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Birthdays

- 2 Drew Bolling
- 4 Katie Ayres
Fred Campbell
Al Keene
Peggy Modlin
- 6 Carolyn Cobb
- 9 Jimmy Hawks
Michelle Schollhammer
- 10 Nancie Laing
Mark Pardue
Julia Saxby
Ashley Ullom
Cheryl Wilkerson

Anniversaries

- 11 Joyce Roberts
- 13 Barbara Winfree
- 17 James Stewart
- 18 Blair Jackson
- 20 Jackson Bolling
- 26 Marsha Perry
- 27 Regis Lauer
Tom Leonard
- 30 Michelle Wren
- 1 Gayle and Joe Rowe
- 8 Ashley & Todd Williamson (20)
- 21 Becky and Bobby Fraley
- 22 Penny and Jim Overton (20)

Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive



Church Staff

- JoAnne Fisher
Custodian
- Jenny Hodge
Minister of Children/Youth/
Young Adults
- Ramona Kirsh
Records & Financial
Secretary
- Dan Koger
Pastor
- Dennis Price
Director of Music
- Patricia Price
Organist/Pianist



All Saints' Sunday

Morning Worship on November 5

During worship we will remember those associated with our church who have died since All Saints' Sunday of last year.

Eugene Williams, Eleanor Alford, Frank Coble
Vernon Stallings, Tom Wood,
Helen Huff, Margey Mitchell, Liz Marchant

You will also have the opportunity to remember family and friends who have died in the last year as well.

Our vision is to be a missional church family who welcomes people of all walks of life into our fellowship.

We will:

- Deepen our relationships with God and each other and grow disciples to spiritual maturity
- Discover our God-given gifts and talents and equip ourselves for ministries in the church, the community, and the world
- Serve our local and global communities with the love of Christ
- Grow the kingdom of God through relationships developed inside and outside our church walls.



THE POWER OF A GOOD QUESTION

"Give back to the emperor what belongs to the emperor; give back to God what belongs to God." (Jesus in Matthew 22)

Jesus had the ability to ask really good questions. He incorporated questions into many of his teachings and parables. He also had the knack for responding to a question with a question. Not to be evasive, but to get at the "real" issue. This happened most often in his exchanges with the religious leaders. They would ask him a question under the guise of wanting to know what he thought about some aspect of a relationship with God.

In reality, the question was intended to trip Jesus up or back him into a corner. Which was the plan when the Pharisees asked him if it was okay to give taxes to the emperor. In his infinite wisdom, Jesus understood the **real** question and pointed those listening in that direction. Jesus raises important questions for us in this story, for he understands the power of a good question.

Some excerpts from the sermon on October 22, entitled, "The Power of a Good Question" (based on Matthew 22:15-22):

- *"Give back to the emperor what belongs to the emperor; give back to God the things that belong to God." The verb translated "give" more literally means to give back. Jesus is saying that as people of faith we are to give back to God what is rightfully God's. He's not talking about taxes at all. As human beings created by God, we bear God's image. Which means that we owe God everything—our whole and entire selves. God is owed what bears God's image and name—our very lives. Perhaps our problem is not so much with the giving, but with remembering who this stuff really belongs to. So, ask yourself, "What belongs to God?" Then find a way to put it back in God's hands.*
- *What things are the emperor's and what are God's? How does our faith shape our economic decisions -- our buying, our saving, and our giving?*
- *Consider how this story takes on new meaning if the real question is not so much about what you should do with your money but what you should do with your life. What does it feel like for Jesus to say to you not, "show me a coin," but "show me your life"? What does the Lord see, when you show him your life?*

Most of us understand the concept of a tithe, as described in the Bible. Because the image of God is on us, we are challenged to give back to God what belongs to God. If we have \$1, we give 10 cents. If we have \$5, we give 50 cents. Sounds simple. Seems easy. We just have to decide to give the money back to God. It sounds different, perhaps, or at least, it "feels" different when we up the ante. If we have \$1000, then it's \$100. If we have \$5000, it's \$500. This requires us to think differently and to act differently.

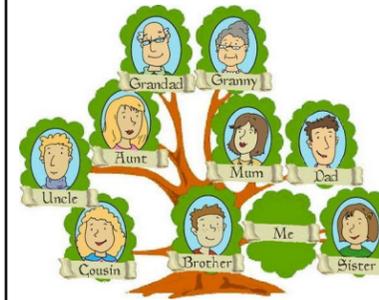
This also nudges us to ask questions of our own - all within the context of giving back to God what belongs to God. These questions are deeper questions, ones that move us beyond dollars and cents. Questions like:

- *Why do I give to my church in the first place? What is something that has motivated me to give in the past 3 months? Why?*
- *Why do I not give to my church? What prevents me from giving? What makes it difficult to give?*
- *What is the easiest method for me to give? Is there something our church could do to make it easier?*
- *Can I increase the amount I give, at least for the next couple of months? Can I give on a regular basis? Can I find a way to gently increase my giving, over time?*
- *Finish the statement: "I give because I"*

As we consider where our church is financially, may we pray for guidance and direction, for this really is a spiritual question.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Dan

Who's in Your Family Tree?



Steve Fisher has volunteered to assist those of us who might be interested in learning more about our ancestry, using the website www.ancestry.com. It is amazing how much information is available with the world-wide connections of the Ancestry site.

If you would like to learn more about your family history, please contact Steve at stephenfisher7131@verizon.net or Susan Shelton at SueShel@aol.com by November 30.

Once we have a list of those interested, Steve will set up a date and time for the group to meet, including advising us of what we may need to bring to the first session.

Mary Evelyn Babb and Judith Hathaway have made a contribution to the church in honor of the church members who are furnishing transportation for them to Sunday School and church each Sunday. These members are: J. A. and Neva Roane, Pete and Margey Mitchell, Mike Oliver, Anne Porter, Jean Shackelford and Chip Turner.



Homeless Care Kits

We are collecting items for the homeless kits. Items needed are: toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving cream, deodorant, bar soap, comb, hand sanitizer wipes and gel, band aids, small shampoo and small hand lotion.

Collection boxes are located at the Welcome Center and by the church office.



In memory of:
Vernon Stallings, Tom Wood, Helen Huff,
Margey Mitchell, Liz Marchant



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Morning Narthex Greeters

- November 5 - Barbara Crowson
- November 12 - Dee Sword and Steve Fisher
- November 19 - Debbie Fehrm, Beverley Byrd
- November 26 - Mark and Bonnie Vinson

Sunday Extended Session

- November 5
Heather Pruitt, **need 1 volunteer**
- November 12
Michele Leonard, Alice Ftiscar
- November 19
Linda Francis, Marsha Perry
- November 26
Need 2 volunteers

"Operating Account"



Income vs Expenses
as of October 29

Income: \$ 354,556
Expenses: \$ 372,028

Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive



It is time to be thankful and to help others have food for Thanksgiving. Think of what we like to eat on Thanksgiving when purchasing items for our baskets and remember the children are home all weekend. We usually are able to fill 25 boxes, and add a turkey, eggs, bread and sometimes butter as the fresh items from the money and turkeys that are donated. Our church has always been generous at this time of year. A few ideas of items needed are: canned vegetables, baked beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, broth, stuffing mix, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, gelatin, pudding, canned pastas, cake mixes, icing, rice, pasta and sauce, oatmeal and canned milk. As turkeys go on sale, please consider buying one to donate to this worthy cause. Bring items to church by Sunday, Nov 19.

FALL BACK November 2017 Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> Communion Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>6  ORDER YOUR Poinsettias</p>	<p>7 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45</p>	<p>1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>11 Veterans' Day</i></p>
<p>12 Deacons 12:30 Deadline to turn in Shoebboxes</p>	<p>13 Susie Person 7:00 Social Hall</p>	<p>14 Choir 7:45</p>	<p>8 Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45</p>	<p>9 Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45</p>	<p>10 Office Closed for Veterans' Day WDPS closed</p>	<p>11 <i>Veterans' Day</i></p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45</p>	<p>15 Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16 Social Hall reserved 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 WDPS Thanksgiving Feast</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Care-a-Van</p>	<p>28 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45</p>	<p>22 No Activities Office closed 1/2 day</p>	<p>23 <i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>24 Office and WDPS Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Care-a-Van</p>	<p>28 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45</p>	<p>29 Holly Banquet 6:00</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Office and WDPS Closed</p>	<p> Operation Christmas Child</p>

Shoebboxes for kids



Operation Christmas Child

The Christmas boxes are available for you to pick up and fill. The deadline to bring in your box is November 12. That is the Sunday they will be dedicated in worship. The boxes will be delivered the following week.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone during our Advent season, please call the church office. You will need to let us know how many you want and what you would like printed in the bulletin. The poinsettias are \$10 again this year and you can take it home after our Lovefeast Service on Christmas Eve.

The Good News about Death A Fall Sermon Series

- Nov 5 - "The Other Side of the Curtain" (Revelation 7:9-17) *All Saints' Sunday*
- Nov 12 - "Grieving with Hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- Nov 19 - "How Many Shopping Days Left?" (Psalm 90:1-12)
- Nov 26 - "The Last Word" (Ephesians 1:15-23)



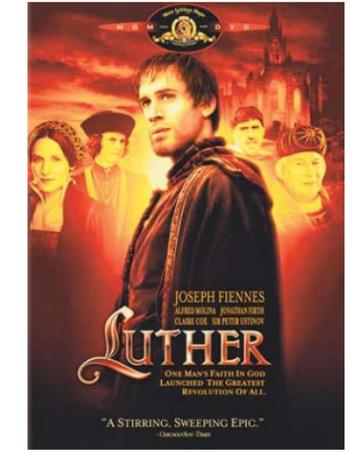
Two Consecutive Wednesday Evenings

November 1 and 8

6:45 in the Fellowship Hall

Martin Luther was a German monk who began the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, becoming one of the most influential and controversial figures in Christian history. He called into question some of the practices of the Roman Catholic church, and his followers soon split from the Roman Catholic church to begin the Protestant tradition. His actions set in motion reform within the Church. Luther's desire for people to feel closer to God led him to translate the Bible into the language of the people, radically changing the relationship between church leaders and their followers.

(from the DVD cover) Regional princes and the powerful Church wield a fast, firm and merciless grip on 16th century Germany. But when Martin Luther issues a shocking challenge to their authority, the people declare him their new leader - and hero. Even when threatened with violent death, Luther refuses to back down, sparking a revolution that shakes the entire continent to its core.





Holly Banquet Mark your calendar!



Our annual Holly Banquet sponsored by the Susie Person Circle will be held on Wednesday, November 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Circle members will begin selling tickets on Sunday, November 12; tickets will also be available in the church office. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are free. The festive evening will consist of a delicious dinner, carol singing, and a surprise activity which should be fun for everyone attending. All proceeds from the evening will go to support our CBF Global Missions Offering which helps our missionaries share God's love all over the world.

Baby Koger's Shower




Global and Community Engagement

We continue to investigate the following mission opportunities: a joint effort of our church and the Taylor Bend YMCA to provide Kinder-Camp for preschoolers during the summer of 2018; the establishment of an ongoing outreach to the military families in our area; after-school or possibly in-school tutoring in the Portsmouth or Chesapeake public schools.

Shirley Lauer expressed an interest in working with the local Meals On Wheels program. If you are interested in helping Shirley with this ministry, please give her a call. Thanks to Marshall Bolton for his assistance in helping Shirley set this up.

Global and Community Missions Lead Team: Nancy Wren, Marshall Bolton and Chip Turner.



We've had a great month of October at the Churchland Baptist Preschool!
 We learned about Community Helpers and how they assist us when we need help. Some even came for a visit. We loved meeting a few of our local Firemen, Police Officers, and 9-1-1 Dispatchers!
Checkout the Preschool's Facebook page to see more of our cute faces and the fun things we are learning.

Let's Have a Night Out!

Nothing says Baptist women like eating and fellowship with each other.

Any and all CBC ladies are invited out for dinner
November 17th at 6:00pm.

The first Ladies Night Out will be in Greenbrier
Location:
Rancho Grande 2
 732 Eden Way N # A, Chesapeake, VA 23320

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Ladies Night Out

NOVEMBER 17, 2017 | 6:00 PM
 RANCHO GRANDE 2 (GREENBRIER)



Our homeless shelter week will be Saturday evening, December 16 through Saturday morning, December 23 for meals and overnight. Please see Tom Leonard if you can help with staying overnight (484-6374); Sara Stewart to help with nightly devotions and activities (483-1150); Marshall Bolton to help with security or closing the building each evening (484-5818); and Judy B. Walker if you can help with providing food (483-0265). There are many opportunities for you to help or to donate your time for this week of sharing God's love with our community.

New Women's Small Group

The Young(ish) Women's Fellowship is for any female who say they are "young"!
 Join us for an time of snacks, laughter, and practical chats about faith. We meet every Wednesday night 6:30 - 7:30 in the upstairs Journey's Sunday School Room.
Childcare is provided for under 12.
 Hope to see you soon!



Youngish Women's Fellowship