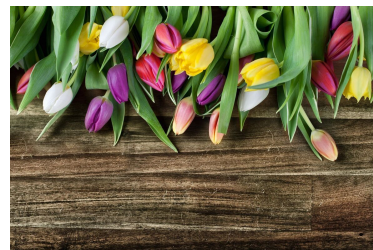




GOOD NEWS

STOCKS EXCHANGE

The story is told of a zoo that was noted for its great collection of different animals. One day the gorilla died, and to keep up the appearance of a full range of animals, the zookeeper hired a man to wear a gorilla suit and fill in for the dead animal. It was his first day on the job, and the man didn't know how to act like a gorilla very well. As he tried to move convincingly, he got too close to the wall of the enclosure and tripped and fell into the lion exhibit. He began to scream, convinced his life was over...until the lion spoke to him: "Be quiet, or you're going to get us both fired!" You might say the zoo was practicing hypocrisy... saying they were a real live zoo and yet having imposters for animals.



NOBODY LIKES HYPOCRISY.....NOBODY LIKES A HYPOCRITE!

A hypocrite preaches one thing and does another.

A hypocrite is a person who pretends to be a certain way, but really acts and believes the total opposite. The word hypocrite is rooted in the Greek word "hypokrites," which means "stage actor or pretender."

Nobody likes a hypocrite and Jesus didn't either, especially religious hypocrites! At the top of his list were the Pharisees.

- They liked to make a real show of their piety, their Godliness.
- They often turned religious practices like fasting, giving an offering, and prayer into big shows for the public to watch.

For instance – when they gave money to the poor, they would do it to the sound of trumpets – makes you wonder if that is where the phrase "tooting your own horn" came from.

Or take when they stood in the synagogue to pray - they would stand with outstretched and lifted up hands looking around to see who was watching. And when it came to fasting, they would be sure to let people know they were fasting as if bragging on their own righteousness. We know all about the Pharisees and their hypocrisy...but what about us?

Perhaps you are aware that many people regard us as hypocrites because we don't fully live up to the teaching of Jesus either! And if we were to be truthful... to a certain extent that is true.

Let's ask ourselves these questions:

- Do we pray to God for his forgiveness and at the same time withhold forgiveness for others who have hurt us?
- Do we always care for the widowed, orphaned, imprisoned, hungry and naked as the scripture demands?
- Do we love all people? Even our enemies and strangers?
- Do we sacrificially give monetarily to God?

The truth is that we are all hypocrites. We profess Jesus, we say we love Jesus and that we are following Jesus, but do we live up to it?

That is why repentance and reflection are so important.

It is to recognize:

- we cannot possibly live up to the teachings of Jesus.
- we are reminded we are saved by God's grace not by our works.

As we make our way in this season leading us to Easter, let us be reminded of God's grace, forgiveness, and His strength through the Holy Spirit to not fall into temptation to make life all about us!

The apostle Paul says in Romans 13:14, "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."

God is good...all the time.

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THE CHRISTIAN KITCHEN

St. Patrick's Day offers lots of fun and good food. Enjoy these recipes for your St. Patrick's Day celebration!

CORNERED BEEF, CABBAGE, AND POTATO CASSEROLE

BY

BETH BAGLEY

Ingredients

- 3-4 small potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- *3 cups coarsely shredded cabbage*
- 1 medium-sized onion, chopped
- 1 (12 ounce) can corned beef (or 1 ½ - 2 cups if you cook your own)
- 1 (10½ ounce can) Cream of Celery or Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- salt and pepper to taste (remember that both the corned beef and soup add a fair amount of sodium)
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or cheddar cheese (optional)

*Boiling potato slices and steaming the cabbage for about 10 minutes to soften, will reduce the baking time)

Gather and prepare the ingredients.

Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish and preheat your oven to 375 degrees F.

Place one layer of potato slices on the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper if desired.

Sprinkle the chopped onions on top, followed by the shredded cabbage and corned beef.

Top with the rest of the sliced potatoes and add salt and pepper if desired.

In a small mixing bowl, stir together the Cream of Celery soup, the milk, and the mustard. Pour over the top of the casserole.

Cover with foil and bake for 1 – 1 ½ hours (1 hour if vegetables were soft).

If desired, remove the foil and sprinkle with cheese. Return to the oven until the cheese melts. Watch carefully and remove before burning.

BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP

BY

LORRAINE BENSON

Ingredients

1/2 cup of butter

1 onion chopped

2- 16 oz. pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli

4- 14.5 oz. cans of chicken broth

1 lb. of Velveeta cheese cubed

2 cups of milk

1 Tbsp of Garlic Powder

2/3 cup cornstarch

1 cup water

In a large pot melt butter over medium heat. Cook onion in butter until softened, stir in broccoli and cover with chicken broth, simmer until broccoli is tender 10-15 minutes. Reduce heat and stir in cheese cubes until melted. Mix in milk and garlic powder. In small bowl stir cornstarch into water until dissolved, stir into soup, cook stirring frequently until thick.

QUIET REFLECTIONS

My Savior

by

Kimberly Chase



He knelt and prayed all alone in the garden
Suffering and carrying each one of our burdens
So much pain and anguish he felt that day
But his love for us pushed him as he prayed
As I think of each blood drop he shed for me
The sorrow the pain as he knelt on his knees
I become so overcome with love and hope
For he is my harness, my lifeline, my rope.
I think of how then he was betrayed by a friend
The hurt the disappointment could have no end
He was persecuted and then hung on a cross
How could they not see what a great loss
But it was our Heavenly Father's grand plan
To bring salvation and eternal life to all men
As our Savior's mortal life was about to end

He asked for forgiveness for all that offend.
So much mercy and love as death he did greet
Then he rose from the tomb to make it complete
Showing each one of us the ultimate love
Eternal life with our Father in Heaven above
I am grateful for the great opportunity
To live with my family for all eternity
It was all because of our Savior's sacrifice
So much love he had that he paid the great price.
Without my Savior I would be a lost cause
With all of my imperfections and flaws
But I know that because of the price he did pay
I can seek forgiveness as I kneel and pray
As long as I am sincere and repent
My slate is wiped clean without any dent
If I try my best and endure to the end
I will be with my Savior, my Brother, my Friend



VBC PRESCHOOL

The Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students have been feeling the love. God's love, teacher love, classmate love, and love from everyone in our church. Thank you to everyone for all of the kindness and support as the children continue to prepare for their next academic

adventure.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

The month of February, which continued the Bible account of Joseph, turned out to be even shorter than usual for the Good News Club as the team volunteers saw illnesses of various kinds keep them at home. One club meeting saw three team members test positive for COVID, so it had to be cancelled.

What is great is that the rest of the month, saw three children one week and four the next week make professions of faith in Jesus as the only one who could pay the penalty for their sins! Our next series is “God protects His people: the Life of Esther.”



CELEBRATION SHOUT OUT

Please submit any birthdays or anniversaries for April by **March 27th** to: office@victoriabaptistchurch.com.

March 11th

Bob Foley

March 13

Gill Coffee

March 18th

Kendra Winn

March 27th

Linda Willis



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

We will be hosting a food packaging event on **Sunday March 10th** following worship with Lifeline Mission. The hospitality committee will serve a light lunch before the event. This will be our first food packaging event since COVID. This is an important ministry, but it is costly. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals. The cost of hosting this event is \$4,000. If you would like to donate to this mission project, please designate Food Packing Project on your donation. Thank you for your generous support.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITY

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for church members on Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 at the home of Gil and Kelly Coffee.



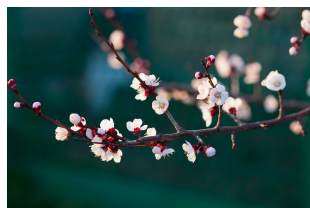
PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

We will have the Children's Processional on Palm Sunday at the beginning of the service. Children please meet in the foyer immediately after Sunday School.



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Members of the Congregation are asked to bring flowers on Easter Saturday and Sunday to participate in the flowering of the cross. The cross will be located next the church sign outdoors. The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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As we strive to maintain the ministry of our church, we hope and pray you will continue to tithe during this time.

For online bill pay or mail in offerings (please no cash), send to:

P.O. Box 911
Victoria, VA 23974

We have added online giving and text giving for your convenience:

Online Giving:
Click [here](#) to give

Text GiveVBC to 73256

We appreciate your faithful support to Victoria Baptist Church as we weather these difficult days.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD FOR FEBRUARY

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING GOAL \$12,463.27

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING RECEIVED \$10,905.91



PRAYER LIST AND SHUT-INS

You can help our shut-ins by writing a letter, sending a card or giving a call! Phone calls are an especially good way for them to hear your voice and be comforted. Please respect the rules of the nursing home and care facilities when planning visits.

PRAYER CONCERNS March 3, 2024

Members Who Need Prayer

Jane Woolard
Jean Overton
Jessie Otey
Scott Lindsey
Ronnie Smith
Brandon Harding
Mark Coming
Terry Dalton

In Our Community - Keep In Your Prayers

Kris Earwood
Nancy Long
Jack Dalton
Georgia Coming
Bradley Owen
Spencer Moore
Logan Reese
Gabe Puleo
Carrie Wilson
Sheila Williams- Hungerford
Elizabeth Perez
Nancy Martin
Ada Slayton
Moochie Johnson- Chase City Rehab
Rick McCoy
Dennis Nichols- Heritage Hall
Carol Lewis

Sympathy to the family and friends of Claude Otey, Garry Sherwood, and Kenneth McDaniel

PRAYER LIST UPDATES - If you have a family member or loved one on our prayer list, please contact the Church Office with an update. *If the Lord has answered prayers and all is well, please ask us to remove their name from our list. We want to include everyone who needs our prayers, so please keep us informed. Thank you.*

AWAY FROM HOME PRAYER CONCERNS

Jackie Clement (Room 126) (Oct 20) Anne Hudson (Room 203) Heritage Hall 900 S. Main Street Blackstone, VA 23824	Curtis Jones Waynie Pennell Chase City Nursing and Rehab 5539 Highway 49 Chase City, VA 23924
Betty Schumaker (Nov 20) Amelia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 8830 Virginia Street Amelia, VA 23002	Shirley Garrett Manor House 13500 N. Gayton Road Henrico, VA 23233
Shirley Overton Hickory Hill 900 Cary Shop Rd Burkeville, VA 23922	

SHUT-INS

Jean Overton, 2003 6th Street, Victoria, VA 23974 (Sept 16)
Betty Lindsey, 1505 Tidewater Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974
Holly Crenshaw, 1521 12th Street, P.O. Box 83, Victoria, VA 23974
Bettie Skelton, 1703 Mecklenburg Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974 (Sept 21)



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