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# The Lighthouse

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## A Christian View of War

The current conflict in Iran has much of the world's attention. While wars have raged around the world since the beginning of time, Christians have also been fighting a battle among themselves over how a child of God should view war.

Some have taken a **Total Pacifism** position, claiming that war is always evil, with no exceptions, and Christians should never participate or condone war. This cannot be scripturally correct, because God Himself waged war (Ex. 17:16) and commanded the Israelites to do so as well (Num. 31). God cannot be charged with sin (James 1:13), and all of His ways are righteous (Deut. 32:4), therefore war in itself is not sinful.

Others have taken what is sometimes called the **Non-Resistance** view, in which the use of force is right for government, but wrong for individual Christians. However, God also rewarded the Israelites after the enemy was vanquished (Numbers 31:25-31). Since the New Testament authorizes governments to punish evil (Rom. 13:1-7), how could it be wrong for a Christian to serve under such governments, as long as they are not disobeying scriptural principles (Acts 5:29)? Also, John the baptizer had a perfect opportunity to prohibit military service to those who would be followers of God, but he did not do so (Luke 3:14).

Still others have taken the **Just War** view, which states that Christians are morally obligated to assist if a war is deemed as just and righteous and in defense of innocent people. Since there is no direct command by God to serve in the military, the decision to do so would come down to a personal choice. Therefore, saying Christians are morally obligated to serve, even if it violates their conscience (Rom. 14) must also be wrong.

So what is the biblical "bottom line" on war for a Christian? We should never enjoy or take glory in war, because ultimately all war comes about because of the sin of mankind (James 4:1-4). But there is no prohibition against serving in the military, unless one is being commanded to do things God's word prohibits for Christians (Acts 5:29).

War will always be with us. The only way for war to be abolished is for all men to obey God's word and live by kingdom principles. Since we know that the majority will not (Matt 7:13-14), we can infer that war will exist as long as this earth does.

Until the Lord comes, let us pray continuously (1 Thess. 5:17) for all men, especially those who are in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2) that their decisions may be closely aligned with God's principles as possible.

--Matt Clifton, *BulletinDigest.substack.com*

# Welcome,

We are so glad you are here!

## Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29

- For those who have small children, the following options are available:

- o Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- o We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship.



**Please** tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR

Hang around a bit after service & get to know us!

**Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.**



scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

## Our Mission

*We take our stand on the Bible.* Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe:

- o there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- o Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- o We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- o The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- o The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- o Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- o Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of March		Weekly	03/22/26	03/29/26
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>		<b>Baptismal Clothes</b>	Anita Gaines	Cheryl Simoneaux
Jon Keller		<b>Building Monitors</b>	Jeff Deason	Trent Fortson
<b>Announcements</b>			Jeff Hall	Brad Fortson
Darrell Carroll		<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>03/22/26</b>	<b>03/29/26</b>
<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Mark Bargeloh	Darrell Johnson
<b>Preside</b>	Mike Sills	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jim Craddock	Joe Eagle
<b>Servers – Table</b>	Larry Gregory Mike McFalls	<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Chris Shuping	Garrett Fortson
<b>Servers – Sides</b>	Scott Chamberlain Rusty Trent	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Brad Fortson	Brad Fortson
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Bean Tom Whitaker	<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Putnal Anita Gaines	Pam Sams Lisa Winchester
<b>AV Room – Sun AM</b>	G Stiltner T Dunphy	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Joe Eagle Ron Bean	Cameron Goldman Kirk Sams
<b>AV Room – Sun PM</b>	M Bennett B Simoneaux	<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Kim Deason	Teresa Clowney
<b>AV Room – Wed PM</b>	B Simoneaux D Johnson	<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>03/22/26</b>	<b>03/29/26</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	E Lawing C Simoneaux B Damron	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Olian Holladay	ALL--At Centergrove
<b>Food for Families</b>	Casey Lancaster	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Elliotte Lawing	At Centergrove
<b>Month of April</b>		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bert Putnal	At Centergrove
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Jeff Hall Joe Eagle	At Centergrove
Elliotte Lawing		<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>03/25/26</b>	<b>04/01/26</b>
<b>Announcements</b>		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Joe Eagle	Joe Eagle
Ron Bean		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Rusty Trent	Darrell Johnson
<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	Brad Fortson
<b>Preside</b>	Jon Keller	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Jeff Deason	Bret Simoneaux
<b>Servers – Table</b>	Harrison Watson Jim Craddock	<b>If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Mike Sills at 919.273.3018</b>		
<b>Servers – Sides</b>	Stone MacPhee Darrell Carroll			
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Hall Larry Gregory			
<b>AV Room – Sun AM</b>	C Simoneaux B Simoneaux			
<b>AV Room – Sun PM</b>	B Simoneaux M Sills			
<b>AV Room – Wed PM</b>	M Bennett C Goldman			
<b>Contributions</b>	E Lawing R Bean M Bennett			
<b>Food for Families</b>	Beth Bean			

## Opportunities

(FCR =Family Communications Room)

### The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

March 24<sup>th</sup> Charros  
 March 31<sup>st</sup> Harrisburg Family  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> Concord Family  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> Mayflower

### Taco Bowl Night

Join us for Taco Bowls and Fellowship  
 **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 @ 6 PM before Bible Class

### Area-Wide Singing

@ Mtn. Island  
 7 PM, Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday Night Worship

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
 We meet @ Centergrove  
 for our joint evening worship @ 6PM.  
 Fellowship will follow.

### Men's Breakfast

April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM  
 Gather for breakfast & devotional  
 in the Fellowship Hall.

### Ladies Retreat

**2026 Bloom Retreat**  
**April 17-19**  
 Registration is open @  
[carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom)

### Area Meetings

A. Richardson @ Gold Hill Rd 4/19-4/22  
 Youth Rally @ Wilkesboro 5/1-5/3

*See FCR for more info*

Make plans now to attend  
**Horizons 2026**  
 July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.  
**Registration is open**



## Carolina Bible Camp

**Summer Camp**  
**Registration is OPEN**

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

**REMINDER:** Send bulletin announcements or updates to [info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org).

## God's Steps to Salvation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hear the Gospel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Romans 10:17</li> <li>○ Luke 11:28</li> <li>○ John 5:24</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Believe the Gospel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 11:6</li> <li>○ John 3:16</li> <li>○ John 3:36</li> <li>○ Romans 10:9</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repent of past Sins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 17:30</li> <li>○ Luke 5:31-32</li> <li>○ Acts 20:21</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confess Faith in Jesus Christ:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 10:32</li> <li>○ Philippians 2:11</li> <li>○ 1 John 2:23</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Be Baptized:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 2:38</li> <li>○ Mark 16:16</li> <li>○ Romans 6:1-23</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Be Faithful:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 10:23</li> <li>○ Luke 16:10</li> <li>○ Hebrews 3:12-19</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

### Minister

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 Jeff Deason 704.791.0243  
 Brad Fortson 214.668.8218  
 Jeff Hall 304.638.3474  
 Mike Sills 919.273.3018

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00AM  
 Ladies Bible Study: 9:00AM  
 Morning Worship: 10:00AM  
 Evening Worship 6:00PM

#### Monday - Friday

Online Devotional-

with Kirk Sams



#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

*All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube*

### Weekly Attendance

	03-08-26	03-15-26
<b>Bible Class</b>	51	50
<b>Sunday AM</b>	99	103
<b>Sunday PM</b>	36	42
	03-11-26	03-18-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	48	57

### Weekly Contributions

Weekly Goal	\$5,990.00
<b>03-08-26</b>	<b>3-15-26</b>
\$6,222.00	\$4,063.00



# PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.”

– 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to:  
[info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org)

## New Requests:

-  **Cane Anthony** (neighbor of the Sams household) is being treated with steroids for an immune disorder.
-  **Ray Beam** will have a stent placed in his throat next week to help with his swallowing.
-  **Barbara Beaver** is experiencing a lot of pain in her “good” shoulder.
-  **Sandy Brotherton** is in Atrium Northeast.
-  **Noah Honeycutt** has strep throat and the flu.
-  **Shellie Long’s** (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece) surgery went well but she is having difficulty in her recovery. She will continue to receive nourishment through a port for up to 6 weeks.
-  **Karen Lovell** had successful neck SI fusion last week at UVA Hospital in Virginia.

## Updates/Continued Prayers:

-  **Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is in Liberty Commons Rehab Center in Salisbury.
-  **Samuel Brockman** (Elliotte Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
-  **Jessie Clowney** (Lorene’s husband) is undergoing treatment and is very weak.
-  **Mitzi Crane** (Ron Bean’s sister), her husband, **Jay**, and daughter, **Lisa Brown** are struggling with serious health conditions and would appreciate prayers.
-  **Rhye Glaum** (the Bean’s great grandson) continues to need prayers as he recovers.
-  **Susie Henson** (the Rogers’ neighbor) had a biopsy on a tumor in her brain.
-  Please pray for the safety of **Lee Henson**, Susie Henson’s son, as he is in the conflict in Iran.
-  **Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
-  **Steve and Peggy Lambert** (friends of Bob Damron) are both battling cancer.
-  Karen Rogers’ 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.
-  **Tim Shipman** (friend of the Johnsons) is battling cancer. Prayers are appreciated.
-  **Sharon Taylor** (Flo Hoel’s daughter-in-law) is having strokes and is undergoing tests.
-  **Harrison Watson** requests prayers for effective medical treatment.



Please keep these people in your prayers & send cards as you are able  
Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code.



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## Long-term Healing Journey:

### Ray Beam

**Joseph Lee** (Craddock’s son-in-law)  
**Shellie Long** (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)  
**Karen Rogers** (Janice Rogers’ daughter-in-law)  
**Lisa Winchester**

**Ronald Lancaster** (Butch Lancaster’s brother)  
**Jay Miller** (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)  
**Douglas Scruggs** (Gary Scruggs’ brother)  
**Dale Winchester**

## Shut-ins:

**Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe**

## Military:

**Ricky Ardrey** (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)  
**Aaron Deason**  
**James Schriever** (friend of Coopers)  
**Landon Bean** (Grandson of R&B Bean)  
**Marquita Allen** (Daughter of Ray Andrews)

**Brian Mullins** (Northview COC)  
**David Jones** (Dan Payne’s nephew)  
**Cameron McAllister** (C&B Lancaster’s nephew)  
**Dante Durant** (friend of Yost & Edwards’ family)  
**Lawson Bean** (Grandson of R&B Bean)



## March Anniversaries

B&C Simoneaux 22<sup>nd</sup>



## March/April Birthdays

Mason Clifton	03/22
Lil Burton	03/23
Delores Efird	03/26
Kirk Sams	03/26
Pat Bost	03/28
Tammy Keller	03/28
Nancy Treadwell	04/01
Mike McFalls	04/02
Elliotte Lawing	04/04

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**2:30 PM – 6:30 PM**  
 May 14  
 July 9  
 September 17  
 November 12