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Sermon

Topic: “The Disciplined Believer”

Scripture

**Passage: 1
Peter 1: 13-16**



From the Pastor

The first letter Peter wrote contains some of the most quoted verses of scripture that you have heard. After following the Lord for nearly 30 years, he wrote with clearly about his Lord, and what it meant to have a relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit put Peter in the perfect place to be able to comfort the early Christians and also us

Calendar

Wednesday Schedules:

7:00 - 8:00

Prayer/Bible Study

Thursday Schedule:

6:30 Choir Practice

7:30-8:30 Praise Team

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Worship Team/
Choir Practice

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship



Greeters

Curtis & Doris Scruggs

Media

Lisa Cleveland

Sound

Logan Lockridge

Ushers

Steve Riley

John Miller

Tony Simpson

Charlie Smith

today.

Their life was not easy. Soon widespread persecution would begin as Peter wrote these words. The Roman emperor Nero would unleash severe crimes against the Christians as he tried to purge them from his kingdom. Nero did not succeed, but he did execute a lot of early Christians in torturous ways. God also used this same persecution to strengthen their faith. It would only be a few generations later, that the Roman Empire would actually embrace Christianity as a state religion.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1 Peter 5: 7

Peter had learned the secret to endurance during tough times. He was able to cast his cares on the Lord. I don't think that was always easy. I also don't think this is easy for us today. But the Lord is waiting for us to allow Him to handle all our anxieties. He

Nursery- Sunday School
Molly Waldrop

Nursery- Worship
Lisa Cleveland

Children's Church
Marlene/Kellan

loves us that much.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill



Wednesday 7:00pm

Wednesday Night

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

7:00pm

We will continue our study of 1 Peter through January. Tonight we will finish chapter 1 and begin studying chapter 2. Come to learn from

one on the most prominent disciples of Jesus.

January Bible Study

Topic: 1 Peter

Starts January 14

Sunday and Wednesday

Evenings

7:00pm

The January Bible Study this year is on 1 Peter. This is a dense and power packed book that has many applications to our daily life.

We will meet on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm through January starting on January 14 and ending on Wednesday January 31. I will also be preaching from this book for at least the last three weeks of January. Please come to learn more about this amazing book written by Peter the Disciple.

Deacon Ministry Team Sign Up Begins This Sunday

This Sunday we will begin signing up for the Deacon Team Ministries. You can sign up for the next few weeks, and are free to join a different team than you were on before. You can also sign up for more than one team.

BEREAVEMENT- This is a ministry to people affected by the loss of a loved one. The team will be looking at new ways to support them during their time of grief.

CASSEROLE- This ministry provides food for those dealing with issues in their lives. Team members take turns preparing and delivering food items to shut-ins and those recovering from illnesses or misfortune.

PRAYER- This is a ministry for people whose personal needs call out for intercessory prayer. Team members coordinate prayer requests for the church prayer chain and

organize special prayer sessions for those in need.

SMALL JOBS- This team serves others in the name of Christ by helping with family needs in the home. The committee helps church members and the surrounding community with small maintenance issues they may have.

VISITATION- This ministry team visits people who are in the hospital or confined to their homes. Visits are coordinated by the team leader on a monthly basis.

VISITOR / NEW MEMBER- This is a ministry to follow up on people who have recently visited or joined the church. This team is also needs a team leader.

**The Augusta Baptist
Association Presents
Keeping Churches Safe
Memorial Baptist Church**

Staunton, VA
Thursday March 8th
6:30 to 8:30 pm

On November 5th, in Sutherland Springs, Texas a gun-man killed twenty six church goers. This terrible tragedy immediately sparked concern across our community. What might we need to do to address security concerns in our local congregations? This training is a first step to answer this question. Keeping vigilant for the long term will require addressing underlying causes of these outbreaks of violence. This is why we have decided to focus this training around the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence, mental health, and building safety.

This training is designed with deacons, ushers, and building and grounds committee members in mind. However all are welcome to come and be a part of learning how to contribute to a safe church environment.

For More Information or to Register Today

Visit abasecurityconference.weebly.com

Or call (540) 886-1138

This event is free of charge. Your support of cooperative missions makes events like this possible.

Snow Cancellation Policy



Washington D.C. digs out.

Generally we will try to have the Sunday morning service even during cold weather with small amounts of snow if the roads are clear. But please use your own judgement when attending. We do not want anyone to slip and fall because of ice on sidewalks and driveways. It is OK to stay home during bad weather.

Watch for notices on WHSV TV and their website, <http://www.whsv.com/closings>

Notice of cancellation will also be sent out by email through the prayer chain, and the e-newsletter service.

SENIORS & RETIREES



It's January so its time for our annual Soup & Sandwich lunch. This year we will also celebrate "unbirthdays", reminisce about events of the past year and help you with your New Year's Resolutions. So join us in the Social Hall Friday, January 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

See you there!

Charlotte Cleveland, Sr Director

PS: Bring a picture of your parents if you would like to share.



Library Corner

Need a devotional for the New Year?? Check out the supply in our church library!! There are several to choose from and you may sign out for the entire year and then return next year for a new one!!!

Craft/Scrapbooking Day

Saturday January 27

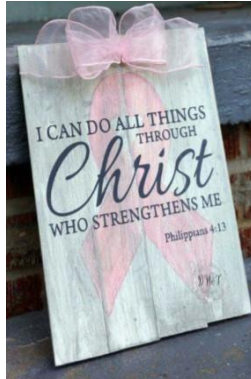
9-4



We will be doing a scrapbooking and craft day in the Fellowship Hall at Laurel Hill on Saturday January 27, 2018 from 9-4. Free. Bring your craft or scrapbooking supplies to work on and fellowship with other crafters. Also, bring something you can add to the table for lunch to share with

everyone. Look forward to seeing you there.

YOU ARE INVITED:



**A Celebration
Invitation**

March 14 will mark the 5 year anniversary of Wendi's breast cancer surgery and we are planning a surprise celebration on Saturday, March 24. You are invited to join us at a restaurant in Salisbury, NC and show her our love. Please RSVP within the next 2 weeks so we can reserve a block of rooms. Thanks. Ruth Smith



Valentine Dinner

FEB 10th-6pm

**Kingdom Seekers SS class will be having
their annual Valentines Dinner on Sat.,**

Feb. 10th at 6pm. Menu this year will be Pork Tenderloin & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Assorted Desserts. \$20 a couple or \$10 individual. Come for an evening of fun, fellowship and surprises.

See Cindy, Joy or Kay to purchase prepaid tickets by Sun. Feb. 4th

This will replace the Wednesday night fellowship meal that we normally would have on February 7. There will be not Wednesday night fellowship meal in February.



**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.



Mark your Calendar: Dates to Remember

Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study

Thurs: Choir Practice 6:30

Praise Team 7:30-8:30

17 January: Bible Study on 1 Peter continues

19 January: Senior Luncheon

27 January: Craft/Scrapbooking Day

10 February: Valentine Dinner



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