

From the Pastor.....

When you have VISION, you see things that many people in the world cannot see. That's because you see with the "eyes of faith." The Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:2, *"...I was caught up to the third heaven...."* What are the three heavens? The first heaven is the sky, the atmosphere, and the clouds. When you walked outside this morning and looked up, you saw the first heaven. Then there is the second heaven, which would be everything in the cosmos – basically those things above the earth's atmosphere: the moon, the sun, the stars, the planets, the galaxies, and so forth. But the third heaven, in contrast, is the dwelling place of God Himself.

I remember reading about a Russian Cosmonaut in the early 60's who, commenting on his experience in space, said, *"I didn't see God up there."* What would you expect from a representative of the Soviet Union, founded on atheistic principles. He couldn't see into the third heaven because he didn't know God and therefore didn't believe in God's vision. When Paul embraced God's vision for his life he went on to proclaim, *"...but I do know that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell."* And Paul didn't need to travel into outer space in order to see the things of God. Embrace God's vision for you and you too will be able to see and hear things "too wonderful for words," right here on earth.

In His Grip,
Pastor Frank



WMU meeting date will now be changed to each 3rd Tuesday monthly @ 12:00 noon. We will continue to bring our lunch and share a dessert as we have a short social time. We are excited to have Pastor Frank join us at our meetings when possible.

Our August church-sponsored project is proceeding with great success. Ten book bags—some filled—along with many other school supplies were taken to Bowling Green Elementary on Wednesday, August 17. Remaining supplies collected until the end of August will be taken to the local school for distribution to others in need. We pray for our students and their teachers that they may have a good start to a great year.

This month we will emphasize the Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions. WMU has adopted the theme MAKE IT COUNT for this year's offering. Along with BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia), this offering provides 100% of WMUV missions and ministries, and makes possible other outreach projects and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Some issues addressed and funded with your giving also include human trafficking, missions education for all ages, and providing Christian experiences for children and teens at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center. Please read the brochure included in the bulletin to find out more of the various mission projects funded.

So many events are coming up in October, so mark your calendar for Harvest Festival, Sat. Oct 15, and start working on filling a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child due sometime in October. On Saturday, Oct.22 our WMU will participate in our yearly International Mission Study. This year we will meet @ Cardinal Baptist Church and will learn about Norway.



Music Notes

Greetings from the Music Department,

BGBC has had a very busy summer even though, in many cases, that has taken us many different places. We have had Mission Trips, Children's camps, Young Adult camps and all of these experiences have impacted the music ministries in different and positive ways.

Our pace in the summer months is always different, but that just makes us more creative and interesting. In the Traditional Worship services, we have enjoyed the new sound system and used it in different ways and are looking forward to all the new ways we will be able to present our worship music in the coming months and especially during the holidays.

Our choir rehearsals will resume in September. I have selected the music for our annual Christmas presentation. We will begin working on the Christmas music very soon.

When we installed our new sanctuary sound system, we added a few more options and upgrades while we had the technician on site. It increased our cost which had been donated and therefore, we were still in need of contributions to that end. We are now fully funded for that project and we are so appreciative of the generosity of those who graciously contributed to this project.

Our next project for the sanctuary is a projector and drop down screen. We would really like to have that installed by Christmas in order to use it in our Christmas services. We would so appreciate any contributions to this upgrade project which would enable us to embrace worship styles of today without compromising the integrity of our beautiful and historical sanctuary.

We hope you have a wonderful autumn season, keep a song in your heart and enjoy the changing temperatures after a very hot summer. If you have taken a break from music, come back and let's do some new music and experience the joy it can bring.

Sandra Stevens, Music Director



SEPTEMBER 2016

UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program, FMC	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	7 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	8	9 Budget forms are due 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	10
11 Alma Hunt Offering 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program	12 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	13 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile @ 6:00 Young Lives 6:30 Care & Visitation, 7:00 Finance Committee	14 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	15 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	16 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 5:30-7:00 KIDZ Flight Nite	17
18 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program, FMC	19 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	20 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	21 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	22 First Day of Autumn	23 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	24
25 Deacon Ordination/Affirmation 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program	26 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	27 11:00 Library Comm, Lib. 6:00 Young Lives 6:00 Relay for Life	28 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	29	30 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	



- 1 Wayne Pickett
- 2 Amanda Perry
- 3 Issac DeLeon
- 3 Mateo DeLeon
- 4 Ashley Gray
- 4 Kamryn Gray
- 5 Mark Bissoon
- 5 Robert Rice
- 6 Amanda Lauchlen
- 6 Nancy Markham
- 6 Anne Wright
- 11 Thelma Carneal
- 11 A. Allen Durrett
- 11 Craig Lewis
- 15 Dale Ballew
- 15 Helen Douglas
- 15 James Haegele
- 15 Edward Glenn McDearmon
- 15 Stephanie Mills
- 18 Janet Carneal
- 19 Richard Beale
- 22 Todd Tinder
- 23 Brandon Apperson
- 23 Lois Farmer
- 23 Sandra Stevens
- 23 Madeleine Woolridge
- 24 Bonnie Gromovsky
- 24 Darlene Meyer
- 26 Ian Stroud
- 26 Otis Wright
- 28 Jacob Gromovsky
- 29 Camden Gray
- 29 Charlene Gray
- 30 Bailin Lauchlen
- 30 Alex Thomas



Deacon of the Week:

- Sep 4 – Bob Rice
- Sep 11 – Priscilla Shuler
- Sep 18 – Ed Britt
- Sep 25 – Sandy Taylor

Counters– John Markham & Jean Davis

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Flowers:

- Sep 4 – Glassell B. Smalley
- Sep 11 – Carolyn Lane
- Sep 18 – Laura & Doug Ferguson
- Sep 25 – TBD

Nursery Workers: *

- Sep 4 – Naeda Gustard & Kamryn Gray
- Sep 11 – Haley Kennedy & Debbie Thomas
- Sep 18 – Paige Carter & Nathan Carter
- Sep 25 – Olivia Perry & Jordan Apperson

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