

# THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

Changing Lives with Christ

July, 2014

## A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



School is out. Vacation Bible School is almost here. It is hard to believe, but it is also time to start thinking about **school supplies** for the fall.

We have the privilege of partnering with Waugh Chapel Elementary School to help in many different ways. One way we support the school community is by providing school supplies for students who are in need.

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## BLESSED WITH GROWTH

God has blessed us with growth in our children's classes. We want to do our best to teach them and love them. Part of this is having adequate teaching space. So we are moving the two school-age children's classes to the classrooms in the west wing. The Adult 1 class will replace them in the main wing.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS kicks off on Monday, July 14 and runs through Friday night, July 18. Please be praying daily for the children (to hear the Good News and understand it), the parents, (the same), and the workers (energy, no delays coming from work, focus on their message, patience, courage, and love for the kids.)

**JESSUP BAPTIST CHURCH** is in need of some additional help for their VBS. It is the week of July 28 – August 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Specifically, they need a 1st/2nd grade teacher and a helper and a 3rd/4th grade helper. Contact Alicia Arlen if you can lend a hand for part or all of the time.



## SHOPPERS NEEDED!

We need groceries on the first Saturday of every month for the homeless ministry. If you can shop every month or only occasionally, we need you! You can buy a single item for 75 people, or shop for all the items. You will be reimbursed for any expenditures. Anyone who is willing to shop for groceries for the homeless ministry, please contact Vivian Tribett.

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## CELEBRATING JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

Take some time to:

Thank God for the freedom to worship and openly speak His name.

Exercise that freedom by sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Thank those who serve in our armed forces.

Pray for those in the armed forces and for the chaplains who minister to them.

Pray for our nation's leaders and for leaders around the world.

## SPECIAL OFFERING

On June 22, the church voted to purchase a new LED sign. We also voted to establish a special budget line item to receive designated funds to help pay for the sign. Special offerings to help with the cost of the sign, above and beyond your usual tithes and offerings, can be made between now and the time that the sign is complete (about ten weeks). Put your contribution in an offering envelope and label it "**Sign.**"

## Summer CAP (food pantry) Collection Campaigns

July - Canned Meats  
(tuna, chicken, etc)

## LAST BEST THING

As your pastor, I have told you the following before, but was recently reminded of the need. One of the last, best things you can do for your family is to help them make decisions for your funeral at a very difficult time for them. If you have already made some plans concerning your passing, let your family know. For example, my parents had paid for their cremation some years ago and gave us the phone number to call upon their passing. A few months ago I read an article by a woman who's father had died suddenly. But in her purse she had a list of everyone to call, given to her by her father a few years previously. She knew the name of the funeral home to call (phone number included), what readings he loved from the Old and New Testaments, what ministers to call (phone numbers included), what friends of her father to call, etc. There were special readings/poems that were included, who to get to sing, and what he should sing.

You won't be able to give this help to your family after you are passed, so give this help now. It will be a comfort to your family. While funerals are for those who are left behind, your family could use help from you for your funeral. Your family will want to honor your memory. You can help them do that by leaving them some help for your funeral. Is there music you would like sung or played? What is your favorite hymn or praise song? What Bible passages have been most meaningful to you? Do you have a life verse? Do you want a closed casket and no "viewing"? I encourage you to take a few minutes this week to think about such things, write them down, and leave them with family.

I know you love your family. This is a great way to show them your love. They may not think so now. But if you unexpectedly pass they will be very grateful for this act of love.

- pastor Robin

## **SCHOOL**

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You can be a part of this ministry by:

- ✦ purchasing specific items that are requested for each grade level,
- ✦ donating money to help purchase these supplies,
- ✦ shopping for supplies, and/or helping pack the book bags for delivery to the school in August.

Watch for coming information about school supply sales at local stores and the specific supplies that are needed.

For more information see Arlisa Harding or Margaret Shifflett.

## **PAINTING**

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The west wing classroom that has been used for storage has been cleaned of excess materials and furniture. The floor has been stripped and waxed. All that is left to do before shifting classes is to paint the two west wing classrooms. If you can help on Tue. evening, July 1, or Thu. evening, July 3, or Saturday, July 5, let pastor Robin know.

If we don't finish the rooms on the above dates we may have to also use July 8, & 10. VBS starts July 14 and the rooms need to be finished for decorating and the classes and their furniture shifted over.

## **ENGAGING CHURCHES in SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

### **News from Our Missionaries**

"He literally chased our truck, waving his hands. We were on a 'vision trip' to the A people with three Ohio men in July 2013. In an attempt to visit most of the A villages, we were traveling yet another dirt road in the bush, sometimes through thick foliage, sometimes beside hand-tilled fields. As we passed this particular man, who had obviously been working in his field, he tried frantically to make us stop. Sensing the Holy Spirit's guidance, we braked and stepped out of the truck. The man explained, 'I saw your sign (Baptist Mission) on the side of your truck. Would you please come and start a church in our village?'

Matthew\*, himself a member of the A people group and a former Muslim, but now a zealous evangelist for Christ, gladly agreed to return. Since September 2013 Matthew and his team have planted seven churches among other people groups living in the area. Now Matthew is senior shepherd of 11 churches! The man who chased us? Matthew led his entire family and another couple to Christ.

(\*pseudonym)

### **BAPTISTS GAVE AMERICA the BILL of RIGHTS**

Read the following article to see how:

<http://erlc.com/article/baptists-gave-america-the-bill-of-rights>

## HOW TO BE HAPPY

Are you almost disgusted with life, little man?  
I'll tell you a wonderful trick  
That will bring you contentment, if anything can:  
Do something for somebody, quick!

Are you awfully tired with play, little girl?  
Wearied, discouraged, and sick?  
I'll tell you the loveliest game in the world:  
Do something for somebody quick!

Though it rains like the rain of the flood, little man,  
And the clouds are forbidding and thick,  
You can make the sun shine in your soul, little man:  
Do something for somebody, quick!

Though the stars are like brass overhead, little girl,  
And the walks like a well-heated brick,  
And our earthly affairs in a terrible whirl,  
Do something for somebody, quick!

-- AUTHOR UNKNOWN