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Calendar

Wednesday Schedules:

7:00 - 8:00

Prayer/Bible Study

Thursday Schedule:

7:30-8:30 Praise Team



From the Pastor

Jesus taught many spiritual truths through stories called parables. A parable is a story used to illustrate a point. The word comes from the Greek language and means comparison, illustration, or analogy. The stories help us understand one or two points by comparing heavenly things or spiritual things to simple things that we understand.

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Worship Team

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

Cliff Hoover

Nursery- Sunday School

Cindy Roadcap

Nursery- Worship

Lisa Cleveland

Children's Church

Mary Williams

Among the best known parables that Jesus told is the parable of the sower (Luke 8: 1-15). A farmer sows seed all over the place—on the path, on rocky soil, in the thorns, and in the good soil. You get the feeling the farmer sows seed everywhere and doesn't miss a spot. Today, we would say that the farmer is not very efficient, and a lot of seed seems to be wasted. Only the seed that is sown in the good soil takes root, grows, and bears fruit. But the farmer has cast the seed everywhere, not just the good soil.

Then Jesus promises that the seed in the good soil will bear much fruit. The harvest is huge, a hundred times more than what was sown. This is a wonderful promise if you have ever sown seed—to know that it will grow and bring much fruit. But it is sad that the seed does not grow everywhere, but only in the good soil. Jesus then explains to his disciples that the seed is the "Word of God". And he promises that it will grow well in good soil.



“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” (Luke 8: 8, NIV)

The farmer, though, doesn't try to just sow only in good soil, but he throws the seed everywhere. Jesus is telling us that we need to sow seed—"The word of God". It is not our job to search for only good soil and cast the seed there. But we sow everywhere in both good and bad soil. And I think we might not always be able to tell the difference. You cannot tell what soil is going to be good by looking at it. So, Jesus wants us to sow everywhere. Do you think that we are missing good soil sometimes? We think a person might not ever grow, so we do not try to sow the Word of God in his or her life. We might be missing good soil and not know it. Jesus tells us to sow the seed, not to be selective, and not to depend on results. Our job is to sow.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill



Wednesday 7:00pm

Bible Study

No Choir Practice Until Fall--

Summer Break

Let's Party!



LHBC Block Party

This SAT-August 25

9am-4pm

Laurel Hill Baptist Church

Come on by the church this Saturday to relax and enjoy the entertainment, food, and games. Music will be provide throughout the day by several

local groups. Activities for children and adults. Bring a chair and enjoy the fun. Stay for a little while or come and enjoy the day. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

DON'T forget your BAKED GOODS if you signed up to donate!

Youth Committee Meeting
Immediately After Worship
Sunday, August 26

There will be a brief meeting of the youth committee after church this Sunday. Please plan to stay to participate.

Next Business Meeting
September 12
7:00 pm

Come participate in the business of the church and hear reports about various church ministries. The main items of business will be:

- Discuss and approve leaders selected by the nominating committee for next year
- Discuss and approve a video surveillance system
- Hear reports from various ministries of the church

Seeking: New Church Clerk



The nominating committee is looking for a Church Clerk for the next year. The responsibilities include taking minutes at the quarterly business meetings and keeping the church membership role on the church computer. Please let Logan Lockridge or Bill Davis know if you are interested in this position.

Seeking: Sunday School Director

We are looking for a Sunday School Director to help support the Sunday morning Bible study ministry at Laurel Hill. The responsibilities include keeping track of attendance, ordering the study material for each class, and distributing this material to each class. The Director will also find and advertise training opportunities and other activities for teachers to help support their work. Please contact Bill Davis for more information.

Next Adopt-A-Highway Pick-up September 22 8:00 am

We will pick up trash again that has accumulated along Laurel Hill Road between the interstate and the church. The work usually takes between 2 and 3 hours, and really helps Laurel Hill Road look nice. If this would be your first time to help, come early to watch the VDOT safety film at 7:45am.

Operation Inasmuch Saturday, October 6 7am to 1pm (Some projects work until 3 or 4pm)



Join in with members of other churches to participate in a one day mission event. Participants can be any skill level, any age, and any gender. We will have a project for you. The event is sponsored by the Augusta Baptist Association and will be launched from Laurel Hill Baptist Church. This is a great way to develop relationships with others in our community as we work together to serve. If you want to be part of the planning process, or are willing to lead one of the projects, please contact Bill

Davis at 688-6235. Sign up sheets will be available soon so that you can chose how you would like to serve.

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>

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Reservation Deadline: August 21 or until full.

Young At Heart

Seniors...



(A Few seats are still available)

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



**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

August 25: Block Party

Sept 4: Deacon Meeting

Sept 12: Fellowship Dinner

Sept 12: Business Meeting

Sept 15: Sight and Sound Trip

Sept 18: Museum of the Bible Trip

Sept 22: Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup

Sept 29: Youth Bake Sale Fund Raiser

Sept 30: Youth Escape Room~5 pm to 8 pm ABA Youth

Event Sunday

Oct 1-4: Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Oct 6: Operation Inasmuch

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