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From the Pastor

Earlier this week, I listened to a sermon online by Francis Chan about the power of the Holy Spirit. He was sharing several instances during his ministry when God really did some amazing things. Drug addicts were revived and redeemed. Things that looked like they would certainly fail, began to blossom and bloom. And while these things were happening around him, he felt completely inadequate and out of his “comfort zone”. He could only

Calendar

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 Team
Practice
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



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**Nancy Petry & Linda
McNeal**

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Sound

Ernie Clay

Ushers

**Tim Contrada
Logan Lockridge
Ron Fahrney
Cliff Hoover**

Nursery- Sunday School

Pat Fahrney

Nursery- Worship

Chris Crookshanks

ascribe the amazing things that happened to the work of the Holy Spirit. And often the catalyst was the prayers and faith of others. He was not able to take any of the credit. There is no reason why our lives could not be like this as well.

The early followers of Christ, I think, were the same way. Amazing things began to happen after Jesus ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit came into their lives in a powerful way. In one instance, after a crippled man was healed, and the apostles were teaching in the temple, the elders and teachers of the law in Jerusalem had Peter and John brought before their counsel and asked them this question:

“By what power or what name did you do this?” (Acts 4:7, NIV). Then Peter and John, ***“Filled with the Holy Spirit”*** gave them a powerful answer: ***“It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”*** (Acts 4:10, NIV)

What if we allowed the Holy Spirit to work in our lives in such a way, that others would take notice? What if others saw the amazing things happening around us, through the Lord’s power, and they asked us, “By what power do you do this?” I believe that the Holy Spirit

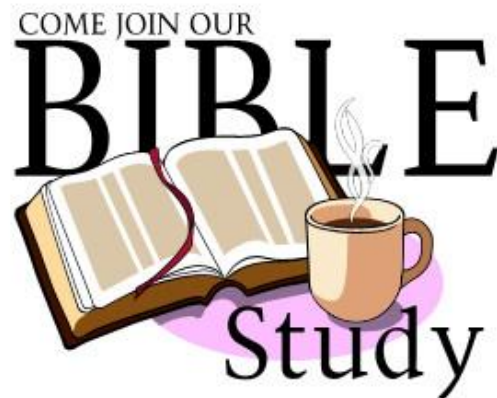
Children's Church
Nancy/Annabelle



works the same today in our church, and in the lives of His followers as He did for the Apostles. What great things will we see?

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.



May Fellowship Dinner
May 2, 2018 6 p.m.

Name _____
Adults \$7.50 _____ Children
\$7.50 _____

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 EASTER
OFFERING
COLLECTION: MARCH AND APRIL
GOAL \$ 1200**

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.

WRE

On Sunday April 15th @ 3pm, the Middle River Council of Weekday Religious Education will present its annual Spring Concert by the children in the WRE programs at Clymore Elementary School. They will be singing songs that they have learned during the year. This program will be held at Ft. Defiance High School auditorium.

A similar program will be held Wednesday evening [April 18 @ 7pm](#) for the children in the WRE program at Cassell Elementary School. This program will be held in the cafeteria at Cassell.

These will be very inspiring events and will enable you to see the enthusiasm of these children for this fine program that you help sponsor. A free will offering will be taken to support efforts of the program in this community.

This year the Weekday Religious Education Program is celebrating its 86th year in our community. Come out and support the program that reaches 1200+ children on a regular schedule and teaches them about the Bible and the Love of God.



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 www.rva.org or call 540-366-7631

THE PROMISING FUTURE

OF SMALL CHURCHES

Conference

April 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Crozet Baptist Church

5804 St George Ave, Crozet, VA

22932

During this conference, participants will learn:

1. The four essential elements of an effective small church
2. Three real-life models of thriving small churches
3. The five important questions every congregation should ask about its future

The seminar will feature group-learning experiences, discussion, question-and-answer, futures scenario building, and PowerPoint presentations that will be available to all participants.

In addition, participants will be given a copy of our guest presenter's book, *The Reconciling Community*; handouts featuring small-church resources; data about change in American society and the status of small churches in America; and a bibliography for further reading on vibrant small churches.

Cost: \$10 per person (applied to cost of lunch provided)

Register/pay online at

<https://bgav.org/events/promising-future-small-churches/> or onsite at the event (make checks payable to BGAV).



Youth Block Party

Save the Date

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

Tentatively planned for Saturday, August 28th.

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

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**

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

- 18 April: WRE Spring Concert at Cassell Elementary
- 21 April: Small Church Conference
- 24 April: Deacon Meeting
- 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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