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**MORNING BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

July 2<sup>nd</sup>— Carol Bozeman & Barbara Cash  
July 9<sup>th</sup> —Cathy Wranek & ?  
July 16<sup>th</sup>—Beverly Shotwell & Lee Higgins  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> —Carole Berger & Robyn Sherman  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - Sandy O'Connell & ?

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS**

July 2<sup>nd</sup>— Lee Higgins  
July 9<sup>th</sup> —Barbara Heckman  
July 16<sup>th</sup>—Carole Berger  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> —Loretta Ballard  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - Lee Higgins

**WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE**

July 2<sup>nd</sup>— Cathy Wranek & ?  
July 9<sup>th</sup> —Joan Joyce & Patsy Williamson  
July 16<sup>th</sup>—Sharon Martin & Carole Berger  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> —Patsy Williamson & Carole Judy  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - Linda Carter & Brenda Grose

**HALL WATCH**

July 2<sup>nd</sup>— Justin Spears  
July 9<sup>th</sup> —John Wranek  
July 16<sup>th</sup>—Jimmy Crowder  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> —Mike Bozeman  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - Gary Judy

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

July 2<sup>nd</sup>—Sherry Miller  
July 9<sup>th</sup>—Mike Bozeman  
July 16<sup>th</sup>—David Campbell  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>—Justin Spears  
July 30<sup>th</sup>—Barbara Cash



6<sup>th</sup> Wayne & Janice Oyler  
10<sup>th</sup> Robbie & Molly Kay Moore  
12<sup>th</sup> Glenn & Carol Furr  
31<sup>st</sup> Clyde & Jerri Keen

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

**Out of My Mind**

A mission team from our church will go back to Nickelsville, Virginia from July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Southwest Virginia Partnership. Several local Baptist Associations, as well as Virginia Baptists, have partnered together to share a witness to Jesus Christ by meeting people's physical needs in this remote, economically challenged section of our state.

Our team will consist of 26 people, 10 adults and 16 teens. In past years the teams have worked at a variety of tasks such as: assisting at a nursing home, local food bank and clothes closet, building handicap ramps, putting on roofs, replacing floors, laying tile and painting. The team will also donate the used clothing we've collected and provide money to purchase school supplies for children in need.

I challenge you to pray for the team while they are away. I know that God answers prayer and you can be a part of what God will do through them, and in them, on this trip by praying for them. We have never had a serious accident occur on any of our mission trips despite the use of power tools and challenging safety conditions, and I believe that this has been in response to your prayers. So please, don't be complacent, pray!

I also encourage you to come and hear the team's official report on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, during the morning worship at 11:00 am. There will be lots of pictures to see and stories to hear.

Though I am not a part of the team this year, on past trips I would often ask team members this question: "Where have you seen God today?" Asking this question shifts the focus from what we're doing to what God is doing, and it is a reminder that God is always at work around us, if we will just be alert and watch for him.

Team members will often report that they saw God at work, not in some big project, but rather in small acts of kindness, compassion, and love. They will share such things as how a child's face lit up with joy and wonder when given some small gift, or how someone took the time to help another person. Whenever we see something that touches our heart and leaves a lump in our throat, it is often a sign that God is present and at work.

Of course you don't have to wait to be on a mission trip to ask the question "Where have you see God today?" It's a good question for each of us to ask ourselves, our families and our friends every day. For our God is constantly at work, all around us. And incredibly, he invites us to join him, to partner with him in what he is doing, by being his voice, his hands, his feet, as he touches people with his love, and transforms them by his grace. What a privilege it is to serve our amazing God! So, where have you seen God today?

Your Pastor,  
Mike



The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.



Join us on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am to prepare cakes and casseroles. Please join us for lots of fun and fellowship!



Join us on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm for a fellowship meal before our business meeting. Everyone is asked to bring a dish, homemade or store bought to share.



We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.



Item of the month for July is cereal. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the box outside of the choir room. Thank you!



We have 26 people going on the mission trip to Southwest Virginia, July 9<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>! Lannie Ballard, Loretta Ballard, Marc Judge, Gary Judy, Carole Judy, Austin Buckner, Patsy Williamson, Roger Williamson, Camden Glass, Reid Glass, Tom Moncure, John Wranek, Evan Wranek, Will Wranek, Reid McFaddin, Sean Carrington, Everett Huger, Isabelle, Huger, Noah Campbell, Molly Kay Moore, Maggie Moore, Makayla Horne, Madison Workman, Jacob Moore, Kaden Sherman and Thomas Smals.

They will do small home repairs, work at the clothes closet, food pantry and visit the local nursing home. Please be in prayer for each of those as they work for the Lord in Southwest Virginia. Thanks for all your support and help with fund-raising. This mission trip would not be possible without you!

Join us on Sunday evenings at 5 pm beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> for "The Daniel Plan" a scripture based healthy living plan by Rick Warren. There will be 6 weekly 1 hour sessions. A salad bar dinner and childcare will be provided. Please contact the office (office@manlybaptist.com or 463-4181) to sign up.



During our VBS this year children will be "submerged" in God's word as they learn that Jesus sees people deep down in their hearts, not just at the surface level. They will discover that a relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything!

Our Submerged VBS will begin this

year with a family fun night on Sunday, July 30 @ 5:30. We will have a cookout, inflatables, cotton candy, snow cones, and fun!

VBS will begin on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and continue through Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will begin each night with a time of fellowship and dinner @ 5:30 pm followed by music, crafts, bible stories, and recreation. We will finish each night @ 8 pm. Please help get the word out about our VBS and invite your friends and family to come! If you are interested in helping please let Ms. Beverly know (460-0409). Beverly Saunders, VBS Director

After an extended time of prayer from the church family and a lot of discussion among the church leadership, the Deacons and Stewardship Committee are recommending to the church that we fill the staff vacancy of the Associate Pastor for Family Life and Music with volunteers. Lucy Wilkins will continue to direct the Adult Choir and be the Worship Leader for our Morning Worship times as she has since January, Lee Higgins will continue to lead the Children's Choir and the Hand Bell Choir, and Alysyan Raymond will fill the Family Life responsibilities by becoming the Coordinator for Family Life. Alysyan will facilitate outreach opportunities to the community, help connect new people to the church, as well as assisting the church family in finding places of service within the congregation. This arrangement would be evaluated at the end of 2017.



**WHY DO WE KEEP SINGING HYMNS – AREN'T THEY JUST OUT OF DATE?**

This question has been asked several times in the last few weeks. There are several reasons we sing hymns. Hymns (religious verses sung to a common tune in the native language) emerged in the 1600s with the first English hymn writer, Isaac Watts (think *O God Our Help in Ages Past* and *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*). Prior to that time, only the Psalms were sung by the common people and the translations were so awkward they hardly made sense. Hymns burst on the music scene with the same popularity as rock and roll in the 1950s. People sang them everywhere even though many of the church leadership did not approve!

Hymns today give us a connection with our history as the Christian Church. We've been around for 2000 years. Some of the texts date back to the middle ages. They help us connect to the "great cloud of witnesses" of all the saints who have gone before us. They teach us about our faith through the theology of the words (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) and through the circumstances in which they were written.

This summer (and perhaps beyond), I will be sharing some of the stories behind the hymns we know and love. Here is the story behind one of the favorite hymns we are singing this summer: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*:

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The great American evangelist Dwight L. Moody incorporated this song in his sermons, writings, and teachings. This caused many people to believe that the song is an American hymn. Not so. It was written by an Irishman in Canada.

One Hundred fifty years ago two businessmen stood on a Port Hope, Ontario street corner as a little man carrying a saw walked by. One of the businessmen said, "Now there is a man who is happy with his lot in life. I wish I could know his joy. Perhaps I can get him to cut my winter's supply of wood."

"I know that man. He would not cut your firewood. He cuts wood only for the financially destitute and for those who are physically handicapped and cannot cut their own firewood." That young woodcutter was named Joseph Scriven. Son of a captain in the British Royal Marines, Joseph was born in Ireland in 1819. After receiving his university degree from Trinity College in London, he quickly established himself as a teacher, fell in love, and made plans to settle in his hometown. Then tragedy struck. The day before his scheduled wedding, his fiancé drowned.

Overcome with grief, Scriven left Ireland to start a new life in Canada. He established a home in Rice Lake, where he met and fell in love with Eliza Rice. Just weeks before she was to become Joseph Scriven's bride, she suddenly grew sick. In a matter of weeks, Eliza died.

A shattered Scriven turned to the only thing that had anchored him during his life — his faith. Through prayer and Bible study he found not just solace, but a mission. The twenty-five year old Scriven took a vow of poverty, sold all of his earthly possessions, and vowed to give his life to the physically handicapped and financially destitute. Ten years later Scriven received word that his mother had become very ill. The man who had taken a vow of poverty did not have the funds to go home to help care for her. Heartsick, and feeling a need to reach out to her, he wrote the story of his life in three short verses he called "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Later, Scriven said, "The Lord and I together wrote the song." Several of his friends got a copy and one of them carried a copy to a music publisher. Within two years the little poem of inspiration had been published and coupled to a tune written by an American lawyer, Charles Converse. Two decades later the great American evangelist Dwight L. Moody came across the song and believed it to be the most touching modern hymn that he had ever heard. It was Moody who gave the song a national platform and caused so many to think that the song had been written in America. Ironically, Joseph Scriven drowned in a Canadian lake in 1886. He did not live to see his song carried to every corner of the globe. – James Q. Salter

What feels out of date for many of our hymns is not the words, but the music. Many were put to popular tunes (including drinking songs!) of their time and are not current with the music of our day. We need to encourage our contemporary composers to put these great words to modern music while retaining the classic hymns that have stood the test of time for generations of Christians.



Our friends at Lexington Presbyterian Church have invited us to worship with them and some of the other downtown churches at Hopkin's Green, 10:00 am, on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. (We will not have Sunday Morning Bible Study or a worship service in our building that Sunday) Dress will be very casual. Plan to bring a lawn chair to sit in. A meal together will follow the worship time. Other churches that will be joining us that Sunday are Trinity UMC, Randolph Street UMC and Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church. We understand that this may create a hardship for some in our church family, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we felt that this was a wonderful opportunity to worship together with some of our larger Christian family in the community. In case of rain we will worship in the sanctuary of Lexington Presbyterian.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

The directors of the Endowment Fund would like to thank Laura Jones for the two excellent training sessions on CPR, proper use of the defibrillator and the recently-acquired Stop the Bleed kits she conducted last month. The training events were well-attended and the expert information Laura shared with us was well-received. Thanks to everyone who attended the training and to Laura for sharing her expertise with us.



**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This is to follow up on the refurbishment project on the sanctuary. As you may recall when we sold the property at 210 S. Randolph Street. The proceeds were to be used to refurbish the sanctuary, pay off the print shop debt and to reimburse the rubble fund with as much as possible to bring it back to its original amount of \$50,000. We are pleased to report that the refurbishment project came in under budget, the print shop debt has been retired providing an addition \$1,300 a month to our unrestricted offering and we were able to return \$40,000.00 to the rubble fund bringing that total up to \$42,000. We would like to thank the congregation for your support in these matters. Let us prayerfully give thanks for the many ways God continues to bless our church! Yours in Christ, Mike Bozeman



As many of you know, Bobbie Canfield is in rehab right now and cannot separate and take altar flowers to nursing homes, shut-ins, etc. as she has been doing for quite a long time. This was not the responsibility of Bobbie or anyone in the church. It was something Bobbie wanted to do. If you provide flowers for a Sunday morning and would like to take the flowers home with you after the service, please do so. Please just remember that the gold finished container stays at the church and the white insert with foam needs to be returned to the florist by Thursday of that week.

**HABITAT FAITH BUILD 2017**



Manly plans to partner again with local churches in support of Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build 2017. Gordie Valentine will be coordinating our participation. This is considered part of Manly's community outreach missions, as it has been in the past. Two areas of support are build site volunteers, working Tuesday afternoons from the end of August through December. There is also a financial contribution component. The sign-up and commitment of volunteers is especially needed at this time. If interested or want more information, please contact Gordie (540-261-8672 or gordieval@centurylink.net)



**SUNDAY MORNING 9:45 am**

How do you normally introduce yourself? Maybe you start with, "Hi. I'm (insert your name here)." But what comes after that? Sure, you can talk about where you go to school, or what hobbies you're into, but that doesn't really introduce anyone to *you*, just facts *about* you. When Jesus talked about Himself, He would make statements like, "I am the Good Shepherd" and, "I am the bread of life." As strange as they sound, these statements give us a better picture of who Jesus is. Because if He is a shepherd, then we are His sheep. And if He is the bread of life, then we can be satisfied in Him. In this series, we'll discover that the way Jesus described Himself, gives us a clue into who we are as well.



**Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm**  
Youth Group Meeting (Childers Home)  
(Dinner, Bible Lesson & Swimming)

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm**  
Youth Group Meeting (Goshen Pass)  
(Dinner, Bible Lesson & Swimming)

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm**  
Youth Group Meeting (MMBC)  
(Dinner & Service Project at Lisa's House)