

From the Pastor.....

I've had a number of people ask Terri and I about the status of our house and relocation plans lately. And even though I don't like to use this forum to talk about ourselves, I realized that many have been concerned and praying about our "catastrophe," and it would be helpful to bring everyone up to date.

On Tuesday, 8 November Terri and I returned from her "All Things Silhouette" conference in Atlanta. As we opened our door we were greeted with water pouring out of a ceiling in our den and our whole main level flooded. I quickly discovered that a freshwater pipe had broken and water had been pouring out covering not only our main floor, including the kitchen, but also permeating our finished basement below. Needless to say we were devastated. That night began a long road back to recovery and restoration. Since that night we have been residing in the Homewood Suites in Woodbridge while the work of water mitigation, repair and replacement has been occurring. Recently, we received the unfortunate news that we would not be able to move back into our house for Christmas. Terri has done her best to transform our little hotel suite into a place of Christmas cheer. We have our little table top Christmas tree, poinsettia, and Christmas wrapping and presents strewn about. This setback has not dampened our Christmas spirit, due in part to our wonderful church family who have encouraged us with their prayers and concerns. We'll join Kari, Tim, Noah, Greyson and Silas on Christmas Eve and Christmas day in their townhouse and for that we are thankful. Truly, things could be worse. All we have to do is remember those years of Christmas past when I was not able to be home due to deployments with the Navy and Marine Corps. At least this Christmas, we are together.

Terri and I look forward to starting a new year with our new church family. We have felt so loved and blessed. We are very eager to see what God has in store for us and for BGBC in 2017. One thing we are hoping for and ask that you join us in prayer for.....that when we put our house up for sale that it sells quickly and that we can find a house that will bring us much closer to our church family and the new friends God has given us. My prayer for all of us at BGBC is that 2017 will bring us even closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that we will be a fellowship of believers who want to seek and help save all who are lost.

Pastor Frank



December has come and gone so fast, I so wish for peace and joy to all of you, ever remembering that Christ is our Hope as we look forward to this New Year.

In review, this past month was busy with many activities with family and church. Our Angel Tree provided gifts to several families in need as well as food, fruit and cookies. Thank you to so many who shopped and gave. A special thank-you also to Susie Hicks, Jean Satterwhite, and Charlene Gray for assistance and for delivery of all those gifts.

Our group sent cards and letters to Branden Apperson and Shannon Stepp, our young military friends from church. We also sent a small package of “goodies” to Branden. Shannon was able to come home for a Christmas visit, however we will be sending her a “surprise” goodie package later on when she is at her new assignment. We appreciate all they do, and would like to show our support to them. If you would like to send them a card, look for their address across from the church office.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions continues through the month of December. Our goal for church giving was \$1,000. However, our church poured out such a blessing in the first week of giving that we surpassed our goal and received \$1,150. Pastor Frank was so happy with this giving, and he challenged us to meet a new goal of \$2,000. We look forward to hearing just how we met that challenge. Many thanks and praises to God.

Looking forward to February, we have another chance to show our support to missions by participating in a fundraiser banquet which takes place on Feb. 11 at our church. We will be sending (3) persons with a construction team from Feb. 23 to March 4 to Yendi, Africa. This trip is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention. Keep this date open for plans to attend and have a great meal with Christian fellowship. For more information contact Pastor Frank or MacWayne Williams. Also keep an ear out for a dessert auction to take place soon. We hope to have more fun than last year’s auction, if that is possible!! We may not be able to GO and TELL, but we can help SEND and PRAY.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017, our WMU group will be meeting each 2nd Tuesday @ 12:00 noon till about 2:00p.m. All ladies are invited to join us and see what WMU is all about. Bring a lite lunch.



BOWLING GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN FOR 2016-2017

It's that time of the year where it is necessary to review the inclement weather plan in order to communicate clearly the plan for Sunday services and other weekly ministry programs and events. This not only helps to ensure the safety of our members and visitors but also to clarify when the church will be open and when it will be necessary to close. The following guidelines are provided:

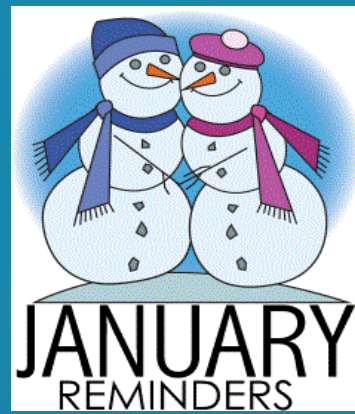
1. BGBC will follow the Caroline County Schools protocols for closings and delays from Monday-Friday. For example, if CCPS closes their schools, BGBC will close the office and all ministry programs and events will be cancelled. If CCPS announces a delay in opening but does not cancel any after school activities, BGBC will delay opening the office and continue with ministry programs and events. (Please note that even with school closings the church office may open, weather permitting, so please call).
2. In the event of inclement weather during the weekend, every attempt will be made to continue with Sunday worship services. However, if the weather is severe enough to create hazardous road conditions and thereby rendering travel on the roads risky, the church will either cancel worship services or delay them.
3. Announcements on closings or delays will be made with the following media outlets:
 - a. Richmond station WTVR-TV Channel 6
 - b. Richmond station WWBT NBC12 channel 12
 - c. Richmond station WRIC Channel 8
 - d. Fredericksburg radio station and webpage www.wfls.com and WFLS-FM, 93.3.
4. Additionally, every attempt will be made to post information on the church website and Facebook page: <http://bgbcva.org>, and the office phone: 804-633-6803.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day 11:00 Combined Worship Sanctuary	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:00 Young Lives, basement 7:00 Preschool Bd. Directors	4 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	5	6 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	7
8 Communion 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship Deadline/evangelical team signup/Ghana	9 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	10 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives 6:30 Care and Visitation 7:00 Missions Council	11 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	12	13 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool KIDZ Nite	14
15 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	16 MLK March 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	17 12:00-5:00 Blood Mobile 6:00 Young Lives 7:00 Bldg. & Grounds	18 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	19 7:00 Deacon's meeting	20 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	21
22 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00-10:45 Business Meeting 11:00 Traditional Worship	23 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 7:00 Church Council	24 6:00 Young Lives, basement 10:00 Christian Book Club	25 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	26 6:00 Relay for Life	27 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	28
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Chris Famer	1
Kelly Farmer	1
Heather Gilbert	1
Ann Bowie	2
Kristin Bissoon	4
Levi Farris	4
Faye Krause	4
Chris Flora	13
Winston Pickett	14
Bill Moore	15
Doug Farris	16
Ted Lewis	17
Timothy Perry	17
Charlotte Church	21
Daniele Cushing	22
Delaney Thomas	23
Tracey Mallory	25
Judy Witmeyer	26



Deacon of the Week:

- Jan 1 - Sandy Taylor
- Jan 8 - John Markham
- Jan 15 - Brad Thomas
- Jan 22 - Daniele Cushing
- Jan 29 - Ed Britt

Deacons' Meeting Devotions-Ed Britt

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters– Brad Thomas & Barbara Lewis

Flowers:

- Jan 1 – Terry Bullock
- Jan 18 – Jean Reynolds
- Jan 15 – Magaret Mills
- Jan 22 – Sandy Taylor
- Jan 29 – Laura & Doug Ferguson

COFFEE AND SNACK SCHEDULE:

- Jan 1 – **No Refreshments, One Service @ 11:00 a.m**
- Jan 18 – Bonnie Gromovsky
- Jan 15 – Jenn Thomas
- Jan 22 – Meredith Pack
- Jan 29 – Sherry Brillhart

Nursery Workers: *

- 1st – Tracey Mallory & Kristen Bissoon
- 8th - Carolyn Lane & Jeanne Jordan
- 15th – Heather Smith & Jenn Thomas
- 22th – Cathy Gray & Kailey Gray
- 29th - Karen Covington & Amy Phelix

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