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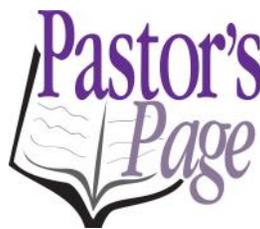
Feed the Little Lambs

Summer blessings to you as we enter into our VBS mode at Calvary. How thankful we are for Alisha, Beverly and all the helpers who tirelessly serve God in serving the many children who will come through the doors for, "Wonder Junction." There will be little cowboys and cowgirls riding all over Calvary. Our goal and prayer is that we can see them ride to Jesus, and ride with Him the rest of their lives. There will be lots of roping and riding, and I believe there has been a wild bull roped to see who can ride him without getting bucked off! We can't emphasize the need of your prayers for all that will be going on. Pray specially for those little hearts and souls that have yet to come to Jesus by faith. Also, pray for the children who have received Christ; that their faith can grow in trust and obedience to God's Word.

A very encouraging passage of Scripture in the Bible is when the Lord restored Peter after his denial of Jesus three times. Jesus said to Peter in John 21:15-17, "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.' He said to him, 'Feed My lambs.' He said to him again a second time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.' He said to him, 'Tend My sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?' Peter was grieved because He said to him the

third time, 'Do you love Me?' And he said to Him, 'Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed My sheep.'"

Amazing grace is what Peter found in the forgiving love of Jesus. Our prayer is that the precious little lambs that come to VBS will respond to being fed the Good News of the Gospel and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. There is plenty of room in the green pastures of the Lord for all who want to come to Him by faith. There might even be some big sheep that the little sheep bring with them. Let us trust and believe our Lord for great things during this Round-Up!



Moldova Report

We want to thank everyone who has played a role in helping Janna and our five children to get to Moldova. Janna said, "This was the smoothest trip I've ever had." We see that as an answer to prayer. All their luggage made it there, and the boys are already at the camp doing clean up and maintenance for the coming summer events. We would like to ask for continued prayers for Team Moldova. Remember all the children that will be coming to camp, the little lambs that need Jesus. Our Lord is big, gracious and kind. May His Gospel draw them into the sheepfold. Blessings!

Pastor David & Family

STUDENT MINISTRY

As the weather warms up, graduations are held, summer sports schedules kick-off, and we take family vacations; let us not forget the advice, acclimation, & admonition from the writer of Hebrews:

"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The passage above is often used to show the importance of assembling with the local church. It also warns of the trouble that comes when Christians fail to make the assembly a priority and, as a result, neglect it.

The assembly is the gathering that takes place when we *"come together as a church"* (1 Corinthians 11:18). This implies a deliberate action. The assembly is not just any random group of Christians. Instead, it is the gathering that occurs at the time and place where the local church decides to assemble. It is also something that is scheduled so people know when to be there. This was how the church in Corinth could *"wait for one another"* (1 Corinthians 11:33) when they assembled. The only way they could do this was because the congregation had a regularly scheduled time to meet, so the brethren could plan to attend and expect one another to be present as well.

The assembly is also the place in which we actively engage in collective activities. We often think of worship, and we certainly read of churches coming together to engage in various collective acts of worship – singing, praying, preaching/teaching, giving, and the Lord's Supper. However, the New Testament also speaks of other things that happened when churches came together, including encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:25), receiving reports on the work the church is helping to support (Acts 14:26-27), and carrying out church discipline (1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

When we talk about the assembly, we are referring to the occasions when the local church comes together in order to engage in worship and do the other collec-

five acts that are mentioned in the New Testament.

What Are the Benefits of Assembling?

The New Testament instruction to assemble is for our good. There are several ways in which this is beneficial for us.

It is an opportunity to worship God

It is an opportunity to learn more about God and His

will (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 14:26)

It is an opportunity to receive encourage-

ment (Romans 1:12)

It is an opportunity to encourage others (Hebrews 3:13)

What Are the Dangers of **Choosing** not to Assemble?

Life happens. Some miss the assembly not because they *choose* to miss but because they are *unable* to attend (due to sickness, travel, etc.). There are challenges that exist for brethren who miss for legitimate reasons, especially if this is done over a period of time. However, we are focusing on what happens when we *choose* not to assemble even though we are able to do so. What happens when we do this?

We fail to worship God as He desires us to wor-

ship (John 4:23; Revelation 4:11).

We miss out on the encouragement of our brethren

(Hebrews 3:13).

We actively discourage our brethren

It makes it easier to miss the next assembly

It is a great privilege to assemble with our brothers and sisters in Christ to worship God and to encourage one another. Let us never take these opportunities for granted. Instead, let us recognize the privilege of coming before God to worship Him, the benefits we gain from these times together, and the danger of choosing to miss the assembly when we could otherwise be there.

Reuben

FROM
CURTIS

The Easter season has come and gone for this year.

With praise on our lips and thankfulness in our hearts, WE give glory

to the man who has earned all authority in heaven and earth. The Lord Jesus our Savior and Head of the Church, He has promised that we shall share His acquired glory for all eternity. "O' death where is thy sting! Grave where is thy victory?" These words are the consummation of our Easter celebration, and if you're wondering about the scripture reference for this, I challenge you to ask Elizabeth Crutchfield.

Believers should know, our present Hope and our future Hope, is established in the blood and the righteousness of Jesus. He is the only God-Man to ever exist. Psalm 40 verse 7-8 the Greater David can be heard speaking of himself through the pen of the lesser

David. In John 17 verse 5, Jesus is praying for "the Father to restore to Him the essential glory that was His before the world was." I want my children and yours to know the High Priestly prayer Jesus prayed. My desire for my grandchildren is this, at an early age they come to know and pursue the knowledge of the Lord. How will our children learn these lofty goals? They will learn and follow the examples they see. If scripture is of great importance to us, it will translate to them. Be involved with children and others to pursue the Knowledge of Jesus! And when you pray don't focus entirely on the petitions for others and yourself. Remember that for now in the life you can't get any closer to JESUS than when you pray! Learn to enjoy talking to God more than conversation with you grandchildren.

Curtis



Brothers and Sisters,
Our Risen Savior deserves all glory, honor and praise! I am excited for our upcoming Vacation Bible School, where all the children can learn about Jesus, our Savior.

The theme verse is Psalm 113:3 which reads, "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." I am reminded of another verse in Psalm 150:6, which is a call for all living things to praise God. We should be praising God daily because He is worthy of all praise. During Wonder Junction VBS, the children will be able to learn about the life of Jesus, His loving sacrifice, and His victory over death. We pray for salvation for those who have not trusted in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We will not only be doing VBS in our community but also in Johnson City at the Baptist Center. Please pray that the Good News of Jesus will be received and that lives will be changed.

We have many fun opportunities to get involved this summer. We have trips for the children on Terrific Tuesdays, fun activities with lessons on Wonderful Wednesday evening services, "Answers In Genesis" Sunday School Curriculum sessions, and Calvary Kids lessons through the Bible during the Sunday morning Worship hour. Please see our CBC Erwin app for details or myself for a printed calendar.

The theme verse for children's camp is Hebrews 3:4 which states, "Every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." God has created us in His image and He promises to guide our path. Our kids need to realize that God is in control over all of creation and they need to humbly submit to Him. Please pray for a safe and fun summer for these precious children. Please pray that something that is said or done will impact them and reinforce their need for Jesus.

Blessings,

Alicia Smith

Vacation
BIBLE SCHOOL

Kick-Off: June 8; 4-6 p.m.
Nightly: June 9-13; 5:30-8:00 p.m.



Please **register your children for VBS**. You may use the QR code

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP

Read the verse below (written by King David) and then consider what the desire of your heart would be that the Lord could give you.

*"Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of
your heart (Psalm 37:4)."*

Does that seem like a "genie's promise" to you? Rub the lamp and your wish comes true. If it does, go back and read Psalm 37 for the context and you will find that it is far from that. What you see is a loving Creator who desires to be involved in the life or His creation. Now read King David's desire.

*"One thing I have desired of the Lord,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of
the Lord
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,*

And to inquire in His temple (Psalm 27:4)."

This is the best illustration of worship as a lifestyle that I know of and it is really simple. Keep your eyes and your heart completely focused on the Lord all the days of your life. Easier said than done, right! Doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Remember, worship is not a "part" of the believer's life, it "is" the believer's life. When we give ourselves to unrestrained worship the desires of our heart tend to change. David certainly had his share of problems but I believe God granted his request.

His desire was simple, he wanted to dwell, behold, and inquire of God, all of his life. It describes a two-way relationship with the Father. David was said to be a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). You don't get that way unless you spend time with someone. What does the course of your life say about you?

We are all somewhat of a "work in progress."

Mike



Happy Birthday



JUNE

6 Mackenzie Whaley, 7 Jill Sullivan, 10 Curtis Engle,
11 Cindy Gillis, 12 Tommy Bennett, 15 Floy Harris,
16 Cecilia Baker, 17 Lisa Davis, 18 Valerie Higgins,
Terry Higgins, 24 Amy Reed, 25 Laura Bryant, Gina
Clark, Bob Pratt, 26 Heather Ricker, 27 Ginger Dal-
ton, Dillon Sifford, 29 Shelby Lloyd, Daniel Crutch-
field, 30 Kim Bennett, Alexandria Edwards,
Ashleigh Edwards

JULY

1 Amber Manfull, Ethan Rice, 2 Brinkley Spiczynski,
4 Mildred Silvers, 8 Christine Davidson, Thomas
Whaley, 14 Vicki Harris, Evan Spiczynski, 15 David
Bacon, 17 Hannah Williams, 18 Jill McInturff, 21
Jimmy Bailey, 24 Judith Edwards, 25 Gina Horton,
Wanda Sparks, 30 Debbie Blankenship, Doug
Treadway, 31 Judy Bacon, Heather Davidson

Memorial & Honorarium Offerings

In Memory of

Shirley Wilson
by
Sheila Benedetto
Bill & Ruth Gaines
Jim & Connie Buchanan
Unicoi County Republican Party
Erwin National Blue Ridge Pottery
Leonard & Jean Bowman to Consolidated Missions
Tommy & Phyllis Bennett to Consolidated Missions



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Service times at
Calvary

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Sunday School
Morning Worship
Evening Worship
Youth Bible Study
Calvary Kids

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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Bible Study
Choir Practice

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