



Baptist Connection

Newsletter of Berryville Baptist Church
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Let's look ahead to the month of May here at Berryville Baptist Church. This Sunday, May 7th, we will celebrate together the Lord's Supper. On May 14th, we will celebrate Mother's Day. Our Deacon's will serve a full breakfast for everyone earlier that morning from 9:30 – 10:30. On May 21st, we will recognize our graduates. On May 28th, John Lyttle will be our preacher and he will be preaching on Romans 14. The next several Sundays I will be preaching a series on "Prayer".

I love this time of the year with the beauty of spring all around. We have a great church and together we make a difference. Remember little things count: a shared meal, a written note, a short visit, an encouraging phone call.

Pastor Dan



Scholarships Applications

Florence Allen Huff Scholarship applications are available on the library table and on the events tab of the Berryville Baptist Church website:

<http://berryvillebaptist.org/events.htm>

All church members may apply.

Applications must be submitted by the end of November to the attention of the Scholarship Committee. They may be dropped off at the church office or e-mailed to marysue@berryvillebaptist.org.



Our Church is planning to celebrate your upcoming graduation. The celebration will take place on Sunday, May 21st. A gift will be provided to you by the Church and a reception will be held in your honor following the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service.



Due to my recent health problems and surgery, I have not been able to organize Operation Inasmuch for 2017. I would like to offer a challenge to each one of us to fulfill the purpose of Operation Inasmuch in Matthew 25: 40 “. . . *inasmuch as you have done such things for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done the same for me*”. We can reach out in some way to share the love of Christ. Here are just a few ideas that might help us get started:

- Take a friend or neighbor to breakfast or lunch.
- Send a note of appreciation to your child's teacher.
- Visit a shut in or send them a card to brighten their day.
- Make a visit to a nursing home just to say : we care.
- Help a neighbor tidy up their yard.
- Make a donation to our FISH outlet, food or clothing.
- Organize some friends to do a craft at a senior facility.
- Organize a sing-along at a local nursing home senior center.
- Take a child to an Easter Egg hunt or dye eggs.
- Send someone a thank-you note for being there when you needed him/her.
- Invite someone on a picnic or a sunshine day drive.
- Do something “unexpected” for a stranger.
- Tell someone you love him/her.
- Volunteer for one of our church's missions' programs.
- Offer to run an errand for a shut-in or someone who is sick.

Just remember that the smallest act on your part can mean so much to another person who is down and out. Hopefully, we can have a picnic at our church in June and share some laughs and good times. Let's shake off the winter blues and look forward to sunshiny days ahead.

In Christ,

Rose Staples



WE TRAVELLED TO PROVIDENCE BAPTIST IN ORLEAN, VA ON APRIL 23 FOR A MORNING SERVICE AND LUNCH. THE CONGREGATION WAS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT AND SO SUPPORTIVE AND LOVING WITH OUR GROUP. WE ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT AND HOPE TO HAVE A COUPLE OF THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE JOINING THE TEAM IN THE FUTURE.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON MAY 21 WE WILL TRAVEL TO CALVARY BAPTIST IN WINCHESTER FOR A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. THEY HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING FOR A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AFTERNOON AND MEETING SOME OLD FRIENDS.

THE BERRYVILLE BAPTIST RASCALS HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!

I AM SOMEWHAT CHALLENGED BY TECHNOLOGY BUT TRY TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PHOTOS.....HAVE A LOOK AND LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.



LOOKING WAY FAR AHEAD.....

THE BAPTIST RASCALS WILL BE AT THE CLARKE COUNTY FAIR ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 1 PM. WE WILL HOPE TO SHARE A ONE DAY VBS WITH THE TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS ON A SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.....SINCE WE FOUND THE WEATHER TO BE MUCH MORE GENTLE THAT TIME OF YEAR.



THERE WILL BE A CHAPERONE MEETING AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 7. PRACTICES BEGIN IN EARNEST ON SUNDAY, MAY 7 FROM 4-6 PM. WE WILL BE LEAVING ON FRIDAY, JULY 14 AND RETURNING ON SATURDAY JULY 22 WITH YOUTH SUNDAY ON THE 23RD. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES WE HAVE RETURNED TO, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT THE MINISTRY WAS THERE ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO, I'M EXPECTING SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. IT IS A FORMER COAL MINING COMMUNITY WITH MANY NEEDS. THE TEAM WILL BE DOING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BUT ALSO SOME HELP WITH THE HOMES. PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS.



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Mother's Day, the 14th, our men will serve breakfast for everyone from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The menu will be eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits, juice and coffee.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Another delicious breakfast will be prepared in celebration of Father's Day. The meal will be held between the early and 11 o'clock service on Father's Day Sunday. Come join us in the fellowship of this special day.



Nurses's Corner

If you're financially blessed to the point that you can vacation at the beach or the mountains this summer, please don't take a vacation from caring for your body, specifically, your skin.

I won't bore you with statistics or numbers (all right, I will - cancer of the skin is the most common form of cancer) but I do want you to be familiar with sunscreens that live up to their advertising. I want all of your skin to be protected, so all of you can enjoy life with one less disease to think about.

Consumer Reports did an extensive study of several of the most popular sunscreens & fortunately I was able to access the information on a website. I don't feel comfortable saying bad things about the products that scored poorly, so I'll just tell you about three that were in the top five:

Coppertone Water Babies SPF 50
Equate Ultra Protection SPF 50
No-Ad Sport SPF 50

These along with other sunscreens were tested on people both in bright sunlight and after spending an hour in water. They did well at protecting the skin against UVA and UVB rays which are the ones that cause the most damage. Please remember that if you use a good product-regularly- you still need to also wear sunglasses, lip balm and a hat (to protect your scalp) when you are out sightseeing. I've taken care of young redheaded girls, big brawny construction workers and older beach bums who all died of malignant melanoma. Please make the effort to use sunscreen every day this summer. By the way, if you purchase one of the new sunscreen sprays, it's better if you spray it into your hand first & then rub it on your body-less waste.

So if you go on a trip this year, please be sure to (a) read your Bible (b) pray (c) attend a church where you are and (d) use skin protection. Enjoy yourselves, and enjoy God's world.

Judy Melton, R.N. F.C.N. 540-955-4089

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking
You hung my first painting on the refrigerator
And I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You fed a stray cat
And I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You baked a birthday cake just for me
And I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You said a prayer
And I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You kissed me good-night
And I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw tears come from your eyes
And I learned that sometimes things hurt"
But that it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You smiled
And it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You cared
And I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking"
I looked . . .
And wanted to say thanks
For all those things you did
When you thought I wasn't looking.

by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

God bless you this Mother's Day and every day.

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The *Armor of God*
PRISCILLA SHIRER



WOMENS CONNECTION

It has been a while and I have missed our Bible study time together. We will begin a new study in two weeks, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Berryville Baptist Church. The study is called The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer and is 7 sessions long. It focuses on Ephesians 6:10-19. If I may quote from the book cover “All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you—your emotions, your mind, your family, your future.” His reign stops here as we learn about each piece of armor and how to equip ourselves each and every day, to put into place a plan of action for putting on our armor. We will learn to come up with our own personal strategies to secure victory against the enemy. There will be a short video and then lots of discussion! Hope to see you there – bring a friend. If you have any questions please contact Jane Eskew at 304-579-3505.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The Finance Committee is proposing the following change to the church by-laws concerning the Benevolent Fund –

Article IV – Benevolent Fund

The church shall maintain a Benevolent Fund that shall be used to aid people in need. The Pastor shall be the treasurer of this fund. This fund shall be audited annually by the Auditing Committee.

The Pastor shall have discretion to disburse up to \$200.00 per calendar year to a household. Upon the agreement of the Pastor and Chair of the Deacons, an additional \$100.00 may be disbursed per calendar year to a household. In cases of exceptional need and upon the agreement of the Pastor and a majority of the members of the Board of Deacons, an amount above \$300.00 per calendar year can be disbursed to a household.

The proposed change is in Italics and Bold –

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This was presented at the business meeting on April 26th. This is the required written presentation. The change will be voted on at the July 26th Business Meeting.

John Lyttle

HELEN

They sat at the kitchen table. The pastor's wife and children were away this particular Sunday and Helen invited him to lunch after the service. She'd lived her entire life in this simple three room house with two additional rooms upstairs under the roof rafters. The house was just down the hill from the parsonage, resting about 100 feet from the tracks. It was built around the turn of the century by the railroad and lies in the center of a small village sitting at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the northeast corner of Rockbridge County.

It seems counterintuitive that in an urban area with thousands of people living in close proximity one can live in complete anonymity. Yet in a rural village where only a few live in spread out places, people are much more known and connected. Everyone knew Helen. She was related to almost everyone in the village. She married her husband Berky in the late 30's. Berky came down from Pennsylvania during the depression to work at the local CC Camp to help build the parkway. After their wedding, now almost eighty years ago, they moved in with her parents and raised four children.

Helen was at church every Sunday. Same handicapped parking place, same pew. Not so with Berky. He preferred to drink, smoke, yell, and cuss. He died a few years earlier from a combination of emphysema and liver disease.

She talked in a slow, loud voice with a southern, mountain accent. A heavy person with large arms that hung down, bent over using a walker due to worn out hips she waited too late to be replaced. Everyone knew Helen; a strong yet non-descript person. Someone, who in a few years, will be remembered by hardly anyone. Helen passed away fifteen years ago at the age of ninety-one.

On that Sunday afternoon after lunch, they sat together at her kitchen table. On this particular visit she began to move back into her past. She told about who she was related to. Tell me more, he asked. There were stories of long ago. Tales like fiction, yet all too real. Stories now described orally, yet never written down are lost forever. There will never be another Helen. A life so commonplace, yet so storied. A life steeped in great American values: faith, church, family, community. And yet a life that bumped up daily against what we find almost unspeakable: abuse, poverty, addiction. Her life a living picture of Americans that played out over her life of a little more than nine decades.

One story she shared with the pastor that Sunday afternoon was so bizarre it had to be true. She told what happened with little embellishment, just the bare facts. Helen was now only a little girl of five or six. Her uncle badly mangled his right arm while working in the chalk mines up the bottom. They brought him to the house. She never said why this house. You try not to ask too many questions when someone is telling a story. They went and brought the doctor up from Buena Vista twenty miles to the south. He said, upon examination, the arm would have to come off in the morning, if not for some sort of miracle.

The story goes that the next morning they laid her uncle on the table in this very kitchen and took off his arm. Only a small child of five or six, yet she would never forget what took place in that very room where we now sat.

After the amputation they took the arm and buried it in the front yard. As I listened, she continued with the rest of the story. It seemed her uncle's arm continued to hurt. They came back and proceeded to dig up the buried arm. This time when they buried the arm they faced it in a different direction. After that her uncle's arm never hurt again.

Last week the pastor found a small note folded neatly in the top drawer of his bedroom dresser. The note was this very story written down with dates. Dating stories and pictures is important for future reference. The visit took place on May 3rd, 1997. The story heard and recorded on that piece of paper occurred he wrote in the year 1917. One hundred years ago.

Pastor Dan