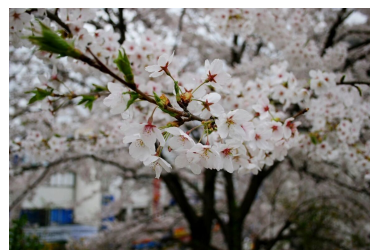


## FROM THE PASTOR

To my VBC family, I want to thank you for the warm and friendly welcome you have extended to me as your interim pastor. I look forward with great excitement over what God will do in these months together as we THRIVE together in growing the unity and continuing the mission of VBC. I want to urge you during this time of transition to consider how YOU can be incarnational (taking the church into the community), missional (meeting God where he is already at work around you), and relational ( loving God and others). God is preparing your next pastor and will bring him to you when He deems YOU are ready to be led into God's preferred future for VBC. That means, together, we are to step up our faithfulness to the mission, vision, and values of VBC NOW and not when the next pastor comes!



Many of you have asked when you will get to meet my wife...very soon, I hope!

Although I am not in a rush for this to happen because you will love her and just “like” me!!!! Her father (96 years of age) is in assisted living in Boone NC, and she is making multiple trips to help him and at the same time help her brother empty out his home. As soon as this process is near completion, she will be joining me on Sundays. I can’t wait for her to meet you.

I wanted you to know that I am available to meet with you in person or to visit with you in your home. I usually arrive at 9:00 am on Sundays and can certainly meet with you in the pastor’s office between 9 and 11 am. I am also available after worship to meet in the Pastor’s office or visit in your home. It is helpful if you let me know in advance so we can confirm our visit.

If you know of someone in the hospital in the Richmond area, please let me know ASAP. I live within 20 minutes of all the major hospitals and would count it an honor to visit on behalf of VBC.

Spring is upon us folks! Let’s show some spring in our step for VBC and bring a friend to worship!

Pastor Tom  
(PT)

## **VBC PRESCHOOL**

The Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students celebrated learning together for 100 days by dressing up as 100 year old men and women! They may have had aching backs and poor eyesight, but their brains and hearts were still growing strong. Kindergarten is right around the corner for some of these elderly boys and girls and they know, with God on their side, they will be ready!



## **PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

At the last business meeting on March 12, we elected the following members to the pastor search team: Robert Clement, Diana Clement, Stacy Newton, Chris Tomlinson, Tim Knight, and Sharon Harding.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

We are in need of a Vacation Bible School Director. The dates of this year’s Bible school are July 23 - July 27. Please contact Eddie Jeter or the church

office if you are interested in serving in this position.

## **EASTER SUNDAY - 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. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians.



## **5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Don't forget the 5th Sunday breakfast on April 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!!





## **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:

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 26, 2023

REGULAR OFFERING (weekly goal \$3,520.19) \$2,285.00

CREDIT CARD REFUND \$99.00

TOTAL \$2,384.00



## **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 2, 2023**

**Members Who Need Prayer**

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

**In Our Community - Keep In Your Prayers**

Wesley June Parrish  
Mitty Crymes  
Martha Clark  
Helen Fitzgerald  
Rev. Mike Day  
Amanda Garrison  
Jonathan Stroup  
Ray Martin  
Peggy Townsend  
Carol Driver  
Mark Coming  
Bill Finch  
Leann Driggers  
T.J. Smith  
Anna Jones  
Mary Jordan  
Paige Berkley  
Nena Bledsoe  
Alan White  
Kris Earwood  
Carolyn Hitt  
Elizabeth Perez  
Mac Bailey  
Ada Slayton  
Teresa McConnell  
William Marker  
Nancy Long  
Wilma Rymen  
Dee Mullens  
Harold Crenshaw  
Pastor  
Earl Pinchbeck  
Sean Pliska

**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. We want to include everyone who needs our prayers, so please keep us informed. Thank you.*

**AWAY FROM HOME PRAYER CONCERNS**

Phyllis Hood (Room 118) Jackie Clement (Room 126) Anne Hudson (Room 203) Heritage Hall 900 S. Main Street Blackstone, VA 23824	Curtis Jones (birthday 3-26) 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
<b>SHUT-INS</b>	

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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