



Out of My Mind

The Summer of 2017 was certainly a busy one at our church. It really began in May with the move back into the Sanctuary after its renovation. Then came the CPR/Stop the Bleed Training, the yard sale for the Mission trip, the Mission Trip to Nickelsville, our "Submerged" Vacation Bible School, various Youth and Children's activities, the church picnic, yard work around the building, AV and telephone upgrades, the Joint Worship service, the VMI Matriculation Fair, the Habitat For Humanity "Faith Build" start up, the Festival Meal and Festival Booth, as well as Rat Sunday and the Rat Sunday breakfast (prepared by the youth and their leaders.) And that doesn't include all the "normal" Sunday activities with prayer, giving, Bible study, worship, choir, special singers, projector ministry, and nursery workers, or the various committee meetings, WMU gatherings, and the Cakes and Casserole Ministry sessions, those that do so much behind the scenes; and those who were engaged in organizations outside of our church building where they lived out their Christian faith.

Reading this list of activities makes me feel profoundly grateful to each one of you who volunteer your time and talents. If you haven't heard me say it before, please hear it now, thank you for your service in the name of Jesus Christ. By what you do, and by the spirit in which you do it, you are allowing God to use you to make a difference for his good in the lives of so many people. I pray that you are experiencing that special joy that comes from helping and serving in the name of Jesus.

The Apostle Paul challenged us by writing "...through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13) So if you have not had an opportunity to help out recently, I hope that you will look for a place to serve as we move into the Fall. If our Wednesday night dinners are to continue then we need some volunteers to come forward to help with set-up or cleanup. If you are interested, there are people who will walk you through what needs to be done and how to do it. Contact the church office and we'll be glad to make that connection for you. It may be that you have a talent or passion for something and would like to explore putting it to use. If so, please contact me so that we can see where it might fit in with our ministry journey. Whether you choose to plug into something we are already doing, or start something new, I encourage you to find a place of service in our church.

As George Bush once reminded us, "any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

Your Pastor,
Mike

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

THANKS to everyone who helped with the Festival Meal! We cleared about \$1,000. This will be divided between Habitat, The Community Table and another project.



September 11th - 18th is the Week of Prayer for VA Missions. The Alma Hunt offering goal statewide is \$1,167,500.

Manly's goal is \$2,000. Please consider what you can give to help spread the love of Christ in our state. Luke 5:10-11.



Be praying as to whom God would have serve him at Manly Memorial as a Deacon for 2018 - 2020. Deacon nomination ballots will be available Sunday, September 3rd and need to be returned no later than Sunday, September 24th.



Our Wednesday fellowship meals will begin again on September 13th at 5:30 pm! Come join us for great food & good Christian fellowship!

September 13th
Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Meatloaf, potato casserole, green beans, rolls and dessert)

September 20th
Brian Kave & Friends
(BBQ, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert)

September 27th
Youth Group
(Pancakes, bacon, eggs, milk & juice)

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Linda Hooks
- 3rd Celia Jones
Wesley Sherman
- 5th Lute Barrett
- 6th Spencer Paxton
- 7th Carol Furr
- 11th Rachel Paxton
- 12th Carole Barton
- 13th Tony Muterspaw
- 14th Jim Fuller
Joan Huff
- 15th Fred Seaman
- 16th Maggie Moore
- 19th Judy Davis
- 20th Bobbie Canfield
Sara Campbell
Reid Glass
- 21st Bob Mears
John Fix
- 23rd Brenda Grose
Sharon Martin
- 26th Barbara Cash
- 28th Jan Meador
- 29th Barlow Newbolt
- 30th Mike Bozeman
Minnie Belle Moore

BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

- September 3rd-Loretta Ballard
- September 10th-Barbara Heckman
- September 17th-Carole Berger
- September 24th-Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

- September 3rd-Justin Spears
- September 10th-John Wranek
- September 17th-Jimmy Crowder
- September 24th-Mike Bozeman

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- September 3rd-Jan Meador
- September 10th-Clyde Keen
- September 17th-Brenda Grose
- September 24th-Sherry Miller

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE

- September 3rd-Carol Bozeman & Barbara Cash
- September 10th-Cathy Wranek & Robyn Sherman
- September 17th-Beverly Shotwell & Debbie Fox
- September 24th-Vickie Kave & Robyn Sherman

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

- September 3rd-Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
- September 10th-Patsy Williamson & Wes Sherman
- September 17th-Sharon Martin & Carole Berger
- September 24th-Patsy Williamson & Carole Judy

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th Roberta & Joe Grist
- 22nd K.C. & Laura Jones

Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday?
Share it with us!



**NEW YEAR - NEW LOOK!
LESS MEETINGS - MORE MISSIONS!!**

We had a wonderful gathering on Sunday, August 27th, and we are trying a new format for WMU. All groups will be combined into one group. We will only meet quarterly, the second Monday of November, March, June and September, from 5:15 pm till 6:30 pm at the church. (Our meeting on August 27th counts for the September meeting this year.) We plan to have a guest speaker at each meeting.

We will have an executive committee consisting of the four officers which are Director (Patsy Williamson), Co-Director (Patsy Paxton), Leader (Lee Higgins) and Secretary-Treasurer (Carole Judy). The director will hold office for three years. The first year assisted by the co-director, second year alone, and third year as co-director for the new director. The leader will be responsible for the quarterly meetings and projects.

All projects will be open to the church as a whole and volunteers are always welcome to suggest and coordinate a new project. Dues will be \$20 annually and may be paid to Carole Judy or any of the executive committee prior to or at the November meeting.

We are in hopes that the meeting change will encourage more women to join us, thus increasing the mission work we can do!

Our project for September will be collecting items for a care package for Carol Ronning, missionary in India (friend of John Wranek). Items are as follows: travel size hand sanitizer, travel size Listerine mouthwash (green or blue flavor), frosted mini wheats cereal (any brand), individual small size hazelnut creamer, chocolate chip cookie mix (by Betty Crocker in bags that you just add eggs and oil), microwave popcorn (Orville Redenbacher), Luna protein bars (lemon zest), peppermint patties, skittles (sour kind only), sweet pickle relish (in plastic bottles), shield bar soap, protein powder (Wal-mart carries Muscle Milk brand vanilla flavor) and wipes (baby and cleaning/any brand). If you wish to make a monetary donation to help off-set the postage please give it to Carole Judy or any executive committee member.



WANT TO HELP BUT NEED A LITTLE HELP????

If you want to volunteer to help with the Wednesday night meals but are not sure what needs to be done or how to operate some of the things in the kitchen like the dishwasher, then we have a solution!! Loretta Ballard and Gary Judy will be glad to go over the planning, set-up, serving and clean-up with anyone who is interested in volunteering to help with the Wednesday night meals. They would prefer to have several volunteers at one time but are willing to meet with you individually if you prefer. Most of the set-up can be done anytime during the day. The Wednesday night meals have been a tradition at Manly for many, many years but if they are to continue we need volunteers to make that happen. Call Loretta at 291-2538 or e-mail her at lballard@ntelos.net to sign up and work out a convenient time for all. Thanks for volunteering to keep this tradition going.



MORNING BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION & RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We look forward to a new year in Morning Bible Study! The children will be promoted to the next level on Sunday, September 10th. We hope that you will attend a class and enjoy Bible Study and Christian fellowship with others. If you are already in a class please invite someone to join you. A special "Thank You" to all the teachers and volunteers who make our Morning Bible Study possible. May you have a blessed year growing closer to God and others in Sunday School!



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

On Sunday, September 10th, right after church we will get lunch at Wendy's in Lexington, then head to Waynesboro for Putt-Putt golf! Please let Ms. Beverly know if you plan to go (460-0409).

With help from our church family, we are exploring ways to more fully engage our members in the life of the church. We also want to reach out into the community with various opportunities, respond to various opportunities, to remain viable, and visible member of the local Faith community. In so doing, the faith community here can be strengthened. We want to build connections within the church and with the community. We also want to match people's skills and talents with the church needs, to ensure that everyone is engaged doing what they like to do-what they are good at doing. The Daniel Plan workshop concluded August 20th. There was a good attendance, and the various speakers brought new perspective and sensible approaches and laughter to the quest for a healthy lifestyle. The DVD's were well worth watching, and I thank all of those who helped with the suppers. Alysyan Raymond



VALLEY MISSION MATTERS

Join us on Saturday, October 7th at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro (301 S Wayne Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980) from 8 am—3:30 pm, for a one-day regional event designed to foster conversations and encourage renewed approaches to local and global missions. Develop new ideas and learn about opportunities to engage in hunger ministries, international partnerships, global discipleship, disaster response, immigrant outreach, community development, and more. Come explore and expand how Mission Matters for the transformation of your congregation, yourself, and your community.



"Just hear those sleigh bells ring-a-ling, ting, ting ting-a-ling...." WHAT? It's only September! For the Adult Choir, however, it's time to start on the Christmas cantata. If you would like to join us for this special music, we will be rehearsing *Sing Joy to All the World!* by Lloyd Larson from 7:30 -7:45 pm each Wednesday evening, beginning September 6. I will also be handing out rehearsal CDs so you can practice at home. If you always wanted to sing in the choir, but couldn't commit to a year of rehearsals, join us for this special musical celebration. We will sing the cantata during the morning worship on December 17. "Jesus came to provide us with a deep and lasting joy; a joy that could truly fill the void in our lives, a void that we often attempt to satisfy with temporal things.... like the shepherds, we have become recipients of this wonderful news of great joy!...This musical is conceived as a vehicle to help us share, celebrate, and sing the joyous Christmas message" Lloyd Larson. Come join us and use your talent for God's glory and to share His good news.



The Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 17th at 5:15 pm. If you know of some children who are not involved in Manly but would like to sing, please let Lee Higgins (464-1531) know.

The Meador-Steele Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 20th at 4:45 pm. We still need one more ringer.....so if you might be interested in learning more about it, please contact Lee Higgins (464-1531). Teens, this is a fun ministry that you might enjoy. It would be a blessing if we could begin a youth bell choir!



- 1st Week 11:45 am** Priscilla Jamison, Gary & Carole Judy & Beverly Shotwell Deliver: Gary Judy
- 2nd Week 11:45 am** Gordie & Lois Valentine, Jan Meador & Patty Roscoe Deliver: Gordie Valentine
- 3rd Week 10:00 am** Bobbie Canfield, Mary Carol Moore, Jerri & Clyde Keen & Wanda Childers Deliver: Wanda Childers or Clyde Keen
- 4th Week 11:45 am** Barbara Cash, Carol Kirby, Jill Straub & Loretta Ballard Deliver: Wayne S. or Loretta B.
- 5th Week 11:45 am** Linda Carter, Brenda Grose, Carole Berger & Linda Bond Deliver: Molly Kay Moore
- Substitutes** Joan Joyce & Brenda Grose (for set up)



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM

September 3rd "Measure Up" with Molly Kay Moore "Trying to measure up only brings us down!"
Whether we'd like to admit it or not, we all have a tendency to base some of our worth and value on one thing: how we measure up to the people around us. In other words, we compare ourselves to others. This week we're taking a look at what Solomon has to say about comparison and what we can do to stop trying to measure up and start finding peace!

September 10th "Measure Up" with Thomas Smals "Take your cue about you from the One who made you!"
We all have a mirror—something or someone we look to that tells us if we measure up. But what happens when our mirrors leave us feeling like we're not okay? This week we'll discover that when we look to Jesus, we'll always measure up!

September 17th "Measure Up" with Laura Jones "What you have matters less than what you do with it!"
Sometimes we get so caught up thinking about what we don't have that we lose sight of what we have right in front of us. This week, as we walk through a parable Jesus shared with His followers, we'll learn that what we have isn't nearly as important as how we use what we have!

September 24th "Reality Show" with Jacob Thayer "God can use a fractured family!"
While we would all like to picture our families like the ones in sweet, wholesome TV shows, the truth is, most of our families are more likely to be the stars of a reality show! And sometimes we think the dysfunction might disqualify our families from being used by God. But God doesn't think so. In fact, just as He used one of the most dysfunctional families in the Bible, God can use any fractured family . . . even ours!



Saturday, September 9th 9:00 am - Car Wash Eagle Eyrie Fundraiser (Advance Auto Parts)

Wednesday, September 13th 5:30 pm - Youth Group "Special Kick-Off" Meeting (Dinner provided)

Wednesday, September 20th 5:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

Saturday, September 23rd 1:00 pm - JUMP Trampoline Park & CiCi's (Lynchburg) (Cost is \$20 due by Wednesday, September 13th)

Wednesday, September 27th 7:30 am - See You At The Pole (MRMS & RCHS)
4:15 pm - Prepare/Serve Pancake Meal
5:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting