

# May News

## Sunday Mornings

9:45 am : Sunday School  
11:00 am : Morning Worship

## *Pastor's Note*

### Building Better Relationships

We have just had a great connection with our missionaries at the Mission Fair and hearing from two of our missionaries who came to Cambria. These events are important. Otherwise, our support of our missionaries would just be blind giving and hoping that the work of touching lives around the world is happening, somehow, someday.

These opportunities to meet with missionaries is part of building a better relationship with those on the front line of the mission field – going to places we have never seen and working with people we do not know – but sharing incredibly good news with them.

We have also introduced two Sundays of exploring our Spiritual Gifts. I hope you have taken the opportunity to discover, or rediscover, the gifts God has instilled in you. When you have a good understanding of how God has wired you, you can build a better relationship with those around you in ministry. You are excited because you are working within your giftedness and have confidence in the work you are doing for the Kingdom! And, as I stressed during this short series, it is the work you are doing for the Kingdom, the service you are doing in God's Church, the ministry that is building up the communication of the Gospel to the community.

That's the big picture. It's not about you. It's not about your ego. It's not about what you want or think or feel – it IS about God, His work, His Church, His ministry. We are just excited to be participant in seeing people coming to know the Lord Jesus as their Savior and seeing them released from the bondage of sin.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 – Hattie Dove
- 4 – Cindy Shelton
- 5 – Andy Via, Vickie Green
- 10 – Donna Roberts
- 16 – Kassy Gillenwater
- 19 – Nancy Amos
- 23 – Debbie & Timothy Phillips**
- 25 – Gary Allen
- 28 – Angie Smith
- 30 – Lynn Schuler
- 31 – Ina Shelton



## *Pastor's Note, Continued*

This month, we are going to launch a series on Building Healthy Relationships. In other words, if our relationships are healthy, they will be better! This is going to be a seven week series that addresses: the celebration of women as they bring a fresh perspective and love and care into the world; the essentials of relationships that we must not overlook; the attitude of honor and respect; the understanding of family identity; the importance of emotional connections; the awareness of the enemies of healthy relationships; and the need for a hero in the family.

This emphasis on building is just that – starting at the foundational level of God's love for us, embracing that love, and incorporating that love into our lives. Then building on that foundation, we structure our lives on the truth of God's Word and how God has best designed our day to day interactions with one another. When we base our relationships on God's design, we will enjoy the freedom of grace, the fulfillment of love, and the joy of hope in every encounter we face.

Ultimately we continue building with the knowledge that there is a roof, a covering, which is God's protection over us. This becomes very important when we face storms and conflict and the attacks of the enemy.

I hope that this time of looking how God encourages us to build healthy relationships can be a way of giving us peace, and encouraging us to have confidence in His Word to us – a Word of everlasting love that we can embrace.

I also want to highlight two items in this edition of the Newsletter. First, check out the poem "He Still Chose Me" by Beverly Warner. Beverly, a Junior at Auburn High School, composed this poem for the Youth Sunday on Palm Sunday this year.

Second, the VBS team has come up with a new format for VBS. We are taking the experience to our community by hosting a day event at a local park. There are three separate dates at three different locations with the grand finale at our annual church picnic. Take a look at this schedule and contact someone on the VBS team to see where you can plug in!

Take care and God bless,

Pastor Keith

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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## *A Word From Our Music Ministry*

### HIGHLIGHTING THREE CHRISTIAN SINGER/SONG WRITERS

I would like to celebrate the contribution of three individuals who have had a huge influence on Christian music in my lifetime; Bill Gaither, Chris Tomlin and Phil Wickham. We have sung songs written by all three of these men at our church within the past few weeks.

Bill Gaither has written over 700 songs, the most famous is *Because He Lives*. At 90 years old he is still singing and has a full concert tour planned out for 2026. I had the opportunity to meet him once, but I doubt he would remember me. But I can say at least we shook hands once. I have a lot of respect for this man and his many decades of positive public ministry.

Chris Tomlin is probably the most well known artists in the world of contemporary Christian music. I've had the privilege of hearing him in concert several times. His most famous song is *How Great is Our God*. It has been used as a worship song in countless churches all across the world. He is certainly a worshipper with passion.

Phil Wickham is a newcomer compared to the other two, but he has a number of songs that are currently played on the contemporary Christian music stations. His most famous song is *Living Hope*, but my personal favorite is *House of the Lord*, which we sang on Easter Sunday. Phil is about the age of my sons and I am delighted that someone from their generation has risen up to carry the torch. Hopefully, Phil will continue to write songs for a good many years. I predict that eventually some of his music will be published in hymnbooks.

Gary Allen, Minister of Music and Worship

### **He Still Chose Me**

By Beverly Warner

I come with hands that feel too stained,  
With quiet guilt I've long contained,  
Certain You'll turn, or look away  
Or ask for words I cannot say.

But You don't flinch. You don't retreat.  
You meet me here, in my defeat.  
No shame-filled glance, no hardened tone—  
Just love that says, "You're still My own."

And somehow, in that tender place,  
My brokenness meets endless grace.

I've walked away a thousand times,  
Chased lesser loves, believed their lies,  
Turned from Your voice, ignored Your call,  
And still... You didn't leave at all.

You stayed when I was running wild,  
You waited like a patient child,  
Not counting every step I strayed—  
Just longing for the day I'd stay.

And when I turned, ashamed, undone,  
You didn't say, "Look what you've done."  
You simply opened up Your arms...  
As if I'd never left Your heart.

You see the tears I try to hide,  
The ache I bury deep inside,  
The silent prayers I'm scared to speak,  
The nights that leave me feeling weak.

And You don't stand so far above—  
You enter in, You feel, You love.  
A God who weeps, who understands,  
Who holds my heart within His hands.

Not distant, cold, or far away—  
But close enough to feel my pain.

Even at my very worst,  
When I feel broken, flawed, and cursed,  
When every mirror seems to say  
"I've lost my worth along the way"—

You look at me and still see more,  
A child You've always loved before,  
Not based on who I failed to be—  
But who You made and still can see.

And in Your eyes, I'm not too far...  
I'm still beloved as I am.

It wasn't nails that held You there,  
Or mocking voices in the air,  
It wasn't fear, it wasn't loss—  
It was Your love that chose the cross.

You saw my face, You knew my name,  
You knew my guilt, my fear, my shame,  
And still You said, "They're worth it all."  
And gave Your life before my call.

What kind of love would choose such pain?  
A love that would do it all again.

# *Announcements*

## **Graduate Recognition Sunday**

Celebrate the graduates in our family with us on Sunday, May 3rd!

## **First Sunday Fellowship**

Bring a friend to join us for our First Sunday breakfast before service Sunday, May 3rd! This month's breakfast will be organized by the Fellowship Team. As a reminder, this group will also be making coffee and setting out the welcome flags on Sunday mornings this month.

## **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Please join us for a time of fellowship and food at Pizza Inn on Wednesday, May 6 at 11:30am. All ladies are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lois Banyai at 540-998-3376.

## **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 7th is National Day of Prayer. Please join us in prayer as a community at Community Park (aka Downtown park) at 6:00pm.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast meets the second Wednesday of every month at Country Kitchen in Christiansburg. This month they will be meeting Wednesday, May 13 at 8:30 am. All men are welcome!

## **Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings**

We've updated the format of our Wednesday gatherings! Prayer journals are available to write and share prayer requests. Join us as we grow together in faith through prayer. See Pastor Keith for a journal.

## **Family Campout**

Who: Anyone! When: Friday, May 15th anytime after 5pm. Where: Claytor Lake Baptist Camp  
Find more info like a schedule, and packing list on our website event page, Facebook, or in the welcome center!

## **Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer**

For the past few weeks, we have been talking about the Annie Armstrong Easter offering campaign for North American missions. Our goal this year was \$2,500. Together we raised \$2,634!

## **Kroger Rewards Program**

Did you know you can give to our church just by grocery shopping? Go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards>, sign-in or create an account, and search "Cambria Baptist" to enroll. All transactions using your Kroger card or phone number will give a percentage to our church at no added cost to you! If you have previously enrolled, it is a good idea to double-check, as after some time you may have to re-enroll.

## **Music Ministry Fellowship**

June 7th, 4:00pm at the Allens' Home (6612 Dunkard Rd, Dublin) for our music ministry team and their families. Meat will be provided, please sign up to bring a side, dessert, or drinks. Sign up sheet is in the welcome center! Please see Gary or Monica Allen with questions.

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## *Missions Mosaic*

### TIME SEEMED TO STAND STILL

by Eleanor Witcher

Luke 8:40-56

During His earthly ministry, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching and performing miracles. In Luke 8:40-56, He had just healed a demon-possessed man from the region of the Gerasenes and crossed the Sea of Galilee to spend time in Capernaum. Jesus may have been drained from His labors and longed for a retreat or festive meal with friends. Instead, He was pressed to continue ministering to the crowd that steadily gathered around Him

#### A REQUEST FOR HELP (LUKE 8:40-42)

While Jesus spoke to the crowd, a Jewish leader came and asked Jesus to accompany him to his house. We often think every Jewish leader was opposed to the message of Jesus, but here was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, humbling himself on behalf of his sick 12-year-old daughter. Jairus was not casually concerned; he was desperate to help his dying child. He must have been greatly relieved when Jesus turned to walk with him. Can you envision the scene? The crowd surrounded them, but Jesus linked His heart with Jairus's and prepared to honor his request. Jairus knew he had been seen and heard.

#### AN UNUSUAL QUESTION (LUKE 8:43-49)

On the way, Jesus unexpectedly stopped mid-stride and asked, "Who touched me?" (v. 45). The question was almost laughable considering the jostling throng, the inevitable beggars, the playful children. Peter saw the irony in His question and dared to rebuke the Lord. Peter did not yet grasp the all-knowing power of the One he followed. Jesus responded to him, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me" (v. 46). When a woman spoke up, I can imagine what may have been going through Jairus's mind. Time was critical if his daughter was to be healed. He must have wanted to urge Jesus to keep moving.

In this moment, time seemed to stand still. Peter's rebuke was silenced; Jairus did not tug on Jesus' arm. It was as though everyone froze in place while Jesus and the woman spoke. The woman probably thought no one would ever know she had touched Jesus' clothing. This woman, who spoke up tentatively and trembling, had been bleeding for 12 years. This was an isolating illness, one that would leave her ceremonially unclean in her Jewish community and prevent her from participating in corporate worship (see Leviticus 15:25-27). It had drained her of finances, energy, and community with other people. The woman had been ill for 12 years, as long as the child had been alive. Whose life was more important?

Isn't that what Jesus would have to decide in this critical triage moment?

Jesus was not compelled to choose between the two. He simply served them both without panic or a sense of hurry. Jesus did not permit the stress of one person's need to overshadow the other. He was not rushed, even though a report was soon given that Jairus's daughter had died. Jesus ministry transcends the urgency of time and death. In our walks of faith, it is invaluable to grasp 2 Peter 3:8, which says, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

## *Missions Mosaic continued*

### A CHRISTLIKE PERSPECTIVE (LUKE 8:50-56)

This picture of Jesus stopping to serve the woman does not minimize the need of Jairus's daughter. It teaches us that we, too, must view the broader picture. Although we do not possess the omniscience of Jesus, we can seek His wisdom and guidance. Jesus knew He could and would heal the daughter and that healing the woman would not prevent that subsequent miracle. Each moment, we must ask the Lord how we can best distribute our time-His time that He has given to us to use in His service.

Once the Lord had heard this woman's story and healed her, He extended a word of peace. Everyone heard and saw the testimony of His power and compassion, but their enthusiasm may have been tempered when news came that Jairus's daughter had died. In response, Jesus simply asked Jairus to hold on to the faith he had demonstrated when he first asked Jesus to accompany him to his home. "Don't be afraid," He said, "Just believe, and she will be healed" (v. 50).

Despite the ridicule of mourners, Jesus gently commanded the little girl to get up, and she did!

Consider these examples. We serve this same Jesus, who will lead us as we seek to honor Him with our time. We may have many people and opportunities tugging at our sleeves. We may see more than one desperate situation occurring at once. Stop, ask the Lord, "Who touched me?" and respond as His Spirit leads.

For more from Missions Mosaic Magazine, check out the latest editions by borrowing a copy from the welcome center, or on their blog at [www.wmu.com/blogs](http://www.wmu.com/blogs)

### **Prayer Guide for May**

Thank God for Praises and Blessings!

Bobbie Wall (K. Dickenson) effective knee surgery  
Mike West – Successful heart pacemaker  
Dick Marineau – C1-C2 Successful vertebrae surgery  
Darrell Cook – VT BCM Heart Attack, recovered

Pray for the Lost / Unspoken:

Phillip Caulder – Gary Smith's cousin

Prayer for Revival! Ministries of the Church

Pray for our Pastors / SS teachers / Attendees  
Children's Activity Coordinator Position  
All About Jesus Boy's Ministry  
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network ministries  
Agape Center Ministry  
VBS in the Park! Starts 6/10; also 7/15, 8/2

Pending /recovering surgeries / Treatments

Candy Woolwine, Brain cancer treatment  
Jim Legg – Repeat of Eye Surgery – UVA  
Tabitha Borge – Surgery 4/24 Sternum

Prayer for the Brokenhearted / Down in Spirit

Pray for spiritual warfare against evil spirits.  
Andrew Phillips – (Timothy and Debbie).

Prayer for Shut-ins / Widows / Widowers

Bob Pohner, Aubry Conner, Olen Gardner

Prayer for Local / State / Nation

Peace for Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Iran and the innocent citizens affected by the war.  
First Responders, Police, EMS, Fire  
Medical Staff, Doctors, Nurses, Technicians

Prayer for the sick and afflicted

Robert Morris, (N Miller) -Brain cancer, Hospice  
Wayne Bishop (E. Baker) Rupture, brain, doing well  
Doug Frasier (L. Wills Father) Pneumonia  
Cindy Gentry – Skin Cancer  
Ronnie Proper (Mike West) Cancer - Agent Orange  
Elaine Clay (Iris Mullins Sister) Nursing Home Melissa (Iris Mullins Niece) Breast Cancer  
Novel Martin (Woolwine) Throat Cancer - Duke

Prayer for Missionaries:

Brandon Brooks – Student ministry.  
Graham Rogers – Europe, unreached people  
Jeff and Becky Hrubik (Lois' brother) Brazil.  
Hrubik Family – Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan.

Needing Employment: Jenna McKendrick (G. Smith)

Brady Baker (Eddie/Judy); Kirk Powell