

VBS was a great success! Thanks to all our volunteers who made the commitment to help our children discover God's special plan for each of them. We had 19 children, 18 adults for Bible Study, and 32 volunteers. Thank you for joining us!

The Kids had a great time at Passport Camp in Lynchburg, VA. We took 5 kids this year and 2 chaperones. We spent time in various daily activities, worship, fellowship with other churches, devotions, and just having fun. Throughout the week the kids played soccer, played outdoor games, made various crafts, and danced. It was a great time, and we look forward to camp again next year.

The Youth had a great time at Passport Camp in Danville, VA. We took 8 youth this year and 3 chaperones. We spent time in missions, worship, fellowship with other churches, devotions, and just having fun. Throughout the week, our youth and chaperones logged 176 mission hours working with kids, shoveling mulch, painting parking lots, building fences, and other odds-n-ends jobs! It was a great time and we look forward to camp again next year.

Senior Moments

Thursday, August 17th at 9:30 AM we will be going to Mt. Airy to the Amish store and some other neat shops. We'll also have lunch a Snappy's.



August

8/1	David French
8/3	Breanne Smith
8/5	Jeannie Nibert
8/6	Neal Parnell, Dottie Wilson
8/9	Katelyn Kern
8/10	Lisa Canada
8/11	Korey Kern
8/16	Susan Hilton
8/17	Kaitlin Nibert, Tim VonCannon
8/19	Dylan Ward
8/21	Beverly Yokeley
8/23	Abbee & Kalee Fulp
8/24	Teresa Tucker
8/25	Debbie Livengood
8/31	Nancy Clodfelter, Gage Hilton, Dean Ward

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Mrs. Becky Longworth	Pianist
Mrs. Teresa Tucker	Office Administrator

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We will be celebrating Marisa and saying "Thank you" for all she has done for us as she prepares for her new adventure on Sunday, August 27th at 6 PM. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.

How's the Harvest?

Jesus always made his teaching relevant and often illustrated his lesson with a story, such as farming. One day Jesus reminded the disciples of the need for more “spiritual harvesters” by saying: “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matt. 9:37-38). Now, more than ever, we need workers who are willing to sow and harvest in spiritual fields. What stops us from reaching out to that person we know God is nudging us to reach?



Fear: I read a story in which a man shared that God was nudging him to reach out to a neighbor but fear kept him from making contact with him. It read: “I walked the same route a man in my neighborhood jogged. Eventually, he gave up running and began working out on gym equipment in his garage. I would see him lifting weights in his garage and wave, but the Holy Spirit nudged me to walk up his driveway and tell him about Jesus. I invented excuses: time constraints, invasion of his privacy, and not really knowing him. Sometimes, I even walked a different route, avoiding his house, and my guilt for not stopping. Then, one day when I passed the house, cars jammed the driveway and spilled into the street. I discovered the man was dead and I had allowed fear to keep me from acting in obedience to God's voice.”

Feeling inadequate: Satan has a way of stealing our confidence and convincing us we're not smart enough. God gave Moses an assignment and he immediately reminded God he was inadequate. We have to rely on our faith in God to help us when we feel like we will step out and fail.

Invasion of privacy: One person wrote: “The world bombards us with the message that people have the right to diverse spiritual beliefs and we are wrong to force our message or risk offending by implying their beliefs aren't correct. But relaying your personal story about God at work in your life isn't forcing someone to accept Him. Your personal experience is your story and others may identify and come to know Christ because you were willing to tell it.” Just share with someone how God is working in your life, or what helps you in your day to day spiritual journey.

Expecting another messenger: Jesus told us the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37). Perhaps that's because everyone thinks someone else is going to do the work of harvesting. The fact remains, there are way too few harvesters, and we could all do a little more to reach someone. If we all just try to harvest one, imagine what the harvest would be? Look around you. There are ripe fields awaiting harvest, maybe as close to you as your own child, coworker, neighbor, or friend. So roll up your sleeves, go to work, and enjoy a bountiful harvest.

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

Peace, Kent

Nursery Schedule

August 2, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 6, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Ann Canada AM
	Edna Bond PM
August 9, (Wed)	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM
August 13, (Sun)	Larry & Barbara Snyder AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 16, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
August 20, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
	Brenda Grose PM
August 23, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
August 27, (Sun)	Tammie & Katie Weavil AM
	Talent Show PM
August 30, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

August 6, (Children's)	Marisa Fraley
August 6, (Wee)	Marisa Fraley
August 13, (Children's)	Neal & Lindsey Parnell
August 13, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil
August 20, (Children's)	Marisa Fraley
August 20, (Wee)	Jane & Jill Sutphin
August 27, (Children's)	Melisa Little & Carole Blakley
August 27, (Wee)	Robin French



Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Hospice Ministry donations on July 9th. Just a reminder our next Hospice Ministry emphasis day will be **Sunday, August 6th**.

Our July mission projects were:

- Friday, July 14th, our Inward Missions team delivered meals to seven households (12 people). We all feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church who remembers our shut-ins, and those with illnesses with this special ministry.
- Sunday, July 23rd, we were privileged to sponsor the “Sundaes on Sunday” ice cream fellowship immediately following the special visit from the Hodgins family who serve as missionaries in Guam through Trans World Radio, which broadcasts Gospel preaching. A very special thank you to Jean Foster for her part in making this happen!
- Tuesday, July 25th, four homemade frozen casseroles and a cake were delivered for the ladies and their children staying at the Next Step Ministries shelter in Kernersville.

Our next WOM meeting is scheduled for **August 2nd**, and each lady is certainly invited to attend.

The above mission projects are so very important and warrant our daily prayers, as do all of our mission activities. May we each make a commitment to remember those in our church family, our community, and our extended community with our thoughts and prayers as “**UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**”

On Mission! The Baptist Men will be sponsoring the Food Drive at the UC Food Lion on August 12th, from 9 AM – 1 PM. Food item of the month: Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.) Also, jelly but canned meats are needed more.

UC Fire Department is hosting the *Andy Johnson Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive* on Sunday, August 20th from 11 AM – 3:30 PM. To schedule an appointment log onto www.redcrossblood.org and key sponsor code “Andy Johnson Memorial” or contact the Johnson's at (336)817-2048 or rjohnson@triad.rr.com. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins welcome. Bring photo ID.