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From the Pastor

During Wednesday evening Bible Study for the next several weeks, we will be looking at various passages from the book of Ezekiel. For me, I am not as familiar with this book of prophecy, so it has been a wonderful opportunity to study passages of Scripture that are relatively new to me. It is a great

Wednesday Schedules:

7:00 - 8:00 Prayer/Bible Study

Thursday Schedule:

6:30 Choir Practice
(No Choir Practice During
April)

7:30-8:30 Praise Team

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Worship TeamPractice9:30 am Sunday School10:30 am Worship

opportunity to learn something new. I hope this study will also be a good opportunity for you, and that you will take the time to participate when you can.

Throughout the book, there is no doubt about God's Glory. There is never any doubt that the Lord is God, and that His majesty and wonder is way beyond anything what we can imagine or understand. The book starts with these words:

"In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God." (Ezekiel 1: 1, NIV)

Ezekiel had been taken into exile along with many other Israelites from Jerusalem. Their homes had been destroyed and they were now living in Babylon. During this time of despair, Ezekiel sees several amazing visions of God. He wrote, "The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."



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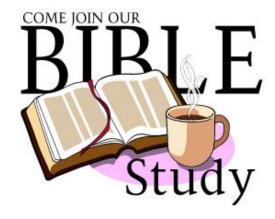
Children's Church Ellen/Noah



I think it is easy in the normal course of our life, to forget how awesome the Lord is. It is easy to get wrapped up in all that is going on around us, and not be aware that our amazing God has everything in his hands. He is taking care of things, and He is watching over us. But His glory cannot be fathomed. I think it is impossible to put into words how powerful, loving, wise, and kind the Lord is. Ezekiel's visions help give a glimpse into heaven to remind us of the Lord's glory. It is a powerful book.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill



Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study

Choir Break During April

After the special Easter music month, the choir will be taking a break through April. There will be no choir practice during the month of April. (4/5, 4/12, 4/19 and 4/26). The Praise and Worship Team will continue to practice at their regular time: Thursdays at 7:30 pm.



Menu: Cheesy Chicken, scalloped potatoes, salad and dessert

The church pays for the number of meals ordered. If you sign up but find you are unable to attend please consider paying for the meal or sending a friend in your place. RSVP by April 29, 2018 to Kay Flavin at 248-5093 or 448-2161 e-mail 50billy@comcast.net

Annie Armstrong Offering

We will continue collecting for the Annie Armstrong North American Easter Offering for Home Missions. One half of the finances required to do mission work in North America is raised by the Annie Armstrong Offering. Our goal is same as last year \$1200. Envelopes and a brochure about the offering has been placed in your mailbox. The offering will run from March through April.

Current amount collected: \$988 as of April 15.

From the Building & Grounds Committee:

If you have items stored in the kitchen refrigerator, please label them with your name/group. Otherwise they will be discarded. Our space is limited and necessary for Wednesday night dinners and compassion meals, so please store only those items you will use in the immediate future. Thanks for your cooperation.

FOR SALE: Social Hall tables. \$20 each. See any member of the Building & Grounds Committee if interested.



Does anyone know if our church has a flannelboard and background scenes for the lovely flannelboard figures that we found in the library?

We also have the 4 book Bailey Flanigan series by Karen Kingsbury...: Leaving, Learning, Longing, Loving...

Leaving home to fulfill dreams..love, loneliness, loss and even bigger decisions..True life issues faced by young people in a realistic story... significant life lessons learned in a God-inspired environment.

Thanks,
Toni and the library committee

@meal train for Ric Crookshanks

I know many of you have already taken a meal to Leanne and kids but I am asking or pleading that those who may have not yet taken a meal to consider helping out.

Ric was supposed to be moved today to Augusta for extensive therapy. I have not heard if that happened yet. Tuesday and Thursday are Andy's late evenings in school and those are the two evenings we are trying to supply meals. With Leanne back at work and trying to get by to see Ric this has been so helpful to them. We are hoping to carry this out through May.

I set up <u>mealtrain.com</u> where you can go in and look under Ric Crookshanks name and sign up; however, if you prefer you can email me and I can enter.

Big amounts are not needed as only serving for 3. They have been so appreciative. You can always pick up something and take. A couple of ideas are plate dinners from Armstrong's and Rowe's also has frozen section of foods.

There have been others who have helped out and I will be following up with them as well. Thanks to those who have helped. God Bless.

GRADUATION 2018

If you or you have a family member you would like to be recognized on Sunday morning, May 20th, please send a write up with a couple pictures to Bobbie Howell as soon as possible. This is high school or college. Please join us at 12:30 pm, on May 20th in the fellowship hall for a cake reception, to honor our graduates.

Anyone interested in walking in a processional also notify Bobbie.



Comfort Care Stride For Life May 5

The Comfortcare Women's Health Stride for Life will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018. This event is not a protest or a rally. It is a non-confrontational statement to our community that life matters. Won't you join in this by walking or running? Can't participate on that day? No problem. Walk or run whenever you wish. Can't walk or run? Then please sponsor one of Laurel Hill's participants.

The Stride for Life is an important, tangible way to participate in the pro-life movement. ComfortCare Women's Health is a medical clinic, enabling

abortion-vulnerable women to see an ultrasound of their unborn child and receive valuable medical services.

Please see Peggy Riley if you are interested in being a walker or runner on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00. You will see men, women and children of all ages from numerous local churches walking together to make a statement that life matters. If you are unable to participate in this way, please sponsor Carol McAllister or Peggy Riley with a donation for this worthy local mission.

Revive! Christ and His Church May 5, 8:30 to 3:00pm Location: Lynn Haven Baptist Church, Vinton Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

A Special presentation by Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton sponsored by BMI and NAMB and Roanoke Valley Association. God has a purpose for every church. This conference will help you find transform your heart and determine how the Lord is speaking to our church today.

Register at <u>www.rva.org</u> or call 540-366-7631

LHBC Block Party

Save the Date

August 25

The children and youth mission team are planning a church wide block party.

When Saturday, August 25th. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where Lawn of LHBC
What Music, Food, Children's events, games,
cake walk etc.

More details to come.

Prayerfully consider supporting this community outreach opportunity and volunteer help with the planning and implementation of this event. See Gloria Miller and Bobbie Howell to sign up.

National Day of Prayer
Dr. Bill Wilson will speak on
"How Not to Pray"
Thursday, May 3, 11:30 am
First Baptist Waynesboro

Last Day for Reservations: Friday April 27

This is the 5th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry of the Augusta Baptist Association and the Senior Saints of First Baptist Waynesboro.

Dr. Bill Wilson will be bringing the message. He is the Director for the Center for Healthy Churches and has experience pastoring in Virginia, and also has relationships with many churches here.

Cost: \$15 per person (Includes catered lunch)

Reservation Deadline: April 27

To reserve your spot, send a check to Charlie Downs at 109 Gloucester Court/ Waynesboro,

VA 22980;

Email to gloucester@ntelos.net; or call at 540-949-6752.

Training for Youth Workers

Augusta Baptist Association Linden Heights Baptist Church May 5, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Speaker: Danny Quirin, BGAV Youth Minister in Resident

Special training to help volunteer hone their skills.

The following important topics will be covered:

- Curriculum and resources that are available
- How to "Feed" yourself as adults while teaching
- · How to grow and keep youth involved.

There is no cost to attend.



Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Performance: "Jesus" September 15

Trip to Sight and Sound on September 15, 2018 to see the new production,
Jesus. Taking deposits now. \$119.41 total cost for adults and \$80.16 for children. \$65 deposit due to secure your spot. See Lisa Cleveland.

SW Virginia Partnership
Mission Trip
With the Augusta Baptist
Association
June 3 – 8

May 1 is the Last Day to sign up for the mission trip to SW Virginia!

The Augusta Baptist Association is sponsoring a mission trip again this summer with the SW Virginia Partnership in Nickelsville, VA. The estimated cost is about \$175 per person. Contact Bill Davis or David Anderson (434-770-4632) if you would like to reserve a spot or have additional questions.



Mark your Calendar: Dates to Remember

Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study

Thurs: Choir Practice 6:30 Praise Team 7:30-8:30

3 May: National Day of Prayer

5 May: Youth Training for Volunteers

5 May: Revive! Conference, Vinton, VA

3 - 8 June: SW VA Mission Trip (Nickelsville)

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