

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

Last week I had the privilege to visit both "Centrifuge" and "CentriKid" camps. "Fuge" as the kids call it was in Lynchburg, VA, at beautiful Liberty U. 15 of our MS and HS students joined Joseph and Meredith Pack, Sabrina Farris and Bob Martin in a camp experience that is second to none. I then drove up to Skycroft Retreat Center, in the beautiful Maryland mountains, near Frederick, MD and joined 28 of our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Led by Paige and Wesley Carter, Kristin Bissoon, Roger Kennedy and his son Caleb, and Sherry Brillhart. I don't think I've ever seen our kids have so much fun as they did that week. But, dear church, know this.....it's not just about fun and fellowship. Significant seeds were planted, real decisions were made that will impact the destinies of many of these kids we all love. Some made first time decisions to invite Christ into their lives and some will follow that decision with baptism at Pitts Pond this month. Others were drawn much closer to their Lord and Savior as they realized their walk with God needed some attention and consequently new commitments were made. I hope you were praying, as I asked you to do, because your prayers were answered. Thank you church for your faithfulness and generosity that allows these kids to have an encounter with a living God and loving Savior that serves to change their lives in ways they may not even know at this time. Make sure you also reach out and thank all those who served as adult leaders and chaperones who invested a week of their precious time.

## **Business Meeting**

On Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> in our business meeting, we passed 4 very important "pieces of legislation." (1) We elected, by an overwhelming majority, 3 new Deacons to the class of 2018. They were: Charlene Gray, Meredith Pack and Charlie Stevens. (2) The Nominating Committee report was presented and accepted by a unanimous vote. **Please note that there are still several committees in need of members, so please contact the committee chairpersons if you are interested in serving. The Report is available in both the FMC and Sanctuary. For more information contact the church office or Joseph Stepp @ pylits@gmail.com.** (3) Again by unanimous consent, the congregation voted to pay off the Barlow Loan. (4) Finally, the church also agreed unanimously to form a search committee for the purpose of hiring a P/T Children's Ministry Director, with Paige Carter as the chairperson. As the Christian band "7eventh Time Down" sings...."God is on the Move" here at BGBC!

## **On a personal note.....**

Let me give you a quick update on Terri. She had her surgery on July 9<sup>th</sup> where the doctor removed her port and also removed a benign growth from her armpit that was a consequence of her surgeries last year. That had been causing a lot of discomfort and she is very glad to have that removed as it was the size of a tennis ball. The doctor also prepared her surgical area for reconstruction surgery which will occur sometime this fall. She is recovering nicely but after 2 weeks she still has two drains which is very uncomfortable, so please pray the doctor can remove those sooner rather than later. As we have said in the past, your prayers and various visible means of encouragement have sustained us through this difficult process. We are very grateful for your continued support and ask for your prayers as we enter this last phase of treatment.

Some of you have asked if Terri and I are taking any vacation time this summer. The answer is yes. We will be gone for one Sunday on August 12<sup>th</sup> and we will be heading to Chicago's Wrigley Field to catch a 3 game series with the Washington Nationals during that weekend. We had planned this last year and due to Terri's illness and treatments we had to cancel. So, needless to say we are looking forward to seeing our beloved, "World Series Champions" Chicago Cubs!

### While I'm gone.....

While Terri and I are in Chicago, Doug Farris will be doing double-duty as he leads in worship in our FMC service and also bringing the message in both services. Also, I have to be away the weekend of September 21-23, officiating a wedding of a young lady who is like a "God-daughter" to us. I've asked Mike Durham, our Hermon Baptist Associational Director to bring a message in both services on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is eagerly looking forward to being with all of you.

I love you all,  
Pastor Frank

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Don't forget our Church picnic and baptismal service at Pitts Pond on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday morning schedule will change in order to maximize our time at the picnic. The schedule will look like this:

- No FMC early service and no BG Café
- 9:30am – Sunday School
- 10:30 - Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 - Picnic at Pitts Pond

# Parenting Seminar

“The Art of Parenting”

(a “Family Life” program)

A DVD series facilitated by Pastor Frank

September 2 – October 21

10am-11:15am in the FMC

OR

Wednesdays, September 5 – October 24

6:30pm-8:00pm

in the Philathea Room

The organization “Family Life” has created this new series as a companion to the “Art of Marriage” series, which we viewed earlier this year. In this video-guided event, **“The Art of Parenting.”** parents will learn to raise their children from a biblical foundation. It is designed for parents, stepparents, single parents, and expectant parents, and includes helpful material for raising children of all ages. Anyone willing to invest time and effort in their parenting approach will benefit. And that’s just a start!

**Cost:** \$ 15 per person which includes a workbook and extended BG Café on Sundays. Make checks payable to BGBC with a note for **“Parenting Seminar.”** Place checks or cash in the basket next to the sign up sheet and mark paid next to your name.

**Note:** In order to avoid delays in obtaining the workbook, register early as the order for the workbooks will be placed by August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



This year our church participated in a partnership with Family Practice Group (beside Rite Aid Pharmacy) in July by collecting donations of loose leaf notebook paper and backpacks for underserved children in our community. We exceeded their goal for us of 30 backpacks and 300 packs of notebook paper. These supplies, along with those collected by other organizations and churches will be given out on July 31, 2018 in the parking lot near the clinic. They will also have physical screenings, games, and other fun activities for the children from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. This project will be our school mission project this year.

At our WMU meeting in July we discussed the mission trip of Ella Divelbliss to Russia. We hope to hear more from her when she returns. Our WMU bulletin board will show and tell some information about the group Ella journeys with to Russia. The ARCC (American Russian Christian Connection) consists of Christians from other churches who make this trip each year to the Novgorod area of Russia to conduct Bible School for children. She will be working with a program there which introduces them to Christ for the first time. They will be able to enjoy worship and learn about God in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. This will also allow family members the opportunity to hear of the love of Jesus. Pastor Frank missioned with others a few years ago and tells of the many blessings received. Pastor Anatoly there is always needing other Christians to come and conduct children's camps and witness to those in these small villages. Many of these children, as well as adults, have never heard of Jesus Christ. Please pray for Ella, the group she will travel with, her family here in the U.S. and those she impacts in far away Russia.

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**Our Nominating Committee is pleased that all Committee Chairpersons are in place. However, there are many committees that could use YOU as part of the team.**

**Please prayerfully consider serving on one of the church's committees and contact the committee chairperson to volunteer.**

**The Nominating Committee Report is available in both the FMC and Sanctuary. For more information contact the church office or Joseph Stepp @ pylits@gmail.com**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Terry Hodge	1
Garland Burchell	4
Susan Church	4
Jean Reynolds	6
Margaret M. Lewis	7
James Madison	7
Beverly McDearmon	9
Ben Carter	10
Barbara Schools	10
Carolyn Lane	11
Joseph Pack	12
Dianne Webb	12
Ashley Mallory	13
Pat Wright	14
Ellie Tidman	15
Chandler Gustard	17
Debbie Kay	17
John Markham	17
Rick Beale	18
Autumn Kidd	18
Ronnie Kay	21
Melanie Campbell	22
Naeda Gustard	22
Emily Michael	25
Steve Michael	25
Nolan Mallory	26
Justen Haynes	27
Pam Kidd	30
Amy Bullock Parker	31



## AUGUST REMINDERS

### Deacon of the Week:

5	Neal Tidman
12	Danielle Cushing
19	Ed Britt
26	Carolyn Lane

### Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Ed Britt

### Building Security: – Deacon of the week

### Counters– Jeanne Jordan & Carolyn Lane

### Flowers:

August 5, 2018	Jean Farmer
August 12, 2018	Suzanne Stepp
August 19, 2018	Vicky & Dirk Farmer
August 26, 2018	Susie Hicks

### Coffee & Snack Schedule:

Aug. 5	Debbie Thomas and Haley Kennedy
Aug. 12	Brad and Jenn Thomas
Aug. 19	Church Picnic
Aug. 26	Richard and Naeda Gustard

### Nursery Workers: \*

5<sup>th</sup> – **Paige Carter** – Carolyn Lane – Chandler Gustard  
 12<sup>th</sup> – **Brooke Satterwhite** – Cathy Gray – Gabby Dixon  
 19<sup>th</sup> – **Stephanie Sadler** – Karen Covington – Kailey Gray  
 26<sup>th</sup> – **Meredith Pack** - Sabrina Farris – Emily Brillhart

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