From the Pastor

One of the things that most people remember about Simon Peter, is his boldness, and how he told Jesus that he would never betray him, and was willing to go to prison, or even die for him. And then before the night was over, just as Jesus predicted, he had denied even knowing Jesus 3 times. The human nature
makes it easy for us to identify with Peter. We know that he is not perfect. His failures let us know how normal Peter is, and then we feel like God can use us too. Peter also recovered from his failure, and went on to do amazing things. People were healed. He stood strong when questioned by the authorities. And in one case, God used him to raise Tabitha from the dead.

Before Peter did his famous denial, when Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him, Jesus also said this:

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

(Luke 22: 31-32, NIV)

It is amazing that Satan had requested permission to “sift Peter like wheat.” This is a little troubling to me. I like the part that Satan has to ask for this “privilege”. Satan cannot just do whatever he wants, but he is bound by
the Lord. He can only do what God allows. But the thought that Satan can sift us is concerning. I believe Jesus actually gave Satan permission to do this to Peter the night he denied him. And Jesus knew he would fail, and he also prays that “when you have turned back, that Peter would strengthen the brothers”, who has also fled to protect themselves. Satan’s sifting, Peter’s failure, and his return to trust Jesus, his ability to pick himself up after weeping and continue following the Lord helped make Peter into the giant of faith that he became. All these things made it possible for Peter to be pliable enough for the Lord to do great things through him.

I wonder, am I ready to let Satan “sift me like wheat”? Would I remain faithful like Peter did? It makes me wonder.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill
Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study

No Choir Practice Until Fall--
Summer Break

No Bible Study and Prayer
Meeting
Wednesday July 25(During MC2 missions camp)
MC2: Missions
Connection Celebration
2018

“Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!”

(PSALM 80:7)

July 23-27, 2018
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

Join us at Eagle Eyrie for this year’s Missions Connection Celebration (MC2) featuring keynote speaker Gerard Huff.

We are planning to take a mixed group of children, youth and adults to MC2 Camp this year. This is a wonderful opportunity of fun, worship, and missions at the conference center in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains. Contact Bill
Davis if you are interested in attending this year.

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Let's Party!

Laurel Hill Baptist Church Invites YOU to a BLOCK PARTY Saturday, August 25th, 2018
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

- Live Entertainment
- Children's Events: face-painting, games
- Free Food
- Cake-Walk
- Dunking Booth
- Corn-Hole Tournament
- Prayer Tent

LHBC Block Party
August 25
Laurel Hill Baptist Church

The Children and Youth Mission team are excited to host a Block Party. We appreciate all of your support, and we need your prayers. We look forward to a successful community outreach event.
See Bobbie Howell or Gloria Miller to sign up to support this event

The Library Corner

Library Books you can keep:
The library committee is making many books available for you to take home or share with a friend. Please look through the books on the table near the mailboxes, and take any that are interesting to you.

Books by: Family Life, kay Arthur, David Jeremiah, Charles Stanley, Max Lucado, and other study guides and commentaries. Many children’s books and activity books are also available.

WOM/GALS
SUN, AUG 12

The WOM/GALS will have a preplanning meeting for the new church year and a picnic on Sunday, August 12, 2018, at Cliff and Joy Hoover's home on Old Laurel Hill Road.
If you would like to swim, come around 3. Plan to start around 4 with a few business things for the new WOM/GALS church year followed by a cookout.

Joy and Cliff will be supplying the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments.

Please bring a covered dish or two, drink and chairs.

Invite someone “new” that has not been a part of WOM or GALS. All church family welcome!

Mark your calendar! RSVP to Joy or Pat so we can better plan. If you are willing to resume your old job from last year, please let Pat know or if you would like to try something new!

See you there!

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**Augusta Baptist Annual Meeting**

**October 22 @ 7:00 pm**

West Side Baptist Church

715 W. Wolf St./ Harrisonburg

The Augusta Baptist Association of Virginia will hold it's annual Fall meeting on Oct. 22, at West Side Baptist Church, 715 W. Wolf St., Harrisonburg. Each member church may
elect up to five voting messengers to represent the church in business sessions. Please support your church's participation in the ABAV. Anyone can attend this meeting, only ABAV officers and elected church members may vote.

Museum of the Bible Trip
Tuesday, September 18

Departure: 6:30 am from Linden Heights Baptist Church
Return: About 3:30 pm

Join us as we travel via motor-coach to our nation's capitol to see the newly open Museum of the Bible where you will experience the Bible like never before. This 500 million dollar museum is the largest privately-funded museum in Washington, D.C. Over two thousand ancient Biblical artifacts are on display from the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Bibles over 1000 years old.

Cost: $79 per person. Includes the round transportation, group admission and self-guided tour, Flyboard Theater and all general exhibits. Some exhibits cost an additional $8. Lunch is available on the sixth floor at your own expense.
For reservations: Make $79 non-refundable check payable to the ABAV and send to Charlie Downs, 109 Gloucester Court, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Website: [https://museumofthebible.org](https://museumofthebible.org)

For additional information contact:
Charlie Downs at 540-949-6752, gloucester@ntelos.net
David Anderson at 434-770-4632, diraugmissions@gmail.com
Doris Carter at 540-885-1986, dorielea@gmail.com

Reservation Deadline: August 21 or until full.

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**Young At Heart Seniors**

are planning a trip to the Cincinnati area to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum October 1-4, 2018. Trip includes motor coach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise. In addition to the Ark and Creation Museum we will visit the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and the World Peace Bell. All taxes and gratuities are
included. The cost is $549.00 per person double occupancy with $100.00 deposit due by July 15, 2018. Final payment will be due by September 1, 2018 with checks made payable to Laurel Hill Baptist Church. Trip flyers are in your church mail boxes. Feel free to invite your family and friends. If you need additional information, let me know. While deposits are not due until July 15th, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you are interested in making the trip as I will be sending information to Augusta Baptist Association for distribution so I want to be sure Laurel Hill has first priority. Thanks.

Charlotte Cleveland
Senior Director

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**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: Praise Team 7:30-8:30

July 22-27: MC2 Camp
August 25: Block Party
Sept 15: Sight & Sound trip
Sept, 18: Museum of the Bible trip
Oct 1-4: Ark Encounter and Creation Museum
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