory of "our" Riley. Remember to wear your "Remembering Riley" T-Shirts. Please see Todd or Andrea for more information.

**Family Report**

	Week Before last	Last Week
<b>Sunday School</b>	146	106
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	203	192
<b>PM. Worship</b>	116	138
<b>Wed. Classes</b>	122	127
<b>Correspondence</b>	43	58
<b>New Students</b>	2	5
<b>Contributions</b>		
<b>Memorial</b>		
<b>Regular:</b>	\$ 6,447.80	\$ 5,788.00
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	\$ 6,032.00	

## Monthly Financial Support for Missions

- Kerry Sword, Kiev, Ukraine
- East Tennessee School of Preaching
- Haitian Christian Foundation
- Southeastern Children's Home
- India Missions, Banner Elk, NC
- Kenya
- Ron Wilson, Sumter, SC
- Carolina Messenger
- Walterboro Church of Christ
- Blue Ridge Church of Christ
- North Carolina School of Biblical Studies
- Clover Church of Christ
- Rockingham Church of Christ

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Today:

- Preacher's Pals at 6:00 pm

### This Week:

### Coming Weeks:

- **May 20** – Blue Service Team Pot Luck
- **May 21** - Ladies Bible Class – 7:00 pm at the building
- **May 28** - Holiday
- **June 3** – Baby Shower for Julie Landrum. She is having a girl and is registered at Target and Babies-R-Us. Doris Cain is in charge.
- **June 3** – Snack Fellowship following evening service
- **June 5** – Ladies Night Out
- **June 21–24** – Family camping at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Cherokee (YogiBear@Jellystone-Cherokee.com)
- **October 4-7** – Men's Camping Trip to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Cherokee
- **October 27** – Appreciation Picnic at Bowater Park and Trunk or Treat.

## Organization Activities

Benevolence  
Lois Purvis – (803) 366-3276  
Youth Activities  
Sam & Kim Fitzgerald  
(803) 322-2784  
Senior Citizens  
Joe & Anne Smith  
(803) 329-4788  
Special Events  
Teresa Rowand - (803) 547-2456

## FREE Bible Study Course.

Send your request to:  
Home Bible School  
339 Charlotte Ave.  
Rock Hill, SC. 29730

## Go Online:

For more information about Charlotte Avenue, check out our website:

[charlotteavechurchofchrist.org](http://charlotteavechurchofchrist.org)

For more information about the work in Kenya, read our blog:

<http://brothersinkenya.blogspot.com/>

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