





Sermon Topic: "Can These Bones Live?"

Scripture Passage: Ezeki el 37: 1-14



From the Pastor

In a daily devotion that I read today, the passage was from Luke's Gospel when Mary had just heard that she is going to have a child—the baby Jesus. Mary goes to visit her relative, Elizabeth, who is also pregnant with Jesus' cousin, whom we know as John the Baptist. When Mary approaches Elizabeth, the Bible says:

Calendar

Wednesday Schedules: 7:00 - 8:00 Prayer/Bible Study

Thursday Schedule: 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 Praise Team CANCELLED this WEEK(5/17)

Sunday Schedule: 9:00 am Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship



<u>Greeters</u> Curtis & Doris Scruggs

Media Elizabeth Peters

Sound Jeff Cleveland

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"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1: 41, ESV)

Even before John was born, he was already proclaiming who Jesus is, as he leaped in Elizabeth's womb. I don't know if it was the presence of Mary, or if John was actually able to recognize the newly conceived baby Jesus, that made him leap. But it is interesting to think about. This visit occurred when Elizabeth would have been about 6 months pregnant. And yet this unborn child, John, was still able to testify about the coming Lord by leaping in Elizabeth's womb.

I think there are many things you could infer from this passage about the importance of pre-natal care, or perhaps even to speak out against abortion. But please don't miss the witness that John was making even before he was born. I wonder sometimes if we miss the simplicity of what our lives should be about. To simply point out the Lord Jesus to others. If John could do this as an

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Nursery- Worship Nancy Fauber

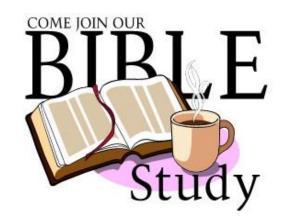
Children's Church Ruth/Kylee



unborn child, what should we be able to do with the Holy Spirit's power as adults?

Your friend and pastor,

Bill



Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study

Choir/ Praise Team Practice

Cancelled This Week

Thursday, May 17

Due to preparations for daughter's wedding(Monica) this Friday, we have decided

to cancel both choir and praise team practice this week. We will take care of praise team as family this Sunday. Thanks, Jeff Wonderley



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.



We will be having a paint class on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. We have seven already signed up. If anyone else is interested, please let me know and bring me \$22.00 by Sunday, May 13. I need to turn in a count on Monday. We have spaces for eight more. The picture is an 11 X 14 of a pink dogwood sitting in green fields with the Blue Ridge Mountains behind it. You can also email me at <u>gmiller50@gmail.com</u>.



Comfort Care Stride For Life

Thanks to all that helped to support the Comfort Care Ministry, either by walking or through donations. 5 walkers participated, and over \$1000 was raised to support Comfort Care.



Three of the walkers for Stride for Life. Nancy is behind the camera, and Carol walked at an alternate time.

Young At Heart Seniors



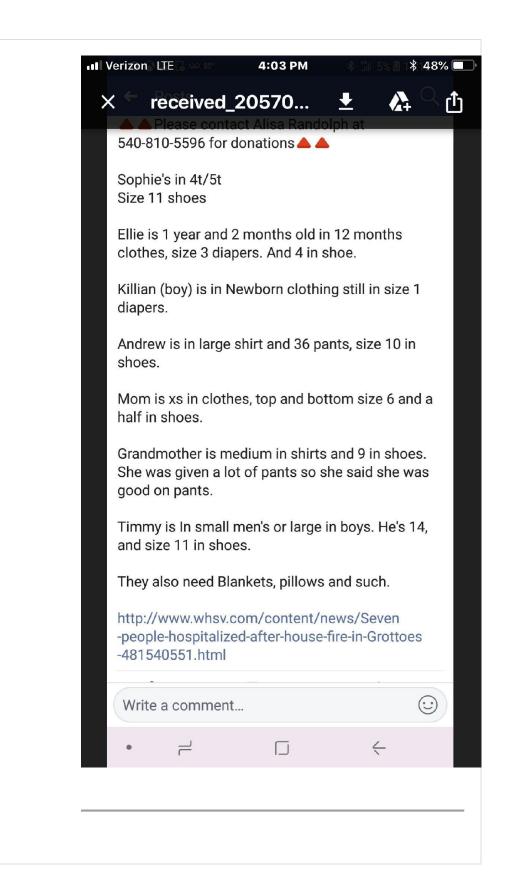
Young At Heart Seniors will meet Friday May 18, 2018 at noon in the social hall for a light lunch followed by a matinee movie showing of "God Is Not Dead 2". Need two volunteers to provide homemade cookies. Lunch, drinks, and popcorn will be provided. It would be helpful if I could get a count of those planning to attend. Thanks, Charlotte

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WOM LARGE MONTHLY MISSION PROJECTS:

For May we are collecting donations for the Mission Group to take to Nickelsville. Items requested are good Men, Women's and Children's clothing....special need for Men and Children. Also Diapers and Gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart. Please place gift cards in an envelope with your name in Ruth Smith's mailbox. There will be a box in mailbox area for Diapers. If you would neatly pack clothing and label in boxes and place under long table where mailboxes are.

Donations NEEDED for Burnt-Out Family



Memorial Day Cookout



May 27

Immediately Following Worship

Memorial Day Weekend is a popular time for families to travel, but if you happen to be in town for worship on Sunday, we hope that you will make plans to stay after church for a cookout on the church lawn. This is also a wonderful time to invite friends and neighbors to join in. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone. If you would like to help with the set up or provide a side dish please contact Bill Davis, but this is not necessary for you to come. Your presence is what is most desired!

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 get 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.



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