

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

Have you ever had one of those months where you didn't know whether to laugh or cry as you looked back on it. August was one of those months for me. It actually started off great because at the end of July, July 26<sup>th</sup> to be exact, Terri finished her chemo treatments. It had been a long, and I mean long, 20 weeks. But we had barely gotten into August when those nasty side effects began to show up and Terri had to have another blood transfusion, as well as an unexpected visit to the emergency room. It seemed the last chemo cycle would be the worst, and it was. But by the time our church picnic on the 20<sup>th</sup> rolled around, she was well enough to attend. A goal we had placed before us ever since she had begun her treatments. It was a great day not only for Terri being able to attend church and the picnic for the first time in months, but also because we baptized 3 children from two church families. The weather was great, the food was delicious, and the fellowship sweet.

However, beneath my exterior of joy and gratitude I was grieving over the death of my good friend and Navy Chaplain colleague, Bob Adair who passed into eternity on Thursday, 17 August. We buried him with full military honors at Quantico National Cemetery a couple of days after the picnic. Please pray for his wife Debra, children, Matt and Rebecca and their families.

But life goes on, both for his family and for us. Earlier in the

month, our daughter Kristin informed us that she is pregnant with her second child. Needless to say we were pleasantly surprised, maybe even shocked. As our other grandson, Noah often says, "I didn't see that coming!" And so with a great deal of joy, mixed with sadness, Terri and I left for Florida and a much anticipated time of R&R which is where I am writing you from.

So, do you get the idea of why I said this was a month that brought both sadness and joy? The whiplash of emotions has been deeply felt. But I am left with Bob's favorite verse and promise that puts the ups and downs of life this month in perspective: "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil 1:21) We all will have these kind of months, we can't avoid it. We can only hope that they are few and far between. However, we can take comfort in these words from Paul that remind us that it is not only our circumstances that dictate the course of our lives but also our response of faith and reliance on Christ which puts all things into the right perspective.

As we head into September and leave the summer of 2017 behind for good, may God continue to bless you and your loved ones. See you after Labor Day.

I love you,  
Pastor Frank



School has started for most of the children and teachers are busy preparing for a full and productive year. We ask that you give special prayers for guidance and safety for the children and teachers in the coming year.

School supplies were collected last month and delivered to this area's elementary, middle, and high school. The schools were very appreciative of all the supplies given to them. As always, we are so thankful for your participation in all our mission projects.

Sept. 18-24,2017 we will emphasize the Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions. Our church goal this year is \$1,000 for the month of September. This offering is a joint venture of WMU of Virginia and the Baptist General Association of Virginia and provides funding for many WMUV missions and outreach projects. Please read the Alma Hunt Brochure included with your bulletin. This explains more about some of the mission projects that Va. Baptist are supporting with your offering. Did you know that Va. Baptist provides opportunity for short-term mission trips and outreach to under resourced schools, and communities? There is opportunity for volunteers to work with construction, food pantries, nursing homes, and backyard Bible clubs where the love of Jesus is not known.

Next month,(Oct.) we will be shopping for items to fill our annual Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It's never too early to shop for those items! However, NO toothpaste or liquid items will be allowed. Information regarding other specific items to pack in the boxes will be posted as soon as possible.



### *Men's Fellowship*

**"The Male Call Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** in the Family Ministry Center. The guest speaker is a part of the Virginia Baptist Board Storm/Disaster Recovery Team. All men are encouraged to become part of the Men's Ministry here at Bowling Green Baptist Church, and to attend the Male Call Breakfast on September 23 to see what the Storm/Disaster Team is all about."**

# Musical Connections

## SUMMER MUSIC IN REVIEW

Beginning with a joyous combined Memorial Day celebration Sunday at the end of May, we enjoyed a music-filled summer at Bowling Green Baptist Church!

In June, we were blessed in the Traditional Service with Doug Farris singing an original composition and accompanying on the piano. In both services on the 18th, the children's choirs from Vacation Bible School presented theme music from the week, under the direction of Shelby Foltz (younger campers) and Sandra Stevens (older campers).

Early in July, the Men's' Ensemble set a worshipful tone for the Traditional Service, as did well-known Elvis entertainer and vocalist, Michael Hoover on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and John and Theresa Storke on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



The Adult Choir is blessed to have the continued support and encouragement of former Director of Music, Margaret Lewis (Guy). Although she now resides in Richmond, Margaret corresponds with and calls current Director Sandra Stevens often. In one such letter she included the following poem as encouragement for the music ministry and its vital part of our worship:

*Music makes a prayer stronger,  
lifts the spirit from the mire,  
stretches worship moments longer,  
hangs a banner from the spire.  
Music dyes the flowers deeper,  
sharpens all the candle flames,  
makes the solitary sleeper,  
shakes the windows in their frames.  
Music stirs the heart atremble,  
sets the waiting soul afire,  
helps the scattered thoughts assemble,  
brings God nearer, thank you, choir.  
-Donna Dickey Guyer*



Wayne Pickett	1
Amanda Perry	2
Issac DeLeon	3
Mateo DeLeon	3
Ashley Gray	4
Kamryn Gray	4
Mark Bissoon	5
Robert Rice	5
Amanda Lauchlen	6
Nancy Markham	6
Anne Wright	6
Thelma Carneal	11
Allen Durrett	11
Craig Lewis	11
Jason Church	12
Amber Vaillancourt	12
Dale Ballew	15
Helen Douglas	15
Jim Haegele	15
Glenn McDearmon	15
Stephanie Mills	15
Terri Johnson	17
Janet Carneal	18
Lee Beale	19
Todd Tinder	22
Alex Apperson	23
Lois Farmer	23
Sandra Stevens	23
Bonnie Gromovsky	24
Darlene Meyer	24
Otis Wright	26
Jacob Gromovsky	28
Camden Gray	29
Charlene Gray	29
Bailin Lauchlen	30
Alex Thomas	30



#### **Deacon of the Week:**

Sep 3 - Priscilla Shuler

Sep 10 - Sandy Taylor

Sep 17 - John Markham

Sep 24 – Brad Thomas

**Deacons' Meeting Devotions-** Sandy Taylor

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

**Counters–** Daniele Cushing & Vicky Farmer

#### **Flowers:**

Sep 3 – Beth Curran

Sep 10 – Carolyn Lane

Sep 17 – Nancy & John Markham

Sep 24 – Jean Davis

#### **Coffee & Snack Schedule**

Sept. 3 Sallie Tidman

Sept. 10 Mary Flora

Sept. 17 Margaret Mills

Sept. 24 Jean Satterwhite

#### **Nursery Workers: \***

3<sup>rd</sup> – Stephanie Sadler - Jake Phelix– Laney Thomas

10<sup>th</sup> – Sallie Tidman - Sabrina Farris – Christianna Gray

17<sup>th</sup> – Tracey Mallory - Kristen Bissoon- Kamryn Gray

24<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Lane - Jeanne Jordan - Chandler Gustard

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