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Worship Schedule**SUNDAY**

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
AWANA	5:00-7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Youth Groups	7:00 p.m.

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MISSING INGREDIENTS: FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

***Acts 2:46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

When we look back in the Book of Acts and see how the early church was started, two of the main things we see that took place were fellowship and discipleship. Have you ever thought why, or even better, why did we stop doing what God started? Let's look at the first part of that question first.

When we take a closer look at fellowship, we find that God designed it to be that way from the time he created mankind. He took one look at Adam and said, "It is not good for man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18) We can also find that God himself liked spending time with Adam & Eve and walked with them in the cool of the day. I truly believe what we as Christians don't understand, is fellowship is not just hanging out with each other but rather a calling.

***1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

When the Lord told us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves, I believe he had fellowship in mind. He knew then and he knows now that one hour a week is not nearly enough for any of his children to stay strong and encouraged. Whether it is meeting a church house or having bible studies in the home, fellowship should never be missing or neglected in any body of believers.

So is more fellowship the answer? Well, partly but not totally. One of the main reasons people don't understand the importance of fellowship, is the lack of discipleship. When we look back at Acts Chapter 2 we see that they also studied God's word.

***Acts 2:42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

The apostles not only knew that fellowship was a calling, but they also knew that discipleship was a command. (Matthew 28:19-20) They had received a direct command from their Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ, to go make disciples of all nations. The Apostles understood, as we should too, in order for the Lord to add to our numbers daily, as he did in the early church, we have to make disciples of every new believer. When we do this, they will in return go and make another disciple. It is during this time people will recognize something taking place all on its own, *Fellowship*. True disciples love to be around other disciples, encouraging one another, being in one accord, and looking not only at their own needs but the needs of everyone else. (Philippians 2:1-4)

Church, as we move in to our new church year, we need to put a special emphasis on these to vital ingredients for Christian growth. Why? Because it's the way God designed it and his design has never and will never fail. I am looking forward to a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth for each and every one of us.

Blessings, Pastor Buddy

WHAT IS FAITHFULNESS?

If you were going to define faithfulness, as Paul uses it in the New Testament, how would you do it? Well, if you looked in the dictionary, you would find a technical definition that says, "To follow through with a commitment regardless of difficulty."

And if someone says, "I really love the Lord," or "I really love the church," and then is unfaithful, then it's hard to believe that he really does love the Lord. Because faithfulness and love always go hand in hand. .

What does the bible say about faithful service?

- * *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Corinthians 15:58*
- * *His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Matthew 25:21*

Four members of our church have been faithful stewards in attending Sunday School without absence for the entire church year 2013-2014.

***Kent Lawson *Richard Holland *Sabrina Holland *Sharon Holland**

WOMEN ON MISSIONS (WOM)

Attention Ladies! Get registered for the Women's Conference coming up on Saturday, September 20. This will be a great day of praise, worship, music, food and fellowship!

We had an awesome turnout for the work day on Saturday, August 23. Thanks to Don and Jane for the wonderful breakfast to start the day. Approximately twenty-five people came out to help clean windows, mulch, clean the kitchen, dust, paint, pull weeds and anything else that needed to be done. We were also able to hire someone to strip and wax the floors in the fellowship hall, upstairs bathrooms and hallway.

We also encourage you to attend our next meeting on Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. We will be electing officers for the upcoming year.

CORRECTION

In the August 2014 edition of the newsletter on page 5 in the Youth Car Wash article, there was a mistake in the list of names. The correct name should have listed Hannah Goins and not Haley Goins. Sorry Hannah!:(

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

	August
MEN	Paul Arwood
	Don Carter
	Joe Carter
	Roger Edens
	Richard Holland
	Jay Keck
	Kent Lawson
	Larry Prevatte
	Keith Roach
PAIRS & SPARES	Ken Flanary
	Julie Fuller
	Pat Fuller
	Michael Hammonds
	Tony McGee
	Phillip Smith
WOMEN	Phyllis Baker
	Betty Carter
	Mozelle Carter
	Virginia Edens
	Vivian Gilbert
	Sabrina Holland
	Sharon Holland
	Ruby Keck
	Ruth Rhoton
	Wilma Jean Tomlinson

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

	August
LIFE LESSONS	Anna Carter
	Sharon Collier
	Pansy Flanary
	Betty Miller
YOUNG COUPLES	Scott Jerrell
SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS	None
YOUTH	Santana Adams
	Jeremy Carter
	Kayla Chambers
	Bethany McGee
	Connie Smith

WORM SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

	August
Sightseers	Andrew Jerrell
Explorers	Cassidy Hammonds
Adventurers	Emilee Jerrell
Trailblazers	Zachary Hammonds
	Emily Ward

Birthdays

Amanda	Blevins	9/10
Brittany	Collier	9/10
Pansy	Flanary	9/12
Wanda	Tester	9/14
Marion	Arwood	9/16
Hazel	Stanley	9/18
Lynn	Bowen	9/19
Kimberely	Sturgill	9/19
Michael	Hammonds	9/20
Logan	Stepien	9/23
Allison	Jerrell	9/25
Roy	Baker	9/26
Pat	Fuller	9/26
Carmen	Harris	9/29
Anna	Carter	9/30

Carroll	Hall	10/2
Harold	Hall	10/2
Zachary	Hammonds	10/3
Katie	Bledsoe	10/5
Jake	Boyd	10/6
Nancy	Rhoton	10/7
Misty	Osborne	10/8
Samuel	Wheeler	10/9
Kaitlyn	Flanary	10/10
Maximus	Miller	10/10
Shirley	Wells	10/10

Anniversaries

Paul & Marion	Arwood	9/10
Roy & Phyllis	Baker	9/19
Joe & Kristie	Quillen	10/9
Keith & Brenda	Walsworth	10/9

Disclaimer:

Every effort is made to ensure that all submitted articles, pictures, items, etc. are included in the newsletter. Any omission or reporting errors are unintentional. Please let me know if there are errors or omissions that need to be corrected and it will appear in the next issue. Thank you.

Melissa Pennington, Editor

DO YOU TRUST?

Poor Daniel. A man who worked hard and deserved respect but was criticized by his jealous co-workers for doing a good job. He was a man that knew the importance of having a disciplined prayer life, praying religiously three times a day, but was still thrown into a lions' den to be killed. He was a man that trusted God in all things, but yet was still attacked by others for his religious beliefs.

Daniel trusted God. I don't know of anyone personally that has been thrown into an actual lions' den (even though it's probably felt like it), but I'm wondering if any of us would have had the courage and trust in God, like Daniel, to not worry or be anxious about it? I'm also wondering how many of us actually spend three planned times per day praying? I'm sure we all have our times we pray during the day, but to actually take the time to plan that into your day sure sounds like a winner to me. We plan everything else, why not that?

But there are a couple of points that I don't want us to miss here. When Daniel prayed, he

was 'giving thanks to his God'. Now there is nothing wrong with us praying for others when we pray, and even ourselves. But I love this gentle reminder that we are to give thanks to God first and foremost. We must trust him in all things, and thank him for his peace and comfort for what's happened in the past, what's happening now, and what's to come.

The second point we need to capture is that even though the others didn't believe in the God Daniel served, he was living his faith out loud in front of them. They noticed his prayer life. They noticed his faith. They noticed his trust. They noticed his service. Even the King was distressed about having to make an example out of Daniel (v14) because I really believe he knew something was different about him. In verse 16, the king said to Daniel "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!". Sounds like to me he was expecting a miracle from Daniel's God, and Daniel was going to get one!

Daniel was a man that trusted God through all of his

trials. He trusted God ultimately with his life, and God delivered. How many times have you been delivered from things through your trust in him? How many times have you prayed for something or someone in your life, only to have it joyfully delivered in his time? How many times have you plunged through your despair and grief to serve him, even when you didn't feel like it or felt yourself unworthy or unwanted, only to be rewarded by his love and compassion for others?

Brothers and sisters, let the example that Daniel set for us lead us to a higher path of unconditional trust in him. Let him take the reins for your life and see how he protects and rescues you from others and situations that you could not have yourself.

As it says in Proverbs 3:5-6, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and he will guide you on the right paths*".

Janey O

Registration

Mail check payable to TVBC WOM to:
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P.O. Box 267
Duffield, VA 24244

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Church: _____

Lunch Seating Preference (check one)

- No Preference
- Seat me in Handicapped accessible area
- Seat me with the following friends or group

I have enclosed my \$20 fee (Fee includes program, continental breakfast, lunch, door prize ticket, and conference gift)

Questions? Please call (276) 431-4101

Church Groups: Please complete individual registration forms.