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# The Pastor's Corner

The last time I went to my mother's, I helped her set up a new computer. Then I took advantage of her internet to browse some songs on Amazon Music, and downloaded some to listen to on the drive home.

I found this really interesting Christian song, which sounds something like Gospel meets Bluegrass, with a ukulele in the background! I like different, so I loved this song!! They also have a fast speeded-up remix, which is just off the hook!

But the reason I really appreciate the song is the honesty of the lyrics. How much time do we spend complaining about the little stuff in life? Way more than we ought to! And finally, we have a composer/singer who agrees and understands. The song, by Francesca Battistelli, is called "This is the Stuff." Here are the lyrics:

I lost my keys, in the great unknown And call me please, 'cause I can't find my phone!

This is the stuff that drives me crazy
This is the stuff that's getting to me lately
In the middle of my little mess
I forget how big I'm blessed
This is the stuff that gets under my skin
But I've gotta trust...You know exactly what
You're doing
Might not be what I would choose
But this the stuff You use

Forty-Five in a Thirty-Five, sirens and fines while I'm running behind.

Whoa ho ho

This is the stuff that drives me crazy
This is the stuff that's getting to me lately
In the middle of my little mess,
I forget how big I'm blessed

This is the stuff that gets under my skin
But I've gotta trust You know exactly what
You're doing
Might not be what I would choose
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So break me of impatience Conquer my frustrations I've got a new appreciation It's not the end of the world Whoa ho ho ho But this the stuff You use

Paul and Timothy told the church members at Philippi the following:

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people" Phil 2:14-15 (NLT)

Much easier said than done! But this word remains true today, and it not only helps us to be a better witness to the world, it helps our own outlook on life, when we remember how small many of our problems really are in the whole scheme of things.

Pastor Jim



#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

(To add a name, please contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982)

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2 <sup>nd</sup>	Russell & Brenda Ashby – A		
	Cody Henderson - B		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marie McLaughlin – B		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Duffey – B		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Boutwell - B		
	Sadie Everett Lloyd - B		
	Matt Comer - B		
	Steven Conner – B		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Gunn – B		
	Autumn Dease - B		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Eanes - B		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Epps – B		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Dawson - B		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jakob Jones – B		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brianna Fears – B		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Karen Shiner - B		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mitzi Gunn – B		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Fears - B		
	Dylan Plainte – B		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Buster & Phyllis Dawson - A		
	Chelsea Grove - B		
	Joe Martin - B		
	Julie Kopco - B		
31 <sup>st</sup>	Chase Cole – B		
	Boo Conner – B		
	Nancye Mode – B		
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## FELLOWSHIP MEALS

For our Third Sunday Fellowship Meal on July 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "Cold Meal." Bring something that doesn't require much cooking – sandwiches, salads, cold fried chicken, cool desserts.



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1 <sup>st</sup>	John Courtney – B
	Vince Loftis – B
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ray Montgomery – B
	Mary Elizabeth Magnotto - B
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Fears – B
	Katlyn Smith – B
7 <sup>th</sup>	Luther & Linda Conner - A
	Jennifer Smith - B
9 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Hart – B
12 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Loftis – B
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson Hank Ambrose - B
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cecelia Owen – B
	Huntleigh Reid Henderson - B
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Martin – B
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Russell Ashby - B
	Alex Turner – B
24 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Stewart – B
	Skeeter Conner – B
27 <sup>th</sup>	Maxine Martin – B
	Conner Abbott – B
28 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Montgomery – B
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Kelly Fears – A
	Kayla Dawson – B
31 <sup>st</sup>	David Epps – B
	Madison Gunn – B

# SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Rosa Cook 1242 Crystal Hill Rd. Crystal Hill, VA 24539

Please remember Mrs. Cook with a card or a visit and keep her in your prayers.



Carla Nichols Kaufman August 21, 1959 – June 5, 2017

Carol Ann Smith Moorefield September 21, 1938 – June 30, 2017



**Evan Owen** is now the Youth Pastor at Palestine Baptist Church in Huddleston, VA. He will be living in Lynchburg and

attending Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity this fall. Please pray for Evan in this new journey.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To donate or volunteer, contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Communion - Sunday, July 2 - 11 a.m.

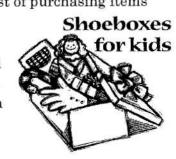
Quarterly Business Meeting – Sunday, July 23 – 6 p.m.

Deacons/Wives Meetings - Monday, August 7 - 7 p.m.

#### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

In July, we will begin collecting items to fill **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.** Our goal is 100 boxes. By starting early, we will be able to spread out the cost of purchasing items

and take advantage of special sale prices. Each month specific items will be collected, and early in November we will have a packing party where we can all work together to fill the shoeboxes.



In the month of <u>July</u>, we will collect: <u>hygiene items</u> such as toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, hair clips & barrettes, wash cloths, non-liquid soap, solid deodorants, etc. **DO NOT** purchase tooth paste or any type of candy—Samaritan's Purse can no longer ship these items.

For the month of <u>August</u> we will collect: <u>school supplies</u>—pencils, pens, crayons, markers, small note pads, pencil sharpeners, erasers, solar calculators, small coloring books, picture books, etc. <u>AND clothes</u> for any <u>season</u>: shirts, shorts, dresses, pants, shoes, socks, hats, etc.

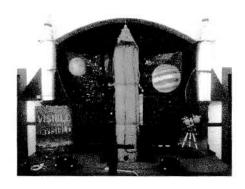
Remember we are packing boxes for boys and girls ages 2-14 years old.

Place items in the plastic bin located in the front entry of the church sanctuary. Watch Sunday bulletins and the newsletter in the coming months for additional items we will be collecting. If you have questions, please see Cecelia Owen.

# Support Impact Virginia

BGAV will hold another Impact Mission Camp this year, in Danville on July 23-29. Please let Pastor Jim know if you would be willing to help provide food for about 20 or so teens and a couple of adult leaders on July 24-28. If we have enough people interested, we'll sign up to help provide food for one of the Impact work sites. We have done this before, and it is a great way to share in a very worthwhile ministry.

Pastor Jim DEFINITELY needs volunteers to do the food on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. But any days you can help would be appreciated!



## **VBS**

God answered our prayers, and VBS was a great success, with almost 30 children enrolled. Thanks to Kelly Henderson and her super team of volunteers.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00 p.m.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies

8:00 p.m.

Adult Choir

Thursdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:30 p.m.

Praise Team practice

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)



Sun., July 2 Wed., July 5 Thurs., July 13 Sun., July 16	11:00 a.m. 9:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. after worship	Morning Worship & The Lord's Supper Fireworks & Ice Cream at the Parsonage Praise Team Practice Third Sunday Meal – "Cold Meal"
Sun., July 23 Thurs., July 27	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting Praise Team Practice
Mon., Aug. 7 Sat., Aug. 5	7:00 p.m. 10 a.m2 p.m.	Deacons & Wives Meetings BLOODMOBILE at Winn's Creek