

Newsletter June 2019



Another exciting summer for BGBC is fast approaching. Save the date for the following activities and events:

▶June 9, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., VBS Kickoff

▶June 10-14: VBS

►June 30: A patriotic combined service and potluck is planned. The schedule will look like this:

- No FMC service
- Sunday School at 10am
- Combined service at 11am
- Potluck lunch to follow our worship service
- Special Music (folk songs and hymns) provided by Ed Simmons and Mac Saphir

►July 15-19: Centri-Kid Camp and "Fuge" Camp

August 18: Church Picnic and baptism at Pitts Pond



CROSSROADS Student Ministry Summer Newsletter 2019

As the days grow longer and students start preparing for summer, CROSSROADS never takes a break! There has always been this interesting status quo with a lot of youth programs where they simply stopped meeting during the summer months. That always seemed so strange because as I look to the times in my own life when I did my silliest (probably better described as "stupidest") things, it was probably during the summer months when I didn't have school! So why would we stop meeting at youth group during those months?!





This spring we've had a ton of different programs, despite many scheduling challenges, and youth seem to have responded well. We also have continued to change how we go about structuring Wednesday nights just to keep things fresh for our students. One Wednesday a month will focus more on just "hanging out" and some kind of snack, another will focus on large group, and yet

another on small groups. Students get enough "school" at school so the last think we want to do is make youth group little more than "school in the evening".

Here's an interesting statistic about our youth program: about half or less of our students attend BGBC. Some attend other churches and some don't attend church at all. That speaks volumes of the reach of our program but also says that we have youth inside our own church who we miss on a weekly basis! I know students are over-booked and have lots going on in their lives, but they also need to know that God is a priority in their lives. Whether that means coming intermittently, only on Sundays, or even only on Wednesdays, please let us know if there is ANYTHING we can reasonably do to help accommodate your students! We love seeing them when we get the chance and cherish the relationships we have the opportunities to form! See you at church and God Bless!



Volunteer Roster (W = Wednesdays, SS = Sunday School):

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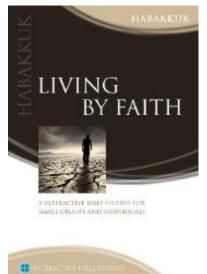
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Sunday School & Bible Study News

Habakkuk: Living By Faith Co-Ed Bible Study

Have you ever found yourself wondering whether God really cares about the goings on of this world? Does He care about the violence and pain that so many people suffer? Does He even notice that most people don't even believe He exists, let alone obey His commands? Perhaps you think that asking these questions is something Christians shouldn't do.

But imagine that you did ask God these questions, and that He chose to answer them. Imagine that He told you disaster was on the horizon, and that it was God himself who was sending the disaster.



How would you react? What would you do? What would you think of God? How would you relate to Him?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Fun Photos of Kidz Nite Spring Fling















VBS is right around the corner! June 10-14, 2019!

A Kidz Nite style Kickoff for Grades K-6 will be on June 9 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This event will feature a wild theme snack, art activities, and a WILD game of OMC! Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go toward supplies for OMC and Centrikid Camp.



Register here: <u>https://forms.gle/ffrfMPt7WSPvSXoT6</u>



This year's collection of socks and underwear for Bland Ministries in Southwest, Va. proved to be very successful. We had approximately 6-8 medium to large boxes filled with these new items. We are so grateful to our youth leader Joseph Pack and Kyle Farris for taking these items to Bland, Virginia on one Saturday in May.

Cathy Jo Gray brought slides and a lot of interesting information to our meeting in February. She told us about her mission trip to Haiti last fall. A few of our church congregation were able to attend also.

The yearly dessert and food auction for missions was fun and a great success. We certainly hope next year everyone from church will be able to attend.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was celebrated in April. Our goal for this year was \$1,000. We made that goal thanks to many dedicated givers. This offering reaches missionaries in North America and Canada and assists in reaching people in these areas who do not know Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Our annual Hermon Association will be making disaster relief bags this year. All churches will be asked to donate items for this. Our item will be three hundred small sized tissue packages to be collected before our annual meeting on October 27, 2019. Our church will host this meeting with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Our hospitality committee will be preparing the meal.



Have a happy and safe 4^{th} of July as you celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in our nation.