



2018 Graduate Recognition

- ◆ Max Gordan has earned his Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Wake Forest University. He is the son of Beth Hensley Gordan and the grandson of Helen Hensley and the late Dick Hensley.
- ◆ Samuel Penta has graduated from Martinsville High School and has earned a two year Associate Degree from Patrick Henry Community College. He will attend Virginia Tech in the fall with plans to major in Computational Modeling Data Analytics. He is the son of Linda Penta and the grandson of Betty and Benny Shires.
- ◆ Trey Collins has earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology from Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business. He will be employed by Tera Think as a Data Analysis. He is the son of Ruth Anne and Herb Collins and the grandson of Catherine Collins and the late Herbert Collins, Sr.
- ◆ Kaitlyn Reichart has graduated from Lambert High School in Commings, Ga. She will attend the University of Georgia in the fall. She is the daughter of Lori and Brian Reichart and the granddaughter of Mary Frances Gibbs.

Covered Dish Luncheon

Honoring

Mr. Bob Canupp

Sunday, June 10

12:00 p.m.

Come join us for a covered dish lunch honoring, Mr. Bob Canupp, for his 40 years of faithful service to First Baptist Church as a Trustee.

Please bring a vegetable or salad; the meats, drinks and dessert will be provided. There will be a basket for cards.

The **Back2School** program provides local children with a brand new pair of shoes, socks, and a backpack with supplies.

First Baptist Church's financial contribution for this project is \$1,000.

Raised to date: \$1,133.00

We need volunteers to help with registration, packing the bus at Walmart, filling backpacks, special needs event day, and for the big day for Back2School.

Dates and times are:

Registration: Saturday, July 14 (9-12); Tuesday, July 24 (6-8 pm)

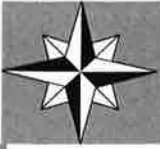
Pack the Bus- Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 22 at Walmart.

Fill the Backpacks- Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 pm (700 Commerce Court)

Special Needs Event Day- Friday, August 3

BIG DAY FOR BACK2SCHOOL- Saturday, August 4th

back2school



The Road We Travel

The following excerpt is from Max Lucado's book, *A Gentle Thunder*. The message speaks to my heart about those who travel on our "roads" in our communities, especially after all of the recent flooding.

The faces of the three men were solemn as the mayor informed them of the catastrophe. "The rains have washed away the bridge. During the night many cars drove over the edge and into the river."

"What can we do?" asked one.

"You must stand on the side of the road and warn the drivers not to make the left turn. Tell them to take the one-lane road that follows the side of the river."

"But they drive so fast! How can we warn them?"

"By wearing these sandwich signs," the mayor explained, producing three wooden double-signs, hinged together to hang from one's shoulders. "Stand at the crossroads so drivers can see these signs until I can get someone out there to fix the bridge."

And so the men hurried out to the dangerous curve and put the signs over their shoulders.

"The drivers should see me first," spoke one. The others agreed. His sign warned, "Bridge Out!" He walked several hundred yards before the turn and took his post.

"Perhaps I should be second, so the drivers will slow down," spoke the one whose sign declared, "Reduce Speed."

"Good idea," agreed the third. "I'll stand here at the curve so people will get off the wide road and onto the narrow." His sign read simply "Take Right Road" and had a finger pointing toward the safe route.

And so the three men stood with their three signs ready to warn the travelers of the washed-out bridge. As the cars approached, the first man would stand up straight so the drivers could read, "Bridge Out."

Then the next would gesture to his sign, telling the cars to "Reduce Speed."

And as the motorists complied, they would then see the third sign, "Right Road Only." And though the road was narrow, the cars complied and were safe. Hundreds of lives were saved by the three sign holders. Because they did their job, many people were kept from peril.

But after a few hours they grew lax in their task.

The first man got sleepy. "I'll sit where people can read my sign as I sleep," he decided. So he took his sign off his shoulders and propped it up against a boulder. He leaned against it and fell asleep. As he slept his arm slid over the sign, blocking one of the two words. So rather than read "Bridge Out," his sign simply stated "Bridge."

The second didn't grow tired, but he did grow conceited. The longer he stood warning the people the more important he felt. A few even pulled off to the side of the road to thank him for the job well done. "We might have died had you not told us to slow down," they applauded. "You're so right," he thought to himself. "How many people would be lost were it not for me?"

Presently he came to think that he was just as important as his sign. So he took it off, set it up on the ground, and stood beside it. As he did, he was unaware that he, too, was blocking one word of his warning. He was standing in front of the word "Speed." All the drivers could read was the word "Reduce." Most thought he was advertising a diet plan.

The third man was not tired like the first, nor self-consumed like the second. But he was concerned about the message of his sign. "Right Road Only," it read.

It troubled him that his message was so narrow, so dogmatic. "People should be given a choice in the matter. Who am I to tell them which is the right road and which is the wrong road?"

So he decided to alter the wording of the sign. He marked out the word "Only" and changed it to "Preferred."

"Hmm," he thought, "that's still too strident. One is best not to moralize. So he marked out the word "Preferred" and wrote "Suggested."

That still didn't seem right, "Might offend people if they think I'm suggesting I know something they don't."

So he thought and thought and finally marked through the word "Suggested" and replaced it with a more neutral phrase. "Ahh, just right," he said to himself as he backed off and read the words: "Right Road—One of Two Equally Valid Alternatives."

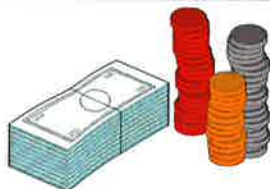
And so as the first man slept and the second stood and the third altered the message, one car after another plunged into the river.

"Jesus answered, *'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'*".
-John 14:6

Pastor Steve

Stewardship Report — May 2018

\$ 383,486 Total Budget
159,786 Budget Needs Year to Date
111,718 Budget Receipts Year to Date
48,068 Budget Shortfall



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WMU NEWS

COVERED DISH SUPPER
PRILLAMAN FARM
TUESDAY, JUNE 5
5:30 P.M.

HOSTED BY BRENDA & JOE HUNDLEY

Everyone is invited to come and bring a side dish or dessert. Enjoy good food and company on a spring evening.

Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to carpool. Please call the church office by June 1 so we may get a head count.

Mission: Hairston Home

Pictorial Directory

The last scheduled time is June 10th after church. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office.

If you are unable to get out you can still either:

Email us a picture, or call the church office to set up a time for us to come to you.

Children's Worship
June

- 3 Marsha Garren
- 10 Julie Hall/Nita Gauldin
- 17 Linda Dorr
Martha Perdue
- 24 Susan Sapp

XYZ Outing

Mabry Mill
for
Brunch

Tuesday, June 19

We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Library Drifts



By this time, vacation plans are made. Remember to include a good book to read whether or not you are traveling this summer.

The Geisel Award winner and honor books for 2018 have been announced and acquired for the Sue McCabe Library. The Geisel Award is named for Theodore Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. The winner for 2018 is *Charlie & Mouse* by Laurel Snyder and illustrated by Emily Hughes. The five runners up termed Honor Books for 2018 are: *I See a Cat* by Paul Meisel, *King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats* by Don Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Nancy Meyers, *My Kite is Stuck! and Other Stories* by Salina Yoon, *Noodleheads See the Future* written by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss, illustrated by Tess Arnold, and *Snail and Worm Again* by Tina Kugler. The Thomas Seuss Geisel Award is a literary award by the American Library Association that recognizes "the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished books for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year".

Sue McCabe Library committee member Martha Perdue is reading novels in alphabetical order and recommends the following three books in the A section:

- 1) *The Rainaldi Quartet* by Paul Adam, a murder mystery involving a lost violin.
- 2) *Emma Watson* by Joan Aiken, which is Jane Austen's unfinished novel completed.
- 3) *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott, the adventure of a dressmaker who was a passenger on the Titanic.

For fans of the biography *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow, the Sue M. McCabe Library has ordered and processed Chernow's recent biography *Grant*. Library member, Linda Read has read this book and was impressed.

Stop by the carts and the library rooms to find a book for your summer reading pleasure.



GRACE
NETWORK

April-June 2018
Boxed
Macaroni and Cheese
Please leave food in Room 101

Always needed:
Hygiene products

E-mail addresses needed

Newsletters are being sent by e-mail or 1st class mail. Please notify the church of your email address if you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

Remember to keep the Pastoral Search Committee in your daily prayers.

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Birthdays in June

2 Mary Clifton	13 Albert Nigh
Lynn Walker	Errol Wallace
Rebecca Sawyers	Logan Miller
3 Mary Frith	14 Tonya Cole
Toni Tollison	18 Brooke Darden
4 Garland Spencer	19 Amy Mize
5 Mary Lou McGoldrick	Hayley Darden
Faye Haynes	25 Hal Prillaman
8 Dottie Lewis	Tom Crawley
9 Mary Elizabeth Wells	28 Helen Dandridge
David Floyd	Richard Lester
10 Tom Hall	Susan Lester
Ruth Anne Collins	29 Richard Harris
	30 Walter Milstead

At Home Ministry

Sybil Cochran, Lottie Estes, Annie Lee Ferrell, Neville Frith, Jean Gray, Helen Hay, Betsy Miers, Shirley & Jesse Roark, Kitty Sparrow, Jeanette Stone, Melva Stultz, James Turner

Stanleytown: John Pedigo

Blue Ridge Manor: Esta Wilson, Catherine Shires

Blue Ridge Rehab: Betty Prillaman

King's Grant: Onslea Gesell, Frances Weaver, Mary Bull, Charlene White, Elsie Minter, Bruce Spencer, Pat Jordan, Mary Elizabeth Wells, Betty Minter, Catherine Collins, Judy & Jim Minter, Beverly Estes, Gayle Williams, Helen Dandridge

Out-of-town: Betty Brown, Iva Burnett, Mildred & Clyde England, John Holmes, Frances Whitlock, Davis Walker

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June Calendar

3 Deacons meeting 9:00 a.m.	14 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	17 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.	Worship 11:00 a.m.
5 WMU- Prillaman Farm 5:30 p.m.	19 XYZ Outing 10:00 a.m.
	Business & Finance 5:15 p.m.
6 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds 5:30 p.m.
7 Bible Study- Luke 10:00 a.m.	20 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.
10 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	21 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.	24 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Covered Dish Lunch 12:00 p.m.	Worship 11:00 a.m.
11 Knitting Ministry 10:00 a.m.	27 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.
13 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.	28 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

