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#### The Pastor's Corner



Back in April, a number of people from our area participated in a Secret Church simulcast with

David Platt where we learned about the authority of Scripture. In Secret Church, people in churches all over the world gather for one long evening of teaching. We all pray and study together.

One of the fun things they do each year during the simulcast is to put up pictures of groups that are participating. You see pictures of believers from churches all over the world.

Many group leaders email in a picture of the group at the beginning...and when we all come back from a break, we watch with anticipation as they throw up a picture of a couple of the groups. In the back of my mind, I've always thought that the odds of them showing a picture of our group must be 1 in 2,500...because so many churches participate.

But wouldn't you know it...this year...out of all the thousands of churches meeting for Secret Church...one of the pictures that they threw up on the screen at FBC Woodstock was of us! I thought that was so cool. We were chosen!

Here's the deal. I'm sure it wasn't based on how special we were, or anything we did. The people at Radical that put together Secret Church...I'm sure they just received a bunch of emails of pictures...and they just put some up as a sample.

I was thinking about this, and how it's even more amazing that God would choose to save us, despite our unworthiness. If you think about it...out of all the people in the world, that we would have the privilege of having a relationship with God because of what Christ did.

And we didn't deserve it. But God chose us anyway. Pretty cool. A great reason to celebrate and be happy!

Paul put it this way in Romans,

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

Pastor Jim

## 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.



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name & date, please see Joani Layman or email at joanilaman@gmail.com)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carolyn Cook - B
	Darrell & Stephanie Elliott - A

3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlyn Claiborne – B 4<sup>th</sup> Dwight Dawson – B

6<sup>th</sup> C.J. Claiborne – B P.J. Saunders – B

7<sup>th</sup> Joey Ambrose – B

10th Larry & Joani Layman - A

13<sup>th</sup> Stover Owen – B

16<sup>th</sup> Dakota Pyle – B

19<sup>th</sup> Seth Elliott – B

20th Larry Wayne Fears – B

22<sup>nd</sup> Betty Burton – B Billie Jean Baylous – B Joshua Gunn – B

23rd Taft Dixon - B

24<sup>th</sup> Monroe Duffey – B Alex Fears – B

26<sup>th</sup> Linda Fears – B

Gabriel Clay - B

30<sup>th</sup> Bill Murphy – B Raven Epps – B

Amber Dodson - B

## SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Ellen Saunders
Room 311
Commonwealth Assisted Living
435 Hamilton Blvd.
South Boston, VA 24592

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



VBS - June 25-28 Sunday: 5 p.m. Hot Dog Supper (Bring a side dish or dessert) VBS Fun: Nightly, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ages 3 and older

Come join in the fun—it's out of this world!!!

#### GRADUATES RECOGNIZED

On Sunday, May 21st, the following were recognized:

From Elementary School, to the Middle School: Ashley Duffey & Colby Beadles



From Middle School, to the High School: Hayley Beadles, Zachary Epps & Brittany Perkins

From Halifax County High School: Justin Clark, Brianna Fears, John Clint Francisco & Austin Smith

From College: Evan Owen & Maria Ulmer

DEACONS/WIVES MEETINGS: Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.

#### **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY!**

"How We Got the Bible" by Timothy Paul Jones, PhD.

Starting on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, we will begin a 6-session DVD study on the Bible. Have you ever wondered.... Has the Bible been tampered with? Is it full of copying errors? Were some books rejected from the New Testament? Get all your questions answered. Strengthen your trust in the reliability of God's Word.

Dr. Timothy Paul Jones is a professor of Christian Ministry & Associate Vice President at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We have just completed another of his DVD series.



10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Schedule your appointment online at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> or contact Joani Layman, 476-7982 to volunteer or make a donor appointment.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - There will be no Third Sunday Fellowship Meal in June. However, there will be a VBS Kickoff Cookout on Sunday, June 25 at 5 p.m. Hot dogs & fixings will be provided – bring a side dish or dessert, and stay for VBS.

We will have a "Cold Meal" for July Third Sunday Fellowship Meal. Details will follow.



Continue the Celebration!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 - 9:15 p.m.

Small home fireworks & ice cream at the parsonage.

**BRING A LAWN CHAIR!** 

## Skiing/Tubing Trip Saturday, June 24, 2017

The Winn's Creek Church children's and youth committees are planning a trip to the Liberty Mountain Snowflex Centre for tubing and skiing. We will leave the church parking lot at 1 p.m. and be back around 8:30 p.m. If you don't want to ride in the DRBA van, you can meet us there at the Lodge around 2:15 p.m.

The tickets & rentals for youth and children up to age 18 have already been paid for and will be provided by the youth/children committee for up to 15 children/youth (& adults if we have enough left over).

Parents are encouraged to come. You can either participate, or you can watch. If any Sonshine Class members want to just come and watch and eat with us, you're welcome to come as well. There is a Lodge at the Snowflex Centre where you can sit and relax and see people come down the hill. (You can't quite see the people tubing from inside, but can see the people skiing). – Continued on back of page)

#### (Skiing/Tubing Trip information continued)

We will tentatively be going on Saturday, June 24th, leaving from the parking lot of Winn's Creek Church at 1 p.m. Please eat lunch before you come. We will stop at the McDonalds for supper on the way home. Please bring money to pay for your meal.

If you plan to go, please sign the sign-up sheet, and indicate whether you want to tube, ski or just watch. If you or your children are planning on participating, there is a two-page waiver that MUST be filled out before we leave, and a copy of your driver's license (if over 18) is also needed...if the waiver is for a youth or child under 18, a copy of the driver's license of the parent that signed the permission form is needed.

\*\*\*If you would like to come, please sign up by Sunday, June 11th, and have all the forms filled out to bring with you/your child on the day of the

trip. Your child/youth cannot go skiing/tubing without the proper forms.

Thanks.\*\*\*

Here are some rules/recommendations:

- \*You MUST wear long pants and long sleeves to ski or tube.
- \*Guests under 18 must have a parent/guardian sign the release form.
- \*Guests 18 years of age and older must have a valid driver's license (or other governmentissued photo ID) present when purchasing a ticket.
- \*The age/height requirements for the Main Tubing Hills are 5 years old or 36 inches tall. If your child does not meet these requirements, there is a smaller tubing slope available on the Beginner Hill for them to enjoy. We recommend that children be at least 2 years old to use the beginner tubing run, but it is up to parental discretion and supervision.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Colossians

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00 p.m. Men's & Women's DVD/study on "How We Got the Bible" (6 weeks)

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)

Sat., June 3 10 a.m.-2 p.m. BLOODMOBILE here

Mon., June 5 7:00 p.m. Deacons' & Deacons' Wives' meetings
Sun., June 18 – Father's Day – Regular morning services – no evening classes or choir
Sun., June 25 5:00 p.m. VBS Kickoff Cookout – Bring a side dish

6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS: "Galactic Starveyors"

Mon.-Wed., June 26-28 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS fun continues!!

#### PLANNING AHEAD -

Wed., July 5 9:15 p.m. Fireworks & ice cream at the parsonage