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# A Look at What's Happening at Mt. Airy BAPTIST CHURCH

## August 2026

*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength,  
that he considered me trustworthy,  
appointing me to his service.*

-1 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)

## Thank You Pastor Keith & Lisa FOR 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

On August 4, 2026, Pastor Keith will reach an incredible milestone: 30 years as Mt. Airy's pastor! Without question, we have been blessed beyond measure to have Keith and Lisa serve so faithfully over the past three decades.

We will have a special presentation at the end of both morning services on **Sunday, August 2**, to honor Pastor Keith and Lisa. You do not want to miss this one!

We look forward to celebrating what God has done in His Church over the past 30 years through His faithful servants, Keith and Lisa Shorter.



## FOUNDATIONS: NEXT STEP Sunday, August 9

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 9, from 5pm to 7pm**. We will gather in the Life Center, share a brief meal, and then talk with you about the various ministries at Mt. Airy. If you went through *Foundations*, this will be your opportunity to decide where to put your spiritual gifts to use! If you were unable to attend *Foundations*, please still plan to come. We will offer makeup *Foundations* classes in the near future. This is going to be a BIG night in the life of our church! We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Upcoming Events

### Young at Heart Choir

The YAH Choir will rehearse on August 5 and August 12 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### Ladies' Group Meeting

The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, August 19, at 2:00pm in Building A. Please see Miriam Ausburn for more details.

### Operation Christmas Child

The items of the month are spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled) and shoebox-size stuffed animals. These items can be placed in the OCC bins.

#### OCC Did You Know?

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 244 million children in more than 175 countries and territories.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The next official OCC Packing Party is Friday, August 21, at 10:00am in Building A (please note date change). This is a fun missions event for the entire family! RSVP to Kathy at (864) 380-8981 if you plan to come.

### Leadership Meeting

The trustees will hold their third quarter meeting on Sunday, August 23, at 5:00pm.

# M@MA - MOMS AT MT. AIRY

M@MA is a ministry for all moms desiring connection and support in raising their children to know and love Christ. If you are a mom who wants to understand her mission and purpose, experience Christ's righteousness, and live a life free of guilt and unhealthy comparison, then join us beginning September 2nd as we learn together using the book "Gospel Mom" by Emily Jenson and Laura Wifler.

We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30am (location TBA). Childcare is provided when you register at [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids). The companion book for the class is available on Amazon for \$11.55. For questions, details, or if you need help purchasing a book, contact Robin McDonald at 864-483-3965. If you need help registering, contact Melanie Muller at 864.295.3008.

## Welcome New Staff Member!

It is an honor and privilege to join the staff at Mount Airy as your Missions Pastor. My family and I are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside you as we seek to make Christ known here in our community and around the world.

Our family has been richly blessed by God's faithfulness over the years. My wife, Bev, and I have been married for 37 years, and she has been a faithful partner in every season of life and ministry. Bev is an educator, counselor, and the daughter of a pastor and church planter, and we have been blessed with two sons, Bradley (and his wife, Kyle), and Mitchell and our first granddaughter, Everleigh.

Missions has been a vital part of our lives for as long as I can remember. Growing up, I watched my parents faithfully pray for, support, and serve alongside missionaries. As a teenager, I had the opportunity to participate in mission trips that helped shape my faith and showed me the joy of serving others in Christ's name.

As adults, our family has been blessed to partner with and encourage missionaries serving across many countries, and to help plant churches in the US and abroad.

Looking back, I can clearly see how God was preparing me for this season of ministry long before His calling into full-time service. He provided opportunities to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, to co-found two technology companies, and to spend many years presenting complex ideas and building relationships with leaders in the defense, corporate, and international communities. Those experiences taught me how to lead teams, mentor younger colleagues, communicate across cultures, and encourage others toward a common vision.

As we begin this new chapter together, remember that every follower of Christ has a part to play in the Great Commission—whether by going, praying, giving, encouraging, or sending others. We are excited to discover how God has uniquely gifted each member of our church family and to serve alongside you as we reach our community and the nations with the hope of Jesus Christ. We hope you'll stop and say hello when you see us around campus.

In Christ!

Vic and Bev Gunter



## Celebrating Our Senior Adults

The Senior Adult Day celebration will take place on Saturday, August 15, at 1:00pm at Silver Bay in Easley. All senior adults are invited to join us for a complimentary meal! Registration forms with a menu selection are available around the church. If you plan to attend, please fill out a form for each person by August 10th and deposit it in the tithing containers.

Please pray for all our students and teachers as they begin a brand new school year!

**PRAY**  
FOR STUDENTS

## Children & Student Ministry Events

### Children's Ministry

**08/09** Promotion Sunday!

#### **08/12 - AMPLIFY Kids Choir & Creative Arts**

Does your child love to sing, act, or perform? AMPLIFY Kids Choir & Creative Arts is the perfect place to grow their gifts while worshiping and serving through the arts! Upstairs in Building C (6:30pm - 7:30pm) Online registration has already opened at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids) (Continues weekly, Wednesdays at 6:30pm)

#### **08/12 - Science & The Bible**

Get ready for hands-on fun as we discover how God's amazing creation points us to Him! Building C (6:30pm - 7:30pm) Grades 1 - 5; Room 205 (Upstairs) PreK - Kindergarten; Bee Room (Downstairs) Online registration has already opened at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids) (Continues weekly, Wednesdays at 6:30pm)

**08/16** - Back to School "Splash Bash" at Life Center (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

**08/23** 1st official Awana club night Building C (5:50pm-7:00pm) Sign up at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids) (Continues weekly, Sundays at 5:50pm)

### LOOKING AHEAD...

**09/26** - Fall Family Fun Day at Takeoff Mini Golf (10:00am - 12:00pm) Join us for a round of mini golf, a Chick-Fil-A lunch and a 'punkin' chunkin' contest! Sign up at [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids).

### Student Ministry

**August: Sunday Nights - The Move!**

**08/16** - Back to School "Splash Bash"

**08/23** - First Move! of the School Year (Sundays 5:30pm - 7:00pm; Life Center)

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