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## Trust



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*Pastor's Pen*

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### TRUSTING GOD WHEN THERE ARE NOW ANSWERS

**The secret belongs to the Lord.  
Deuteronomy 29:29**

Life's losses leave us hurting and wondering. Cancer takes a young mother or father. Divorce strikes your happy home. Financial ruin devastates your retirement plans. A child goes to jail, killed or commits suicide. Such times raise questions which are difficult, if not impossible to answer. We examine the circumstances again and again. We speculate about the details, searching for clues that might make some sense and make it easier for us to bear. We turn the spotlight on ourselves, others, even God, wondering what could or should have been done differently that might have prevented this. We turn to friends, fellow believers and pastors only to hear what sounds like religious platitudes and inadequate attempts to minimize our pain. When answers don't seem forthcoming and the heavens are silent, what should you do?

Here are two Scriptures to help you in such times (1) "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us" (Dt 29:29). When it comes to understanding things, we have our territory, God has His. And ours is limited to what He decides to reveal. At that point you must "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Pr 3:5 NKJV). (2) "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Ro 8:28). God may explain to you, or He may not. But He's "the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End" (Rev 22:13 NKJV), which means, He has a plan and He's working it out for our good and His glory. So trust Him!

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## How are you using your time during this lockdown?

Sister Portia Seagraves keeps herself busy by growing her own vegetable and flower garden.



### Virginia Tax-Free When is it?

**August 7-9, 2020.** The 3-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 am and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 pm.

### What is it?

During the sales tax holiday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and Water Sense™ products without paying sales tax.

### *What items are eligible?*

#### School supplies, clothing, and footwear

- Qualified school supplies - \$20 or less per item
- Qualified clothing and footwear - \$100 or less per item

#### Hurricane and emergency preparedness products

- Portable generators - \$1,000 or less per item
- Gas-powered chainsaws - \$350 or less per item

### EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Use this checklist to build your emergency supply kit over time by adding a few items each week or month. Many emergency preparedness products are eligible for Virginia's tax-free weekend held annually in August. The 3-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Regularly replace items that go bad such as water, food, medication, and batteries, and remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you build your kit.

#### FOOD + SUPPLIES

At least a 3-day supply of water and non-perishable food. Infant supplies such as formula, diapers, baby wipes, etc. Pet food and supplies

#### MEDICAL NEEDS

Medications for at least one week and copies of prescriptions. Medical equipment, assistive technology and backup batteries

Ice for refrigerating medications.

First aid kit and antibiotic ointment.

Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers and antacids.

Prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses and solution.

Sunblock

Medical alert tags/bracelets

#### TOOLS + SAFETY ITEMS

Flashlight and extra batteries

Multipurpose tool and can opener

Fire extinguisher

Matches in a waterproof container

Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)





## BMBC YA and Youth

### Virtual Re-opening 1st Nine Week

#### Outside These Walls and Baptismal Repasts

Each BMBC Ministry will be scheduled to provide assistance for the Outside These Walls Ministry and Baptismal Repasts.



**August - Men's Ministry**

September - Combined Usher Ministry

October - Women's Ministry

November - All Ministries

December - All Ministries



Ministry Leaders are asked to see Sister Shauna Barringer for full details

#### Before the Storm: Know Your Zone and Prepare Your Home

With Tropical Storm Isaias tracking our way, the City of Norfolk urges residents to prepare. Earlier this week, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management announced a change in the color coding for Know Your Zone. While the zone colors changed, the evacuation zones themselves did not.

To review your zone, visit [www.knowyourzoneva.org](http://www.knowyourzoneva.org) and enter your street address in the search bar.

Additionally, now is the time to prepare your home and family. Stock your [emergency supply kit](#) with non-perishable food, water, medications, batteries, flashlights and important documents. Have a plan for pets and make sure they are up-to-date with immunizations and medical records, ID tags and microchips.

Make sure to [protect your property](#) and check your insurance coverage. There may be a waiting period for a flood insurance policy to become effective and be aware that not all hurricane-related losses, such as flooding, are covered under traditional policies.

For Norfolk updates and information, go to [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov) or sign up for Norfolk Alerts at [www.norfolk.gov/alert](http://www.norfolk.gov/alert). Report problems or flooded streets via the MyNorfolk app, available on the App Store or Google Play. You can also follow on Twitter at @NorfolkVA or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorfolkVA](http://www.facebook.com/NorfolkVA)

# USDA

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Food Distribution from 12pm to 1pm**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Rehearsals



Trust God,  
Keep the Faith



## 1350 AM WGPL

Listen to Pastor Moore on  
Thursdays on 1350am WGPL  
From 11:15am to 11:45am

## Attention Youth

### Youth Bible Study

Is held every Tuesday @ 7:00pm

By Teleconference

All youth are encouraged to participate.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

Finance Ministry

Vanessa Moore, Treasurer

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Cash app—BMBC555

Venmo—Bethlehem Baptist@Bethlehem—Church555

Give online at on the website: [www.bbcnorfolk.org](http://www.bbcnorfolk.org)

Or you can drop off in the church mail box or mail.

Thank you

## TRUSTING IN GOD No Matter What



## Happy Anniversary

Veronica & Robert Evans  
August 04

Evangeline & Bruce Charity  
August 07

Ninette & Anthony Terry  
August 13

Kimberly and Dwayne Norman  
August 29

### BMBC August Birthdays

Veronica Evans	02	Lakisha Brown	06
Evangeline Charity	07	Joseph Grant	10
Shelby Gatewood	11	Amanda Salaam	17
Bobbie Irby	15	Kevin Peele	19
Jeanette Yates	20	Ty Mabine	21
Alethia Speller	22	Katesha Evans	23
Trensla Gibbs	26	FL Melva Moore	27
Priscilla Hart	27	Portia Seagraves	29
Carolyn Green	30		

### BMBC Youth August Birthdays

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Taryn N. Pointer	01
Jah'Quel Faulcon	08
TaNaiya Harris	19
Ashanti Barnes	23



November General Election, 11/03/2020

Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Deadline to request an *absentee ballot to be mailed to you* is Friday, October 23, 2020. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5:00 p.m.

