

The Elim Light

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Barney Fife/Larry DeLawder



an opportunity for...

- ◆ inviting others to come to an experience which will allow them to be introduced to Jesus Christ
- ◆ to introduce others to the congregation of believers at Elim Baptist Church
- ◆ to encourage us as believers to follow Jesus more purposefully

We are in Effingham, S. C. for the purpose summarized in the phrases given to us by Jesus in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus commissioned us to **"go"** to our neighbors, co-workers, family members, and friends, who have not made a life-changing decision to follow Jesus, or having made the decision to follow at some past time, have a need to renew the promise made to the Savior. Jesus commissioned us to bring those people into the vibrant love-based life of the local fellowship (**"baptize"**). We are to nurture (**"teach"**) those people and ourselves by learning and teaching the heart/word of God. All of this is done so that we can **"go"** to those who have not yet made a life-changing decision to follow Jesus .



For that reason, we've arranged for a unique evangelist, Larry DeLawder, to be at Elim for the weekend of **April 5th and 6th**. Our mission team to Mississippi met him last summer. He has been gifted to present the gospel while doing an impersonation of the beloved character of Deputy Barney Fife of **The Andy Griffith Show**.

On Saturday night (Apr. 5th) in the Moore Family Life Center, we will host a Dinner-Theater. This will be a ticket only event at no charge. The meal will be provided as an outreach ministry of the church (volunteers needed). Larry DeLawder is coming on a love offering basis which will be collected at the tables during the dinner-theatre. Members are encouraged to secure tickets for people who have been invited and confirmed. We will not over-book the Family Life Center, so it is important to sign up for and receive only the tickets needed. Every member/family is encouraged to invite **someone who is not a believer or is looking for a church home**. We hope that one-fourth of the persons attending will fit that description. On Sunday morning, Larry DeLawder will be our guest for the 11:00 a. m. worship service. He will continue to encourage us and help us to be disciples for Christ to our

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The weekend provides us with an opportunity to be involved in ministry as we:

- we can pray for others—especially those being invited
- we can pray for the DeLawder family
- we can invite a friend to Saturday evening or Sunday morning
- we can volunteer to help out with hospitality
- the Saturday supper
- the publicity
- the follow-up of those we have invited (for further encouragement, invitation or instruction)

YOUTH EVENTS...



Kids, preschool – 6th grade, come and experience a fun time hunting Easter eggs. The time will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22nd. Bring your Easter basket and invite friends to come also.

Do you enjoy breakfast at supper? If so, our youth are sponsoring just that on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6 p.m. Sign up by using the slips in the bulletin on March 2nd.

Youth, don't forget to sign up for a ticket to the concert at the Florence Civic Center on March 14th. The cost is \$18 and deadline the is Sunday, March 9th. Musical guests will include Matthew West, Jeremy Camp and Toby Mac.

THIS AND THAT . . .

- Plans are well underway for a medical/evangelism trip to Romania, July 31-August 11. Volunteers are needed to assist the medical team, to witness in the clinics, to work with children, and to preach. The deadline for commitment for the trip is April 15th. Interested persons should call the FBA Office at 662-5921 or additional info is available at www.florencebaptistassociation.com.
- The Joy Club plans to go to the Schoolhouse Restaurant on **Thursday**, March 20th. (note day change!) On the way home, you will visit the new interpretive center at Lynches River County Park. The bus will pull out at 11:15 a.m. Also, seniors don't forget your soup lunch on March 2nd immediately following the morning worship hour.
- The Women in Action Group will host a bridal shower for Lindsay Martin on Monday, March 17th, at 7 p.m.
- Live with Urgency/Seize Your Divine Moment:** This is the theme for our North American Mission Study on March 9th at 7 p.m. Classes for all ages will be provided. Learn more about how we are telling the Good News throughout North America at this study. Three out of four people in the US and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Christ. **Who are you telling about Jesus today?** 100 % of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering directly supports NAMB missionaries and their ministries. **What will you give?** More than 120,000 missions volunteers serve short-term throughout North America each year. **When and where will you go?** Our goal for the AAEO is \$3,000.



As we look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord, contemplate the following poem entitled, "God Won't Ask." I think He would be pleased if we followed Him in celebration by doing these...

March 23rd

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
4. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
5. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.
6. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
7. God won't ask how much overtime YOU worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
8. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.
9. God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
10. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.
11. God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
12. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
13. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.
14. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.
15. God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.

Our schedule for
Easter worship will be:




- 7:00 a.m. - **Early Worship**
8:00 a.m. - **Breakfast & fellowship time**
9:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
10:00 a.m. - **Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord**
[no evening services]

Lighthouse Ministries Chicken Bog and Bar-B-Que
Wednesday, March 5th
Lunch: 11 am-2 pm
Dinner 4-7 p.m.

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church
252 S. Dargan St., Florence

Phone: 629-0830 for ticket info

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Turn your clocks forward on March 9th!!</p>						1
<p>2 9:55 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12 noon Soup Lunch 5 pm DeLawder Mock set-up; Youth Parent Mtg. 6 pm Discipleship Training 7 pm Worship</p>	<p>3 7 pm Lalla Carter Grp. w/ Anne Carmon</p>	<p>4 3 pm Frances Johnson Grp. In MFLC 7pm Women in Action w/ Linda Holloman; Basketball</p>	<p>5 6 pm Youth Sponsored Supper 7 pm Business Mtg. 7:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>6 7 pm Volleyball</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:55 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6:00 pm Discipleship Training 7 pm North American Mission Study</p>	<p>10 7 pm Church Council</p>	<p>11 7 pm Basketball</p>	<p>12 7 pm Prayer Mtg., Mission Organizations 7:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>13 No Volleyball</p>	<p>14 6 pm Youth to concert 6 pm Ruritan Dinner Theatre in MFLC 7 pm Choir Rehearsal @ Calvary</p>	<p>15 6 pm Ruritan Dinner Theatre in MFLC</p>
<p>16 9:55 am Sunday School 11 am Easter Cantata 3 pm Choir Rehearsal @ Calvary 6:00 pm Discipleship Training Palm Sunday</p>	<p>17 7 pm Bridal Shower for Lindsay Martin</p>	<p>18 7 pm Basketball</p>	<p>19 6 pm Mission Night Supper 7 pm Mission Organizations 7:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>20 7 pm Volleyball</p>	 <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>22 10:30 am Egg Hunt</p>
 <p>23 7 am Early Service 8 am Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 10 am Resurrection Celebration No evening services</p>	<p>24 7 pm Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>25 7 pm Basketball</p>	<p>26 7 pm Prayer Mtg., Mission Organizations 7:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>27 11:15 am Joy Club to Schoolhouse 7 pm Volleyball</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:55 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6:00 pm Discipleship Training 7 pm Worship We Can Collection</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Our Adult Choir will present a cantata, “Loves Journey to Calvary” on Palm Sunday at 11 a.m. Some of the choir members will also sing this same cantata with the Calvary Baptist Church choir that evening at 6 p.m. Rehearsal time with Calvary are Friday, March 14th @ 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 16th @ 3 p.m. A light supper will be provided for this rehearsal.</p>				

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...And they came to Elim.
 Exodus 15:27

- 02- Betty Ham
- 04- Dorothy Collins, M/M Charlton Butler
- 06- William White, Dot Dennis
- 07- Sheryl Evans
- 09- John Thames
- 10- Randy Pigate, Fred Morris, Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Rogers
- 12- M/M Don Pierce
- 13- Scott Dennis
- 14- Lindsay Martin, Mary Humphrey
- 15- Samantha Irving
- 16- M/M Marion Humphrey
- 17- M/M Wilbur Cole
- 19- Kathy Weaver
- 21- Greg Reynolds, Dianne Pigate, Lonnie Taylor
- 22- M/M Mike Purvis
- 23- Stella McGee
- 24- Ann Miles
- 25- Lawton Evans, Judd Freeman
- 26- Angela Guffey
- 28- Johnny Floyd, Lucy Humphrey
- 29- Hunter Harrell
- 30- Dylan Price
- 31- Joanne Long

- Apr. 01-C.W. Lynch, Deloris Thompson, Dalton Price
- 02- Gayle Hill
- 03- Spencer Singletary
- 04- Harley England, M/M Tony Turner



And your anniversary, too!

My Place of Service

Date	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 30
Ushers	McKay Pigate Humphrey Dennis	J. Floyd H. Reynolds E. Jones R.W. Dennis	Bacot Floyd Jordan Anderson	L. Bacot Ham Whitehead L. Lawhon	McMillan Hardee Kirven Carmon
Security AM PM	AM-Adam Moore PM-Greg Reynolds	AM-Harold Reynolds PM-Wayne Ham	AM-Marion Humphrey PM-Reggie Hill	AM-Russ Irving No PM	AM-Pack Packard PM-Don Trask
Deacon Door	B. & A. Moore R. & T. Reynolds R. & D. Pigate	B. & A. Moore R. & T. Reynolds R. & D. Pigate	B. & A. Moore R. & T. Reynolds R. & D. Pigate	B. & A. Moore R. & T. Reynolds R. & D. Pigate	B. & A. Moore R. & T. Reynolds R. & D. Pigate
Nursery AM	Dianne Pigate Holly Whitehead Ivy Whitehead *Carolyn Carmon	Chris & Anne Carmon Betty Ham *Penny Trask	Linda Reynolds Lynn Conner Betty Humphrey *Beth Moore	Dexter & Diane Lee Sally Ham Maggie & Katherine Kirven	Johnny & Lisa Floyd Ricky & Beth Moore
Nursery SS & PM	SS-Beth Moore PM-Freddie & Gloria McKay	SS-Carolyn Carmon PM-Reggie & J.J. Hill	SS-Barbara Moore PM-Wayne & Betty Ham	SS-Lisa McClure No PM	SS-Ann King PM-Lana Jones Barbara Moore
Children's Church	Ann Floyd	Sheryl Evans	Fredda Irving	Kight Family	Penny Trask