

# June News

## Sunday Mornings

9:45 am : Sunday School

11:00 am : Morning Worship

## Pastor's Note

### Summer Storytime!

VBS June 10th - Depot Park - Fishers of Men

One of the biggest forms of outreach for a church is Vacation Bible School (VBS). If you haven't heard, we are breaking out of the traditional VBS held at the church and reaching out into the community with four different events. The first event falls on June 10th, and it will be held at Depot Park in Christiansburg.

The theme throughout these VBS gatherings is "Summer Storytime". As the name suggests, the focus will be on sharing Bible stories and including games, crafts, and of course – food! The first gathering will be on Wednesday, June 10, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm, and the story is on Fishers of Men.

This format is different and we are looking to reach children, and families, out in the community. In my pastor's report at our last business meeting, I shared our need to turn our attention to ministry outside of the walls of the church. We may often hear that being said, but seldom is it a practice of the modern church. This year VBS is taking a step toward that effort outside of our walls.

The challenge Jesus gave us in the Great Commission, specifically Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" is the focus of being a disciple making church. The first part of that challenge is to Go.



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## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

**8 – Tom & Nancy Harvey**

10 – Chuck Shelton

12 – Claire Booth, Kirk Powell

15 – Mark West

22 – Peggy Quarterman, Chris Millington

**22 – Mark & Cindy Shelton**

25 – David Burgess

**25 – Olen & Frances Gardner**

26 – Carrie Millington

27 – Wade Gardner



## *Pastor's Note, Continued*

For years our evangelical churches have thrived on the “Come and See” model. We will put on programs, we teach Sunday School, we will have Worship, we will have special events – and we invite the community to “come and see.” That model worked well in the 1950’s, 1960’s, 1970’s and so on. But about 20 years ago, the emphasis has shifted. And many churches have not adapted to the shift.

Now the emphasis is more on the Great Commission to “Go, make disciples” with the inflection on “Go and Tell.” Please understand, we still work on the “come and see” element – we still work on having a solid teaching, preaching, worship and fellowship model. But that has become very familiar and almost to a point – easy for us.

The work of the harvest Jesus spoke of in John 4:35 (“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”) is the work ahead of us.

Pray for the work and witness of our “Summer Storytime VBS” and the folks that are making it happen. Pray for the children, the families, our neighbors who may participate in our Storytime events. Help us to learn how to be effective in our witness to the community. Pray for those who are far from God, who have been hurt by the church, who have had traumatic experiences and need a word of hope to accept our love – the love of Jesus reaching out to them.

Keep pressing on toward the goal of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Keith Crowgey



**Summer Storytime**

**Crafts**  
**Games** **Snacks**  
**Bible stories**

**FREE FAMILY EVENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**  
Summer Storytime is 5:30 - 7:00pm on...

- June 10th at Depot Park**
- July 15<sup>th</sup> at Cambria Baptist Church**
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Linden Green**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Family Lake Day at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp**  
(in conjunction with our Annual Church Picnic from 3-8pm)

The graphic features a bright sun, clouds, and a green landscape with trees. At the bottom, there are illustrations of children: a boy riding a bicycle, a girl playing with a ball, and another boy standing.

## *A Word From Our Music Ministry*

### WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR PRESIDENT?

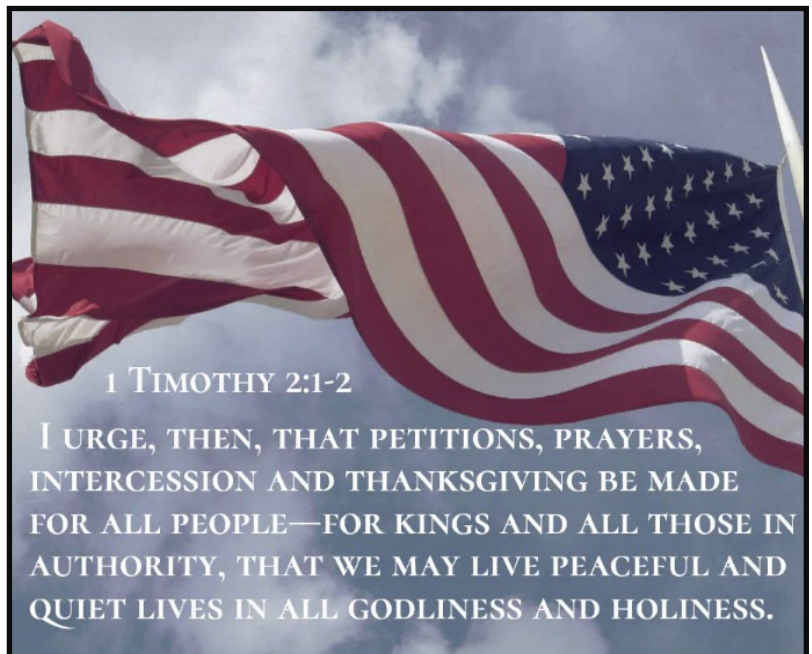
I was recently asked by a casual friend if our president was doing any good for this country. He then proceeded to vent his frustrations about the actions and behavior of President Trump. He got mad at me when I told him that in spite of his shortcomings, God can work through our president. He adamantly disagreed. I pointed out that God used flawed people throughout the Bible to accomplish His work like David and Moses. His mind was made up no matter what I might have said.

Perhaps you'll be more open minded on the topic. Let me use one example from Biblical history; King Cyrus from Persia. He was not even a believer, yet God used him to fulfill biblical prophecy by liberating the Jewish people from Babylonian captivity. Knowing Biblical history can help shape our opinions and I am of the opinion that God can potentially use anyone who leads our country.

It seems to me that some people practically idolize Donald Trump, while other people hate him and some even want him dead.

I personally avoid both extremes. What does the Bible say? 1 Timothy 2:1-2 says "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all goodness and dignity." It doesn't matter whether you voted for our current president or not, and it doesn't matter whether you like him or agree with him, the Bible is very clear: we need to pray for him.

Gary Allen, Minister of Music and Worship



# Announcements

## **Church Leadership Council Meeting**

There will be a church leadership council meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm.

## **First Sunday Fellowship**

Bring a friend to join us for our First Sunday breakfast before service Sunday, June 7th! This month's breakfast will be organized by the Fidelia Class. As a reminder, this group will also be making coffee and setting out the welcome flags on Sunday mornings this month.



## **VBS – Summer Storytime**

Join us as we explore the Bible through games, crafts, and great fun this Summer!

Kids of All Ages. See Paula Midkiff with questions or to volunteer!

Mark your calendars for the following dates...

- June 10th, 5:30-7pm at Depot Park
- July 15th, 5:30-7:00pm - Cambria Baptist Church
- August 2nd, 5:30-7:00pm - Linden Green Apartments
- August 23rd, 3-8pm - Family Lake Day at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp (in conjunction with our Annual Church Picnic)

## **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Please join us for a time of fellowship and food at Bull & Bones on Wednesday, June 3rd at 11:30am. All ladies are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lois Banyai at 540-998-3376.

## **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.

## **Children's Worship!**

We are excited to announce that children's worship is starting back up on Sunday, June 7th for kids K-5th Grade! Children will be dismissed during the sermon. Invite friends and neighbors!

## **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, June 10th at 8:30 am. All men are welcome!

## **Mess Fest!**

Invite your friends and neighbors for a free community play day! Saturday, June 13th 1-4pm in the parking lot. Please see Kaitlyn Showman if you would like to help... Wear clothes that can get messy!

## **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.

## **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.

## **A Peek into July Special Events**

Sunday, July 5th—Independence Day Celebration Luncheon following worship service

Monday, July 6th at 7pm—Stewardship Committee Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, July 11th 1:00-4:00pm—Big Splash Field Day

Sunday, July 26th 4:00pm—Joint Service with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist, hosted by us!

# Missions Mosaic

## Serving with Grace By Adrianna Anderson

***Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?***

**-2 Samuel 9:1**

Have you ever received something you didn't earn? An unexpected gift, a drive-through meal that someone paid forward, a monetary gift, a friendship in a time of need, an encouraging text message, a sweet treat, or a neighbor cutting your grass for you? How did it make you feel?

By God's grace, the greatest gift I have ever personally received is the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, my Lord. My prayer of gratitude is the words of 2 Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

Let's look at 2 Samuel 9:1-13. If you are familiar with the life of David, you will remember that although David is recorded as a man after God's own heart, he made many mistakes, sinned against the Lord, and did nothing to earn the title of king. He was also the recipient of the grace and forgiveness of God on many occasions (see Psalms 32 and 51; 2 Samuel) and was appointed king by God to lead His treasured people, the nation of Israel.

**DAVID'S GRACE TOWARD JONATHAN AND THE HOUSE OF SAUL (2 SAM. 9:1-4)**

Can you imagine having to help or serve the heir of the man who sought to take your life? What was it about the grace David received from God in his time of need that made him seek to extend grace to the house of Saul? David was under no obligation to do so. Or was he? First Samuel 20:12-42 gives us context into a covenant made between two friends and sheds light on why David chose to spare Saul's descendants (1 Sam. 24:21).

In 2 Samuel 9:1, King David made a search to inquire: "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to

whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" After Ziba, a servant and manager of King Saul's household, was called to the king, David asked for a second time, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" (v. 3). Ziba affirmed that yes, there was an heir, a son of Jonathan. What a joy it was to David's heart to learn of this!

**DAVID'S GRACE TOWARD MEPHIBOSHETH (2 SAM. 9:5-8)**

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, who was David's best friend, had been through a lot! He lost his father and grandfather around the age of five in a battle at Mount Gilboa. He was left disabled when he fell while his nurse was attempting to carry him to safety (2 Sam. 4:4). And now, he was living in exile far away from his family's estate. Then to intensify matters, the king summoned Mephibosheth to appear before him. With what must have surely been fear and trepidation, Mephibosheth arrived and fell on his face to pay homage to the king. Perhaps sensing his fear, David responded, "Don't be afraid... for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table" (2 Sam. 9:7).

Consider what Mephibosheth must have felt in that moment. What would you have felt? In verse 8, he responded, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" Mephibosheth used a term that reflected his view of himself in that season of his life: "a dead dog like me." Mephibosheth had low self-esteem, no self-worth, no dignity, and no regard for himself as an image bearer. In verse 9, we see that instead of responding to Mephibosheth's question, David served him with an enormous dose of grace.

## *Missions Mosaic continued*

DAVID'S GRACE IN PROVIDING FOR MEPHIBOSHETH'S HOUSEHOLD (2 SAM. 9:9-13)

The grace and kindness David showed Mephibosheth didn't stop there. David summoned Ziba and told him everything that had belonged to the house of Saul now belonged to Mephibosheth. Now here comes the clincher. This edict included the command for Ziba, his sons, and his servants to serve and provide for Mephibosheth, as well as a reminder that he would always eat at the king's table. Still unable to walk, Mephibosheth, along with his son, moved to Jerusalem, and he ate at the king's table always. Amazing grace!

What does serving someone with grace look like? These verses show us David expressed something deeper than kindness. God used him to extend His grace and mercy to the household of Saul. True joy comes when we serve others. Through David's selfless act of grace, he served this household with love. Aren't you grateful God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve (Psalm 103:10) but freely lavishes His grace upon us because of His great love (Eph. 1:6-8)?

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)

### ***June Prayer Guide***

Thank God for Praises and Blessings!  
1 Chronicles 16:24-25 <sup>24</sup>Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. <sup>25</sup>For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.

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! 6/10; 7/15, 8/2, 8/23

Pending /recovering surgeries / Treatments  
Candy Woolwine, Brain cancer treatment

Prayer for the Brokenhearted / Down in Spirit  
Pray for spiritual warfare against evil spirits.  
Andrew Phillips – (Timothy and Debbie).  
Elaine Clay (Iris Mullins Sister) passed 5/1/26  
Bobbie Wall (K.Dickenson's Mother) passed 5/17/26

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  
Doug Frasier (L. Wills Father) Pneumonia  
Cindy Gentry – Skin Cancer  
Melissa (Iris Mullins Niece) Breast Cancer  
Novel Martin (Woolwine) Throat Cancer – Duke  
Linda – 8 week old who cannot absorb nutrition. Received blood transfusion.

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