



## GOOD NEWS

### STOCKS EXCHANGE

Wade Hughes shared this story, and I wanted to share it with you.

The little boy walked home from Sunday School and the family were sitting around the old pot-bellied stove talking. The boy told his dad and Pa about the lesson he heard in Sunday School. The boy was so excited. He told them he had gone to the altar and accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. The boy said he was going to live the rest of his life for Jesus.

The old grandpa said: "Grandson it is impossible to live a life for Jesus. It is just too hard." The boy lowered his head and sat in the corner.

After a long silence, the lad came back and said: "Pa, I am going to live for Jesus for a year?"

The old man said: "Boy that is impossible, you can't do it." The boy went back in the corner.



After weighing the situation, the grandson said: "Pa, how about a month?"

"No, you can't do that either."

The boy said, "Well, how about a week?"

"NO!"

"A day?"

"NO!"

The boy sat a long time, and he came back and asked: "PA, CAN I LIVE FOR A MOMENT FOR JESUS?"

The grandfather said, "YES! Yes, I think you could for a moment!"

The boy jumped up and down in excitement.

He then said: "PA, I AM GOING TO LIVE FOR JESUS THE REST OF MY LIFE... MOMENT BY MOMENT!"

What an incredible revelation! Living for Jesus moment by moment. To live incarnationally is a challenge to live IN the moment. We are called to live in the moment by having situational awareness. We can be asking throughout our day, "God, where are you IN this moment and who would you have me be? How would you have me respond?" I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." The rest of the chapter outlines different "times" we may face MOMENT BY MOMENT. Take a deep breath today, and just live moment by moment. Truthfully, it is all we can do!

God is good...All the time!

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## THE CHRISTIAN KITCHEN

It's pumpkin season! This pumpkin bread with cinnamon butter will be delicious on a cool fall morning with a cup of coffee!

### Pumpkin Bread with Cinnamon Butter

#### Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1½ sticks (¾ cup) unsalted butter, softened

2 cups sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 (15-oz) can 100% pure pumpkin

1. Preheat  
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Joy).

2. In

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medium  
bowl,  
combine  
the  
flour,  
salt,  
baking  
soda,  
baking  
powder,  
cloves,  
cinnamon,  
and  
nutmeg.  
Whisk  
until  
well  
combined;  
set  
aside.

3. In  
a  
large  
bowl  
of  
an  
electric  
mixer,  
beat  
the  
butter  
and  
sugar  
on  
medium  
speed  
until  
just  
blended.  
Add  
the  
eggs  
one  
at  
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time,  
beating  
well  
after  
each  
addition.

Continue  
beating  
until  
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minutes.  
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4. Add  
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minutes,  
then  
turn  
out  
onto  
a  
wire  
rack  
to  
cool  
completely.

### **Cinnamon Butter**

2 sticks (½ lb.) unsalted butter, softened

1 tbsp. maple syrup

2 tsp ground cinnamon

¼ tsp kosher salt

1. Combine  
the  
softened  
butter,  
maple  
syrup,

cinnamon,  
and  
salt  
in  
a  
food  
processor  
(or  
mixing  
bowl).

2. Blend  
(or  
whisk)  
until  
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incorporated,  
scraping  
down  
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sides  
of  
the  
bowl  
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needed.

## Quiet Reflections

### A Christian's Halloween Story

By

**Donna Riner Weber**

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I remember it like it was yesterday. Samuel, my seven-year-old son pranced around ready to put on his Halloween costume.

"Mom, can I put it on now? Please, can I Mom?"

"After dinner."

Pizza, the fast and easy meal had become the Halloween tradition for my son and me.

As soon as we ate, Samuel raced to his bedroom, put on his scary costume, and grabbed his bag.

"Honey, you understand you can only go in our circle of condos where I can see you."

"I will, Mom. I promise." And with that, he swooshed out the door.

Samuel stayed within the boundaries. While I wanted to keep an eye on him, I also wanted to give candy to any little treat-seekers who ventured our way.



When Samuel returned, the look on his face clawed into my heart.

"Honey, what's wrong?"

He threw his empty trick-or-treat bag on the sofa.

"Nobody came to the door."

That was one of those "Mommy Moments" I didn't know how to handle. My heart cried.

### **Why didn't anyone come to the door?**

We were new to that city, so I wasn't comfortable driving him around to strangers' houses. We did the next best thing I could think of. We hung out together and watched a movie.

Years passed. Times changed. Halloween changed. My son grew up.

There was a lot of emphasis on Halloween beginning as a pagan holiday. Sometimes, Christians were urged not to participate.

### **I kept asking: So, God, What Should We Do about Halloween?**

Brian and I lived in a neighborhood where we expected a lot of little children. What should we do?

We finally figured it out. We turned off the lights and hid out from those little pumpkins. We could hear the muffled voices of the children and their parents talking and laughing as they traipsed down our street in search of treats.

Brian and I remained silent. Our house remained dark.

### **Was Hiding in the Dark on Halloween Night the Right Solution?**

No! Absolutely not!

It bothered both of us.

I could still feel the disappointment in my son when no one opened the door for him so many years ago. Now, I don't want to be the one who disappoints other little children.

Besides that, the Bible tells us ...

"... You are to influence *them*, not let them influence *you*!" Jeremiah 15:19 (TLB)

Clearly, we had not influenced anyone hiding in the dark.

Another year passed. More prayers.

Again, Brian and I prayed about how to handle Halloween.

"God, how do you want us to handle this holiday? I believed Halloween was like a children's holiday where parents and children in the neighborhood had fun together. But now, is our participation condoning something evil? I don't think so. God, please guide us."

After our prayers...

### **God Gave Us a Halloween Plan!**

We went to the stores and bought little goodie bags and lots of candy. Then we purchased little Christian brochures to put into the bags. We picked out the best ones we could find for little children.

In advance, Brian and I packed our candy and brochures. We decorated our

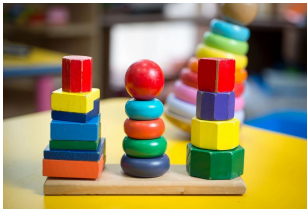
door with a fall wreath and placed a straw doll and talking pumpkin close to our basket of goodies. We flipped on the lights. We were ready to welcome Halloween!

Since we began our Halloween ministry, we've lived in several different states. In the past eight years, we've had approximately 750 children come to our door and receive their treat bags. There is no other holiday where Brian and I give out so many tracts about Jesus.

These brochures have the potential to be little seeds for Jesus-maybe hundreds of them as they add up year after year.

"Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow — perhaps it all will."Ecclesiastes 11:6 (TLB)

**Now It's Your Turn. How Will You Handle Halloween?**



### VBC PRESCHOOL

Our Victoria Baptist Church Nursery School students are happy to be at church each day where they can learn about God's love while preparing for their future academic endeavors. They know the sky's the limit with God by their sides and they are ready to enjoy another great school year."





## **GOOD NEWS CLUB**

The Victoria Elementary School Good News Club will be starting the school year with two new volunteers! After attending the Kickoff training for the Greater Richmond Chapter, the team, made up of Barbara Wilson, Terry Dalton, Peppi Dayton, Blair McCoy and new members, David Dalton and Linda Betit Buck, received Quick Start training from the Chapter's Coordinator, Jennifer Trainham. With these two enthusiastic new members this promises to be an exciting year for reaching children with the Gospel!



## **UPDATE**

### **Walk for Life Fundraiser SUCCESS!!**

Thank you for your overwhelming support!

This year we were overwhelmed by our  
WFL Sponsors and Fundraisers!

We haven't reached our goal YET, but you  
can still donate to the WFL if you missed your chance!

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

102 Sponsors 564 Walkers 36 Teams

#### **TOTAL DONATIONS**

\$91,502

Raised to help those affected by pregnancy in our communities



## FEED THE PIG

We will feed the pig during the morning worship service on **Sunday October 13th** in observance of World Hunger Day which is October 16th. All donations will be used for the meal packing event that the church will host in March 2025. Thank you for your support.



## PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We are so grateful for Pastor Tom and all that he does for our church. There will be a covered dish lunch on **Sunday October 13th** to show our appreciation for him. The church will provide the meat, please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.



## SAVE THE DATE

The next **Lunenburg County Community Concert** will take place here at VBC on **Friday, October 25 (inclement weather date Nov. 1) @ 7:00 p.m.** The concert will feature five "Lunenburg Ladies" sharing their vocal and instrumental talents. Please share with and invite your friends.

The charitable organization "In the Spotlight" that evening will be the Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia. Our own church member, Tim Knight, is a volunteer with this important ministry whose mission is "To support and equip persons impacted by pregnancy with hope." For more information visit <https://www.pscsouthside.org/>.



## FALL FESTIVAL

### CHILI COOKOFF AND PIE BAKING CONTEST

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The Children's Council is planning a Fall Festival on **Sunday October 27th at 4:00 pm**. This is a family fun event for everyone. There will be games, activities, and trunk or treat. The chili cookoff and pie baking contest will start at 5:00 pm. Hot dogs will also be provided. The parking lot behind the church will be reserved for those who would like to give out candy for trunk or treat. If you would like to showcase your culinary skills for the chili cookoff or pie baking contest; there is a sign-up sheet downstairs on the bulletin board.



## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

David Dalton and Page Hardy will be going to prison to share cookies and the gospel with prisoners October 30th – November 2nd. They need lots of cookies. Cookies can be put in the freezer downstairs until October 29th. Thank you for your support.



## CELEBRATION SHOUT OUT

Please submit any birthdays, anniversaries, or memorials for **NOVEMBER** by **OCTOBER 30th** to: [office@victoriabaptistchurch.com](mailto:office@victoriabaptistchurch.com).

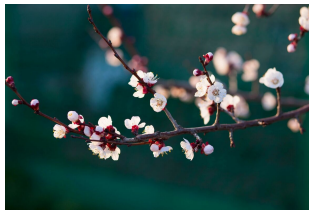
### BIRTHDAYS

#### October 13th

Natasha Gill

#### October 26th

Theressa Overton



### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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 SEPTEMBER

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING GOAL \$12,463.27

REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERING RECEIVED \$12,729.31



## **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 September 29, 2024

### Members Who Need Prayer

Jane Woolard  
Jean Overton  
Scott Lindsey  
Ronnie Smith  
Mark Corning  
Mitty Crymes  
Kendra Winn  
Barbara Wilson  
Peppi Dayton  
Taylor King  
Gwendolyn King  
Susan Hawks  
Janie Chapman  
Vicki Clark Keeter  
Roger Pennell  
Mackenzie Bolling

### In Our Community - Keep In Your Prayers

Kris Earwood	Patrick Kite	Shelly Clary
Nancy Long	Lucy Brame	Samantha Joyner
Jack Dalton	Steve Reynolds	Ronnie Long
Georgia Coming	Donna Rel	Troy Powell
Bradley Owen	Gary Dayton	
Spencer Moore	Anthony Long	
Gabe Puleo	Debbie Miscorski	
Carrie Wilson	Sarah Chamber-	
Sheila Williams-	layne	
Hungerford	Agnes Eastwood	
Elizabeth Perez	Brenda Hagaman	
Ada Slayton	Bella Nelson	
Moochie Johnson	Melvin Trent	
Rick McCoy	Barbara Wilson's	
Dennis Nichols	Grandson	
Carol Lewis	Tissy Mathis	
Jean Pinchback	Blaire Liggett	
Boo Caudle	Donnie Hardy	

### Sympathy to the family and friends of Henry Childress

**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

Jackie Clement (Room 126) ( Oct 20) Anne Hudson (Room 203) Heritage Hall 900 S. Main Street Blackstone, VA 23824	Curtis Jones Chase City Nursing and Rehab 5539 Highway 49 Chase City, VA 23924
Betty Schumaker (Nov 20) Amelia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 8830 Virginia Street Amelia, VA 23002	Holly Crenshaw (Aug. 22) Clarksville Health and Rehab Finch Lane #607 184 Buffalo Road Clarksville, VA 23927
Shirley Overton Hickory Hill 900 Cary Shop Rd Burkeville, VA 23922	Waynie Pennell Palmer Springs Family Care 2450 Mineral Springs Road Boydton, VA 23917

### SHUT-INS

Jean Overton, 2003 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Victoria, VA 23974 (Sept 16)  
Betty Lindsey, 1505 Tidewater Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974



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