

WMU News & Meetings



Next meeting May 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Mission: Harmony Hall

During the month of May our mission group will be focusing on reaching out to the residents of Harmony Hall in Bassett. Some items they have requested are body wash, hair brushes, deodorants for men, pillows, peanut butter or cheese nabs and sugar-free candy. Anyone who would like to help with this project may place items in the box in the missions room marked Harmony Hall.

Global Mission Fund raised: \$1,315

back2school

The **Back2School** program provides local children with a brand new pair of shoes, socks, and a backpack with supplies. As the students get their feet washed by volunteers, they chat about their dreams and future endeavors. A small portion of this offering is dedicated to providing a pair of shoes to a child in a third world country as well. The individual cost for each child is \$20.00.

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

In the past our newspaper recycling has funded this project. Since we no longer recycle newspaper we will need to raise this money by a special offering. Please give generously; it is a great way to not only help those here locally but to insure another child in the world also receives much needed help.

We will also need volunteers to help with registration, packing the bus at Walmart, filling backpacks, special needs event day, and for the big day for Back2School, starting in July and ending in August. Dates and times will be in the June newsletter.

Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of taking pictures of all church members for our directory. If you have not had your picture taken and would like to have one in the directory, the last scheduled times are Sunday, May 20th and June 10th after church. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office.

If these times don't work or you are unable to get out there are two other options:

You can email us a picture, or call and set up a time for us to come to you.





Getting the Most out of Worship and Making It Personal

I'm sure this has never happened to you, but just in case you know someone else who has struggled with getting the most out of a Sunday morning worship experience, I thought it might be wise to share these thoughts for the other person's benefit.

What was the intent and main points of the sermon you heard two weeks ago? How did it minister to you personally, and what changes, insights, or growth came about as a result of that message?

Many folks will sit through a Sunday morning worship hour having never been personally involved in the experience. This is hardly what God desires, and it leaves many feeling empty and asking themselves more than once during the hour, "*how much longer?*" This sense of emptiness and mundane ritual is almost fully our own fault, because we do practically nothing to prepare ourselves for worship beforehand, take a passive role during the course of the worship hour, and exit with no plan or even intention of applying truth gained to real life situations in the days to come. We are freewheeling or coasting through what should be one of the most helpful spiritual exercises of our lives.

1. Pray for the hearers. Before Sunday ever arrives, ask God to prepare your own heart to receive and act upon the upcoming message. Do this with a humble awareness that you are not spiritually complete, and there are many rough edges that need to be chipped away. Beware of the nagging urge to pull splinters out of other people's eyes while the log is in yours. Ask that individuals will be responsive to the Spirit's urging to be present and equally anxious to experience God when the Word is preached.

2. Pray for the messenger in very specific ways. Ask God to enable him to arrange his schedule and set priorities in such a way that he has sufficient time and focus to develop a sermon or study particularly suited to the needs of the body. Pray for clarity of thought and a holy sense of his high privilege to stand before God's people to offer spiritual nourishment. Pray that the message is another of those divine encounters where it fits perfectly with the needy voids of attending listeners. Remember to pray for certain individuals who have yet to commit to following Christ full-time.

3. During the worship time take notes, and especially mark those points to be personally considered. Filling in outlines is a start, but maintaining a study notebook is far better. Flesh out the message in your own handwriting, and always keep the notebook with your Bible. When the Spirit moves you in a notable way, don't forget to include comments or insights gained from music, prayers, and testimonies.

4. Review the notes during the week and incorporate them into your own personal or family time with God. Use key passages for daily meditation or memorization. Explore parallel or related topics and verses. By doing this throughout the week you will not soon forget what the message was about and how it involves you personally.

5. Seek further knowledge of what you are not clear on. It is normal to not understand everything and beneficial to admit it. Some questions can be answered with a little study on your own. Other questions may need the help of the messenger, if possible. Find out what he intended to say and the biblical basis for the instruction. Many times our questions or confusion come about because of a misunderstanding or lapse in our attention span. Then there are those extra special questions that have no answer this side of heaven. Mark those as "*to be answered later.*"

6. Share some truth you learned with someone else. God does not teach us and grow us so that we become spiritually-fat couch potatoes. Exercise the knowledge and faith you acquire by sharing with others. Some of this will be through relationships with those closest to us. We help guide someone else as we pass on a word of knowledge or experience gained. If we will be attentive throughout the day we will even recognize when God prepares us for a divine appointment even through casual relationships.

7. Consider being part of a worship hour prayer team that prays for the messenger and listeners during the entire service. This requires the pastor's support, of course, and should be done as behind-the-scenes as possible. Avoid calling attention to this ministry and the prayer warriors. In fact, make it one of the best kept secrets of the church. Unholy things happen when pride and ego get in the way.

If this looks too much like work, then it may be that you have been coasting for too long already. Make a commitment today that your Sundays will not be idle times of relaxation and entertainment like a spectator sport. Determine that you will no longer be a passive pew sitter but an active worship partner.

Pastor Steve

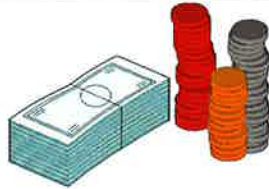
Stewardship Report —April 2018

\$ 383,486 Total Budget

127,829 Budget Needs Year to Date

91,352 Budget Receipts Year to Date

36,477 Budget Shortfall



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Wednesday Night Supper

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m.

- 2 Hamburger w/rice & mushroom gravy, carrots, lettuce & tomato, biscuit, and chocolate pudding.
- 9 Baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, peas, tropical fruit, roll, and brownie.
- 16 Pork, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, beets & onions, cornbread, and banana pudding.
- 23 Stir fry w/vegetables & rice, roll, birthday cake, and ice cream.
- 30 Ham, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, roll, apple cobbler, and ice cream.

Upcoming Concerts

Smith River Singers "Songs of Service and Remembrance."

Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Galilean House of Worship
5078 A.L. Philpott Hwy.

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble

"Music from the Movies"

May 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Broad Street Christian Church

Children's Worship

May

- 6 Roslyn Wingett
- 13 Susan Sapp
- 20 Gary Darden
Crystal Darden
- 27 Linda Gale

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

2018 Walk-A-Thon
Saturday, May 5th
Jack Dalton Park
Walk 10am-12pm

Lunch & Music 12-1pm
Pick up your sponsor sheet
in the church office.

Also, they are looking for
volunteers to help in their
library. If you are interest-
ed please call John Quinlan
at 252-4914.

They receive Christian
books but would also like
to receive other types of
books, such as westerns, if
anyone has some to donate.

Library Drifts



During the weekend of April 13-15, 2018, Dottie Lewis,
Debby Simpson, and Robert Lewis attended the Spring 2018

Conference of the Virginia Church Library Association at Eagle Eyrie. Robert taught classes on internet safety which were well attended. We thank Robert for sharing information about this topic with the attendees.

The Virginia Church Library Association was first organized by church librarians on November 12, 1958 at Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the State Church Library Convention of Virginia. Today, The Virginia Church Library Association is an organization promoting Christian ministries through church libraries of all denominations in the state of Virginia and beyond.

Virginia Church Library Association looks forward to celebrating their 60th anniversary at the Fall 2018 Conference. This will be held on Friday, November 9th and 10th 2018 at the Monument Heights Baptist Church, 5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. The theme is "Libraries: Diamonds In Our Midst". This Spring 2018 Conference at Eagle Eyrie was the 60th Anniversary kickoff.



"Celebrating 60 Years Together" VCLA 1958-2018



*Do you have a
graduate in the family?*

Please let the church office know so
that we may recognize them in the June newsletter.

XYZ Outing

May 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at the church to go to
lunch and then to Johnny
Crouch's house for some
musical entertainment.



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



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.

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Birthdays in May

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| 1 Linda Gale | 18 Margaret Lester |
| 3 Frances Wyatt | 19 Joy Philpott |
| 4 William Dalton | Lynn Garrett |
| 5 Ellen Byrd | 21 Robert Canupp |
| 6 Ann Owen | 22 Peggy Raines |
| Dathne Barbour | 23 Randee Miller |
| Ronald Wilson | 24 Druy Doss |
| 7 Helen Hensley | Wes Barrow |
| Nancy Barnett | 29 William Baptist |
| 12 Gayle Williams | 30 William Sapp |
| 14 Irene Simpson | 31 June Pace |
| 15 Sherida Gower | |
| Marsha Garren | |

At Home Ministry

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

Stanleytown: Edna Campbell

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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May Calendar

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| 1 Personnel Cmte 5:30 p.m. | 17 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 p.m. |
| 2 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. | 20 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. |
| Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. | Worship 11:00 a.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. | 22 XYZ outing 11:00 a.m. |
| 3 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m. | Business & Finance 5:15 p.m. |
| 6 Deacons meeting 9:00 a.m. | 23 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday School 9:45 a.m. | Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. |
| 7 WMU 10:00 a.m. | 24 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m. |
| 9 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. | 27 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. |
| Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. | Worship 11:00 a.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. | 28 Office/Daycare closed for |
| 10 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m. | Memorial Day |
| 13 Sunday School 9:45 p.m. | 30 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | (last dinner till Fall) |
| 14 Knitting Ministry 10:00 a.m. | Business meeting 6:05 p.m. |
| 15 Buildings & Grounds 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. |
| 16 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. | 31 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m. |
| Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m. | |
| Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. | |

