Bus Trip to see Jesus is Still On!!!

Message from Lisa Cleveland:

I have called and spoke with Sight and Sound this morning. They do not have any flooding issues around them and are open for Saturday. The flooding is more North of them and not their area. They are looking forward to us being with them on Saturday. Our trip is still
on and we will leave the church at 7:00 am on Saturday morning. If you choose not to go, I will not be able to refund your money and please let me know so that we are not sitting at the church waiting on you. I hope you plan on coming.

From the Pastor

I am writing this while we are all waiting for Hurricane Florence and are making adjustments to our plans. Is the car full of gas? Do I have water and backup lights if the power goes off? Do I need to clean under the bed so the dog has a place to hide? Will my gas grill end up in the neighbor’s yard?

As a family, we had to postpone our vacation this weekend at Smith Mountain Lake. Luckily, we were all able to reschedule in two weeks. So I will be in the pulpit, or at least near the pulpit this Sunday. Skip Wallace will come preach for us on
September 30. I know that you will want to hear him.

Lisa has been called several times about the bus trip this Saturday—It is still on, by the way! So some of you are making plans to literally see “Jesus” this weekend! The Youth have had to cancel the “cookout kickoff” planned for Sunday evening. Some have had to come home early from vacation, and I imagine that your list of things changing includes many more things.

We make plans all the time, but they don’t always work out. It has always been that way. Here is some insight and wisdom from the Psalms in the form of a prayer:

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.
May He remember all your sacrifices and accept all your burnt offerings
May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed . . .
Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psalms 20: 1-4, and 7; NIV)

Your friend and pastor,

Bill

Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study

Business Meeting Tonight
Wednesday, September 12
7pm
Plan to come and be part of the discussions concerning church business and listen to the reports from various church ministries. There is always an opportunity to have discussions about new business each meeting, but three items to be discussed on September 12 are:

- Discuss and Approve Nominating Committee proposal for officers and committees for the next year.
- Motion from the Security/ Safety committee for a security system.
- Motion from the finance committee concerning the church’s bank account.

Adopt-A-Highway Pick-up
September 22
8:00 am
Come and see what the hurricane has left behind!!!
Operation Inasmuch
October 6
Sign up now!!!

Youth News
Upcoming events for the youth.

The Youth Cookout for Sunday, Sept 16 has been cancelled due to the weather.

Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser, Saturday, September 29th
The youth will be hosting a bake sale and it is a fundraiser for the youth, the money will be used to spend on mission events or activities throughout the year.
If you are able to donate baked good, please start baking freezing see Bobbie Howell for the date the youth package, pack and prize these items.

Escape Room, Sunday September 30th, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
August Baptist Association Youth Leaders are hosting an Escape Room event, and the location of this event is Greenville Baptist.
Youth that need a ride to Greenville Baptist, we will leave the church at approximately 4:15 pm and return at 9:00 pm.

Thank you for all your support of the Youth at Laurel Hill Baptist Church.
September Fellowship Dinner Tonight!!!
September 12, 2018 6pm

Name________________________
Adults $7.50____ Children $7.50____

Catered by Wades Catering
Menu: meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and peach cobbler.
RSVP by September 9, 2018 to Bill and Kay Flavin at 248-5093 or 448-2161 e-mail 50billy@comcast.net. The church pays for the number of meals ordered. If you sign up and find you are unable to attend please consider paying for the meal or sending a friend in your place.

Sound Team Volunteers Needed:
If you would like to work behind the scenes and help run the sound system for Sunday morning worship, and/or during the rehearsals on Thursday night, please contact Logan Lockridge, Jeff Wonderley or Bill Davis. You do not need to have any previous experience to do this.
Disaster Relief Callout!!!
Message from George Burritt about Callout!

Friends,

Just got off a conference call with the DR leaders from around the state. Here is what we now know.

Virginia has been asked to provide feeding near the coast in VA. With the storm track shifting more south, that request will likely be canceled.

Virginia has been asked to provide kitchens by North Carolina, to come in behind the storm. With the storm turning south, we can come in from a less affected area.

All volunteers are asked to sign in via the on-line form so that the site managers know the numbers of people to expect (and the genders for sleeping arrangements). Note that if you are responding with me, I
will account for you as part of the team and you will not have to do this. Link is:

https://bgavdr.org/responses/florence/

Plan is to deploy clean-up teams along with the kitchens. Those teams can help set up the kitchens and may have to clear the site for the kitchens.

Thinking right now is for us to deploy in the Sun-Mon time frame. Earliest I would envision would be mid-day Sunday. But who knows.

I would anticipate returning Sat-Sun.

We can car/truck/van pool to save money. Please let me know if you are willing to drive your vehicle, and how many it will hold.

Better Than Ever" Fifty-Plus Retreat
October 22-24, 2018
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA

Find a Renewed Sense of Life at This Year's "Better Than Ever" Retreat!

Join us in the beautiful fall mountains on October 22-24 at this year's "Better Than Ever" Retreat for those 50 years and older! Find a renewed sense of life by exploring our theme, "Checking Your Vital Signs," presented by Keynote Speaker Don Davidson and Worship Leader Roger McGee, both of First Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA.

In addition to main worship times, the retreat weekend provides several individual personal selection opportunities along with special group activities:

**Individual Personal Selections**
- Difficult Passages in the Bible
- Growing Old with Grace & Dignity
- How to Visit a Hospital, Nursing Home, or Funeral Service
- Laughter Is Serious Business
- It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas – Cards!
- Read Any Good Rocks Lately?
- Walking Where Jesus Walked
- What’s Happening in Haiti and How You Can Help!

**Special Group Activities**
- Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing
- Night at the Movies
Prime Rib Banquet featuring entertainment by
The Crestmen

Mark your Calendar: Dates to Remember

**Wednesday** 7:00pm Bible Study
**Thurs:** Praise Team 7:30-8:30

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