



**We extend our best wishes to our pastor, Dr. Timothy Lipp, and his family, Beth, Sophie, and Cohen as they begin their new journey in Goldsboro. Their new address is: Tim and Beth Lipp, 117 Cliffwell Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530.**

**We warmly welcome Dr. Tom Stocks as our interim pastor, his message to you is below:**

### **From the Pastor**

I look forward to serving you as interim preaching pastor beginning Sunday March 5th. I began to know of Victoria Baptist Church when I led the revival services in conjunction Blackstone Baptist Church in March of 2022. Dr. Lipp has been so

complimentary of you as a body of believers, and I am excited to get to know you. I feel honored to make this journey of transition with you as God is already preparing your next pastor AND God will be preparing you to receive him. I personally believe this transition period is a time to THRIVE not SURVIVE! We are called to be about our Father's business regardless of changing circumstances.



I look forward to worshipping with you and getting to know you as we take this journey together. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a little about myself in advance of beginning this journey. I was born into a pastor's family which quickly became a missionary family as we moved to Zambia, Central Africa for ten years with the Foreign Mission Board. I was five years old upon arrival in Zambia and fifteen years old when returning to the United States. I attended Mars Hill College earning a degree in Sociology and then transferred to Appalachian State University in Boone NC to complete a master's degree in sociology. It was then I was reunited with a college friend, Paula Hagaman, who became my wife in 1982. Together we served as Journeyman Missionaries in the West Indies for two years.

Feeling called into full-time ministry while serving on the mission field, I attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and began as pastor of Rosalind Hills BC in Roanoke VA. I would serve there as Senior Pastor for 18.5 years and as a volunteer Chaplain for the Roanoke County Police Department for 10 of those years. During my tenure in Roanoke, I also received my Doctor of Ministry degree from Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond. We began to grow our family in 1989 with the addition of two daughters (Lindsey, Ashley).

The Baptist General Association of VA called me to serve as Field Strategist for the Valley Region from 2008 to 2015. I served as a resource person to pastors and 230 churches and seven Associations. Following this stint, God called me back into the pastorate to serve as Senior Pastor to Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond from 2015 to 2022. Once again BGAV called and asked me to serve as Field Strategist for the Southside Region (170 churches, 8 Associations) beginning in October of last year.

And now here we are together for a portion of time as we continue to serve and worship the Lord together. There are several things you can do to help me as we embark on this journey:

1. Pray  
for

the  
person  
God  
is  
preparing  
to  
being  
as  
your  
next  
pastor.

2. Pray  
for  
Victoria  
Baptist  
Church  
to  
be  
open  
and  
willing  
to  
prepare  
herself  
to  
receive  
the  
next  
pastor.

3. Help  
me  
by  
telling  
me  
your  
names  
over  
and  
over  
until  
I  
learn  
them.

4. Bring  
a  
friend  
to  
church!  
It  
is  
an

exciting  
time  
of  
transition!

Looking forward to Sunday March 5th!

Pastor Tom  
(PT)



### **Good News Club**

Good News Club is on it's way! Barbara Wilson, director of training for CEF (Children's Evangelism Fellowship) and her team report that it is amazing to see so many children in a Good News Club with a

school as small as Victoria Elementary.

We are blessed to have members of Victoria Baptist Church volunteering to be a member of this team ministering to the children, along with a few new team members who have been recruited from other churches.



### **Refreshments Needed for Good News Club**

If you or your Sunday school class would like to help with the provision of weekly refreshments, please contact Blair McCoy. [mccoybg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mccoybg@sbcglobal.net) or

(775) 895-0670 (text)

### **VBC Preschool**

The Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students enjoy sharing their love for God and each other as they learn about kindness, thoughtfulness, and many other qualities that are needed as they prepare for Kindergarten and life. Our program is dedicated to incorporating Christian values in the classroom. Their daily activities include lessons from the Bible with Scripture verses, songs, and devotions. All of the kind words and wonderful support is encouraging to all involved and greatly appreciated.



## Tithes and Offerings

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. There is no charge to the church or you to use it through the rest of this calendar year. To give you have three options now:

1. Mail  
in  
Offering
2. Click  
here  
to  
give
3. Text



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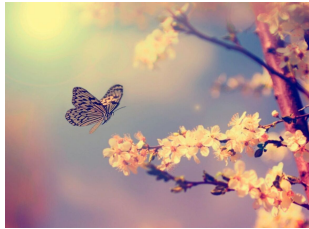
We appreciate your faithful support to Victoria Baptist Church as we weather these difficult days.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023

REGULAR OFFERING (weekly goal \$3,520.19) \$2,368.00

PRESCHOOL \$100.00

TOTAL \$2,468.00



## **Remember Those on our Prayer List and Our Shut-Ins:**

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES** - Names in bold print are new this week to our prayer list or are experiencing new difficulties. 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.

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 February 26, 2023

## Members Who Need Prayer

Susan Hawks  
Jon Coffman  
Dianne Griffin  
Stephanie Millican Powell  
Peppi and Gary Dayton  
Roger Pennell  
Peggy Green  
Vernon and Jean Harding  
Margie Paynter  
Ronnie Bishop  
Sandra Tomlinson  
Good News Club  
Pastor Lipp and Family  
J.B. Crenshaw  
Helen Coffee

## In Our Community - Keep In Your Prayers

Martha Clark	Wade Harding	Carolyn Hitt
Helen Fitzgerald	Leann Driggers	Elizabeth Perez
Rev. Mike Day	T.J. Smith	Mac Bailey
Amanda Garrison	Margaret White	Ada Slayton
Jonathan Stroup	Anna Jones	Teresa McConnell
Ray Martin	Mary Jordan	William Marker
Peggy Townsend	Paige Berkley	Nancy Long
Carol Driver	Nena Bledsoe	Wilma Rymen
Mark Coming	Alan White	Mary Lloyd
Bill Finch	Kris Earwood	

## Sympathy to the family and friends of Taylor Lafoon

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## AWAY FROM HOME PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Hood (Room 118) Jackie Clement (Room 126) Anne Hudson (Room 203) "Bay" Tomlinson 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 (birthday November 20) Amelia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 8830 Virginia Street Amelia, VA 23002	Shirley Garrett Manor House 13500 N. Gayton Road Henrico, VA 23233
SHUT-INS	

Jean Overton, 2003 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Victoria, VA 23974  
Betty Lindsey, 1505 Tidewater Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974  
Holly Crenshaw, 1521 12th Street, P.O. Box 83, Victoria, VA 23974  
Ella Harrell, 1615 10th Street, P.O. Box 644, Victoria, VA 23974



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