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**Sermon Topic:**  
**“Living Stones  
in an Alien  
Land”**

**Scripture  
Passage:**  
**1 Peter 2: 4-11**



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## From the Pastor

A few weeks ago I received a phone message from Delegate Steve Landes inviting me to lead the Virginia House Assembly in prayer one day during the current session. At first I thought that someone was playing a joke on me, and that this wasn't real. I just could not figure out why he would call me. As far as I could remember, we had never met, and Delegate Landes knew

## **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**

**Nancy Petry & Linda  
McNeal**

#### **Media**

**Kim Davis**

#### **Sound**

**Ernie Clay**

#### **Ushers**

**Tim Contrada  
Logan Lockridge  
Ron Fahrney**

nothing about me. But after also receiving an email from one of his aids, I called his office to “check it out.” To my surprise it was actually a real invitation, and before I hung up, I was scheduled to lead the prayer for the Virginia House of Delegates last Friday on January 19.

Before the session began, I had a chance to talk to Delegate Landes, and I asked him why he chose me for this service. He told me that he was given the opportunity to select someone from his district, and he began thinking about the churches in our area. He knew many people at Laurel Hill, and he began to name the families that he knew. So then I realized, something important—it wasn’t about me, but it was about the influence people from Laurel Hill have had over the years. And that is how it should be. Many of you know Mr. Landes, and have grown up with his family. He has been your representative for 25 years. That is the heart of how our government works. We have representatives that work for our benefit. They might not always do what we want, but they do get the opportunity to listen to our voices. We really live in an amazing country!

**Cliff Hoover**

**Nursery- Sunday School**  
**Cindy Roadcap**

**Nursery- Worship**  
**Nicole Corbin**

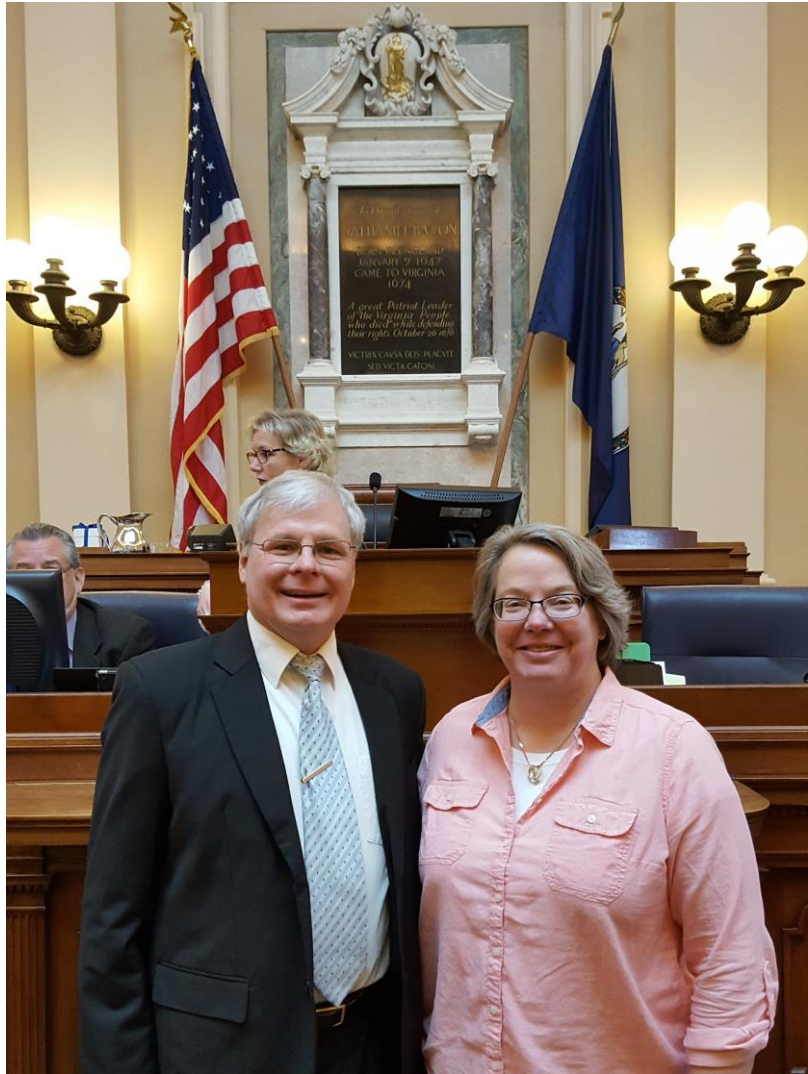
**Children's Church**  
**Ruth**



*“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.” (1 Peter 2: 13-14)*

Your friend and pastor,

Bill



**Before the Virginia State Assembly of the House**

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**Wednesday 7:00pm**

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**Wednesday Night**

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study**

**7:00 pm**

**January Bible Study: 1 Peter**

We will continue our study of 1 Peter through January. Tonight we will begin studying chapter 2. Come to learn from one of the most prominent disciples of Jesus.

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**January Bible Study Continues**

**Each Week**

**Wed & Sun @ 7:00 pm**

**Topic: 1 Peter**

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## **Deacon Ministry Team Sign Up Begins This Sunday**

This Sunday we will continue 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.

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**No Regrets Men's Conference  
(Webcast)  
Saturday, February 3**

**9:00 am to 5:00 am**

**First Baptist Waynesboro**

**Cost: \$10**

This is a special time of worship, fellowship, and presentations to help men grow as disciples and leaders in their faith. The conference is webcast from Elmbrook Church in Wisconsin, and has been helping men with discipleship for 25 years. The theme this year is: No Reserves. No Retreats. No Regrets. If you Preregister before January 26, the price includes lunch.

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**The Augusta Baptist Association**

**Presents**

**Keeping Churches Safe**

**Memorial Baptist Church**

**Staunton, VA**

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://abasecurityconference.weebly.com)

Or call (540) 886-1138

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

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# 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.

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## Craft/Scrapbooking Day

Saturday January 27 (*This Saturday*)

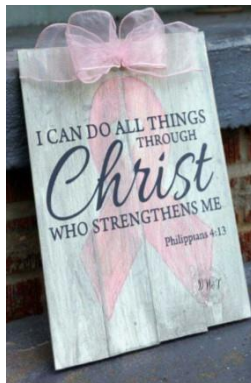
9-4



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.

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## **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

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## **Valentine Dinner**

**FEB 10th-6pm**

**Kingdom Seekers SS class will be having their annual Valentines Dinner on Sat., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 not be a Wednesday night fellowship meal in February.

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

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.



**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.

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## **Mark your Calendar: Dates to Remember**

**Wednesday** 7:00pm Bible Study

**Thurs:** Choir Practice 6:30

Praise Team 7:30-8:30

27 January: Craft and Scrapbooking Day

3 February: No Regret Men's Conference

10 February: Valentine Dinner

13 February: Deacon Meeting

7 March: Fellowship Dinner

7 March: Love Inc. Presentation

8 March: Church Safety Seminar

14 April: Operation Inasmuch

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

