



GOOD NEWS

STOCKS EXCHANGE

I can recall hearing this phrase in many situations... **“How soon we forget!”** It is said to emphasize how quickly we seem to forget impactful events on our life and return to our old ways of doing life. I wonder out loud to myself, “Now that Easter Sunday has come and gone, I wonder how soon we might forget it’s impact?”

We spent weeks looking at the last words of Jesus spoken from the cross. We tried our best to experience the torturous punishment Jesus was put through on the cross. It was hard to be reminded repeatedly of the



incredible pain and suffering He went through on our behalf. Finally, after a season of Lent, we reached EASTER! Celebration! Cheering! He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

And after Easter Sunday, Monday comes rolling around. If we are not careful and intentional, we will treat Easter like it is the ending of His story and OUR story! It is our challenge to make sure we don't go back to "normal life" after celebrating the most incredible, freeing event of our lives. If we think about it, nothing was normal after what Jesus did on that cross. Easter is NOT just a one-day event, but rather an invitation to enter a lifelong season of transformation. **Easter is a beginning, not an ending.**

The cross, the grave, His resurrection give us all we need to busy ourselves allowing God to transform us and remake us in His image...**EVERYDAY!** The Apostle Paul reminds us of this when he says, "Therefore if anyone in in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17) This is a reminder that we arrive in this season on a bunch of Mondays after Easter giving everyday over to the only one who can empower us to change into His image.

I was reminded by a commentator that the life of the disciples changed dramatically after seeing Jesus AFTER His death, burial, and resurrection. Remember, following the death of Jesus, the disciples huddled together in the upper room scared to death for themselves and wondering if anything Jesus had taught them really mattered. But after Jesus appears to them, we see what happens as the disciples reengage in life and sharing the gospel. Acts 4 describes the disciples preaching to the Jewish leaders – the very ones they had been frightened of!

All of this is to say, let's not forget Easter Sunday and the impact it is to have on **EVERYDAY** of our week! The Lord has set us free to live out the gospel free from sin and shame. Easter allows us to live **EVERYDAY** free from the penalty of sin, free from the power of sin with the help of the Holy Spirit and one day... we will be free from the presence of sin!

Yes, I know Easter is over...well, at least the day we recognize it. However, let's live everyday like Easter day!

God is good...all the time.

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Spring is here and you may be busy taking your kids to ballgames. Try this easy casserole when you're short on time, but want a good dinner.

CHICKEN BACON RANCH CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 8 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 2 c. milk
- 1 (1-oz) packet dry ranch seasoning mix
- 3 c. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 8 oz. rotini pasta, cooked
- 4 c. chopped rotisserie chicken
- 4 oz. diced pimentos, drained
- 1/2 c. sliced green onion, plus more to serve

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a 12-inch skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat, stirring often until crispy, about 8 minutes. Remove the bacon

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3. In a large bowl, stir together the ranch mixture, cooked pasta, chicken, pimientos, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the green onion until well combined. Transfer to a 13-by-9-inch casserole dish. Sprinkle evenly with the bacon; top with the remaining 2 cups mozzarella.
4. Bake until the top is

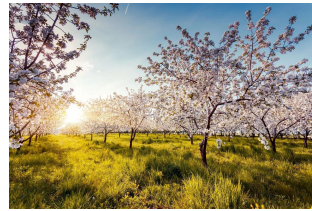
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QUIET REFLECTIONS

A Prayer in Spring

by

Robert Frost



Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating 'round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
To which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.



VBC PRESCHOOL

The Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students have been learning about seeking God's will for their lives. As we near the end of the school year, we are preparing for new adventures, thanking God for all He has provided throughout our time together, and looking forward to what the future holds for these little children.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

The month of March is typically when the Club begins to lose children to sports activities. After completing the series on Joseph, we began the series “God protects His people: the Life of Esther.” This Book is unique in the fact that God is not specifically mentioned. Instead, His promise to Abraham and His plan to use Esther to save the nation is clearly demonstrated throughout the Book. Four children have responded to the invitation to learn more about what it means to be saved and two of them made professions of faith in Jesus as the only one who could pay the penalty for their sins! The other two continue to come for counseling and to learn more.

The month concluded with an Easter Party Club with special games, songs, and the wonderful message of Jesus' resurrection. Hallelujah!



CELEBRATION SHOUT OUT

Please submit any birthdays or anniversaries for May by **May 1st** to: office@victoriabaptistchurch.com.

APRIL 6TH

DEREK DANIEL

APRIL 11TH

JAY WILLIS

APRIL 15TH

BRANDON HARDING



HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

We will have high attendance day on **Sunday April 21, 2024** followed by a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. The church will provide the meat, **please bring a side dish or dessert to share**. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to church who may not attend regularly or is looking for a church family.

Lunenburg County Community Concerts Presents our

Spring Concert

An evening of Gospel and Bluegrass music

Featuring Glenn and Karen Hood and the First Go 'Round Band

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Visit us at:

 <https://www.facebook.com/lunenburgcountyconcerts>



Glenn and Karen Hood



First Go 'Round Band

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is the local organization that will be "In the Spotlight."



Pre-concert music by Stacy Sharpe Branch will begin at 6:40 p.m.

LUNENBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERT

MAY 3, 2024

FLASHBACK: On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Along with most other events and activities that brought people together, the quarterly Lunenburg County Community Concert series (featuring talented performers with ties to Lunenburg County) came to a grinding halt. The winter concert, scheduled for March 20, 2020 was canceled. FAST FORWARD: On May 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM the concert series will begin again with the same lineup that was scheduled for March 2020—an evening of

gospel and bluegrass music. Pre-concert piano music, provided by Stacy Sharpe Branch, will begin at 6:40 PM for the enjoyment of those who arrive early.

THE PERFORMERS: In 2014 a few friends with a love of music and the gospel came together to form First Go 'Round. Since then they have used great bluegrass music to spread the gospel of Christ through Virginia and beyond! The current lineup features Brent Hood on banjo, Matthew Kelly on guitar, Rob Sadler on mandolin, and Bryan Hood on bass. From four-part harmonies, traditional bluegrass drive, and an echo of Stanley and Monroe, First Go 'Round wields a blend of updated and traditional tunes all specifically chosen to use their God-given talent for His glory.

Glenn and Karen Hood grew up singing and playing gospel music. They both sang together for many years and raised their children to have that same love for gospel music. Glenn and Karen have an amazing love for the Lord and a deep love for the traditional gospel hymns. They want to keep those hymns of the faith alive and the sound of southern gospel music very present in the hearts of people today. This husband and wife duo will open the concert with a short set of traditional gospel music, while accompanying themselves on guitar and piano.

MORE INFORMATION: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a local organization that helps Lunenburg County residents who are truly in need of assistance with home repair, will be "In the Spotlight."

All concerts are free, though donations to the spotlighted community organization are gratefully received. This quarterly concert series is hosted by Victoria Baptist Church, located at the corner of 8th and Washington Streets. Handicapped parking is available near the Washington St. entrance, both on the street and in the rear parking lot (accessible from the alley). An elevator to the 2nd level is located at the end of the hall.

Please spread the word and join your friends and neighbors from around the area for this great evening of music. For concert-related updates, please "like and follow" the Lunenburg County Community Concerts' facebook page. If you have additional questions you may call the church office at 434-696-2025 (M-Th 9-12).



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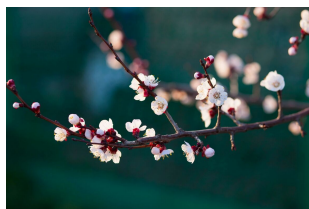
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

I have worked on several NHN day-projects by serving on a construction team of six-members. We were one of 5 teams and our assignment was to build a handicap ramp that would improve the quality of life of the homeowner. The other teams cleaned yards, repaired and painted porches, and repaired or installed handicap ramps. Since 2019, I have been involved in building 4 ramps. The experience was rewarding as I had the opportunity to meet and work with people of all ages from other churches in the county. All with the objective to provide a Helping Hand to a Neighbor. --Mike Walker--



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

David Dalton will be going to prison May 23-25, 2024. Get out your cookie sheets and turn on your ovens because he needs cookies. The deadline to turn in cookies will be Sunday May 19th. Prayers and wishes are welcome. There will be more information available the beginning of May. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. *I was in prison and you visited me. Matthew 25:36*



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 MARCH

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING GOAL \$12,463.27

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING RECEIVED \$14,471.77



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 April 7, 2024

Members Who Need Prayer

Jane Woolard
 Jean Overton
 Jessie Otey
 Scott Lindsey
 Ronnie Smith
 Mark Coming
 Terry Dalton
 Janie Chapman
 Mittie Crymes
 Kendra Winn
 Charlie Crymes
Barbara Wilson

In Our Community - Keep In Your Prayers

Kris Earwood	Carol Lewis
Nancy Long	Charles Thomas
Jack Dalton	Priscilla Craig
Georgia Coming	Jean Pinchback
Bradley Owen	Johnnie Daniel
Spencer Moore	Boo Caudle
Logan Reese	Patrick Wilson (Barbara
Gabe Puleo	Wilson's son)
Carrie Wilson	
Sheila Williams- Hungerford	
Elizabeth Perez	
Nancy Martin	
Ada Slayton	
Moochie Johnson	
Rick McCoy	
Dennis Nichols	

Sympathy to the family and friends of Charlie Crymes and Pat Wallace

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



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