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# Yemassee Baptist

We are a local church striving to be used mightily of God to helping others discover the way to forgiveness, peace, purpose and eternal life.

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## A Word From Bro. Brent

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little life-saving station. The building was primitive, and there was just one boat, but the members of the life-saving station were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day or night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by that station, it became famous. Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station to give their time, talent, and money to support its important work. New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, a formal training session was offered. As the membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became unhappy that the building was so primitive and the equipment was so outdated. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged and newly-decorated building. Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members. They met regularly, and when they did, it was apparent how they loved one another. They greeted one another, hugged each other, and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. But fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so they hired lifeboat crews to do this for them. About this time, a large ship wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought into the life-saving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick and half-drowned people. Some of them had black skin, and some had yellow skin. Some could speak English well, and some could hardly speak it at all. Some were first-class passengers from the ship, and some were the deck hands or servants aboard. The beautiful meeting place became a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the exquisite furniture got scratched. So the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the house where the victims of shipwrecks could clean up before coming inside their beautiful new building. At the next meeting there was a rift in the membership. Most of the members insisted that life-saving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin their own life-saving down the coast. And you know what? That's what they did. As the years passed, however, the new station experienced the same troubles that had occurred with the old. It evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, for committee meetings, and for special training sessions about their mission, but few went out to the drowning people. The drowning people were no longer put into that life-saving station. So another life-saving was founded further down the coast. History continued to repeat itself. And if you visit that seacoast today, you'll find a number of adequate meeting places with ample parking and plush carpeting. But shipwrecks are still as frequent as ever in those waters. Now, however, most of the people drown.

Has this happened to the modern church today? There's an old hymn we used to sing titled "Throw-out the Lifeline." It's been removed from most hymn books today. The first verse goes like this; "Throw out the lifeline across the dark waves, There is a brother whom someone should save; Somebody's brother! Oh, who then will dare, To throw out the lifeline, his peril to share?"

Verse 2; "Throw out the lifeline with hand quick and strong; Why do you tarry, why linger so long? See, he is sinking; Oh, hasten today! And out with the lifeboat, away, then away!"

Verse 3; "Soon will the season of rescue be o'er, soon will they drift to eternity's shore; Haste then my brother, not time for delay, But throw out the lifeline and save them today!"

It's easy to get distracted from our purpose of being a life-saving station for God's Kingdom! Who do you know who is sinking today?

## Who am I?

I moved to Yemassee in 1930. I graduated here in 1940. I joined Yemassee Baptist Church in 1940 or 1941. I've done a lot of things in our church, but always tried to stay in the background. My dad was a Ford Tractor and Model T dealer. He had dealerships in Fairfax and Allendale. He was the mayor of Hampton in 1918. My mom lived to be 99 years old, and she had a sister that lived to be 106. I had two sisters, one, Drew is still living in Walterboro. I've had an interesting life. I never married, but came close several times!

I worked for a company who would contract with U.S. Engineers to build military airport runways, and heavy construction. I served in the U.S. Army for 30 months, serving in the Pacific.

I had a lunch restaurant in Pocatigo for 4 1/2 years. I cooked and did everything else that needed to be done. I worked for the Dept. of Labor working with the Migrant Labor Program. I was a painting contractor, and built about 30 to 40 houses. I did plantation maintenance work. I also did milk testing and did big time fishing. I had a large boat, and caught Sturgeon up to 500 lbs. I caught sharks up to 12 feet long! I made caviar and would sell to the plantations for them to serve to their guests and give to their friends.

I would often take kids skiing on Sunday afternoons. I have done a lot of charity work for churches and friends over the years. A lot of young men in the Yemassee area have worked for me over the years. God has been good to me in my lifetime thus far, and I give Him all the glory. In the picture, I'm dancing with the young lady who became Mark Steel's mother-in-law, Dot. "Hey, in my day, I was quite a swinger!"

## Deacons Corner

We are anxiously awaiting the copy of the plans for our new building. Excitement is growing in all quarters. God is blessing us with growth, and we need to have room for this amazing growth!

Please pray for our building committee and finance committee. Pray for a bold faith, and for God's wisdom! We don't want to get ahead of God, but neither do we want to lag behind.

Proverbs 29:18 tells us; "Without a vision the people perish." I believe God is giving us a vision. A vision of seeing people come into His Kingdom in great numbers.

## A Little Humor

Bro. Brent overheard Linda Goodwin talking to someone a few Sunday's ago and she made this remark, "At one time J.L. was all the world to me..... but I've learned a lot about geography since then."

A good definition of ignorance: A young couple was about to leave the hospital with their first new baby. The young man turned and asked the doctor, "What time should we wake the little fella' up in the morning to feed him?"

Word has it that Mary Ellen is on a 30 day diet..... so far she's lost 18 days!

## At A Glance

We would like to welcome the following New Members for the month of May!

Nicole Sapp and daughters,  
Gabi & Lauren (By Letter)

Davey Sanders (Baptism)

Crystal Adams (Baptism)

Last month's average offering per Sunday was \$1,837 and the average Sunday School attendance was a wonderful 95! We hope to keep our average attendance in the high 90's and to break 100 this month. Help us meet this goal and come find your place in one of our great classes.

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## June Birthdays

2 - Justin Lane  
4 - John Youmans  
5 - Chris Lyons, David Crowley  
15 - Brandon Fitts, Todd Sauls  
19 - Timmy Crowley  
20 - Annie Mae Reeves, Linda Hagy  
23 - Suzanne Cook  
27 - Chrissy Miller  
30 - Beverly Simmons, Carey Sauls

## Youth News

Wow! God is so good! We have been averaging 23 youth on Wednesday nights and 19 youth will be attending camp this summer. Please be in prayer for them. Samantha Parker will be their youth leader for the summer. The youth will need to raise \$3,300 for camp. We have a hamburger fundraiser June 7th and a BBQ on June 28th. Please purchase tickets for these events! It is worth everything to some of these youth and a priceless investment for what they will learn about Jesus with 800 other youth their age at camp. You can make a difference!

*In Christ's Name, Lori*

## Sunday School News

Sunday School is doing very well - we have 103 enrollment and our average attendance for May was 95. We did not have any new members in classes this past month, but we hope to have some in June!

Mrs. Wanda's class for New Christians is doing fantastic! Soon we will be headed into Bible School, so I feel that it will help our Sunday School and church numbers grow. If you feel led, please pitch in and be a part of the upcoming events. We can always use the help, and if you can't be here to help, your prayers are always needed as well. Prayer is so vital!

*See you at Sunday School, Debbie*

## Community News

The purpose of the event Sunday afternoon on May 25th at the New Senior Citizens Center was to build more unity in our community to work together to make an impact and a difference. We had 75-80 in attendance, and had a good group from our church. There was a "Sweet Spirit" in that place and it was a great time had by all. Thank you for your support in this effort of outreach! We hope to have another event in the fall.

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