



OUT OF MY MIND

Over four months ago we began the process of refinishing the sanctuary. It now looks like the end of that process is finally in sight! As I write this the carpet runners for the floor and the carpet for the balcony still need to be installed, the piano needs to be moved back into the sanctuary and tuned, the organ needs to be put back in place and made ready for use, the new chairs for the choir loft need to arrive, and a host of other details need to take place, but the completion of this project is near. As a result, we are prayerfully planning to celebrate our first Sunday back in the refreshed sanctuary on Founders' Day, May 21st. I hope that you will make every effort to join us for worship, and stay for the covered dish dinner afterwards.

Numerous individuals have volunteered countless hours and effort to help complete our sanctuary project and for all that they have done I am most grateful. I will be recognizing many of these people on Founder's Day. But now let me personally thank you for all of your support during this project. You continued to gather each Sunday for worship in the fellowship hall even though the metal chairs were hard and the conditions weren't ideal. Some of you even continued to faithfully attend even though you were watching the worship on a TV in a classroom. Many of you helped by moving tables, and chair each week. The Ladies Sunday School Class graciously changed their room so that people could access the elevator more easily. The choir put up with the choir room resembling a junk room from everything that was deposited in there. You put up with discomfort and inconvenience and continued to faithfully participate in worship. Thank you!

I also want to thank you for your gracious acceptance of this project. There is no way that all the decisions that have been made could have possibly pleased everyone. Some of you may have initially felt that the money for this refinishing should have been allocated in different ways. But once the decision was made to move in this direction, you accepted it. Thank you!

When it comes to paint colors, carpets, upholstery patterns, flooring and stains we all tend to have different opinions. Then you add some enhancements made to the sound system and the capacity of projecting images in the sanctuary, as well as some other changes that affect the look of the sanctuary, and it would be easy for people to become upset and pull away, but you didn't do that. Each step of the way, though the choices made may not have been your personal choice, you decided to accept the decision and stay engaged. Your gracious acceptance has made this a much easier and more enjoyable process than it might have been otherwise.

As we look forward to the day when we will once again worship in the sanctuary, I'm reminded of something that Pete Shaner said to me in one of our last conversations together. I had updated him on the Sanctuary project to that point and he said: "You know Mike, what makes a sanctuary truly beautiful is not how pretty it may be, but the attitudes we bring with us when we come to worship there." Thank you for helping make our sanctuary, and our church, one that is truly beautiful!

Your Pastor,
Mike



Cake & Casserole Ministry

We began our cakes and casseroles ministry in January 2012, and since that time our team has prepared over 500 cakes for the Community Table and over 1,000 casseroles for our members to distribute with the congregation and community. Thanks to all who have contributed and especially to the faithful workers who have gotten up early on Saturday mornings to have fun in the kitchen! Help is always welcomed and appreciated.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 am.

Founders' Day Celebration

Founders' Day will be observed on Sunday, May 21st. Founders' Day is the day when we remember the founding of our church in 1841, celebrate God's faithfulness through the years, and anticipate how God will lead us in the years to come.

Following the morning worship, we will enjoy a covered dish meal in the fellowship hall. Please bring a couple of covered dishes to share, as the church will have guests joining us for lunch. The church will provide chicken and drinks.



A special called business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm, to receive and vote upon the semiannual report of the Nominating Committee.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FLOATERS

- May 7th - Lee Higgins
- May 14th - Barbara Heckman
- May 21st - Carole Berger
- May 28th - Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

- May 7th - John Wranek
- May 14th - Jimmy Crowder
- May 21st - Mike Bozeman
- May 28th - Gary Judy

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- May 7th - Justin Spears
- May 14th - Barbara Cash
- May 21st - Carole Berger
- May 28th - Brian Kave

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE

- May 7th - Carol Bozeman & Barbara Cash
- May 14th - Bobbie Canfield & Cathy Wranek
- May 21st - Lee Higgins & Beverly Shotwell
- May 28th - Wanda Childers & Vickie Kave

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

- May 7th - Robyn Sherman & Cathy Wranek
- May 14th - Joan Joyce & ?
- May 21st - Sharon Martin & ?
- May 28th - Carole Judy & Patsy Williamson



- 2nd Gene & Ariadne Paxton
- 8th Curtis & Deborah Caylor
- 28th Bill & Pat Anthony

If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, please share it with us!

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- 2nd Madison Wright
- 4th Larry Bond
- 5th Johnna Gittemeier
- 6th Thomas Smals
- Curtis Moore
- 9th Fred Vaughan
- 10th Lucy Wilkins
- 14th Harry Carter, Jr.
- 19th Joey Paxton
- 21st Jerri Keen
- 24th Lannie Ballard
- 25th Jimmy Crowder
- 26th Annalee Jones
- 27th Margaret Vest
- Carol Kirby
- Sam Benke
- 30th Curtis Caylor
- Alexia Paxton
- 31st Linda Bond



We enjoyed a good time with the residents of Lexington House at our “tea” on Sunday, April 23rd. Thanks to all who contributed goodies to share. They are so appreciative of those who come to fellowship with them.

We continue to work on the bags for Standing Rock Reservation. In addition to the bags, there is a need for all sizes of socks (no show) and underwear for boys and girls. Also, new shoes of all sizes.

Thanks for all the donations of cleaning supplies for Lisa’s House. We had a good collection of different items that will be put to good use.

Our project for May will be providing cookies for the faculty at Central Elementary during SOL’s. If you would like to contribute, please contact Lee Higgins at 464-1531.

Thank you for supporting all our WMU projects!

Meetings for May:

Mission Action will meet Monday, May 8th at 7 pm
Prayer Support will meet Tuesday, May 9th at 11 am



We have 17 youth and 12 adults anxious to hit the road to Nickelsville, VA on July 9th to work with Jan & Tony Johnson through the Southwest Virginia Partnership as they minister to the people of that area.

We will continue our fund raising efforts with a fellowship meal Wednesday, May 10th, a youth car wash on Saturday, May 6th and a yard sale the end of May! The date of the yard sale still has not been determined. More information will be announced soon. We hope you have begun gathering no longer needed items to contribute. We have also begun collecting gently used clothing of all sizes and seasons to take with us. Bags can be dropped off M-F between 8:30 - 1:30 pm.

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to this worthwhile effort!!!



LOOK FOR TRAINING DATES SOON!



The Endowment Fund has purchased the items to bring the church’s defibrillator up to date and to acquire “Stop the Bleed” bleeding control kits for emergency use.

Training for how to use the defibrillator and the bleeding control kits, as well as a CPR refresher, is planned for the last half of May.

Be looking for the dates of the training to be published soon in the Sunday bulletins so you can sign up for the training on the date you prefer. We hope you will take advantage of this training opportunity, especially if you serve in a position of leadership in the various activities of the church.



May 3rd
Effie Wallace
(Ham, potato salad & fruit)

May 10th
Mission Trip Fundraiser Meal
Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, baked beans & pineapple upside down cake)

May 17th
Effie Wallace
(Fried chicken, green beans & tossed salad)

May 24th
Brian Kave & Friends
(Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert)



I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and other expressions of kindness, support and love which you have shown during the past few months. Love, Joan Huff



This year our Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 30th thru Thursday, August 3rd. Children will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and dinner. Please mark your calendars and be in prayer as to how you can help out (leading a group, teaching a Bible story, preparing a snack, helping with crafts, music or recreation. Please contact Beverly Saunders (460-0409) for more info.



Everyone is invited to join us Friday, May 12th, 5:30 pm at our Relay For Life campsite for a covered dish fellowship meal. The youth will provide the chicken & drinks. All you need to bring is a covered dish and dessert to share and a blanket or lawn chair!

Your Relay team, Lighthouse Youth Ministries of Manly Memorial, volunteer with Relay for Life because we know it makes a difference. Some of the programs that are funded with the money raised are Hope Lodge, Look Good ... Feel Better, Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery and Cancer Survivors Network. We have people in our church that volunteer with some of these programs in order to help newly diagnosed cancer individuals.

If you would like to donate a luminary in memory of or in honor of someone, the forms are located on the shelf next to the church office and in the fellowship hall through Sunday, May 7th. You can also contact Curtis or Deborah Caylor (cwcaylor@comcast.net or 540-460-4060). The cost is \$10 (tax-deductible) and checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society. We will get info to you as to the times for the Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap, and The Hill of Hope and Luminaria ceremonies as soon as those times are announced.



The Children’s Choir will continue to practice at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays through May 10th and will sing in worship on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14th. Any child who would like to sing is invited to come join us for the next few weeks. For more information, please contact Lee Higgins at 464-1531.



The youth will hold a donation car wash on Saturday, May 6th, from 9 am till noon in the Advance Auto parking lot. Please bring your car by to be washed. If you are unable to come by, you can still make a donation big or small to this wonderful group of teens working so hard to raise money for the mission trip and share the love of Jesus with others!

YOUTH SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



MAY 7th 9:45 am

Have you ever been to a concert? Maybe you had tickets for great seats. Maybe you were in the nosebleeds. Either way, you probably noticed that everyone had the same goal in mind, to get as close as possible. There’s just something about being near the band or near the artist that makes a great concert ever more fun. But there’s a limit, right? No matter how good your tickets are, you can only get so close. There’s a hall you can’t walk down, or a security guard you can’t stroll right past because those areas are reserved for certain people...special people—people with an all-access pass. Maybe you’ve felt the same way when it comes to God. Sure, you come to church and sing songs or listen, but there’s a limit to how close you can get. It’s almost like there’s a velvet rope around certain parts of our faith that tells us those parts are restricted to special people, to church-staff people, or to super-spiritual people. But what if that’s never what God intended? In this series we will explore what the Resurrection of Jesus really meant—for real people like us. And we will discover that, because of Easter, we have an all-access pass to Him and to the life He has for us!



MAY 14th, 21st & 28th 9:45 am

Speed limits. Data limits. Time limits. Age limits. There’s nothing fun about having limits set between us and what we want. And although some limits are good, most of the time it just feels like we’d be better off without them. Many of us feel like our lives, our stories, and our futures are limited in one way or another—like who we are and who we can become have limits. This was especially true for one of the earliest and most famous guys in the Bible, Moses. Because of who he was, where he came from, and what he did, Moses must have felt like his potential was limited. But God had other plans. And through Moses’ story we’ll discover that when we allow God to direct our story, the possibilities are limitless.



Wednesday, May 3rd
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting (dinner, game & Bible study)

Wednesday, May 10th
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting (dinner, game & Bible study)

Wednesday, May 17th
5:45 pm - Youth Group Meeting (dinner, game & Bible study)

Wednesday, May 24th
5:45 pm - Dinner at Don T’s (End of school celebration)