



OUT OF MY MIND

As you know, Emmanuel Dudkin, who was our Associate Pastor for Family Life and Music resigned in January. As the deacons and I were discussing how to proceed in addressing this position, we decided that this was a good time to ask you, the church to pray. Rather than us simply assuming that God wants us to do what we have done before, I'd like us to agree together to a time of prayer asking God to speak to us and provide us direction for the future. As God reveals what he wants us to do and be as his church, we'll have a better sense of what an additional staff position might need to look like.

I see this call to prayer, which will last from now until at least Easter, moving in at least three directions. 1) I'd like every class, committee, and organization that meets to have a time of prayer seeking God's will in this matter. 2) In addition to your regular time of prayer I'd like you as individuals to take a few moments each day at 3 pm to pray for God's direction. 3) I'd like as many of you as possible, to get together with someone else – whether 1 other person, or 2 or 3, or as a small group and pray for God's direction in this.

I'd also like you to sign up and tell me that you are committing to pray. A sign-up list is located in the back of the fellowship hall or you can email the church office. By signing up I'll be able to send you additional requests to pray for and thoughts to encourage you as you pray. You can also indicate whether you would like to have a prayer partner/s and we can compile that list.

The Baptist preacher from another era, R. G. Lee said: "If you trust in administration, you will get what administration can do. If you trust in hard work, you will get what hard work can do. If you trust in your sparkling personality, you will get what personality can do. If you trust in prayer, you get what God can do."

Thank you for joining with me in this time of prayer.

Your Pastor,
Mike



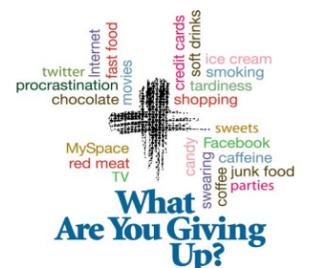
On March 1st at 6:45 pm, we will have a brief Ash Wednesday service in the fellowship hall. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of reflection the church has observed for over 1,700 years to encourage believers to examine their walk with the Lord and refocus their lives on the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our Ash Wednesday service will include responsive readings, prayers, a time of silence and the imposition of ashes on the forehead, reminding us of our mortality and our dependence on the promise of eternal life in Christ.



Manly Memorial will once again host the Annual Community Lenten services sponsored by the Lexington Area Ministerial Association.

The services will take place on Thursdays, March 2nd - April 6th from 12:10 - 12:30 pm. Following each service a soup and sandwich lunch will be offered at a cost of \$5.00 in the church's fellowship hall.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL FLOATERS

March 5th—Lee Higgins
March 12th—Barbara Heckman
March 19th—Carole Berger
March 26th—Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

March 5th—John Wranek
March 12th—Jimmy Crowder
March 19th—Mike Bozeman
March 26th—Gary Judy

OFFERTORY PRAYER

March 5th—Brian Kave
March 12th—Linda Hooks
March 19th—Alysan Raymond
March 26th—Jan Meador

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE

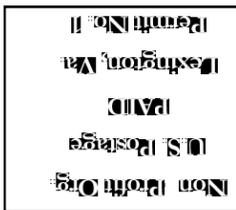
March 5th—Barbara Cash & Cathy Wranek
March 12th—Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
March 19th—Beverly Shotwell & Lee Higgins
March 26th—Wanda Childers & Vickie Kave

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 5th—Cathy Wranek & Robyn Sherman
March 12th—Joan Joyce & Danielle Pruett
March 19th—Sharon Martin & Rosana Garcia
March 26th—Carole Judy & Patsy Williamson



3 rd	Heather Harris
8 th	Dale Raymond
9 th	Everette Huger
11 th	Dee Fuller
13 th	Clyde Keen
15 th	Carol Bozeman
16 th	Hunter Grist
22 nd	Alicia Raymond
23 rd	Joe "Pete" Shaner
	Elinor Denney
26 th	Joyce Miltenberger
31 st	Clyde Mull





“Together For His Kingdom” is the theme for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 5th thru 12th, 2017. Acts 8:12 says “But when they believed Philip, as he preaches the food news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.” The North American Mission Board estimates 259 million people in the United States and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Our giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps send missionaries to reach those people for Jesus. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Our March project will be collecting cleaning supplies for Lisa’s House. There will be a box in the back hallway near the nursery for your contributions.

Thanks to all who helped with the party at Natural Bridge Manor. Former music minister David Shreve provided music for the group and the residents really appreciated the time spent with them.

~ **March Meetings** ~

Mission Action, Monday, March 13th at 7 pm

Prayer Support, Tuesday, March 14th at 11 am

Please consider joining one of our groups.



March 1st
Effie Wallace
(Kenney’s Chicken, mac & cheese & green beans)

March 8th
Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes & carrots)

March 15th
Effie Wallace
(Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes & mixed veggies)
Mission Trip Baked Good’s Auction Fundraiser

March 22nd
Brian Kave & Friends
(Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert)

March 29th
Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Breakfast
(Pancakes, sausage & eggs)

The Missions Committee met on February 21st and have decided to return to Nickelsville, VA the week of July 9th thru 15th. Nickelsville provides a good venue for the youth to experience service at food pantries, clothes closets, nursing homes as well as hands on work in home repairs and construction. Adults as well work on home repairs and construction. The need in that area is great and we agreed it was a worthwhile use of our time for missions.

We will start our fund raisers with a baked goods auction on Wednesday, March 15th. Donations of baked goods are needed. Please come out for the fellowship meal and support this effort. Other items planned are a youth pancake breakfast on Wednesday, March 29th, yard sale, car washes and more!

Any youth interested in going on the trip should contact Molly Kay Moore (youth@manlybaptist.com or 461-6074) for more information. Adults interested should contact one of the committee members. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm in the backpack room.

The Meador-Steele Handbell Choir will practice on Sunday’s after the worship service in the Ladies Sunday School Classroom. Please contact Lee Higgins at 464-1531 for more information.



If you’ve been thinking about singing in the choir, now is the time to join us as we prepare for Easter. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. Soloists – we need your help! If you would like to sing a solo or play an instrumental solo during a church service, please contact me. Solos add so much variety to our worship experiences. You do not have to be a member of the choir to sing a solo. Please contact Lucy Wilkins at lwilkins@wlu.edu for more information.

CHILDREN’S SWIMMING ACTIVITY

Children are invited to lunch and an afternoon of indoor swimming on Sunday, March 19th. We will leave right after church and grab lunch before heading to Roanoke’s Green Ridge Recreation Center for swimming. Please RSVP with Ms. Beverly if you plan to go (460-0409).



The cake & casserole ministry will meet on Saturday, March 11th at 9:00 am. Please join us!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Sunday morning, March 12th, daylight savings time will start! Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before bed on Saturday night, March 11th. We look forward to seeing you!



HELP US CELEBRATE
Elinor Denney, will be 101 on March 23rd. We encourage you to take time to send her a birthday card. Her address is 160 Kendal Drive (Apt. 105), Lexington, VA. 24450.

EASTER TULIPS
We are once again offering tulips for Easter Sunday. You may dedicate your tulip “In Memory” or “In Honor” of a loved one. Sunday, March 26th will be the last day to place your order.



We wish to thank and express our sincere appreciation for your prayers and other expressions of kindness, support and love which you have shown us during the recent loss of our daughter-in-law. May God Bless each one of you!
Don & Barbara Heckman

PARENTS OF TEENS

Parents of Teens Round Table Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, March 19th at 9:30 am. This month’s meeting will be facilitated by Vickie L. Kave. Debbie Pruett will not be able to attend. The group has suggested that this month’s discussion will be open to a topic that will be chosen at the meeting. We will begin each of the remaining discussion groups with one of Rob Bell’s 10 minute videos. This month will begin with Mr. Bell’s video “Judgement”. If you are interested, you can find it on YouTube. Anyone working with teens is also welcome to attend!



Youth Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 am



So what’s trending on Netflix this week? Maybe TV isn’t your thing, but I’ll bet you’ve got a time vortex. Maybe yours is a gaming system. You log on for just a few minutes and then, somehow it’s midnight. Maybe you throw on headphones and just space out listening to Spotify, or maybe you stare at your phone and scroll without even really looking at what people post. We all have a favorite distraction-something we get lost in. And while there’s nothing wrong with taking a break, you’ve probably also discovered that it’s more tempting to reach for something fun when you’re facing something that isn’t. We all have a tendency to avoid something difficult by doing something easy. Or we escape something painful by running toward something that feels good. Or we hide something that hurts by pretending it isn’t there. But maybe you’ve also noticed that now of these strategies really work. In fact, sometimes our favorite escapes can leave us feeling more stuck than before. In this series we’ll look at three ways we’re all tempted to skip out on the real life that God has for us. As we do, you may just find God’s inviting you to stop avoiding it, escaping it, or hiding it and justdeal with it!



Sunday, March 5th
9:45 am - “Deal With It” Bible Study with Amanda R.
5:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Friday, March 10th - Sunday, March 12th
Journey Youth Weekend at Eagle Eyrie

Wednesday, March 15th
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, March 19th
9:45 am - “Deal With It” Bible Study with Laura Jones

Wednesday, March 22nd
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Saturday, March 25th
4:30 pm - Dinner & Ice Hockey in Roanoke

Sunday, March 26th
9:45 am - “Deal With It” Bible Study with Molly Kay

Wednesday, March 29th
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting