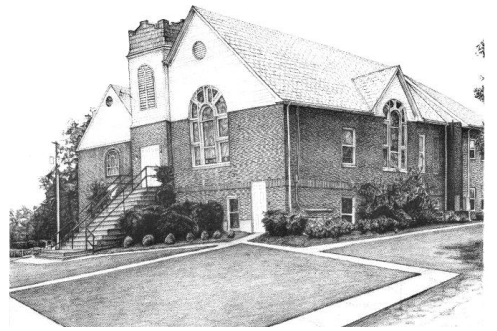


SYCAMORE HIGHLIGHTS



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John Jenkins
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CHRIST'S HANDS, FEET AND VOICE

Greetings Sycamore Family,

The mission of Sycamore begins with *Striving to be God's hands, feet, and voice...* There is a singer and songwriter named Gordon Jensen who wrote a song some years ago that mentions the fact that you and I, as Christians, are the only "Jesus" that many people will see.

No, this does not mean we are Jesus Himself, of course. We know He is Jesus by Himself, yet it should be our goal and desire to be just a bit more like Him every day by sharing what Christ is like. We are to be "lights" in a dark world!

If there is ever a time for people to see Christ in action through His people, it is today!

Take a moment to read this story, which illustrates what we are to be in this world when it comes to sharing Christ.

Pastor Mark Thompson of Faribault, Minnesota, suffered terrible knife wounds from an assailant in his home in October 1988. One of the many consequences of his difficult recovery was being forced to miss watching his son Chris run in the state cross-country championship meet. Pastor Thompson commissioned his brother Merv to go in his stead. According to the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch account, Mark told his brother, "I can't be there to see Chris run. So, I want you there at the beginning of the race. Holler a lot. ... Then, at the end, I want you to cheer loudly. And I want you to make your voice sound like mine." Merv heeded the advice, and Chris ran a strong race, finishing second. Merv, also a pastor, discerned the theological truth in the story. "That's what Jesus wants us to do," he said. "Make your voice sound like mine."

Friends, we are called to live in this world to "make our voice sound like His"! How can we know what His voice is like? Well, one of the most significant ways is to get into the Word of God and see how He ministered to and blessed people while on this earth. While the religious crowd often shunned Him, we know He took time for those who were hurt, broken, and wounded.

Let's do our best to do just that. I stumbled across an old song with these words: *"Oh to be His hand extended, reaching out to the oppressed, Let me touch Him, let me touch Jesus, So that others may know and be blessed."* Today, I encourage you to do your best to walk where He would, to talk the way He would, and to lend your voice to the voiceless!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Tracey



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*Local, Global,
And Everything In
Between*

MAY FOCUS RECAP

Last month, we collected a carload of household supplies for Franklin Cooperative Ministries. Special thanks to everyone who brought supplies and helped pack the bags.



JUNE MISSION FOCUS

WMU Virginia is an active supporter and participant of missions in Peru with Villa Milagro. Villa Milagro exists to share and demonstrate God’s love for the people of northern Peru so that they might come to know God through salvation and faith in Jesus Christ. A piece of that mission includes “Pan Con Amor” (Bread with Love) – a bread ministry of Villa Milagro. This ministry provides more than 40,000 small protein bread loaves for children in 95 schools in the area each month. WMU will be collecting donations in June to support this protein bread ministry. Please note Pan Con Amor or Bread with Love on your check or offering envelope when supporting this ministry.

BLANKET MINISTRY

Donations for the blanket ministry for the Genieve Shelter have been so generous that this project will continue until all materials are used.



Meetings continue Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. until further notice. It is not too late to join the team for this project. If you can tie a shoelace, you can make a blanket.

Janet Bulls

COMMUNION



We will celebrate Communion during worship on Sunday, June 2. Be prepared to come to the table and remember our Lord. If you are worshipping from home, please have your elements prepared and ready to participate.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Welcome to summertime! For June, we will be collecting **small toys for girls**. These toys may include dolls, foam balls, kickballs (with manual air pump), kites, finger puppets, a slinky, an etch-a-sketch, or interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, and noise (including extra batteries). These are just a few suggestions of what may be added. A collection container will be in the Fellowship Hall with a sign marking that it is for Operation Christmas Child.

We plan on having a packing party at the end of the year, but if you would like to pack your box throughout the year, you are more than welcome. Just let us know, and we will get you a box as soon as we receive them. If you have any questions, please see one of us. Thank you in advance for all your help and participation.

Erin Harcum & Janet Bulls

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE TRIP WASHINGTON DC



Who is up for a summer trip? An overnight trip to DC to visit the Museum of the Bible is in the works for June 28 & 29. We will stay at

a hotel, steps away from the museum. This interactive 7-floor museum delves into the history of the Bible and how it impacts us all. There is also a new immersive exhibit on worship, "All Creation Sings." There will also be time for a half day of sightseeing in DC. If interested, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Details will be provided on June 5 during family night. For more information, contact Tricia Davis.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Sycamore Sends

We sent sunshine to Riverdale Elementary teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks to all who contributed quickly and with a turnaround time.



Sycamore is committed to supporting 50 backpacks twice monthly to students at Riverdale Elementary through the Foodbank. Please prayerfully consider giving to the mission effort. Your Sunday School Class, family, or other group can give. We are about \$952.00 from meeting our annual goal.

We continue to send cards and meals weekly to members and neighbors in need. Please let a team member know if you know someone who could use a prepared meal on Wednesday night or a card.

Community Connections Team,

Holly Giles
Jimmy & Lou Vann
Erin Harcum
Joey Francis
Sharon Moore
Tammy Woods

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**NEW DAY
SAME TIME
SAME LOCATIONS**

Due to scheduling conflicts in the community and my desire to focus on worship planning later in the week, Coffee & Conversation will **be held on Tuesday mornings beginning June 11**. I hope to see many regular faces and some new faces join us for this time of fellowship and conversation.

June 06 Daily Dose 9:00-10:30 a.m.
June 11 Store House 9:00-10:30 a.m.
June 18 Daily Dose 9:00-10:30 a.m.
June 25 Out of Town – No C & C

Pastor Tracey



FAMILY NIGHT SUMMER SUPPER SCHEDULE

Below is this month's supper schedule. As a reminder, volunteers are preparing the meals through Aug 30. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. Any open weeks will be "Bring Your Own Supper" nights. The schedule will be published in the newsletter each month.

June 5 Youth
June 12 Covered Dish
June 19 Tricia Davis
June 26 Picnic & Praise

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Sunday, June 9, promises to be exciting. We will recognize and hear a message from our high school graduate.

Natalie Grace Pugh

A covered dish lunch will follow worship in the fellowship hall for ALL to attend.

A card box will be available in the sanctuary for you to offer cards and notes of encouragement to Natalie.

PLAYGROUND REFURBISHED

Thanks to Brotherhood and Buildings and Grounds members for refurbishing our playground. A few details remain, including new climbing handles, a new chain for the swings, and a baby swing. We might even get a porch-style swing for adults to enjoy while watching their littles enjoy the playground.



CONFERENCE REPORT

The second quarterly conference was held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. In that meeting, the following was discussed.

- ❖ Learned that the average Sunday School attendance for the quarter was 38 and that the Youth would now use Smyth & Helwys literature.
- ❖ Was informed that the CBF Global Mission Offering in March received \$1,025.00 and that 40 hygiene kits were delivered to Franklin Cooperative Ministry.
- ❖ Heard a report from Community Connections that school supplies had been collected and delivered to Riverdale Elementary School and that they had provided salad items for the Lenten luncheon at High Street Methodist Church and promoted Random Acts of Kindness throughout the community.
- ❖ Received news that the Building and Grounds and Brotherhood had completed repairs to the playground.
- ❖ Learned that Sycamore had hosted a BGAV digital presence workshop and that we received a good report.
- ❖ Received the Audit Committee report.
- ❖ Voted to replace the microphones, a new choir boom, and a new lapel microphone.
- ❖ Heard that Peggy Rush was appointed to the Nominating Committee.
- ❖ The next conference will be held on August 4.

Patsy Falls

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The Church Council met on May 19. In that meeting, the council:

- Learned average Sunday School attendance for April was 38.
- Noted Men's Sunday is June 23.
- Noted Youth Sunday and Graduate Sunday is June 9. There will be a covered dish lunch following worship.
- Learned new microphones for worship are being ordered.
- Noted Tracey will be at school June 19-26.

Tricia Davis

DEACON REPORT

The Deacon's meeting was held on May 6, 2024. The following was discussed:

- Brotherhood will work with the Pugh family to construct a ramp at the parsonage.
- Several items were mentioned that were referred to various committees as appropriate, including non-slip strips for the baptismal pool, painting parking blocks and parking signs, playground items left to finish, and thermostat regulation.
- A request to use a few tables and chairs was considered and approved.

The next deacon meeting is scheduled for June 3.

The Deacon of the month for June is John Jenkins.

Deacon Ministry Team Leaders

- Bereavement – Ronnie Bulls
- Casserole- Holly Giles
- Hospital/Homebound – Tracey Pugh
- Prayer – Tricia Davis
- Transportation – Johnny Holland

BIBLE STUDY



The Wednesday night men's class had a unique visitor in May for a couple of weeks.
Thanks, guys, for welcoming her!

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday Morning Schedule Communion Brotherhood Breakfast	3 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 Family Night Schedule	6 Coffee & Conversation Daily Dose 9–10:30 a.m.	7	8
9 Sunday Morning Schedule Youth Sunday Covered Dish	10 .	11 Coffee & Conversation Storehouse 9-10:30 a.m.	12 Family Night Schedule	13	14	15
16 Sunday Morning Schedule Church Council 11:15 a.m.	17	18 Coffee & Conversation Daily Dose 9–10:30 a.m. Women on Mission 6:30 pm.	19 Family Night Schedule	20	22	22
23 Sunday Morning Schedule Men’s Sunday Brotherhood Breakfast	24	25 Coffee & Conversation Hubs Vine 10-11:30 a.m.	26 Picnic & Praise at Parsonage 5:45 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Sunday Morning Schedule						

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)
 Sunday School 9:00 am. | Worship 10:00 a.m.

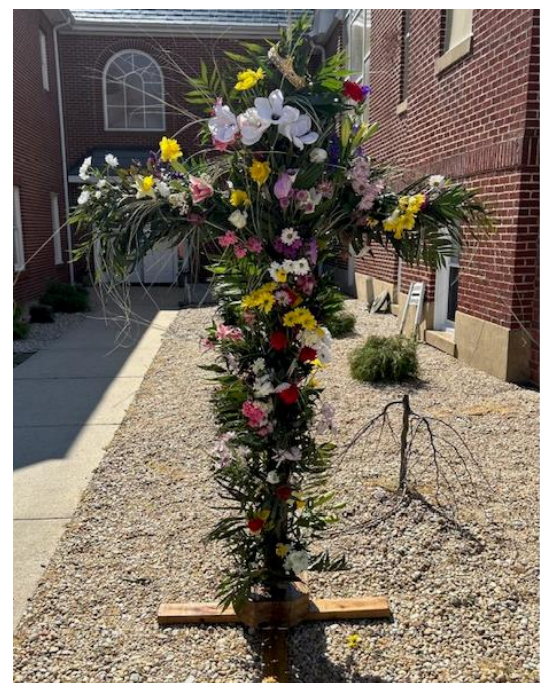
FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)
 Meal: 5:45
 Adult Study II: 6:15
 Men’s Bible Study: 6:45
 Youth 6:45
 Mission Friends & Children in Action: 6:45
 Adult Choir: 7:45

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