



Seminary News

The latest news from our church community

Important Facts

April Attendance & Giving

3	40	\$3135.00
10	44	3185.00
17	119	2105.00
24	35	2250.00



Worship Hours

Sunday

9am - Adult Bible Study

10am - Worship

11am - Coffee Hour

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From the Pastor's Pen

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for joining us on Easter Sunday here at Seminary Church. Sincerely, we enjoyed seeing you!

If this was your first time visiting, I hope that you found our congregation welcoming and friendly and that you would consider joining us once again. At church we feel strongly about supporting anybody who seeks to know more about Christ—children, family, singles, elderly, and visitors too!

Every church has something to offer, and I invite you to learn more about what makes our church family unique. Whether you decide to come to another service, participate in fellowship with other congregants, or simply stop by to grab coffee, I would love to tell you how Seminary Church could be the right place for you and your family!

There are good things happening at Seminary. Every Wednesday at 2pm a group is meeting at the church to pray for our church, specifically, that God would allow us to impact our community. We also currently have a weekly women's Bible study that meets on Wednesday evenings. There's even more going on than that. We also have a group called Crafty Corner that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Next, on May 22nd, we are planning to have a block party, reaching out to the entire community. Starting in June, we are planning to launch an evening gathering on Sunday nights, involving pitch-ins, campfires, and tons of fun.

VBS starts on June 20th, and this year the theme is "Spark Studios", and we will learn that God's creativity did not stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. And last, but not least, we are going to start a mission project, sponsored by Saturate USA, where we will go door to door to homes in Roanoke, meeting and greeting and praying for our neighbors and community.

See what I mean? There is a lot going on here at Seminary Church. We'd love to see you at every one of these events above. God is calling us to impact our community and we need your help. I am so glad God called us here to serve as your pastor. I cannot wait to see the good things God has in store for us. It is a blessing to be at Seminary Church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Chris



Women of Faith and the Crafty Corner Group

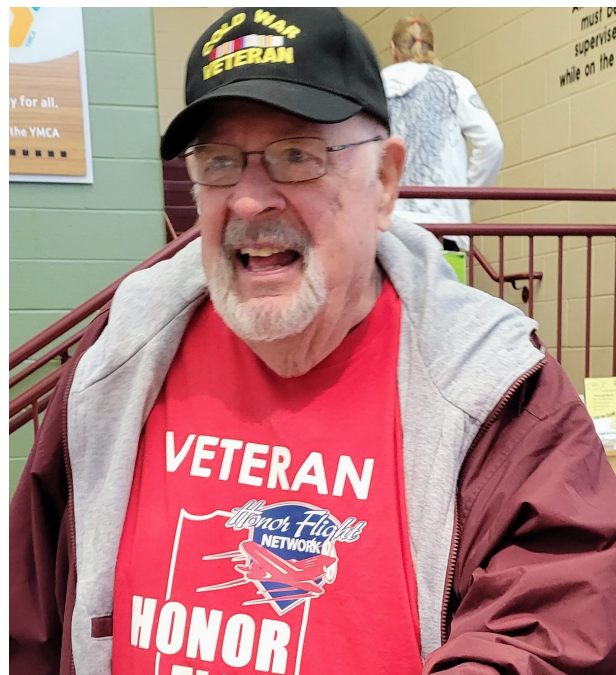
The ladies of the threads have been diligently working their talents to send Suitcases to Romania containing 12, sleepers, 31 Onesies for baby boys and girls, 4 receiving blankets, 12 quilts, multiple hats and 11 burp cloths. For Emmanuel 2 crib sheets, 4 burp cloths, 5 receiving blankets, 4 quilts, and 57 bibs were made. For Columbia 14 dresses, 6 shorts, 56 bibs and 4 baby kits were made. Truly a talent and abundance of God's Love shared by these women.



Seminary is preparing for the 2022 Vacation Bible School. The dates for VBS are Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23. This year, the theme is "Spark." By sparking imagination, students will be given opportunities to be creative during enrichment classes, crafts, Bible lessons, and games. God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist has a plan for each of us. Students will learn about God's workmanship as they learn to develop their talents for Him. The VBS centers around Ephesians 2:10: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Everyone is invited to join in and to support VBS. To help, contact Jenny Gross at 260-519-3241.

Honor Flight

Seminary's own Ron Hathaway was on the Veteran's Honor Flight in April 2022. His experience was like no other and Ann Wenger assisted in a great experience for Ron. He greatly appreciated all the cards and letters he was gifted upon the plane ride to the event. Friends, family and many children sent the large packet with love and thanks for his service to our Great Country.



Upcoming Events



May

- 4th - Women's Bible Study 7-8:30pm
- 8th - Mother's Day
- 10th - Crafty Corner 10am-2pm Women of Faith 2pm
- 14th - Seminary Garage Sale/ Town-Wide Sales 8a-5pm
- 15th - Women's Bible Study Luncheon noon
- 22nd - Seminary Block Party 12noon-4pm!!! More details to follow
- 24th - Crafty Corner 10am-2pm
- 30th - Memorial Day



June

- 5th - S'Mores Sundays - 5:30-8pm at Parsonage
- 12th - S'Mores Sundays - 5:30-8pm at Parsonage
- 19th - S'Mores Sundays - 5:30-8pm at Parsonage
- 20th - 23rd - Vacation Bible School!!!
- 26th - S'Mores Sundays - 5:30-8pm at Parsonage

Whats Happening @ Bright Beginnings

It's almost May,

The school year is almost done and our summer program will be starting. The kids last day of school May 20. We will start going on field trips and starting our summer program on May 23rd. We could really use some donations of sun screen, side walk chalk, bubbles, water balloons, and beach towels. We may also need people to volunteer to help with our field trips. That's all we have here at Bright Beginnings.



Leadership Council Report

Focus:

The leadership Council has the privilege to oversee the Church Trustee's, Vision, Finance, and Staff Parish Relations committees. We operate on a single board structure. That means the Council is solely responsible for all the decisions of the church and gives authority to Leaders in the respective ministries to lead appropriately based on the mission and vision of the church. This allows those leaders to make decisions quicker and allow the church to operate more efficiently. As we all know important and purposeful internal change takes time and a focused effort and that is what 2021 has been about. We have been making great strides in implementing our new structure during 2021. 2022 will be about taking what we have been working so hard on and sharing it with the church. Opening lines of communication between all the committees. Utilizing technology in strategic ways to reduce confusion and communicate more efficiently. 2022 will be another step towards Seminary Church being more impactful to the community of Roanoke and those who seek to worship here. Praise God for what he is doing in Roanoke and in Seminary Church.

Jon Perkins
Leadership Council Chair

It's that time of year again when we celebrate graduations, weddings and more! Remember the perfect gift that fits everyone is a gift card!! We make it easy for you to select a gift card from our huge list of options when you purchase through Seminary's Scrip Card Program. And you benefit our Vacation Bible Study at the same time!! A WIN-WIN!!!

To see the list of cards to purchase go to this link ShopWithScrip.com – Fundraising While You Shop and click on the 'Retailer List' at the bottom of the screen; or you can see a printed list in the Country Café. Printed lists will be available for you to take home as well. Complete an order form and provide a check or cash for your order and give it to Jenny Gross or Vicky Eisenhut. Seminary receives a rebate for every scrip card purchased and we use those funds to help support VBS.

Thank you in advance for supporting VBS through your Scrip Card purchases!



Easter Children's Church



Contact Terri with any events that need featured on the Church Calendar