

See Heaven, Change Your World!

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by George Whitten, Editor of Worthy Devotions

2 Corinthians 4:17, 18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

As believers, we are all called to transform the little world around us. C.S. Lewis offered a thoughtful perspective on remaining heavenly minded while continuing to make an impact in this present world. In *Mere Christianity*, he said, "Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...it does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next...It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in' aim at earth and you will get neither."

Being heavenly minded is not natural. It happens when we focus and meditate on the reality and wonderful hope of the world to come. When we do, we can bring a taste of heaven to the little world around us. So let's not become complacent – but stay focused there, so we can be effective here...and soon enough we will hear the Lord saying, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"



PATHWAYS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

March 4 - Beach Party (Sabrina Farris, Heather Smith, Kristin Bissoon, Jenn Thomas)

April 1 - Super Hero Party/Talent Show (Neal and Sallie Tidman, Jenn Thomas)

May 6 - Messy Games and OMC (Olivia Perry, Brandon Apperson, Haley Kennedy, Sherry Brillhart)

Centrikid Sign up will be on the bulletin board this week. Camp is for Students who have completed 3rd - 6th grades. The family cost will be \$125.00-due by June 15. Installments of \$25.00 per month will cover it!! We have 18 slots but can try to add more. Please sign up as soon as possible. Securing slots is easier the earlier we know.



Our group continues to pray for Shawn, Ashley, Brad, and Roger as they prepare for their mission trip to the Ivory Coast with others from Salem Baptist Church. We baked and donated cakes and pies to the dessert auction held on Feb.6, 2016. We also supported the chicken dinner fundraiser held on February 20,2016 at our church. We are blessed to have a church that is so supportive of missions.

This month WMU will be talking about Annie Armstrong and supporting the North American Missions Easter Offering March 6-13. This offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving in the U.S. and Canada. Many missionaries are sent out to key cities to plant churches and spread the Word. They share with others the love, hope, joy and peace that can only be found through a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Here I Am/Send Me!—Isaiah 6:8



Beginnings Preschool Report for March 2016 Newsletter

Beginnings Preschool continues to thrive as a productive service to our church and our community of Bowling Green in Caroline County. The children had a busy December. Of course, the focus of December was Christmas – crafts, songs, and activities - along with the continuing study of letters. The last week of school before Christmas vacation they had Crazy Hair Day, Mismatch Day, and Pajama Day. They also watched Christmas movies while enjoying their snacks. They made Paper Bag Nativities as one of their crafts.

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser was very successful. Thank you to the children and their parents, the teachers, and the church family who ordered from Yankee Candle and contributed to that success. Thanks also to Laura Ferguson, who coordinated the fundraiser and all the board members who also promoted and participated in it.

January brought us a lot of snow and snow days off. Snow was the word. The children continued learning their letters, numbers and other ongoing activities when school was in session. In February the children had a Valentine's Day party. And you may have seen the student's individualized collages displayed in the hallway.

The children are making steady progress in their calendar, patterns, numbers and alphabet studies. Homemade playdough has become a favorite activity. The preschool recently purchased a new vacuum and the children love it. They take turns using it (with supervision, of course) to clean up after themselves.

March is "Reading Month." There will be a "Book Character Dress-up Day" and parents will be invited to read the children a story at the end of a school day. Easter will also be an emphasis in March, as it is sneaking up early this year at the end of March.

We hope everyone noticed the attractive new outdoor sign in front of the church informing passers-by that we are now enrolling. We have a rolling enrollment for now and for this Fall. If you know anyone with children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 30 of this year, please pass this information on to them. We also have a new banner displayed on the bulletin board outside the church office. And we have a large supply of new Beginnings Preschool promotional pamphlets. The board welcomes suggestions as to strategic places to place these flyers in the community to advertise our school. Thank you to Meredith Pack for designing and ordering these new items.

Don't forget the Pino's fundraiser March 9. A percentage of Pino's profit that evening will go to our preschool. Thanks to Jenn Thomas for coordinating this fundraiser. Please continue to pray for the Beginnings Preschool, the teachers, and the board members.

Betty Cooper, Chair

Beginnings Preschool Board of Directors



Music Notes

Greetings from the Music Department of Bowling Green BC. We have survived most of the winter snows and rainfall and have not missed a beat (no pun intended). We are busy at work on our Easter production which is entitled **"Come to the Cross"** by Dennis and Nan Allen to be presented at our **traditional service at 11:00 am on Easter Sunday.**

Our choir was surprised on Valentine's Day by their Director by being given the opportunity to sit with their family or spouse after the anthem and being presented a long stemmed red rose for their service and dedication to the music of our traditional service. We also were surprised by Sandra who accompanied Bettie by playing the organ for the hymns during the service. That practice will continue from time to time when it is feasible. The organ adds a fullness to the sanctuary that encourages exuberance in the hymn singing.

We resumed Children's Choir at the beginning of February and the attendance has been pretty good considering the weather and of course whether the parents attend worship services. They are a lively group and very talented so it is a challenge and joy to harness that combination into good music production. We are busy at work on music for Easter Sunday.

Benjamin Hutto was a musician, composer, mentor and teacher of music who directed choirs at St. Albans and National Cathedral schools in Washington and led his singers on local and international concert tours. He was also organist at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, where he became director of music ministries. His most enduring mark as quoted in the Washington Post from his obituary was that he was a voice and choir teacher and counselor to thousands of youngsters who sang for him in his forty-five year career. One of his students was Stephen Colbert, host of CBS's "Late Show". Mr. Hutto took him aside in Jr. High School and asked him: "Why don't you study?...and you don't respond to teacher's who try to help you". Colbert stalked out of

Mr. Hutto's office and said: "Your job is to teach music and that is it!" That incident took place in South Carolina where he was teaching at the time. Colbert just two weeks before Hutto passed away telephoned him and on national television said: "I apologize, and I love and thank you for trying to help me." Mr. Hutto graduated from Emory University. He wrote this letter to his former church in Charlotte with what I believe has a profound message about music ministry. **"Music is, I believe, one of the church's great missionary opportunities. In its transmission, it has meaning for the faithful, for the faithless, and for those who have lost their faith."**

"It is a mission," he continued, whose spirit can be expressed in home, by the family singing Christmas Carols, or in the most magnificent ecclesiastical structure, by a highly trained choir. **It knows no social, intellectual, or sectarian barriers. It expresses our loftiest ideals, our deepest emotions. It is one of the gifts of God, which reminds us that we are above the other creatures of earth, but lower than angels."**

Giving our children the opportunity to make music together in a structured environment, instills core values that will take them far beyond the church doors and out into a world that feels so threatening. It gives them tools that they will need to find fulfillment in their lives. Over my long teaching career, I have found this to be true when my students come back to tell me what music has meant to them in their life.

I believe Mr. Hutto's message has profound meaning for all of us, but most importantly for our children because they are our future. I know that everyone in our church knows that to be true and we all have a responsibility to practice what we believe for them.

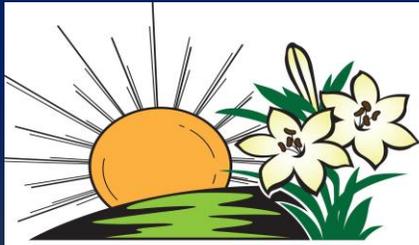
Please come to worship with us and help us sing praises of Thanksgiving for the way we have been blessed and at the very least, please attend our Easter presentation, **"Come to the Cross"**.



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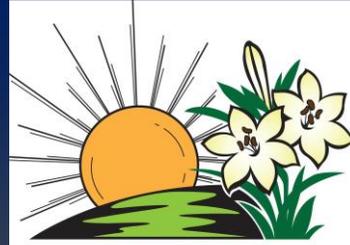


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	2 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Rm 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	3 Family Ministry Center reserved for Kids Night prep, all day	4 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:00 Kids Night, Family Ministry Ctr	5
6 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	7 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	8 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	9 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	10	11 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	12
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (March 6-13, 2016)						
13 Start Daylight Savings 8:45 Contemporary Worship – Commissioning for Mission Trip 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 2nd Sunday Bible Study, home of Ryan/Charlene Gray	14 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	15 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile @ BGBC, Fam Ministry Ctr 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	16 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Rm 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	17 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	18 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	19 11:00-5:00 Family Ministry Center reserved for Girl Scout Mother-Daughter event
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering				Ivory Coast Mission Trip (Mar 17-26)		
20 First Day of Spring Palm Sunday Newsletter Deadline 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	21 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr 7:00 Church Council, Philathea Rm	22 11:00 Library Comm, Lib. 6:00 County Relay for Life Comm, Family Min Center 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement	23 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Rm 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	24 Maundy Thursday	25 Good Friday 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	26
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School Spring Break – Mar 28-Apr 1						



March BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Susie Hicks
- 3 Morgin Harrie
- 3 Cindy Horne
- 3 Forrest McGhee
- 4 Ashleigh Gaylord
- 5 Gavin Pickett
- 6 Patti Stroud
- 10 Erin Cushing
- 11 Herbert Carter
- 11 Wendy Flora
- 13 Susan Durrett
- 17 Stephen Farris
- 18 Haley T Kennedy
- 20 Charles Stevens
- 21 Scott Moser
- 22 James Earwood
- 22 Vernon Hodge
- 26 Kenzie Kennedy
- 26 Bessie Tribble
- 27 Sarah Beale
- 27 Hilary Farnam
- 29 Vin Wright
- 30 James (Jimmy) Earwood
- 30 Caleb Kennedy



March REMINDERS

Deacon of the Week:

- Mar 6 – Priscilla Shuler
- Mar 13 – Sandy Taylor
- Mar 20 – Ed Britt
- Mar 27 – Carolyn Lane

Counters: –Jean Davis & Jeanne Jordan

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Flowers:

- Mar 6 – Sue Hollandsworth
- Mar 13 – Beth Curran
- Mar 20 – Palm Sunday (Philathea Class)
- Mar 27 – Easter Sunday (Lilies)

Nursery Workers: *

- Mar 6 – Ruth Judd & Sandy Taylor
- Mar 13 – Stephanie Covington & Dianne Webb
- Mar 20 – Naeda Gustard & Kamryn Gray
- Mar 27 – Haley Kennedy & Debbie Thomas

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00 service.