

April Newsletter 2024

**INMAN FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH**

April at a Glance

<i>4/1</i>	<i>Easter Monday- Church Office Closed</i>
<i>4/2</i>	<i>Deacon's Meeting</i>
<i>4/3 & 4/4</i>	<i>Free Medical Clinic</i>
<i>4/6</i>	<i>Youth Food Pantry</i>
<i>4/7</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screening</i>
<i>4/7</i>	<i>Caregiver Support Group</i>
<i>4/8</i>	<i>Monday Bible Study</i>
<i>4/8</i>	<i>Women's Ministry Book Club</i>
<i>4/10</i>	<i>Wednesday Night Activities</i>
<i>4/13</i>	<i>Leadership Retreat</i>
<i>4/13</i>	<i>Youth Food Pantry</i>
<i>4/14</i>	<i>Big C</i>
<i>4/15</i>	<i>Monday Bible Study</i>
<i>4/17</i>	<i>Wednesday Night Activities</i>
<i>4/20</i>	<i>Threads of Hope Shopping Day</i>
<i>4/21</i>	<i>Church Conference</i>
<i>4/22</i>	<i>Monday Bible Study</i>
<i>4/24</i>	<i>Wednesday Night Activities</i>
<i>4/25</i>	<i>Women's Ministry Paint Party</i>
<i>4/27</i>	<i>VBS Training</i>
<i>4/27</i>	<i>Under The Boardwalk Beach Party</i>
<i>4/27</i>	<i>Youth Food Pantry</i>
<i>4/28</i>	<i>Lunch & Learn on Internet Safety</i>
<i>4/29</i>	<i>Monday Bible Study</i>

A New Day

By the time we hit April, Spring is in full force. The once barren trees are growing their leaves back, the flowers are blooming with bright vivid colors, the birds are vocalizing their songs, the bees are getting busy with the explosion of pollen, and the sun beams are warm and cozy but not too hot yet. My favorite start to Spring is seeing all of the yellow Daffodils that pop up out of the ground. Some of them are purposefully planted in people's yards, but I love driving down the road and seeing the sporadic clumps of yellow flowers blooming in the most unlikely places. After a long, cold winter they remind me that it's a new day - bright, beautiful change is coming!

While nature reveals a change happening all around us we also get the opportunity to celebrate the change happening within us. We've just celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead which brings us new life. I love how Easter lines up with the change of seasons. The symbolism of a cold dead winter that turns into a living beautiful spring is similar to what we experience as believers in Christ. When we come to know Jesus He brings us from death to life - only because of what He has done for us on the cross and in His resurrection. If we have experienced this change then each day is a "new day" where we live with hope, anticipation, and endless possibilities of what Christ can and will do within us.

It can be easy to let the celebration of the resurrection end after Easter Sunday. Jesus rose, but now what? How do we live in light of the resurrection? How do we embrace each new day? We Worship! We worship by spending time with and praising God, but we also worship God and honor him by the way we live out our lives. So how do we do that? Colossians 3 gives us guidance as to how we can live out our worship. The beginning of the chapter says we should put to death the things of the flesh and then continues to say...

*"¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ **And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**"*

When we worship and spend time in communion with Him we grow closer to God. The inevitable outcome is that He continually changes us from the inside out - making us more like Him. This also effects how we relate to and interact with others on a daily basis. Our worship includes sharing Jesus with others too.

In the days and weeks to come I encourage you to thank God for each new day and embrace it with worship - worship between you and God, and worship as you live out your lives and interact with those around you. May you be reminded of and experience the living hope that we have in Christ in the good and hard days ahead.

—Sarah Godheim



WELCOME
New Member

**PLEASE HELP US WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER
OF OUR INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY!**




Jason Chadwick


March 17, 2024



Upcoming Events for April



Free Medical Clinic



**Wednesday, April 3rd
&
Thursday, April 4th
9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Inman First Baptist Church
14 N. Howard St
Inman, SC 29349**

For Adults and Children: Free blood pressure, Blood Sugar, & Body Mass Index Screening

For those who are uninsured: Full Scope Primary Care

Free food for all

Call 864.542.2273 for an appointment and mention Inman location

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

FIRST SUNDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH
4:00PM - 5:30PM



FRIENDSHIP NOW connect smile healing kindness COMPASSION purpose caregiver health care patience support LOVE UNCONDITIONAL nurture time activity mobility dignity family THERAPY inclusion community



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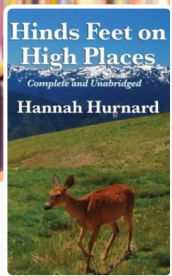
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
864-472-9069

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 7.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Book Club

APRIL 8



Hinds Feet on High Places
Complete and Unabridged
Hannah Hurnard

IFBC Women's Ministry Book Club will gather on Monday, April 8th in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm to discuss the beautifully written, allegorical novel, *Hinds Feet on High Places*, by Hannah Hurnard.

All ladies are invited to join and please bring a dish that brings you joy you would like to share. If you need to borrow a copy of the book, please check with the front office. You can sign up through Realm or contact Sydney at 864-472-9069 or syaeger@ifbc.net. Contact Amber Blackwell-Childers, host of this event, with any questions.



IFBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ENCOURGE ONE ANOTHER

HEBREWS 10: 24-25

**Recurring meetings on the second Sunday of each month
4:00PM-5:00PM**

INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Leadership Gathering

**Saturday, April 13
9AM to 12 Noon**

Connecting in a Disconnected World

We invite all church members who currently serve on any church team or are volunteering on a regular basis (or a designated member of your team) to be part of a Leadership Gathering on Saturday, April 13. Join us beginning at 9:00 AM for Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

This year's gathering will include discussions around: Seeking Connections, Making Connections, Intergenerational Connections, Worship as Connection, and Connecting Beyond Differences. Please RSVP with Jeremiah Childers or sign up in Realm.

Breakfast and snacks will be served!

IFBC Women's Ministry Paint Party



Please join us for a time of fellowship and painting! Above is the painting that we will be doing. We will also have finger foods to enjoy! Please RSVP using the link at the bottom by April 22nd. Payments can be made on Realm. You must be registered and paid to attend.

WHEN: April 25th, 6-8 pm
WHERE: IFBC Fellowship Hall
COST: \$10 per person

SIGN UP WITH THE LINK
OR YOU CAN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE: 864-472-9069

Beach Party

Saturday, April 27

Join us for a seafood lunch at Silver Bay of Simpsonville and then to listen to some great Beach Music at the Pelzer Auditorium.

We will depart from the church at 10:45 AM on the buses for lunch at Silver Bay. From lunch we will travel to Pelzer to enjoy concert of Beach Music Hits at 3:00 PM.

Tickets for *Under the Boardwalk* are \$12.00 per person. There is a limited number of tickets available. Please contact Jeremiah Childers if you would like to attend.



Under the BOARDWALK
BACK TO THE BEACH!
A CONCERT OF BEACH MUSIC HITS
Saturday, April 27 - 3:00 PM
PELZER AUDITORIUM

Everyone 55+ is invited to join us for a "Day at the Beach!"

Lunch and Learn on Internet Safety



Sunday, April 28, 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Register on Realm



April Wednesday Nights

Supper Menu

April 10- BBQ, baked beans, slaw, tater tots,
chicken nuggets & dessert

April 17- Chicken casserole, green beans, salad,
chicken nuggets & dessert

April 24- Breakfast

Schedule

- 5:30pm- Drop-in Supper
 - 6:00pm- Benevolence
 - 6:15-7pm- IFBC kids
 - 6:30pm- Bible Study
 - 7:00pm- Choir
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The Health Ministry Team appreciates the quick and detailed responses to the surveys. Your willingness to complete the survey will assist the team in providing information and services for you and your family. The team met this past Sunday afternoon to compile the results. The majority of the responses were from the over 60 age group. The highest areas of interest and concerns are under Health Information and Health Issues, with specifics of Standard First Aid, Early Disease Detection and Vision/Hearing, Blood Pressure, Nutrition, Weight Control and Exercise Classes. There were Teen Health issues noted, therefore, a teen survey is being developed for their input. There were several additional write-ins that will also be addressed. The survey will be on-going, so if you have not had the opportunity to complete one, it is not too late. There will be surveys on the desk in the Worship Center and you may turn them into the office.

Thank you!

Health Ministry Team of Inman First Baptist.



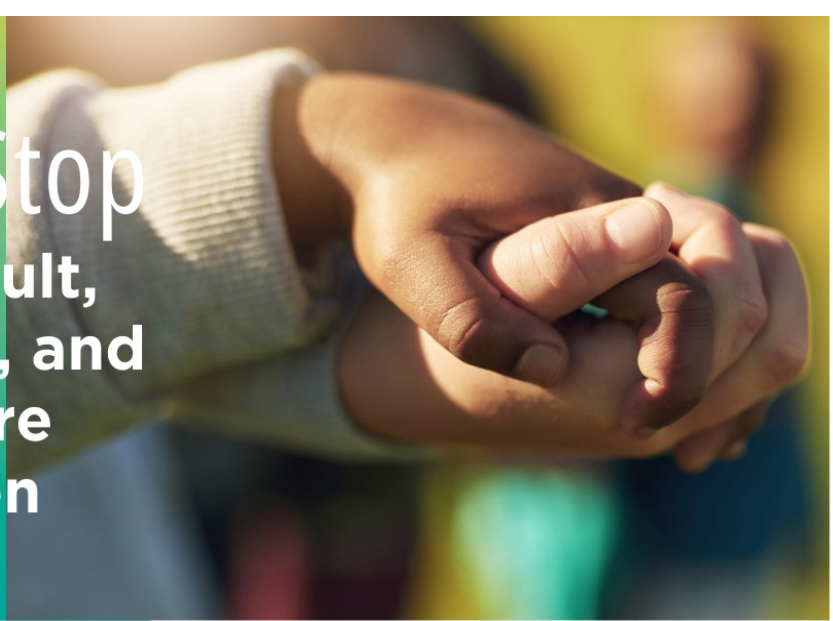
**THE HEALTH TEAM WILL BE OFFERING
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING ON THE
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE STARTING AT 9AM.**



April is Sexual Assault awareness month.

We have informational handouts at the Welcome Center desk.

We Can Stop Sexual Assault, Harassment, and Abuse Before They Happen



We all have a right to safety in our daily lives — to have our boundaries respected and make choices about what happens to our bodies — at home, school, the workplace, and in public places. That sense of wellbeing and safety can be taken away by knowing that sexual assault, harassment, and abuse are common and not always taken seriously.

The good news is that we can stop sexual abuse before it happens by addressing the bigger picture in which it occurs.



The Bigger Picture

Too often, our society sends the message that sexual assault, harassment, and abuse are caused by an individual person's choices and failings — that of the victim or the perpetrator.

We should never blame victims for what happened to them — sexual assault and abuse are actions that one person chooses to inflict on another. We need to hold individuals who commit abuse accountable, but we can't stop there when it comes to ending sexual assault altogether. Focusing solely on individual perpetrators and instances of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse is often easier than facing the reality that this type of violence is widespread and common, and the driving forces behind it are hard to see.

Everyone's beliefs, values, and behaviors are continually shaped by the world around them — by unwritten rules on how to behave, laws, policies, and pop culture. For instance, weak policies or lack of accountability for those who have committed sexual assault can lead to

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We must improve expectations for how we interact with one another, strengthen policies to support survivors, and promote safety throughout communities.

Personal Safety vs. the Bigger Picture

Sometimes when people hear about preventing sexual assault, harassment, and abuse, they think about ways they can keep themselves safe. Prevention means much more than protecting ourselves, not to mention many factors that impact our safety are beyond our individual control. Stopping these types of violence before they happen requires us to work together to support healthy, safe, and respectful behaviors and environments.

Prevention
MEANS MUCH MORE THAN
PROTECTING OURSELVES

What You Can Do

- Improve skills around asking for consent and respecting the answer, challenge jokes that demean others, and maintain and model healthy relationships.
- Encourage children to respect others' boundaries and bodies, challenge unfair gender stereotypes, and treat others with respect.
- Improve policies and practices within faith communities, community organizations, workplaces, and schools to ensure everyone is treated fairly. Screen staff and volunteers and train them frequently on healthy behavior and boundaries.
- Create and pass legislation that supports survivors and improves equitable resources.

We can take these steps and more to work towards a safer and more equal world for future generations.



Stomping Out Second-Hand Smoke

Stopping sexual assault before it happens can feel challenging — but it is possible. The social stigma about second-hand smoke is a great example of how educating the public and changing unwritten rules and expectations helped address a public health issue.

Not long ago, smoking cigarettes was a widely accepted activity that took place almost everywhere — restaurants, hospitals, even airplanes. Yet people nearby who breathed in the smoke were put at risk for serious health consequences. Over many years, public health professionals and youth leaders exposed the negative effects of second-hand smoke.

Thanks to a greater understanding of these health risks, society's views about where people could smoke changed, and it became less common to see people smoking in public spaces and in the media. And just like with second-hand smoke, it's possible for us to make the necessary changes to eventually have a society where sexual assault, harassment, and abuse are not common.

Adapted from National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and Berkeley Media Studies Group. (2018). *Moving towards prevention: A guide for reframing sexual violence*. Retrieved from <https://www.nsvrc.org/moving-toward-prevention-guide-reframing-sexual-violence>

How Often Does Sexual Assault Occur in the United States?

NUMBER OF PEOPLE VICTIMIZED EACH YEAR



Inmates:

80,600 were sexually assaulted or rapedⁱ



Children:

60,000 were victims of “substantiated or indicated” sexual abuse.ⁱⁱ



General Public:

433,648 Americans 12 and older were sexually assaulted or raped.ⁱⁱⁱ



Military:

18,900 experienced unwanted sexual contact.^{iv}

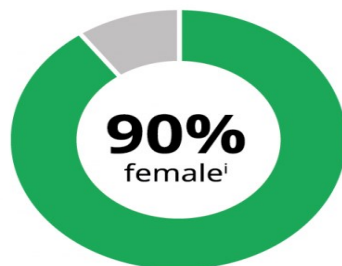
RAINN

National Sexual Assault Hotline | 800.656.HOPE | online.rainn.org
Please visit rainn.org/statistics/scope-problem for full citation.²

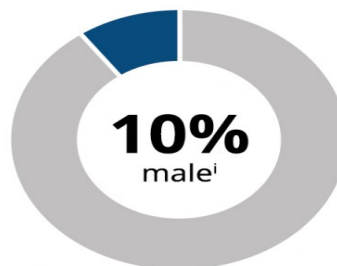
Everyone Is Affected by Sexual Violence

- Every 68 seconds another American is sexually assaulted.¹
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (14.8% completed, 2.8% attempted).⁴
- About 3% of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
- From 2009-2013, Child Protective Services agencies substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate that, 63,000 children a year were victims of sexual abuse.⁵
- A majority of child victims are 12-17. Of victims under the age of 18: 34% of victims of sexual assault and rape are under age 12, and 66% of victims of sexual assault and rape are age 12-17.⁶

9 OUT OF EVERY 10 VICTIMS OF RAPE ARE FEMALE



17.7 million American women as of 1998ⁱ



2.78 million American men as of 1998ⁱⁱ

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The Majority of Sexual Assaults Occur At or Near the Victim's Home

BREAKDOWN OF LOCATIONS WHERE SEXUAL ASSAULT OCCURS



55%
at or near the
victim's home



15%
in an open
public place.



12%
at or near a
relative's home



10%
in an enclosed but
public area, such as a
parking lot or garage



8%
on school
property

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What was the survivor doing when the crime occurred?

- 48% were sleeping, or performing another activity at home
- 29% were traveling to and from work or school, or traveling to shop or run errands
- 12% were working
- 7% were attending school
- 5% were doing an unknown or other activity

Understanding RAINN's statistics

Sexual violence is notoriously difficult to measure, and there is no single source of data that provides a complete picture of the crime. On RAINN's website, we have tried to select the most reliable source of statistics for each topic. The primary data source we use is the [National Crime Victimization Survey \(NCVS\)](#), which is an annual study conducted by the Justice Department. To conduct NCVS, researchers interview tens of thousands of Americans each year to learn about crimes that they've experienced. Based on those interviews, the study provides estimates of the total number of crimes, including those that were not reported to police. While NCVS has a number of limitations (most importantly, children under age 12 are not included), overall, it is the most reliable source of crime statistics in the U.S.

We have also relied on other Justice Department studies, as well as data from the Department of Health and Human Services and other government and academic sources. When assembling these statistics, we have generally retained the wording used by the authors. Statistics are presented for educational purposes only. Each statistic includes a footnote citation for the original source, where you can find information about the methodology and a definition of terms.



The Threads of Hope is always accepting clothing, shoes, new socks and underwear donations for children K-12 grade. Our next planned shopping day will be April 20 from 9AM-12PM.

Thank you for continuing to support the children of District One!



March Ministry In Review

The Corner of Hope served 23 families (78 people) from Spartanburg County from March 6 to March 27.

The Benevolence Team served 41 neighbors from our community.

The Youth Food Pantry served our community on March 9 & March 23.

Thank you to all the volunteers and financial offerings that make these ministries possible!

MEET ONE OF OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS



ABOUT HAITI BIBLE MISSION

Just two hours by air from the US mainland, Haiti is one of the least developed countries in the world and is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Haiti has a population of almost 12 million people consisting of a low income, peasant-based economy. The people are mostly African descent with the average Haitian making about \$2.25 USD per day.

Haiti Bible Mission is based in Jeremie, Haiti (1290 miles west of Port-au-Prince). The ministry focuses on empowering indigenous Haitian leaders through leadership development. This is done through discipleship, local church involvement, education community development and short-term missions. Their approach is highly relational and focuses on the most isolated and poverty stricken parts of western Haiti. They also have a heart to provide relief through meeting physical needs such as providing shelter or intervening for healthcare.

The giving that comes from you and IFBC helps to overcome the challenges of both physical and spiritual poverty. Through the work of the Haiti Bible Mission, the lives of many Haitian's are renewed, and the burden of the Haitian people is lightened by the love of Jesus Christ.

You can download a copy of the Haiti Bible Mission's 15 Year Anniversary Magazine using the link below. It provides a wonderful glance into the life of the Haitian people and how each of the Haiti Bible Mission's ministry branches are making a positive impact on each of the lives they touch.

Thank you for providing support to the IFBC Haiti Bible Mission!

www.haitibiblemission.org/magazine

OUR CORE VALUES

THE FAME OF JESUS

We long to see Jesus become famous throughout the region and are committed to spreading His love in every place that we are present.

A LIFE WORTH IMITATING

Authentic, humble, Christ-like lives get our attention and are our ambition.

A MISSIONAL MINDSET

We want to operate from a heart for lost people and serving the least of these by going after the overlooked, the oppressed and the ones no one cares about.

BIG FAITH

We dream BIG, pray BIG and plan BIG. We refuse to dishonor God by playing it safe in life or in leadership.

GRACE IN PRACTICE

We will always extend grace to others in thanks to the grace God has given us.

FAMILY IS OUR FIRST MINISTRY

Our family's safety, quiet time and health will always trump everything else.

JOYFUL CELEBRATION

We will be quick to party and give thanks for the goodness of God, rejoicing in His goodness and answered prayer.

GENEROSITY

We find joy in a lifestyle of giving all that we can.

ACTIONS OVER WORDS

True character will be revealed through our actions, not just words.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

We see potential in people, and through a relational approach, we want to invest and raise up world changing leaders.



MARCH 2024 IN SNAPSHOTS



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Cheerios Snapshots



Herman Whitaker



Bill Cothran



Martha Giles



APRIL

HAPPY Birthday

Angela Taylor	4/1	Kay Ballenger	4/16
Eddy Mitchell	4/2	Lois Shelton	4/16
Reeves Ballard	4/3	David Blackwell	4/18
Teresa Brown	4/3	Amanda Blanton	4/18
Emmy Greer	4/3	Joseph McMillin	4/18
Larry Kimbrell	4/3	Erin West	4/18
Collin Desjardins	4/6	Marian Bagwell	4/19
Emily Glass	4/6	Donna Maxwell	4/20
Linda Morrow	4/6	Wayne Ballenger	4/21
Damian Williams	4/6	Jean Hart	4/22
Pamela Johnson	4/8	Jim Campbell	4/24
Anna Skinner-Wyatt	4/8	Norma Gaines	4/24
Paul Barnwell	4/9	Adeline LeMaster	4/24
Richard Sabo	4/11	Kevin Morton	4/25
Scott Sitton	4/11	Kat Waters	4/25
Andrew Waters	4/11	Kim Waters	4/25
Chloe Garner	4/13	April Smith	4/26
George Kirksey	4/13	Ann Whitaker	4/26
Robert Scherer	4/13	David Taylor	4/28
Russell Dietz	4/14	Pete Miller	4/29
George Ward	4/14	Sawyer Gossett	4/30
Patrick McGinnis	4/15	Ray Taylor	4/30
Sherri Scherer	4/15		

