

From the Pastor.....

Each year in accordance with church By-Laws, we nominate, elect and ordain new Deacons. This month the congregation of BGBC has the privilege and responsibility to participate in this important aspect of our church by prayerfully nominating qualified men and women to serve in this position.

The New Testament provides two passages, one from the book of Acts and one from the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy, that help us understand this important position in the life of the church. In 1 Timothy 3:8-13, we have the clearest text of scripture that describes the qualities of those who receive the role of "special servant" or "Deacon." When you look closely at this passage what you see are men and women who follow Christ closely. These are qualities that rub off on those who walk with Jesus. This is what happens to one who spends time looking at Him, listening to Him, learning from Him, and living like Him! This passage gives emphasis to what a Deacon is to be, not so much what a Deacon is to do. **The inference is, if a person is what they ought to be, then they will do what they ought to do.**

The passage in Acts 6:1-7, does give us a clearer glimpse as to what Deacons are to do, which is essentially this: **be assistants to the Pastor, be servants to the church, and be witnesses to the world!**

On Sunday, 30 April, there will be an insert placed in each bulletin where you can make your nominations. Additionally, the forms will be available each Sunday and in the church office through Wednesday, 17 May. Please read carefully the aforementioned biblical passages to ensure the person you are nominating is scripturally qualified. Also ensure he or she is a member of the church and is currently serving or has served in some capacity in the church. You may give the form to the Pastor, or to any of the following currently serving Deacons:

- Neal Tidman (chairman)
- Bob Rice
- Ed Britt
- Daniele Cushing
- Carolyn Lane
- John Markham
- Priscilla Shuler
- Sandy Taylor
- Brad Thomas

I love you all....

Pastor Frank



Our recent church-wide project for collection of socks and underwear for Bland Ministry Center in Wise County, Va. has ended. With the help of other WMU Hermon Association churches, we have (3) boxes full. These items will be delivered by our own “traveling” missionaries, John and Nancy Markham. Thanks to all who participated in this project, and especially to John and Nancy for making the trip to Bland, Va.

The Annie Armstrong offering for North American Missions in April, received a total of \$1629.00. This exceeds our goal, and far surpassed our giving for last year.

Thanks to Terri Johnson for sharing her beautiful Easter work which hangs on our WMU bulletin board. “He is Risen”- Alleluia. We also share our prayers daily for your strength and healing.

We are looking forward to hearing soon about the recent trips to Ghana by our (2) construction team members and from Bob Martin who has much to tell us about his evangelical trip to Ghana. We are blessed to have those who can “go and tell”.



Movie nights aren't just for fun. We've had several movie nights this year that have created a lot of interesting conversation on topics ranging from evangelism to Revelation. One of the big focuses we have had this year is ensuring that we never miss an opportunity to share the Word of God to our students in some way, shape, or form and what we have discovered is exactly how hungry these students are for Truth.

In student ministry, we treasure every chance we get to minister to your youth. In terms of weekly time, that amounts to around 2.5 hours per week including Sunday School and Wednesday nights. If you figure that students are in school from 7:30a-2:50p Monday through Friday and might sleep from 10am-6am, **that means formal student ministry gets about 3% of their time during the work week.** We also understand that, when you look at many of the students attending church, some of them get different levels of spiritual support in the home whether that is due to a lack of faith in the household or competing priorities. This is why we try to offer things like camp, PlanetWisdom, movie night, and more. If you have some way you would like to assist with our student ministry to provide more opportunities to engage our youth, please contact Joseph.

Sabrina Farris is going to lead a 'Rent a Youth' fundraiser on April 29th and May 6th to help with the cost of camp. There are two ways you can help. First, if you have work to get done around the household and would be willing to donate to the youth, we can get a few to your home and put them to work! Each student will 'earn' their fundraising individually. If students want to help who are not going to camp, their hours will be distributed to all campers. The second way you can help is donate without having any particular work in mind. You may be asking yourself what makes a random donation a 'fundraiser'. What we will do is find ways for students to help around our church or in our community and dividing those donations to those who work hours at each event. This way we ensure that those who really need/want the benefit of fundraising get the assistance they need and those who would rather pay their entire way have that option as well.

Finally, please always been on the lookout for things you think you may want to do for our youth. This last month we were approached by Brian and Veronica Hamlin who generously offered to cook dinner for our youth one night a month. This wasn't something the youth team discussed or solicited: Brian and Veronica just wanted to get involved, threw a suggestion out there, and we made it happen. If you have ways you'd like to get involved, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Joseph Pack
Student Ministry Coordinator
"CROSSROADS Student Ministries"



Musical Connections

Easter Sunday was a worshipful celebration of our Savior's Resurrection! The Family Ministry Center was alive with the joyful sounds of the holiday at the 8:45 service. At the 11 o'clock hour, the sanctuary and balcony were full of smiling faces as the Adult Choir, under the direction of Sandra Stevens and accompanied by Bette French, presented

"The Way, The Truth, The Life" by Dennis and Nan Allen

Joseph Pack and his Youth Team of Kyle Farris, Tre Lewis, Laney Thomas and Gabby Dixon provided dramatic narration to guide the musical experience.

Many thanks to all who attended and participated in the day's events.

Upcoming:

Homecoming, Sunday, April 30th featuring a combined service with musical contributions to the worship experience by the Praise Band and the Adult Choir.

Everyone has a favorite hymn or piece of contemporary Christian music. Many times, these songs are reminiscent of a particular time in our lives or a milestone in our walk with the Lord. Beginning with the June newsletter, the Musical Connections page will share the favorites of our church family. If you would like your favorite song featured, please email or call Theresa Storke to be included: tstorke@gmail.com or 540-538-2766.

Here's a favorite of someone we all know and love:

Sung at his Crusades for more than 60 years, "Just as I Am" is a favorite of the Rev. Billy Graham, age 98. When asked why, he replied,

"It's a song that was written many years ago and it has special meaning to all of us because they don't have to go home and rearrange their lives; they can come just as they are, no matter how they are dressed, no matter what language they speak or what their sins are in their background. They come to Christ and He puts His arms of love around them, forgives them and changes them."



ANNOUNCEMENTS- MAY 2017

Parent/ Child Dedication: Anyone interested in dedicating their child on **Mother's Day, 14 May** please contact Pastor Frank by **Sunday, May 7**. Another opportunity is offered on **Father's Day, June 18**. Please contact Pastor Frank by **Sunday, June 11**, for the Father's Day dedication.

Youth/Grad Sunday: Believe it or not, graduation, and the end of the school term, are just around the corner. In keeping with that celebration, an important milestone, there will be a special **"Youth Sunday" service on May 21st**. Our middle school and high school students will be participating in both services, and Joseph Pack, our Student Ministry Director, will be bringing the message. Please contact the office or let Joseph know if you would like a "graduate" honored during this service.

Youth For Hire Fundraiser: Need help doing some spring cleaning? Got chores and not enough energy to get it all done? Need an extra set of hands for a project? Please consider "hiring" a youth on April 29th or May 6th. They will work for you to earn Donations towards their summer camp fund. A signup board will be up on the main bulletin board outside the office in a few days! Camp this year is July 12-16 and is \$245 per student. Please consider hiring some help or let Joseph or Sabrina know if you would like to make a donation and we can find someone who needs help with something! Thank you!

National Day of Prayer: In celebration of the 66th Annual National Observance, a prayer vigil will be held at **noon** on the Bowling Green Courthouse Lawn on **Thursday, May 4th**.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, **June 12-2017**. Please plan to join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. If you cannot join us in person, please log on to Facebook and join us. We will be broadcasting the meeting. Let Paige Carter know if you plan to participate via Facebook so that she can ensure you have the information.

News From the Early Service: We are looking for anyone who is interested in serving on the Visual Team for the early service. No experience necessary, just a willing heart to serve! We are in the process of creating a team that will rotate each week operating the slides for the early service. For more information, please contact Doug Farris at dfclive@gmail.com or 540-538-1088.

Musicians needed: The praise team is looking to add to its ranks. We are in need of a Bass player or an Electric Guitar player for the early service. For more information please contact Doug Farris at dfclive@gmail.com or 540-538-1088.

Information Technology Team: Anyone interested in serving on the Church's IT team, please contact the church office.

Church Calendar: Beginning with the June calendar, the church calendar will no longer be published but instead will be available on the church website electronically. A few copies will be available in the church office for those who do not use computers. Newsletters that are mailed to shut-ins and others will still include the church calendar.

Memorial Day Sunday Service and Ice cream Fellowship: In keeping with the Memorial Day Observance, our Sunday services on 28 May will include a special observance for our fallen heroes. Later that evening at 5:00pm an ice cream fellowship is planned in the FMC which will include a special patriotic event.

May 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	2 6:00 Young Lives 7pm Bd. Of Directors Preschool	3 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7 pm Praise Band	4 Noon-Prayer Vigil – Courthouse Lawn National Day of Prayer	5 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	6
7 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	8 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	9 12:00 Dolie Farmer WMU, Philathea 4:30 Spirit Night @ Roma's 6:00 Young Lives 6:30 Care and Visitation	10 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7 pm Praise Band	11	12 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 5:30 KIDZ NIGHT	13
14 Mother's Day 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	15 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	16 10 am Christian Book Club 12:00-5:00 Blood Mobile 6 :00 Co. Relay for Life 6:00 Young Lives 7:00 Bldg. & Grounds	17 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7 pm Praise Band	18 7pm Deacons	19 CHS Graduation 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	20
21 Grad Recognition Sunday 8:45Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	22 9:00-12:00 Beginnings	23 6 pm Young Lives	24CCPS Last Day of School Term 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7 pm Praise Band	25	26	27
28 Patriotic Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 5:00 Ice cream fellowship	29 Mem. Day Office Closed for Holiday	30 6 pm Young Lives	31 11:00 Area Ministers Meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir 7 pm Praise Band			



Allyson C. Jordan	2
Jett Smith	10
Caroline Walker	11
Kelly Dunavant	13
Tom Dunnington	13
Ava Bissoon	14
Jenny Wright	14
Vincent Diritto	19
Michael Williams	20
Ronald Moran	22
Vicky Farmer	22
Olivia Perry	24
Charles Cushing	26
Jackie Gray	26
Jack Shuler	28
Michael Crawford	29
Kathleen Tinder	30
Fran Mooney	31

Deacon of the Week:

May 7 - Sandy Taylor
 May 14 - John Markham
 May 21 - Brad Thomas
 May 28 - Daniele Cushing

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Brad Thomas

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters– Laura Ferguson & Sandy Taylor

Flowers:

May 7 – TBD
 May 14 – Barbara Lewis (Mother's Day)
 May 21 – Debbie Kay
 May 28 – Teresa & Bill Moore

Coffee & Snack Schedule

May 7 – Cathy Gray
 May 14 – Jennifer Michael
 May 21 – Ella Divelbliss
 May 28 – Olivia Perry

Nursery Workers: *

May 7 – Tracey Mallory - Kristen Bissoon – Kailey Gray
 May 14 – Sherry Brillhart – Emily Brillhart
 May 21 – Heather Smith - Jenn Thomas – Kyle Farris
 May 28 – Cathy Gray - Naeda Gustard – Laney Thomas

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