



From the Pastor

The pastor stood at the door saying goodbye to a young couple following a home visit with them. The young woman expressed her excitement at their upcoming baptism. Her husband's furrowed brow expressed an unanswered question. The young man asked, "How can our salvation be so simple? Pastor, you said all we have to do is believe, that sounds too easy."

The pastor opened his Bible to Acts 16 and began reading at the 29th verse: "The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. . . . then immediately he and all his family were baptized."

The reason our salvation appears undemanding is our God paid the price for us. The following sentences taken from a book I've enjoyed reading over the years, describes God's giving of himself for us, for our salvation.

"He died for us, and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Savior, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned" (Steps to Christ, p. 62).

Friends and Family Day is Sunday, October 6th, and will be an outreach service. This is your opportunity to invite the person you're praying for over the 6 Weeks of "Becoming a Contagious Christian" Wednesday night Bible Study/during Sunday Worship services. In addition, invite your friends and family. There is a covered dish luncheon planned after worship so be sure to invite your guests to stay for fellowship and lunch.

Some interesting statistics* I found on what influences people to come to church.

1. Invitation from a friend: 86%
2. Organized visitation: 6%
3. Pastoral contact: 6%
4. Advertisement: 2%

So why have a Friends and Family Day?

Most churches double attendance on Friends and Family Day, some triple attendance.

Churches average four salvations on Friends and Family Day and two salvations on each of the four weeks following Friends and Family Day.

Churches sustain an average increase in attendance of 5% directly following Friends and Family Day.

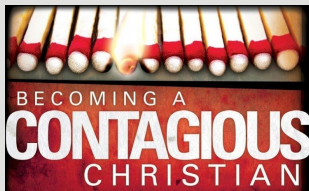
Friends and Family Day has been used in over 30,000 churches and 50 denominations.

Friends and Family Day has been used successfully in both small and large churches.

Over 10 million people have attended church as a result of Friends and Family Day.

**Information provided by churchgrowth.org*

Consider joining us on Wednesday nights in September for “Becoming a Contagious Christian” and be in prayer for Friends and Family Day October 6th!



Becoming a Contagious Christian

This Bible Study continues through September 25 on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:15 p.m.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

Deacons

Our newly elected deacons are Willie Jeter, John Hawks, and Gary Martin. We appreciate their willingness to serve. We thank the deacons rotating off the board after serving a three-year term: Timmy Clark, Robert Clement, Rodney Newton, Billy Wellons, and Ronnie Williams. There will be a Deacon Ordination Service for Gary Martin on September 8 during the worship service.



Perfect Attendance in Sunday School

Congratulations to the following people with perfect attendance this past year in Sunday School.



Eddie Jeter - 26 years
Robi Jeter—17 Years
Buck Tharpe—17 Years

We invite you to Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages that will meet your needs. Afterward, we hope you will remain for our very meaningful worship service. Children's church and Mission Friends are available for children ages 4-7. A nursery is always provided for babies and the younger children. We thank all of our workers and teachers for their faithful service to the Lord.



Fall Concert

On Friday, September 6 @ 7:00 pm, Lunenburg County Community Concerts and host site Victoria Baptist Church will present an evening of music featuring two talented singers with Lunenburg connections.

Ken Vaiden currently serves as the library media specialist at Victoria Elementary School. He has an extensive performance resume that includes the North Carolina Master Chorale, Lake Country Chorale, roles in numerous musical productions in Halifax and Mecklenburg Counties, and singing in churches and concerts throughout the region.

Peggy Vaughan is married to Victoria native Charles Vaughan (pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church) and has served in the Health Information Management Department at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital for the past 31 years. She sings and plays the piano and autoharp.

The "Kindness Matters Club" of Central High School is the local organization that will be "In the Spotlight" for this concert. Information about this organization will be available and any contributions will be gratefully received.

Pre-concert piano music begins at 6:40. In the event of storm-related hazards or power outages, the concert will take place on September 13.

Alma Hunt

The annual offering for Virginia missions is named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her

unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

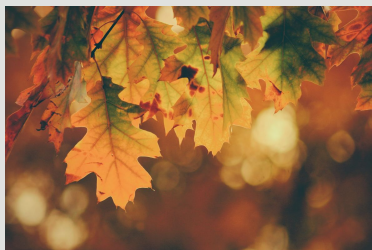
Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia* (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). The annual goal and allocation of funds are determined by the Executive Director/Treasurer of WMUV and the Executive Director of the BGAV and approved by their respective boards.



We invite you to give to the Alma Hunt offering - joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we work Together as One - sharing the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world.

This year's emphasis dates are September 8-15, 2019. Offering envelopes will be available on September 8th. Our goal this year is \$1,167,500.

"...so that there should be no division in the body, but that it's parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it, if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:25-27



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Safety Presentation

There will be a Safety Presentation on September 8 which will include active shooter training. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m. A sign up sheet located on bulletin board, please RSVP for dinner by September 4.



Electronic Newsletter

We are moving toward an electronic newsletter over the next couple of months. If you would like to



continue to receive a paper newsletter, please let the church office know by October 31. If you wish to receive the electronic newsletter, please provide the church office with your e-mail if you haven't already done so. Or, the newsletter will be available on Facebook and the church website.

Church Video Disclaimer

From time to time, all or part of our church services may be recorded and posted on social media for the purpose of outreach to our community. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please sit to the sides or back of sanctuary out of view of the camera(s).



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