

# Beckley Disciples News

May 2018

A Global Mission Church

## Gone Fishin'

There was no lollygagging for disciples in the time between Easter and Pentecost. A variety of appearances of the risen Lord provided the impetus for a strong faith, as well as laid the foundation for the Gospel mission which was to be entrusted to them.

It is this same Gospel mission that has been entrusted to us in Beckley. As disciples of Jesus, we are to busy about heralding the Gospel, as well as making more disciples. The two go hand-in-hand, even if we might exercise the tasks differently.

We share the story of Jesus in a variety of ways. When we share a bit of our faith story with someone, we are heralding Good News. When we provide a food bag, winter coat, backpack of school supplies, or a Christmas box, we are telling individuals about Jesus. When we greet a

stranger with a smile and the right hand of fellowship, we are sharing Jesus with them.

Making disciples is a bit more intentional, and this is more than just profession of faith and baptism. While the latter two are important, being a disciple is a lifelong journey. We must engage ourselves on a daily basis of nurturing faith through exercise of spiritual gifts and discipline.

As church we make disciples by welcoming people into our midst; encouraging them in the journey they share with us in faith and ministry; and, invite them to become a part of us formally through membership. While we don't want to scare people away by being overly aggressive, we do want to reassure individuals that we need their gifts to help us meet our ministry challenges.

For us to grow numerically, we must grow spiritually confident



where we can be bold in witness, courageous in service, and clear in our identity. Moreover, it is God's Spirit who enables us to strive for this Kingdom potential.

The harvest is great before us, and if we engage ourselves in the Christ-given mission, then as faithful workers we can trust our God to give the increase.

Faithfully,

DRS

## Royal Family Kids

Imagine a life where all you have known is abuse, both physical and emotional. Then, people from Social Services arrive, and in five minutes all your possessions are placed in a large trash bag, and you are led away from you parents.

Regardless of their treatment, there is still love between mothers, fathers and their children, and now that is gone. Royal Family Kids provides an opportunity for children of abuse to experience a week of love at camp. On Sunday, May 20, we will have representatives from Royal Family here to tell their story, and share about the blessings of this camp for the kids. A reception will follow for you to ask questions. We will be taking up donations if you would like to support this wonderful ministry. Please plan on joining us this Sunday. Tissues will be available.



## Youth Yak

We have a couple of upcoming events for you to mark on your calendar. First, we will have Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 20, both during and following the worship service. Right now, our only known graduate is Garrett Runion from Shady Springs HS. If you know of others, from any type of school, please let me or Don know.

Second, plans for Vacation Bible School are well under way. Right now I am looking at June 14 or 15 for the day. We are going to have a one day, all day VBS this year, that will include a meal for all those attending. I would like input from parents

as to a preference of times, and what would be the best day. I will also need plenty of help. We will have the usual story time, crafts, music, and are looking at showing a movie for the children before dismissing. We will also kick-off our collection for Backpacks to be filled with school supplies for children. A list will be in next month's newsletter.

We have decided to alter our schedule on children remaining in worship with their parents. We are centering this around special services, so on Mother's Day (May 13) we will ask children to remain with their par-



ents. We are having a special presentation that day during the service, and will ask the kids to help distribute gifts to all the mothers in attendance that day.

*Tammy*

## Music Notes

After a great Easter celebration, our choir has continued its music ministry. I appreciate all those who stepped in during April for solos. Our choir is always in need of new members, so please plan on joining us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. It is never too late.

We are working toward the end of our choir season, and will be looking for individuals to provide special music during the summer months. We do have three Sun-

days covered already: June 24 (church picnic), July 8 (Gospel group singing), and August 12 (125th celebration). Other than that we need the remaining Sundays, through August, filled.

We continue to introduce music from *The Chalice Praise* songbook. It gives us an opportunity to use more contemporary music to help us celebrate our faith. We are also open to suggestions for



possible presentations.

Please take a moment to thank our choir for the dedicated and devoted ministry in our midst.

*Yvonne*

## Pentecost Offering

The Gospel imperative to "make disciples" is still in effect, even after 2000 years of ministry. When we do our part in heralding Good News by planting and watering seeds of faith, it allows God to give the increase.

The Pentecost offering goes to support the work of starting new churches, as well as revitalizing existing congregations. The 20/20 vision of the Christian

Church (Disciples of Christ) laid the challenge to start 1000 new churches by the year 2020, and we are close to meeting that goal.

The Pentecost offering will be received May 13 & 20. We will have a minute-for-mission each Sunday, and there will be envelopes for you gifts. Our goal for this year is \$500. Half of this money will be re-



turned to the Christian Church in West Virginia for their efforts in this area. Please help us fulfill our Lord's Commission.

# News for the Pews

## Thank You

*There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during the passing of Bonnie Kay Tredway. We appreciate the cards, food, visits and Memorial gifts during our time of sorrow.*

With Sincere Gratitude,  
*The Tredway Family*

## Change for Life

Want to make a real impact with the loose change you collect week in and week out. On May 5 bring it with you, and those coins are added to the Minister's Benevolent Fund, which helps our Raleigh County neighbors in need.

## Carpenter's Corner

Our Church will be serving at the Carpenter's Corner on May 11 & 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. There is a great need for help, so if you can volunteer in any way, please either call the church office or just show up.

## Welcome

We welcome to our church family Ashlea and Rilea Tredway, who were baptized into the Christian faith on Easter Sunday. We look forward to their gifts of ministry and encouraging presence in our midst.

## 125th Anniversary Gift

Our church's 125 Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, August 12. As part of that event we are putting together a pictorial history of our church. It will be some 30 pages in length and be 8 1/2 by 11, and in color. While the Board has approved using the Memorial Fund for this gift, we are asking members and friends to consider a special

contribution in memory or honor of a loved one to help underwrite the cost of this project. The last few pages of the history will list these special gifts. Please mark the date on your calendar, and help us celebrate this special day in a special way.

## Safety Updates

Our Safety Committee continues to meet, make recommendations, and implement important security issues for our church. Through a generous gift from the File Family Foundation we are going to be purchasing two defibrillators for the church, as well as installing a series of panic buttons throughout the building. We have purchased four first aid kits for the church, and will be moving fire extinguishers, as well as improving signage. We are also going to be making changes to our alarm system operation. Beginning **June 1** the burglar alarm will be off from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. If you have a key, and wish to be in the building at a time different from these you will need to have a code (we suggest the last four numbers of either your Social Security number or phone number), and be instructed in the alarm's use. Please call the office with your code (if you have a key), so that these can be input into the system. If you have any questions, please see Don.

## Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 20, following the worship service. To date we know that Garrett Runion is graduating from Shady Spring HS. However, if you know of other graduates (High School, Vocational school, College or Graduate school) please let Tammy Runion or Don know. We don't want to forget anyone.



## May Fellowship Dinner

The Christian Women's Fellowship invites everyone to a May Fellowship Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, May 20, following worship. The CWF will furnish the meat and everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish to complete the menu. The program will be a presentation by Karen Fama's dance students.

## Cabinet Meeting

The Cabinet will have its next meeting on Monday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Anchor classroom. We will make final preparations for the upcoming 125th Anniversary celebration, as well as discuss other matters. All department chairs should plan on attending this meeting.

## Church Camp

Registration is underway for the various church camps offered by the Christian Church in West Virginia this summer. Camp will be held June 10-15 (overlapping at different times for different age groups). All camps will be held at Parchment Valley in Ripley, WV. For more information visit the Region's website, or call the church office. Our church will furnish a one-half scholarship for all children/youth attending camp.

**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday. Don will be available via his cell phone that day. Nancy will return to the office on Wednesday, the 30th.

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Yvonne Seay, Music Director  
Becky Leach, Organist  
Nancy Snyder, Office Assistant  
Carol Buklad, Treasurer  
Angelo Martin, Custodian

**Sermon Scriptures**

May 6	Ephesians 1: 11-14
May 13	Acts 1: 6-11
May 20	John 16: 7-11
May 27	Matthew 28: 18-20

**Serving in May**

**Elders:** **6**—John & Lee File, **13**—Jim Trader & Yvonne Seay, **20**—Mark Tredway & Nancy Snyder, **27**—Mike & Delores Vaughan

**Deacons:** Rod, Casey & Sue Ann Baber, Carol Buklad, Connie Ross, Kay Gaigall.

**Communion Prep & Clean-up:** **6**—Pat Freeman & Alicia Terry; **13 & 20**—Chuck & Carolyn Turner; **27**—Roger & Charlotte Hutchens

**Worship Leader:** **13**—Nancy Snyder; **20**—Yvonne Seay

**Lead Usher:** John File

**Outside Communion:** Mike Vaughan

**In the Hospital in April**

Pat Freeman, Michal & Thomas Meadows, Peggy McClure, Derek Ross, Ashlea Tredway

**Prayer Concerns**

The call to faith is also the call to bear one another's burdens. Please remember these fellow believers as they bear the burdens of life:

Randy Adkins, Mary Joyce Bragg, Helen Canterbury, David Chafin, Jayne Chafin, Clela Cox, Sue Cresce, Woody & Patty Dacal, Kevin & Susan Fry, Rick Hodges, John Jordan, Nancy Kittle, Joe & Mary Korczyk, Jack McClung, Derek Ross, Trenton Smith, Pat Trader, Gloria Tucker, Kevin & Renee Winfree.

**In the heart of Beckley, with a heart for the Gospel.**