

The Outreach

August 2009

Spreading The Word to Our Community



The Boomerang Express has left the station!!! WOW... What a week we had for Vacation Bible School learning about the impact Jesus made on Peter's life and the impact He can have on our life everyday. We had 118 enrolled in VBS this year with 75 children and 43 volunteers. Now we all have the challenge of telling others what Jesus means to us!

Thank you Bethel Church family for your support. VBS could not happen without your support, donations, willingness to serve and prayers. You're the BEST.

Oh,.. the fun doesn't end with Bethel either. We are pleased to say that all your support helps us help other churches in the area. All of our decorations will be used in other congregations to help them with their VBS for which they are so thankful, and our teaching materials will be going with our missions team to the Eastern Shore as we lead a mini-VBS there as well. God has truly blessed our efforts.

THANK YOU BETHEL CHURCH FAMILY!!!

Puppet Team News

Team members will be sharing the gospel through puppet shows on the Eastern Shore mission trip. They will perform at the evening worship service, the Backyard Bible Club, and the 3-day VBS. They will also teach the children how to make dust puppets and present a song for their parents on the last evening.

Pastor Powell

Plans are shaping up for the September Celebration services. I'll be sharing more about those in the next newsletter, but I wanted you to think about the time you spend in prayer preparing for revival in your own life, or in the lives of others. I'm sure you do; we have some wonderful pray-ers. Several leaders have considered taking a break from some routines during the month of August- not a bad time to rest up and pray for the remaining three months that follow.

So we are diverting from regularly scheduled activities on Wednesday evenings and spending some time in prayer (more than normal on Wednesday evenings). I want to ask our leaders to commit to at least one of the Wednesday evenings to pray together with others at church for a little while. Deacons, teachers, trustees, officers, team leaders, all others saints and servants are welcome. Who knows, maybe a prayer team could be developed.

I started thinking about our future several weeks ago. We have a document to show to visitors and remind members about our plans and objectives for the future. It marks quite a bit of progress in two years since launching the strategic plan.

--Ed



WMU NEWS

Plans are underway for Sue Kennon, Virginia Department of Correctional Education, to speak at WMU's September meeting. While incarcerated with a 48-year sentence, Kennon beat her drug addiction and earned her degree in Psychology from Ohio University. After her release, she earned a master's degree in Psychology from VCU.

Knowing first hand, the shame, anger and pain that children of inmates suffer, Kennon went on to develop Moms, Inc./Dads, Inc. You will want to rearrange your schedule and make sure you are here to hear about this award-winning program.

WMU's Christmas in August project is school supplies for the children of Eastern Shore migrant workers. - On August 3, WMU will meet at ten o'clock to enjoy a musical presentation.

Youth News

The youth will be meeting at church on Wednesday, August 5 (bring your own bag dinner) and following our picnic, we will be heading back to Dutch Gap for a moonlight kayaking trip. Everyone is asked to bring \$10 to cover the cost of the kayaking and please sign up on the bulletin board outside my office if you plan on attending. Be sure to wear your bathing suit!

Throughout the month of August, the only Wednesday night activities will be a brief prayer time at 7pm—so bring your families and let's pray together.

On Sunday, August 30th, we will be having our 5th Sunday celebration—breakfast at 9am in the hope center, Sunday school at 9:30 and one worship set-vice at 10:30— followed by our annual welcome new youth cookout! This is a special celebration designed to welcome all of the brand new 6th graders—and their families—into the youth group this year! All upcoming 6th grader-s (as well as all current youth) and their entire families are invited to attend this special day following our service. We are asking folks who are planning to be 'here to sign up on the youth bulletin board, we will have lots of activities and a schedule of activities coming up in the next year. Families whose last names begin with a—I are asked to bring a dessert to share and families whose last names begin with m—z are asked to bring a side dish to share. And as always, feel free to bring a friend!

Blessings.

--Eli



Mission Opportunities

HANNAH - Do you remember her? We had a pig race for her last year. She is our adopted child who lives with Margaret Kanyiri in Africa at the Shalom Garden Orphanage.

We would like to make donations for Hannah's support from August 23 thru September 13. We will have an apple tree in both buildings with a collection jar. After making your donation please put your name on an apple and place it on the tree.

MISSION EXPERIENCE on the Eastern Shore will be August 16-20. The group will conduct a 3-day VBS, provide a worship service for children on Sunday night, and a Backyard Bible Club one day. They will also do some construction projects and deliver the school supplies which the church has been collecting. We appreciate the church's support in donating these items.

WHAT: Summer Storytelling and More

WHERE: Bethel Baptist Church

WHEN: Wednesdays, August 5 & 26

TIME: 10am- 11:30am

FOR preschoolers-kindergarteners with a parent.

* Bring Books for a Book Swap each week.

**Older children are invited to come and help as reading buddies and activity helpers.

for more info. Contact Becky Kaiser, Preschool/Children's Director

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THERE'S A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR FAST APPROACHING. Are you ready?
Here's a wonderful opportunity to get away for a weekend and learn alongside other teachers and church leaders:

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMIT 2009
ORGANIC SUNDAY SCHOOL:
GROW YOURS THROUGH GREAT LEADERS.
SEPTEMBER 25-26 AT EAGLE ERIE CONFERENCE
CENTER IN LYNCHBURG, VA

There are different learning sessions for all age group leaders and more. Check out the Virginia Baptist Mission Board webpage for more details : www.vbmb.org



DEATHS

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the following:

Bob and Diane Hansen and family at the death of Bob's mother, Hazel,
and to -

Family and friends of John Russell, Sr. at his death. May the Lord bless and comfort all who mourn.



MEMORIALS

Donations have been made to Bethel's Scholarship Fund in memory of John Russell.

HEARTFELT THANKS



Chris Trickett (Sallie Russell's sister) wrote to thank the members of Bethel who supported John through all his last years. "We know personally how much this meant to Carol Ann and Johnnie."

Sandi Hughes sends thanks for your calls, visits, food, flowers, prayers, and support at the death of her mother. It is difficult for her to describe her appreciation for all your concern and support.

Brad Willis thanks Bethel for the scholarship money. "It will be much appreciated through this last year of graduate work at Virginia Tech." It is nice to know that no matter where he ends up he has a fantastic church to which to come home.

Philip Dewire expresses his gratitude for your generosity and support shown him as he pursues his degree at Georgia Tech. He believes that without your prayers and thoughts he could not have the successful career at Georgia Tech has been blessed with.

Tomahawk expresses their appreciation for the generous way Bethel shared with them in memory of Clay Thornton. The donation means much to them and will help make Tomahawk a place through which God's ministry and the work Clay started be carried out more effectively.

Thank you from the staff, residents and volunteers of St. Francis Home for sharing this truly wonderful man (John Russell,) with all of us. He was a model of integrity, honor, dignity, faith, and love.

"We all mourn his death, but rejoice in his life."

Wednesday night dinner

Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 pm in the People of Hope Center. This month there will be **only one dinner** and that will be on August 5, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Business Meeting. The menu will be Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, string beans, rolls, and dessert.

Please make reservations, or cancel, through the church office by 12:30 p.m. on Monday.



Our schedule of helpers for August is:

August 2— Page Chauncey and Frances Morris

August 9 — Saudi Hughes and Bob Hansen

August 16 — Debbie Patteson and Bob Hansen

August 23 — Kaiser Family

August 30 — Mary Camden and Cindy Wight



Thanks to all of our volunteers. Your service is extremely important and appreciated. Please be there 15 minutes before the service begins to receive the children.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Cathy Marshall will be playing at the Piano Café' on Friday, July 31, from 6-9 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Bethel's mission team. She will also be playing on Saturday, August 8, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., and on Friday, August 21, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The Café' is located at 13211 Midlothian Turnpike.



Sunday School

Congratulations to our Learners class with 2 visitors for being our July Bring-a-friend winner.

Summer provides for many the opportunity for vacation and recreation for which we are all thankful. We have missed you and look forward to your return. Remember God's word is our true north and provides direction to our daily lives. All are important to the fellowship in our Sunday school classes. Enjoy, be safe, and hurry back because you are missed.

Thank you, Brian, Jerry, and Barbara

Web Team

We now have our members section available on our website to view document important in the life of our church. The site contains:

meeting minutes, bylaws, nominating report, church use policy, and more. Please visit www.bbcl817.org click on the "login" in the upper right corner and use the following generic user name and password to gain access.

User name: Members

Password: Hope



Should you have suggestions for the continued improvement of our website please contact me at hardvbal@verizon.net or see any of the team members: Doug White, Doug Turner, Sara Hudson, or Jimmy Morris.

-- Brian Hardy

AUGUST

- 4 Patrick Ferguson
- 5 Malin Carlson
Nora Estep
Michael Watkins
- 6 Vivian Speas
- 7 Nick Elam
Jill Sheek
- 8 Joe Moschler
- 9 Walker Smith, Jr.
- 10 Josie Stump
- 12 Elizabeth Humphreys
Marjorie Stagg
Andrew Suddarth
- 13 Lisa Hardy
- 14 Katie Beltz
Tommy Stagg
- 17 Anne Brandon
Margie Simon

- 18 Linda Call
- 20 Paul Merchant
Raymond Moschler
- 21 Rev. Darryl Crim
Frances Morris
- 22 Luke McNeel
Doris Suddarth
- 24 Marshall Cole
David McGinnis
Kaylin Stine
- 25 Sam Wight
- 26 Wallace Cordle, Jr.
Reid Watkins
- 27 Winfrey Heath, Sr.
- 29 Barbara Breschel
Dennis Marshall
Paul Sherwood
- 31 Lamar Beacham
Wray Brown
Carolyn Turner
Robert Watkins



Happy
Birthday!



August Calendar goes here.

Check back in one week