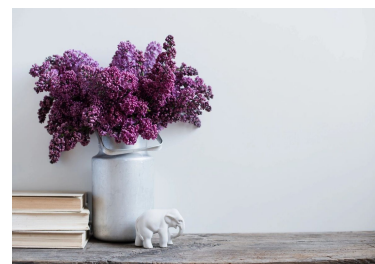




FROM THE PASTOR

To my Victoria Baptist Church family, what a great day in worship we had Sunday April 30th. What I see happening is outstanding for the spirit of the church.

FELLOWSHIP – The men put together a tremendous breakfast and the fellowship around the tables was energetic and fun. I hope you are planning NOW for JULY 30th for our next breakfast...this is a perfect time to bring a friend and introduce them to the VBC family.



WORSHIP – The men filling the choir loft to sing “I’ll Fly Away” with voices of joy and enthusiasm. Children streaming to the front so attentive and participatory for the children’s sermon. Five young people - Mackenzie Lee Bolling, Eli Jeter Bolling, Jack Edward Bolling, Wesley June Parrish, and Owen Christopher Barnette - who stepped forward to simply say, “I love Jesus and

want to be baptized. Church family came forward surrounding those young Christians hugging and affirming them, welcoming them into the Jesus family.

SERVICE – Prayerfully everyone leaving to be incarnational (going to BE the church in the community), missional (BEING the hands and feet of Christ meeting Him where He is already at work), and relational (loving God and others).

GROWING - God is calling someone, or two people, out to lead Vacation Bible School in July. Those children coming forward for baptism Sunday morning was evidence that VBC is pouring into their children. Vacation Bible School is another opportunity to introduce children to Jesus. Someone's heart is stirring at this moment – pray with me for the leadership to step forward so we will not drop the ball on this.

Really and truly, after last Sunday's worship I found myself saying the same thing all the way home, "God is good ALL the time, and ALL the time, God is good!!

Pastor Tom
(PT)

VBC PRESCHOOL

The Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students have been working hard all school year to learn and grow as young citizens and children of God. We are wrapping up this school year with road trips to the nearby zoo as well as walking trips to local businesses. We are also preparing for our upcoming graduation ceremony which will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 27th, at 11:00. All church members are welcome to attend!



PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

We elected the following members to the pastor search team: Robert Clement, Diana Clement, Stacy Newton, Chris Tomlinson, Tim Knight, and Sharon Harding.



KAIROS

KAIROS 43, Nottoway Prison, June 7-11, 2023

After 3 and a half years, we can finally go into the prisons again. We will be going in during the days of June 7-11 of this year.

We need to have as many prayer warriors as possible for this Kairos Walk. If you are willing to spend some time in prayer for the several of us on the team and the 24 inmates who we will be working with, please sign the sheet which David will have available before and after the worship service.

Also, anyone in the community who is willing to pray, please contact Terry Dalton 321-9813, or David Dalton 321-9531 and either text or call and leave a name on our voice mail, or ... you can email your name to me at dtdalton2007@yahoo.com.

We will need to have cookies baked and lots of them. There are 14 on our team and each are expected to have at least 100 DOZEN cookies. That would be 1200 cookies each, and that multiplied by 14 would be over 16,000 cookies. We all know we can't do anything with the state and not follow their rules. See below for some of the specifics needed to help out with the cookie baking:

Cookie Preparation

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger and Sugar. Check with your Kairos Community for specifics on the type of cookies that are allowed.

Cookies should be between 2 inches and 2-1/2 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.

The Key Ingredient: Prayer

Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing.

Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them.

Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend.

Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Packing the Cookies

Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart sized Zip Lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside. Freeze all cookies if not using within 3 days.

Getting the Cookies to the Prison

If you are not working on the team, please deliver the cookies to a team

member before the start of the weekend, so they can take them to the prison.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

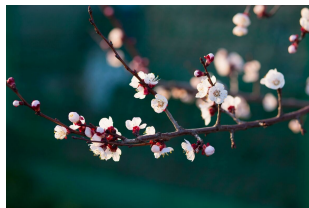
We are in need of a Vacation Bible School Director. The dates of this year's Bible school are July 23 - July 27. Please contact Eddie Jeter or the church office if you are interested in serving in this position.



COMMUNITY PROJECT

Kenbridge United Methodist Church is planning their Neighbors Helping Neighbors event for June 2, 2023. If you are able to help, you can e-mail brandon@kenbridge.com.

If anyone is interested in heading up drinks, breakfast, or lunch, please let Brandon Spencer know. Otherwise, we will do like we have done in recent years— we will meet at the church and everyone working will just bring their own drinks and lunch. Thanks.



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 APRIL 30, 2023

REGULAR OFFERING (weekly goal \$2,782.58) \$3,066.15

BUILDING FUND \$1,650.00

PRESCHOOL \$100.00

TOTAL \$4,816.15



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 May 7, 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 Ryman
 Harold Crenshaw
 Pastor
 Earl Pinchbeck
 Sean Pliska
 Herman Newcomb
 Clara Anderson
 Bettie Skelton
Kim Springer
Georgia Corning

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

Phyllis Hood (Room 118) Jackie Clement (Room 126) 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 (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 6th 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
 Bettie Skelton, 1703 Mecklenburg Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974



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