



Pastor Jim Kinsler to retire Feb. 28

Pastor Jim Kinsler of the Lutheran Church By The Lake is retiring on Feb. 28, after almost 41 years in the ministry. Pastor Jim has been an inspiration and symbol of love and unity in our McCormick community since his arrival 13 years ago.

The Lutheran Church By The Lake would like to invite all of those who have been blessed by Pastor Jim over the years to recognize him in one of the following ways to provide a lasting memory of his years in ministry in McCormick.

Send an email of congratulations or special memory that you have to: lcblt.worship@wctel.net or mail a card of congratulations to Pastor Jim marked "RETIREMENT" to the following:

Lutheran Church By The Lake
100 Twelve Oaks Drive
McCormick SC 29835
"Retirement"

All cards, letters, emails will be presented to Pastor Jim at the time of his retirement.

Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries

February 18 - Belton Goff, Andy Brooks, Mary G. Shirley, Gary Gable, Ansel Lagroon, Ann Hardy, Crystal O'Gorman, Vincent and Gail Harper, Matthew Jackson, Beth Antonakos, Faye Cotty, Michael Rhinehart, Teresa Shivers, Sydney Lindley.

February 19 - Margaret L. Chamberlain, Bernie Edmunds, Mary G. Edmunds, Ed Goff, Lila Holloway, Carolyn Murray, John Newell, Sarah A. Gilchrist Ware, Debbie G. Shiflet, Marvin Smalls, Mary E. Edmunds, Cody Poteete, Frank "Kenny" Puckett, Lee Hegler, Cody Burns, Latoya Wideman, Kathleen and Glen Dempsey, Fred and Lois Fultz, Ken and Earlene Wessel, Baylen Creswell, Gloria Kowall, Patrick Richardson, Margaret Utsey.

February 20 - Edna Brown, Bonnie E. Brown, John M. Price Jr., Ted Chiles, Terrance Chiles, Sissy Cooke, Eric Musier, Kerry Wilson, Robert Maurer.

February 21 - Randy Dorn, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells, Al and Linda White, Melissa A. Durant, Gail Ashley, Ralph Kelsay.

February 22 - Jan P. Brown, Janet Cason Wilkens, Dickey Reese, John Mark Shiflet, Kippie M. White, Dan Stacco, Jim Royer, Ella Lou Leverette, Myron and Karen Bernard, Jack Towers, D.J. Brisbane.

February 23 - James W. Hodges Jr., Benjamin Perrin, Robbie Sanders, Rosa Prince, Angela Sibert, Sally Culpepper, Sandra Slay, Edwin and Kathleen Lumpkin, Jimmy Gilchrist, Jessica Milton, Brandon Tompkins, Mina Peavy, Nalsyha Adams, Chris Montgomery.

February 24 - Lashonda Shaentt Talbert, Susan Hill, Jashasha Bryant, Randy McCarron, Bob Schechter, Malcolm Polly.

New Hope celebrates Black History Month

By Kittye Craig - Jackson

The New Hope Baptist Church, Pastor and Mrs. Michael A. Butler celebrate how churches and civil society uplift the community. Since the nation's founding, Black people have organized to meet the needs of their fellow citizens. Black churches are responsible for the uplifting of Black Americans to achieve equality and it has been a long, hard-fought struggle. This fight is marked by momentous wins, such as the full enjoyment of constitutional rights and Blacks ascending to the helm of every facet of society.

However, despite so much progress, challenges of poverty, lack of education, crime, health disparities and high mortality rates persist. From the end of slavery to today, the question America has grappled with is, "How do we overcome these challenges?"

Instead of looking to Washington for solutions, perhaps we should consider how to amplify the long-standing efforts already underway in our communities. The Black church is just one source of light in the diverse constellation of organizations that form our civil society. Seventy years later, the significant majorities of Black churches still engaged in community outreach programs but also expanded them to address emerging issues such as health clinics, substance/domestic and child abuse prevention and supplying food to the hungry.

Today, many Black churches, regardless of denomination, view direct services as central to their mission. The Black church is just one source of light in the diverse constellation of organizations that form our civil society. Without its presence, we can only surmise how much worse conditions in the Black community might be.

The importance of the role of the Black Church at its best cannot be gainsaid in the history of the African American people. Nor can it be underestimated. African American churches were vital to the success of the civil rights movement. They hosted mass meetings, were meeting points for rallies and marches, and provided much-needed emotional, physical, moral and spiritual support.

As Rev. and First Lady Michael Butler and the New Hope Baptist Church celebrate the accomplishments of Blacks throughout history, let us all adopt the urgency to uplift the Black community. That begins with amplifying the work of a civil society.

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ments."

In other business:

- The minutes, bills and financial statements were approved by council.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Langley Willis and Justice King to the McCormick Fire Department.
- Council approved Ordinance 0-2021-12-14-01 second and final reading on the ARP Funding Budget for FY 21/22.
- Council was reminded of filing their 2021 Statement of Economic Intent by March 30, as well as, returning their yearly Employment Form to Clerk Treasurer.

Council went to executive session to discuss grounds maintenance and sanitation contracts. Upon returning to open session, Smith stated, "no action was necessary, just discussion."

Schedule for local Al-Anon and AA meetings

There are now three AA meetings and one Al-Anon meeting every week in McCormick. Please note that the Friday meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are hosted at the Methodist Church. The Tuesday/ Thursday meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are hosted at the Talmadge Center.

• **Al-Anon Meeting at 5 p.m. on Fridays at McCormick United Methodist Church***

Al-Anon members are people just like you who are worried about someone else's drinking or addiction issues. Family members and friends of an alcoholic or addict have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar situations.

• **Happy Hour Group-AA Meeting at 5 p.m. on Fridays at McCormick United Methodist Church***

Speaker/Discussion: These meetings are for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

*Entrance for either Friday meeting is through the fellowship hall located behind the church.

• **McCormick Group-AA Meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Talmadge Center, 1319 S. Main St.****

Step Study: Closed meeting for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

• **McCormick Group-AA Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at The Talmadge Center, 1319 S. Main St.****

Big Book Study: Open to anyone who wants to learn more about alcoholism.

**Use the main parking lot and entrance.



Inspecting one of the lights installed recently at the Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department are (l-r) firefighters Glenn Heffner, Sean Boyce and Ralph Layton.

Emergency lights go operational on Huguenot in front of Station #2

By Bob Stockton

The Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department has installed emergency signal lights on Huguenot Parkway in front of its Station No. 2 and wants to alert drivers.

"Please be advised that the Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department Station 2 emergency signal lights are now in operation on Huguenot Parkway," said Fire Chief Robert Morris. "We're asking drivers to please come to a complete stop when the emergency lights are flashing."

"The purpose of these signal lights is to protect the Sandy Branch firefighters when fire engines or trucks are in the process of leaving or backing into the station. Please keep these firefighters safe," Morris said.

Department member Roger Byers did the research for the new lights, and Sean Boyce helped with the installation.

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speeding and simple possession of marijuana. The pistol will be stored pending pick up from the owner.

Deputies were dispatched to the Family Dollar in reference to trespassing. They arrived and spoke with the store manager who stated there was an individual in the store wearing a large book bag which is against store policy.

She stated he was asked to remove it, refused, and the store manager wanted the subject placed on trespass notice for the store. Deputies interviewed the subject and ran his name through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

The subject had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear/DUI out of McCormick County. The subject was arrested on the warrant and transported to the detention center for booking and processing. Deputies completed a trespass notice and served it on the subject.

Deputies were dispatched to the area of highway 23 in Modoc in reference to a subject laying on the side of the road. They located the subject, identified him and noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him.

Deputies observed an open bottle of liquor near the subject, asked the subject if he had been drinking and he admitted he had. Deputies arrested the subject for public disorderly conduct and transported him to the detention center for booking and processing.

Deputies were dispatched to the McKinney Road area in reference to a stolen vehicle. They spoke with the complainant who stated he believed a known subject had entered his home, stolen an X-Box, several knives and his 1994 Chevy Silverado.

Deputies processed the crime scene and were able to lift latent fingerprints. The Silverado was entered into NCIC as "stolen." The victim stated the suspect had come by the house the day prior and the victim had run him off.

The suspect is known to law enforcement and had stolen the victim's truck once before. A report was generated, and the case remains open pending fingerprint analysis and arrest of the suspect.

Deputies were patrolling the area of the Clarks Hill Dam when they observed a vehicle sitting in middle of the parking lot with its lights turned off. They approached the vehicle and observed several spent shell casings and an open container of alcohol next to the vehicle.

Deputies identified a female driver and male passenger. The driver stated they had come there to talk as they were having problems in their relationship. Deputies spoke with the passenger and detected the strong odor of alcohol coming from his person.

Deputies had him exit the vehicle and asked him if he had consumed any alcohol. He replied he had not but he used the vehicle to maintain his balance. Deputies patted the subject down and discovered a FN .45 caliber pistol in his waist band.

The subject did not possess a concealed weapons permit. Consent was obtained to search the vehicle, and deputies discovered a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana in an open food container.

The male subject admitted the marijuana belonged to him. He was arrested for simple possession of marijuana and unlawful carry of a handgun and transported to the detention center for booking and processing. The driver of the vehicle was not charged and permitted to leave the scene.



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MCCORMICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU INTEREST MEETING


HOSTED BY THE EDUCATION CENTER

Location: Education Center at the SC Governor's School for Agriculture

Date: Saturday, February 26th
Time: 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Topics Covered: Youth Membership, Young Farmers & Ranchers Program, Women's Committee, Standard Membership

Lunch Provided!



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