



# The Courier

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Court Street United Methodist Church

### When Jesus Comes for You

What will Jesus find you doing when he comes for you? This does not necessarily mean he will make his Second Coming appearance in your lifetime. But most certainly he will come for you in the moment you die. What will you be doing for the kingdom of God at the time of your death? As Jesus says, we don't know when that will happen. What if you have a brain aneurysm while enjoying a movie that glorifies violence, or shows sex outside the sacred union of a married man and woman, or other immoralities? What if you have a massive heart attack while swearing angrily at a motorist who cuts you off on the highway? It could happen! There is no guarantee that our death will come while we're being nice to someone. Nor can we count on dying in bed peacefully. Jesus tells us: *"Stay awake! Don't get sleepy and close your eyes to the needs around you! Pay attention! Look at what you could be doing!"* St. Paul points out that God endows us abundantly with every gift and talent that we need, every bit of knowledge that we need, and all the strength and endurance that we need to remain blameless until Christ comes for us. How do we remain blameless? By choosing every day to live the reality of who we really are: As followers of Christ, we are no longer sinners but are saints learning to be holier today than yesterday, and in this reality, we continue the mission of Christ right up to the moment of death, even with our dying breaths! We are faithful servants if we bless the kingdom of God through everything we do, even in secular places. Everything we do can have eternal value if we pay attention to the Holy Spirit's guidance and do everything for the glory of God. Washing dishes can have eternal value. Taking a friend out to dinner certainly has eternal value. We work for God when we smile at a stranger or give a compliment. We can serve his kingdom in the way we drive and in the birthday cards we send. Every task in our jobs glorifies God if we do it well and honestly. How we spend our money can honor God. Each word we speak should bless and not curse. We don't have to be constantly active in ministry to be God's faithful servant. But we do have to stay awake and alert to what we're doing, how we're doing it, and for whom we're doing it. Ultimately, everything we do should bless the kingdom of God.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

## **YOUR LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK. IS JESUS IN ITS PAGES?**

### SEPTEMBER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

September 4: **"Standing Up Against Oppression"**

September 11: **"Freedom Song"**

September 18: **"The Redeemer's Provision"**

September 25: **"From Obedience to Freedom"**

**Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Refectory.**

**Children's Sunday School meets on the main floor off the Bishop Early Hall.**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

STUDYING: *THE GOSPEL OF JOHN*

WHERE: *621 COURT STREET LYNCHBURG*

STARTING: *SEPTEMBER 7 @ 6:30PM*

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## THE VIRGINIA WHITEHOUSE MUSIC EMPHASIS FUND ORGAN CONCERT SERIES



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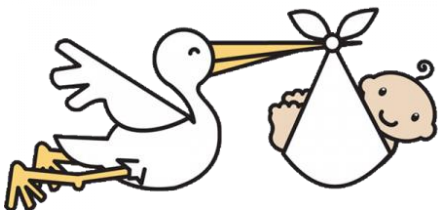
**NATHAN DAVY**

*In Concert*

Sunday, 25th September, 2022

Four O'clock in the afternoon

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**Congratulations** to Sarah and Aaron McGlothlin on the birth of their baby Crosby Haley McGlothlin; born August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6lbs, 9.5 ounces. Sarah is the daughter of Debra Sweeney and the Granddaughter of Nada Sweeney.



## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS



ACCCV is excited to announce our Fall 2022 Online Auction Event! **SAVE THE DATE** for October 6th from 8am through October 7th at 8pm (EST), we will auction Goods and Services to support the health needs of medically challenged adults in and around Central Virginia.

Please join us for a fun day of friendly shopping competition, bid away and raise funds for a great cause! Your winning bid will help support our scholarship program, transportation, on-going training for staff/caregivers, and much more! Visit [www.adultcarecenter.org](http://www.adultcarecenter.org) for more info on ACCCV! **Donated goods and services are currently being collected - if you would like to donate please email Micah at [director@adultcarecenter.org](mailto:director@adultcarecenter.org).**

### Join The Adult Care Center for a White Glove Tea

a social fundraising event to provide scholarship and program funds for our dear participant family.

Join us on Sunday, November 6, 1-2:30pm in your Sunday best for tea and a variety of delectable appetizers and confections.

Purchase your tickets TODAY at:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/taccocv/event/855364/>



### SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

The mission to end hunger is critical. More than [40 million people in the United States are hungry](#) or food insecure. And yet, in this country, we will [throw away more than 133 billion pounds of good food](#) this year. As a people of faith, it is time for us to take action—to say that this situation is unacceptable and we will do something about it.

Hunger Action Month is a 30-day event, set each year in September, where people just like you, join together in the mission to end hunger. If you want to give, serve, learn, or lead—SoSA wants to partner with you!

TO LEARN MORE GO TO: <https://endhunger.org/ham/>

### IN THE NEWSPAPER!

Our member and elementary school teacher, Sarah Johnson, was in the paper! Thank you Sarah for all you do to bring the love of God into our schools! For the full article click [HERE](#)



## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	October Birthdays
Mike Russell      September 01	Nancy & Mike Russell      Sept. 03	Jeb Haley      October 01
Alicia Speer      September 01	Stuart & Tracy Jackson      Sept. 24	Charles Sweeney      October 05
Dane Peterson      September 04	Lisa & Jeff Thaxton      Sept. 25	GiGi Sweeney      October 05
Cecil Kidd      September 06		Addison Johnson      October 08
Mark Roper      September 06	<b>October Anniversaries</b>	Libba McCraw      October 09
David Case, Jr.      September 07	Christine & Karl Speer      October 10	Caroline McCraw      October 09
Kate Dovgalyuk      September 08		Leah Jackson      October 09
Pam Jackson      September 10		Pat Haley      October 10
Dennis Pruitt      September 10		Karen Hudnall      October 13
Yevgeniy Dovgalyuk      September 15		Susan Leazer      October 16
Robert Draper      September 16		Irby Hudson      October 22
Kristian Jackson      September 21		Charles Thaxton      October 22
Aubrey McDaniel      September 29		Robin Hudson      October 23
		Jesse Jackson      October 23
		Anne Quillian      October 28
		Karl Speer      October 29



### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – 7425 Snowy Owl St. Unit 102, N. Las Vegas, NV 89084  
son of Shelley and Rev. Bill Burleigh

Robert Allen Tyree – stationed at Fort Bragg, 1404 Brookville Ln., Lynchburg, VA 24502  
Grandson of \*Mary Tyree

#### In Need of Prayer (Church members\*)

Phillip Burleigh ~ brother of Rev. Bill Burleigh

\*Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 619, Lynchburg, VA 24503

\*Christopher Lilly – 1705 Rivermont Ave. Apt 8, Lynchburg, VA 24503

\*Phil Ripley – 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176

\*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503

\*Cornell Thompson ~ 2029 Grace Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

\*Robert Tyree – 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502

son of \*Mary Tyree, brother of \*Debbie Chaffin

\*Walter Wright - 474 Amelon Road, Madison Heights, VA 24572

\* *Church members*

### ***Gifts to the church***

To Liberty Christian Foundation in memory of:

Anne Wood Burleigh by Anne Langley

To Memorials in memory of:

Anne Burleigh by Deborah & Richard Chaffin

#### **Update on Capital Campaign:**

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 8/28/21	\$278,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$21,019
Received to Date	\$249,416
Received since last update	\$00.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

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In worship, praise and ministry, we respond to God's call by reaching out to all people with light, hope, and a vision of God's love.

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