

**From the Pastor.....**

Dear Church, I'm writing you from the beautiful Skycroft Camp on top of South Mountain here in southwest Maryland. Just so you know, it's about 10 degrees cooler here than in Bowling Green, so if you want to get away for a few days during the middle of the summer and escape some of the oppressive heat and humidity, consider CentriKid camp next year!

We are having a blast! We have 16 kids, 8 boys and 8 girls along with 4 group leaders. Some have wondered why as Senior Pastor did I take the time to come to CentriKid Camp. Well I just told you....for the kids and the adults. For the opportunity to get to know them all and see how God will impact and transform their lives. And I'm just not talking about the kids, but the adults as well!

This week we are all learning about God's unseen strength, unseen truth, and unseen peace from Ephesians 6:10-20. Not only do the kids (and adults) have a ton of fun in a variety of recreational activities, but the entire camp is rooted in communicating the Gospel to these kids. It is woven through everything we do.

I know many of you have been praying for this week and for these kids – especially if one of these kids belongs to you! Speaking of that, let me thank you for entrusting us with your kids. Paige, Wes, Sherry and I count it a privilege to partner with you in ministering to your kids. We have been praying, along with you, that each of your kids will have a life-changing encounter with Jesus! And I want you to know, here on day 3 of camp, that your prayers are being answered.

There may be no more important ministry at BGBC than what we provide for our kids, from Pre-schoolers to High Schoolers. The investment we make in them will have life-long implications! For them, and for the church! I want to thank all of you, as a congregation, for taking this seriously, and for making kids a priority at BGBC!

Together we serve,  
Pastor Frank



Cathy Jo Gray gave a great presentation to our group at our July meeting. She made a beautiful video about her trip along with Cierra and Ella Divelbliss to Gregory Town, Bahamas. They accompanied others from surrounding counties. Cathy Jo feels that this was a very moving Christ-centered trip and she received many blessings.

August is our church-wide collection for school supplies. Final plans are being made as to how we can serve our community needs to get the school year off with a great start. Please look for further announcements as to how we will help. Sales are starting in most stores!

Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions will take place in September. Let us prayerfully consider how we can give to this special offering to help fund the many camps, VA missionaries who serve, as well as our support for education to spread the gospel.

The WMU bulletin board has pictures of chaplains of North American Mission Board supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. These men protect our country by serving alongside their fellow service men and women, meeting the spiritual needs of our military members and their families.

Please take a picture of one of these chaplains and pray for him during your devotional time each day. They represent more than 3,700 chaplains extending the work of the local church by sharing the gospel in North America. Continue to pray for our missionaries as they share the gospel across North America and throughout the world.

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**The family of Earl Chilton, Jr. would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, visits, food, flowers, and prayers following the passing of our father. We greatly appreciate the wonderful meal and the beautiful reception following the funeral. We want to especially thank each of you that prepared food and helped to set up or clean up, as well as those who attended the services for Dad. Having a loving and supportive church family like ours has been a great comfort for us during this difficult time. Thank you again and may God bless each of you.**



# Music News

Summer time is upon us and we are all moving at a slower pace than usual because it is typically vacation time, camp season and the school session has ended for teachers and students.

Our Adult Choir is taking advantage of some time out for summer vacations and other opportunities to do some things that they are unable to do during the busy seasons of the year.

We are enjoying some different music specials and they will continue until September. We are all enjoying our newly installed sound system. It has made such a difference in our ability to offer some alternative styles and accompaniments.

Elya Miller, the Russian violinist did a beautiful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our own Mike Cooper and his lovely, talented daughters brought a special anthem to our Worship on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are hoping Michael Hoover will come back to sing for us in August. On this return engagement, he will be able to take advantage of our upgraded sound system.

Hopefully, in September, we are planning for a guest harpist/vocalist to bring us some special music in the traditional worship service.

The Bible School music was a tremendous success. The children, which I understand sometimes reached approximately 100 in attendance, all enjoyed music in age group sessions. They learned music that was composed and orchestrated by Lifeway musicians to complement their Bible Study for each session. It was truly an exhilarating experience to see the children so enthused and engaged in the music. I

would not have been able to keep the pace without the support of all the teachers in each class and the help of my Granddaughter, Maddie Ownby and choir members, Theresa Storke and Barbara Lanford. I named them my awesome support team and truly "the wind under my wings". Every endeavor is only as successful as the people who help you. I would also like to thank Brad Thomas and Doug Farris for helping me by providing DVD projections for the children to sing at the Contemporary Worship service following Bible School week.

Happy summer and God Bless,

Sandra Stevens,  
Music Chairman and Music Director



## From the Kitchen Committee

Please make sure to clean the kitchen properly after you use it. There is a check list on the wall and a fellowship hall seating chart posted in the closet. Please keep pantry floor clear and closet kept up. We cannot put anything in front of the electrical boxes.

Thank you to the VBS committee, Stephanie, Paige, Olivia, teachers, Pastor Frank and volunteers. What an amazing week! Job well done. A big huge Thank You to everyone who helped and supported BGBC VBS2016 dinners. We fed over 140 kids and adults. Each night was covered by a committee member and supported by a Sunday School Class. Many Thanks Mary, Margaret, Richard, Susie, Anne, and Jean for hosting. Thanks Going Deeper Class, Philathea Class, Upper Zion Class, for helping, funding and supporting dinners. Pino's and Roma's donated a total of 10 pizzas! Plus Thank You to the many individuals who volunteered in the kitchen and purchased food/ snacks.....Carolyn, Karen, Paulette, Kay, Betty, Heather, Sue, Nancy, Suzanne, Jeanne, Sabrina, Chris, Brianne, Ashley, Charlene, Ryan, Bo, Meredith, Joseph, Sallie, Aimee, Tracey, Danelle, Frank, Dawn, Jake, and Amy. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone- there are just so many willing to jump in and help in our church family. I am truly blessed and thankful for each of you. WE ❤️ VBS

This summer we have hosted 3 funeral receptions in three weeks. Thank you to the congregation for helping supply food and for the "kitchen ladies" who can pull it all together.

The kitchen pantry helped to support the Young Lives Dinner.

And, Thank you to everyone who has come to set up or take down tables and chairs

The Hospitality/Kitchen Committee



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	3 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room	4 5:00 – 7:00 Relay for Life	5	6
7 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	8 7:00 <b>Finance</b> Committee, Philathea Room	9 12:00 Dollie Farmer <b>WMU</b> , Philathea Rm 6:30 <b>Care &amp; Visitation</b> , Philathea Rm	10 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool	11 6:30 BG Meadows HOA, Family Ministry Center	12 7:00 – 9:00 <b>Feast of Israel Bible Study</b> , FMC	13
14 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	15 7:00 <b>Church Council</b> Meeting, Philathea Room	16 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 7:00 <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> , Philathea Rm	17 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 1:00-3:30 Kitchen reserved by Va. Coop Ext.	18 7:00 <b>Deacon's meeting</b> , Philathea Rm	19	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
21 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:00 Church Picnic, Pitts' Pond 7:00 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	22	23 11:00 <b>Library Committee</b> , Library	24 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room	25	26	27
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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Courtnie Burrell
- 1 Terry Hodge
- 4 Garland Burchell
- 6 Jean Reynolds
- 7 Margaret Lewis
- 7 James Madison
- 7 Gemma Woolridge
- 9 Beverly McDearmon
- 10 Benjamin Carter
- 10 Barbara Schools
- 11 Carolyn Lane
- 12 Joseph Pack
- 12 Dianne Webb
- 13 Ashley Mallory
- 14 Patricia Wright
- 15 Eleanor Tidman
- 17 Chandler Gustard
- 17 Deborah Kay
- 17 John Markham
- 17 Bradley Toombs
- 17 Mike Ulrey
- 18 Richard Beale
- 18 Autumn Kidd
- 21 Ronnie Kay
- 22 Melanie Campbell
- 22 Naeda Gustard
- 25 Emily Michael
- 25 Steve Michael
- 25 Amber Williams
- 26 Nolan Mallory
- 28 Zachary Ulrey
- 30 Pamela Kidd
- 30 Robin Moran
- 31 W. David Carpenter
- 31 Amy Bullock Parker
- 31 Tiffany Pickett



## AUGUST REMINDERS

### Deacon of the Week:

Aug 7 – Neal Tidman

Aug 14 – Terry Bullock

Aug 21 – Richard Covington

Aug 28 – Joseph Stepp

**Counters**—Jeanne Jordan and Hardy Dunnington

**Building Security:** – Deacon of the week

### Flowers:

Aug 7 – Jean Farmer

Aug 14 – Suzanne Stepp

Aug 21 – Vicky & Dirk Farmer

Aug 28 – Susie Hicks

### Nursery Workers: \*

Aug 7 – Cathy Gray & Kailey Gray

Aug 14 – Karen Covington & Sheridan Farmer

Aug 21 – Ruth Judd & Sandy Taylor

Aug 28 – Stephanie Covington & Dianne Webb

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