

From the Pastor.....

"Written in Blood"

by Robert Coleman

A sermon series on the Blood of Christ

With Pastor Frank Johnson

Why is the blood so mysterious? For thousands of years it has been a symbol of the mystery of life. "Blood brothers" are the closest of kin. A "blood covenant" is the strongest of commitments. To "shed the blood" of another without cause is to commit a grave crime.

This fascinating study of the references to blood in the Bible shows the deep reverence the Hebrew people had for blood as the visible evidence of life. Join Pastor Frank each Sunday until Easter as we embark on a journey that will help us find answers to questions that have long puzzled Christians. Questions such as:

- What was the meaning of blood sacrifice in the ancient worship of God?
- What were the terms of a blood covenant?
- Why is blood so important in the Passover celebration?
- Why is the blood of Christ mentioned so often in the New Testament
- What is the "blood of the Lamb?"
- Why do so many of the Gospel hymns contain references to blood?

**And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called
The Word of God.**

- Revelation 19:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING

Men's Ministry.... Men's "IMPACT WEEKEND" in Lynchburg, VA at LU from **March 16-17**. BGBC will team with SBC for transportation and lodging at Eagle Eyrie (BGAV state campground). Cost is approx. \$150 which includes transportation, food, lodging, registration, and box lunch on Saturday (meals on the road will be extra). A sign-up sheet is in the FMC. A \$25 deposit made payable to BGBC Men's Ministry, is due by February 5th with the remainder due by March 1. A bus will be leaving SBC at 2pm on Friday, March 16 and returning late Saturday night, March 17. Join Pastor Frank and other men and hear speakers like: David Jeremiah, Kirk Cousins, Wayne Lapierre, and the Charlie Daniels Band. For more information on this super weekend that is sure IGNITE a passion in you for Jesus and help grow our Men's Ministry, go to www.ignitemen.net

Missions Banquet.....Our joint Missions Banquet is scheduled for February 10th at 7pm in the FMC. Tickets are on sale and table sponsorships are available. **Save the date and make plans to attend as this is a major event that helps to raise funds for our Ghana and Ivory Coast mission teams!**

Church Council.....The church council will be meeting this Monday, January 29 at 7pm in the Philathea Room.

Business Meeting....Our quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th at 10:00am. Documents relevant to the meeting are available in the back of the FMC and Sanctuary.

Marriage Seminar

“The Art of Marriage”

(a “Family Life” program)

A DVD series facilitated by Pastor Frank

February 4 – March 18

10am-11:15am in the FMC

OR

Wednesdays, February 7 – March 21

6:30pm-8:00pm

in the Philathea Room

The organization “Family Life” has been helping married and engaged couples understand God’s plan for relationships for more than three decades. In this video-guided event, “The Art of Marriage,” couples will learn to: communicate more effectively, manage conflict constructively, develop real intimacy, and grow closer together spiritually. And that’s just a start!

Cost: \$35 per couple which provides two couples manuals and extended BG Café on Sunday. Make checks payable to BGBC with a note for “Marriage Seminar.” Place checks or cash in the basket next to the sign-up sheet and mark paid next to your name.

Note: This seminar is designed for couples and the benefit to the couple is maximized when both spouses can attend. However, if that is not possible it is still highly beneficial if only one person attends or if attendance is intermittent.

Growing and Learning in Grace

This is a new monthly blurb about loving and growing our kids. No one does it perfectly and is rarely as you expected, but is an amazing journey! And at BGBC, we love kids!!!

by Paige Carter

Why We Do Church

As the children's team begins to prepare for the new Children's Church ministry, I began to consider the components that would be important. This led me to some study on why it is we come to church. I came up with a list of four reasons, but there are, I am sure many, many more! As you read these, consider why you come.

- To fellowship. We come to church to build and maintain precious, life-giving relationships. We are a family. Let's be honest, we also come because being together is fun!
- To worship. Worship is not just coming to one service or another. It's not a noun. It's a verb... an action word! It is giving our hearts to God in all that we do!
- To learn and be discipled. We come to church to learn from those who have walked this walk.
- To serve. To join in opportunities to give and to serve God, each other, and our community.

(Ps 119:73; Acts 2:42; Ps 95:6; Ps 96:9; Matt 16:24; Matt 11:29, Col 3:17)

Children's Church should fulfill those same reasons! The goal will be to honor God and serve children with this ministry. Please be in prayer for this new ministry.

Camp – Sign ups are posted!

This year we have secured 30 slots for Centrikid Camp. Within hours of posting the sign-up, we have 3 slots remaining for children and 1 for an adult or teen volunteer! God has blessed our church with a growing children's ministry!

Kidz Nite

February's Kidz Nite will be February 9. The theme will be Scavenger Hunt!



Focus on WMU is the theme for WMU Baptist Churches in February, with an emphasis on the week of February 13-19. We celebrate what we do and how we seek to involve our church all year. Not only do we learn about and support missions, pray for missions, but we involve our church in various activities to help others all year.

Many are looking forward to the missions banquet on February 10, 2018. This is a fundraiser shared with Salem Baptist Church to help support those going on short term mission trips to Africa. This year, three of our church members ---Brad Thomas, Roger Kennedy, and Jake Phelix, will be going as well as others from Salem Church. Brother Bob will be returning January 27, 2018 along with others from their evangelical trip to Ghana. We also will have an opportunity to support missions by participating in the Dessert Auction fundraiser on March 10, 2018. More information will be announced. As always we offer up our prayers for our missionaries and their families who give so much to further the spread of the word of God.

On March 23-24, 2018, WMU is sponsoring a conference for anyone interested in learning more about how we can help those who have addictions and are recovering. Professionals working with these in need of our love and support will be facilitating this. Also on March 30-31, 2018, a conference for giving hope and healing during the grieving process will be held. Both these conferences will be at the CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center. Please see the bulletin board across from the church office for more information.

Musical Connections

SPECIAL THANKS



The Adult Choir would like to thank KYLE FARRIS who is serving as the Technical Director for the 11AM service. His willingness to serve the Lord with his expertise is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING

Preparations are underway for our *Easter Celebration*. Now is a perfect time to join the music ministry of our church. See Sandra Stevens for information about the Adult Choir. All voices welcome!





February Birthdays

Linda Fisher	2
Channing Gustard	4
Cierra Divelbliss	5
Emerson Mallory	5
Ryan Flora	6
McWayne Williams	7
Betty W. Williams	9
Sallie Tidman	11
Emily Krause	15
Richard Gustard	16
BroBob Martin	16
Lee Dunnington	17
Mary Bowie	19
Noah Tidman	20
Karla Covington	21
Landon Motley	21
Harley Wright	24
Meredith Pack	27
Jacob Sadler	28



February Reminders

Deacon of the Week:

FEBRUARY	4	Danielle Cushing
	11	Ed Britt
	18	Carolyn Lane
	25	Neal Tidman

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Doug Farris

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters– Jeanne Jordan & Carolyn Lane

Flowers:

February 4, 2018	Suzanne Stepp
February 11, 2018	WMU Focus Week
February 18, 2018	Stephanie Sadler, Karla Covington & Courtney Taylor
February 25, 2018	Jean Satterwhite

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

February 4	Carolyn Lane
February 11	Cathy Gray
February 18	Ella Divelbliss
February 25	Sallie Tidman

***The Church will provide additional doughnuts, danish and juice in support of the *Art of Marriage* seminar beginning February 4 through March 11. Clean up following each meeting to be determined.

Nursery Workers: *

4th – Tracey Mallory - **Kristen Bissoon** – Gabby Dixon
 11th - Carolyn Lane - **Jeanne Jordan** – Kailey Gray
 18th – Heather Smith - **Jenn Thomas** – Emily Brillhart
 25th – **Jake Phelix**– Amy Phelix – Kyle Farris

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