

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

Changing Lives with Christ

August, 2013

Prayer: Routine or Relationship

If you think of prayer as a duty, as something to get done, as a chore, then it won't help you get closer to God. Since "closer to God" is a relationship, the only way to get there is by asking for it, seeking it, and relating to God as real, listening, and ready to answer you.

In Genesis 1-2, man was close to God and then lost that close relationship. But wanting it back, sensing a need for it, "men began to call on the name of Yahweh". (Genesis 4:26)

In 1 Chronicles 28:9 King David tells his son, Solomon, "If you seek Him (God), He will be found by You." David promises Solomon that God wants a relationship with Solomon, if Solomon wants one.

This is true for us too. God wants a personal relationship with each one of us. Last year we lost one of our Christian sisters to cancer. What kept her going was her faith in God, expressed to Him in her prayers each day and relying on Him to uphold her. She testified that God gave her strength each day to continue the battle. She understood, before she was aware of her illness, that the Christian life is about a relationship with God. She loved Him and embraced that relationship.

In Deuteronomy 4:29 worshipping some other god (Idolatry) is called adultery because you are betraying your relationship with God. The following verses speak of that relationship.

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We had a great week of Colossal Coaster World

Vacation Bible School!



We had over 50 children attending each night.

Thanks to all the youth and adult workers who helped with Bible study, music, crafts, and recreation. Also thanks to those who helped with preparing materials, purchasing and serving snacks, providing materials and helping with the children in so many different ways.

Please continue to pray for the children and families as we visit each family over the next few weeks. We will be giving them a VBS picture and a CD of the Colossal Coaster World music. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of the children and their families through the music, the Bible lessons, and the memories of a wonderful week together.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As part of our Adopt-A-School project, we are collecting school supplies to help needy kids get ready for school. Check the bulletin for the kinds of materials needed.

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Our next flea market...

... will be Saturday, September 7
(rain date, September 14)

If you can help with set-up, building monitoring,
or clean-up, let Robin know.

We do this to serve our community in Jesus'
name. Help us to do so.

Prayer *(from previous page)*

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Isaiah 55:6 (NIV) Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

I urge you to "earnestly seek Him" each day. Learn to pray all during the day, believing that Jesus is by your side. Share your life with Him. Seek to live your life as if He were living it through you.

Many who pray don't find God, meaning He doesn't answer, because they aren't seeking Him. Their goal for prayer is prayer. They pray to get it done for another day, to check that activity off their list.

Don't fall into this habit. Instead, pray to meet Jesus. He rose from the dead and is alive, ready to meet you in prayer. Seek to fellowship with Him all day long. Make meeting God, knowing God, your goal and He will answer.

Breathless: A Gathering for Women

Saturday, September 28, 2013

For women seeking a deeper relationship with
the Lord.

Sponsored by

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Keynote Speaker: Carol Sallee

Worship Leader: Becky Cotter

Cost: \$25 Early Bird (by July 15th)
\$35 (after July 15th)

Location: Faith Baptist Church
7378 Furnace Branch Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

For more information, contact Gail Noda,
Ministry Assistant, at 800-466-5290, x218, or
gnoda@bcmd.org.

To register, go to www.bcmd.org/breathless

CAP* Collection Campaigns for 2013

August - Canned Pork & Beans

Brown Paper Bags Needed!

The Food Pantry is always in need of brown paper bags that are used to pack and distribute food to our guests. Please don't throw away those brown paper bags laying around the house, recycle them and donate them to the CAP Food Pantry by dropping them off in designated locations at your church or during Food Pantry business hours.

The Christian Assistance Program, Inc. (CAP),...

... is a multidenominational Christian outreach program comprised of area churches that help our community by providing assistance to those who are in need. Through the faithful giving from our area church congregations and various donors, **CAP** Volunteers are able to provide food and clothing to families in need residing in Odenton, Severn and Gambrills.

The Clothes Closet is located at Nichols Bethel United Methodist Church. The entrance is located at the back of the church on the lower level. A resident is allowed only one visit per month and may take three outfits per person in their immediate family.

- A women's outfit consists of a top or blouse plus a skirt, slack or short or one dress. Shoes are available in a variety of sizes.
- A men's outfit consists of a suit or sport coat/slack, a shirt plus a pair of jeans, slacks or shorts. Men's ties and belts are also available.
- The same number of outfits applies for infants, children and teens.

Along with providing food and clothing, **CAP** also provides **points of contact** for organization that assist individuals and families in time of need, for example Food Stamps, energy assistance and home repairs.

A **prayer ministry** is also available for any **CAP** Guest. **CAP** also distributes free bibles and provides each guest with a list of the contributing churches in hopes they will attend one of them in the future. While each church is unique, every church offers weekly events for children, teens and

adults in hopes to make Gods presence real and relevant in everyday life.

Clothes Closet

Nichols-Bethel United Methodist Church
1239 Murray Road
Odenton, MD 21113
Manager: Karen Yant
410-674-2272
Hours of Operation
Tuesday: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Clothes Closet is closed if Anne Arundel County Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

Food Pantry

Severn United Methodist Church
1215 Old Camp Meade Road
Severn, MD 21144
Manager: David Vitchock
410-987-1043
Hours of Operation
Tuesday: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Food Pantry is closed if Anne Arundel County Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

Volunteers Needed!

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help registering individuals and families, bagging groceries and taking the bags to the guests' vehicles. The Food Pantry is in the basement of Severn United Methodist Church. This position requires volunteers in good physical condition, able to repeatedly go up and down steps while carrying up to 30 pounds of canned/boxed goods. If you are able to volunteer during the Food Pantry hours please contact David Vitchock at (410) 987-1043 for further information.