

# BRIDGING THE GAP

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and  
He will exalt you. James 4:10*



## A Letter From the Pastor

BY ANDY WOOD

We are in the waning days of summer. When I lived in Northern Virginia, school did not start until after Labor Day, so August meant more fun in the sun for us. Not so here in our sweet home of Southwest VA!

With the new year, we are starting off the manly men group. The first meeting will be at my house on Monday August 11 at 6:30 PM. My hope is to get a group of men that are willing to travel around from week to week to do some handyman work for folks in our community. We will not just focus on service projects. We will also focus on discipleship, sharpen one another (Proverbs 27:17), and look at what it means to be a Biblical man, husband, father, and son. So if you are interested, please join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

This year, I would also like us to participate in the Christmas Parade that marches through Saint Paul. It has been brought to my attention that there are several other churches in the community that march in the parade. Since the parade path is right in front of the church, it seems prudent that we would also participate. We purchased over 1,000 tiny Jesus figures to pass out at the parade along with the church's card, and some candy. Anyone willing to help, please see Jasmyne Turner. We need a trailer, someone to play Mary, Joseph, the angel, the shepherds, and the wise men. I know it seems like December is forever away, but the Christmas season will be on us before we know it!

Thanks again to all of the people that helped out with the Dante recovery. I met with the police chief and town manager last month and they both gave thanks for the assistance you all provided. I am blessed to be a part of a church that has volunteers ready to mobilize the church. God didn't just call us to sit in a pew, He called us to serve. Thank you for answering the call!

Let's be quick to be His hands and feet! God bless you!



# Church Calendar

## August

**05: Food Truck**  
**05: Deacon Meeting 6:30**  
**06: WMU Meeting 6:30**  
**07: School starts**  
**10: Hangout Resumes**  
**11: Manly Men 6:30**  
**19: Business Meeting**  
**21: Kids club Kick off!**

## September

**02: Food Truck**  
**02: Deacon Meeting 6:30**  
**03: WMU Meeting 6:30**  
**16: Business Meeting**



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## Building & Grounds



-The Young Adult class is moving to the upper floor. Slowly, but surely, we are getting the room painted out. The old paint seems to just absorb the new stuff! When painting is complete, it will be time to install the floor. When that is complete, the Hangout will move to the old Young Adult classroom.

-The parsonage is almost complete! Food bank is slated to move to the parsonage when upgrades are finished.



-A sump pump is scheduled to be installed on August 13.

-Preparations are being made to install new ceiling tiles in the sanctuary. When the ceiling is completed, we will install new carpet in the sanctuary.

-Larry Marshall continues to upgrade our fluorescent bulbs to LEDs.

-We are looking at the best adhesive remover to remove the carpet from the main entrance.



-The steeple continues to look great, but will need another paint job soon.

**-There is a lot to be done! If you are young and able (or just willing and able) we would love any help we can get on buildings and grounds! See Larry Marshall or Andy Wood for more details.**

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### *August's Scripture Memory Verse*

The calm words of the wise are heeded more than the shouts of a ruler over fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner can destroy much good.

Ecclesiastes 9:17-18

# The Hangout

7TH-12TH GRADE

Kicking off the 2025-26 school year, the Hangout leaders are meeting to discuss ministry plans on Sunday Aug 3.

We will setting dates for:

- Bible Study
- Fellowship Activities
- Worship Nights
- Fall Retreat
- Upper Classmen Gatherings
- Summer Camp (FUGE)
- Fundraising Events

We are always looking for volunteers for the following:

- Dinners for Hangout
- Hosts for fellowship (Progressive dinners, Pool to use, Backyards for camping...)

Please pray for our team this year, we have a great group of leaders, but they are all very busy and it takes a big committment and calling to serve in youth ministry. We are grateful for the sweet people who serve on this team and for those who cover us in prayer regualry. Not everyone is called to serve in youth and childrens ministry, but we can all lend a hand in a variety of ways, pray for those who are directly ministering, and / or give to the fundraising so that the events are possible.

Pray that hearts are changed this school year and that this minstry is effectively discipling the students of Wise & Russell Counties.

## Upcoming Hangout Events:

Aug 11 - Hangout school year kick off!

# KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade

This year we will continue using our children's material from Group, the same company that bings us VBS each year. The children love the interactive stories and the Bible Memory Buddy that changes each unit. We get many questions about what the animal buddy will be next time. We love the excitement from our kiddos!

Please spread the word about our Thursday Night program...6:30-7:30. Let your friends know that we worship, play, and study the Word each night!

We have 3 committed teachers and some teen helpers, but WE NEED MORE HELP! Pray for what role you could play in our program.

## Children's Church & Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	Children's Church	Nursery / Preschool
<b>August 3</b>	9am-Ann 11am-Dania	9am-Kelli 11am-Ann
<b>August 10</b>	9am- Susan 11am-Cindy	9am-Cindy
<b>August 17</b>	9am-Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Kelli
<b>August 24</b>	9am-Susan 11am-Dania	9am-Cindy 11am- Terri
<b>August 31</b>	9am - Terri 11am - Dania	9am - Kelli



# MISSIONS: HERE & THERE



## Food Bank

### CURRENT NEEDS:

Peanut Butter  
Canned Meat  
Corn  
Green beans  
Peas  
Cereal  
Dry Beans

Open 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00



## MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

*Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world:*

Andy and Tabitha Daniel  
-Box Elder, SD

Osvaldo and Vanessa Lerma  
-Laredo, TX

Tyler and Hannah Trusley  
-Surprise, AZ

Christi and Mark Hall  
-Groveport OH

Jacques and Suzanne Alimasi  
-Kansas City, KS

## WMU: WOMEN ON MISSION

### Operation Christmas Child:

Each month we will collect items for the OCC boxes. This month we would appreciate the donations of the following for both girls and boys:

-Flip Flops(sizes 5-9, boys and girls)

-Hair Brushes

-Socks(ages 8-14, boys)

**These items can be left in any red box marked OCC.**

**"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."**

**Matthew 28:19 NLT**

# Happy Birthday!!



## August

05 – Michael Phillips  
08- Peyton Townes  
09- David Rudder  
13 – Camryn Cook  
13- Gracen Evans  
14 – Ross Rudder  
19 – Vickie Hobbs  
24- Maggie Jessee  
26 – Julie Large  
27- Kara Bush  
28- Jeff Fields  
31- Kaitlin Fields

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### **FBC Weekly Opportunities:**

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

Sunday 6:00 Youth “Hangout” 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (*1st & 3rd Tue of the month*)

Thursday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade (Aug-May)