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Hope you all have had a blessed summer season 'cause it's almost over! It's harvest time in some cases and seed planting in others, to include our schools starting back up (much too early, it seems).

Judy and I visited some friends in Missouri in July and had the opportunity to worship with them that Sunday. I hope what we saw there is a mirror of what folks see when they visit our churches. There was an infectious joy in every face, from the young man virtually dancing in the parking lot as he directed cars toward open spaces (vacated by the 8:15 service) to the ladies in the do-nut ministry (seriously) to the Sunday School teachers and even the "greeters" we met after the worship service. We heard the invitation numerous times for folks to consider how they might share their gifts and abilities in the different ministries of that church. This was part of the body of Christ working together to give honor and glory to God as they learned and practiced how to love one another. If we lived there we would certainly want to look deeper into what was happening there. Hopefully that's what visitors and folks in our communities see in us ... a place where they need to return and see what makes the difference in the lives of Christians. Do they see us working and fellowshiping together and loving the people around us just like Christ did, and still does?

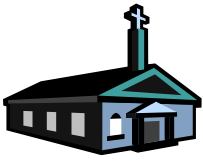
This new month is another gift from our Lord, and as we have heard it said before, how we use it will be our gift to Him. Jesus told us to go out and share the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone we encounter. It's really not something we try to do, but something that is such a part of us that it just comes out, like exhaling a precious breath of air. Let's get together every chance we get, and share the love, continually growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our newness in Christ is something we need to celebrate. There is a song called "Clean" sung by the Gaither Vocal Band. It tells a story of how that moment coming out of the baptismal waters clarifies a new perspective in our lives. Listen to it if you have the chance. You can find it on YouTube if you Google "Clean - Gaither Vocal Band."

Mark your calendars for September 16th at Burkeville Baptist at 4:00 P.M. This will be a great discipleship training event open to all. Recommend at least several from each church attend this one. It's not limited to deacons but it would be great to see them all participating!

Blessings,

Mike Clay
SBA Moderator



Church News

ANASTASIS: God is still working in the life of our young, small church. Earlier in the summer, we took a trip to Kerr Lake for our annual church picnic. Rev. Gascón is continuing her summer sermon series from the Epistle Lessons. Due to HVAC problems, church attendance and giving have been down. Wednesday night services are being held in members' homes. Please pray that our fundraising will be blessed and that there will be enough money to fix the building's HVAC system by winter. There will be a service to bless the backpacks for our ten children going back to school this year. Remember that God is still working in the life of our young, small church that meets in the beautiful, brick building on the Blackstone Road!

BLACKSTONE: We continue to meet each week in our fellowship hall as we are refinishing our hardwood floors in our sanctuary. Also our pews have been shipped to N.C. to be refinished. We are very patient as we go through this transformation, it will be worth all our efforts! We are excited to participate with other area churches for the One God, One Community Vacation Bible School July 23-July 25. The theme is Jonah and the Great Fish. We are looking forward to re-establishing our Men's Ministry, so we will start with a Pancake Breakfast on August 11th. We are still seeking that special person for a Music Director to help lead our choir. We will begin our Bible Study and Choir Practice again on Wednesday evenings as of August 1st. Our Sunday School Promotional Sunday will be Sunday, August 26th and Fun Day with a picnic in Seay Park after worship. Looking ahead to October 20th, please mark your calendars to join us in Blackstone Town Square from 5:00 till 7:00 pm. The group VA. Blues & Jazz Concert will be held there. This is a fundraiser for our music department.

CREWE: On July 15th a pool party was held for the youth and on July 25th, Youth Game Night was held at the church. On June 17th, we celebrated Father's Day. Jack Atkinson, age 87, was recognized as the oldest father in attendance. On June 19th, Pastor Sean Lee held a S. S. training session. Our new S. S. year will start Sept. 1st. VBS was held from June 25-29. Total enrollment was 142 counting workers and children. The Theme was "Game On." Each morning the children and helpers met in the sanctuary for the opening service which included the pledge to the American Flag, Christian Flag, and the Bible. The opening service also included a message from Pastor Sean and the music was led by Morgan Rakes. Then the children split up according to their ages for a time of further Bible study, crafts, snacks, mission study, and activities. On Friday the parents were invited to meet in the sanctuary to learn about what their children had been studying and doing during Bible School week. Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall and a time of fellowship followed. The money collected for Bible School will be used to purchase soccer balls and pumps for the children of Guatemala. As Missionaries play soccer with the children of Guatemala, it opens up the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. The money collected was divided equally between the boys and girls so both the pastor and Taylor Myers, the activities director, were rewarded with pie in the face! The church welcomed Lowell Harper as our interim Music Coordinator following the resignation of David Redford. Our choir has also welcomed some new members, as well as our church as it continues to grow under the leadership of Pastor Sean. During the month of July, members of the Quilting Circle gave sewing classes to all interested in learning how to sew on buttons, insert zippers, repair rips and tears, and other minor sewing tasks. Our church participated in collecting items for the Standing Rock Mission trip which took place July 22-29. These items were taken to the Mission Board in Richmond for delivery to the reservation. On July 10th, several ladies from the WMU attended the JOY Group meeting at Mt. Nebo Church. All who attended enjoyed a time of devotion, singing, and lunch.

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EMPHASIS: "By All Means"

WATCHWORD: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings"
I Cor. 9:22b-23.

Week of Prayer for State Missions, Alma Hunt Offering:

Theme: *Be Love*

Date: September 17 - 23

Scripture: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Gifts to the Alma Hunt Offering helps us to love together as we live out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in actions and in truth. Materials for promoting this in our churches, including prayer guides and offering envelopes, will be mailed from the WMUV office the first week in August. Help us by promoting this in each of our churches. Thanks!!

SHINE

Date: September 14 - 16

Place: CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center

An event for girls - middleschoolers and highschoolers and their leaders. Check out the WMUV website for details and more information!!

Women's Get-Away:

Date: November 2-3 or 3-4, 2018

Theme: Just - Us Women: Taking it to Heart

Place: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

The Women's Get-Away is WMUV's annual event for women and attended by women who come for inspiration, fellowship and equipping for ministry and missions!! It's time to start thinking about attending this event. Call Eagle Eyrie now to reserve your space. More information can be found at the WMUV website. Let's have a good delegation from Southside this year.

UPCOMING ASSOCIATIONAL EVENT!!!

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

WHAT: DAYTRIP TO CROSSROADS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

A fun day is being planned as we will travel to Louisville, VA, enjoying the cooler temperatures and the beautiful fall colors of the trees as we drive into the mountains, arriving at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center for lunch. You will enjoy the beautiful scenery, take a tour of the camp facilities if you desire (not required), listen to the rushing water splashing over the rocks or just have a few quiet moments to reflect on how God has touched so many young people and lives have been changed here 'on the mountain top'. Once we leave CrossRoads, we will travel just a few miles down the road, stopping at Saunders Orchard, perhaps finding fall apples, pumpkins and other goodies to bring home. We should arrive back in Southside in late afternoon. Specifics as far as time of departure, cost and any other details will be available in the coming weeks. It should be a fun, fun day. All are invited to participate. Deadline to sign up will be October 1 by contacting me by phone, 434292-3265, or email sbradshaw23@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and let's make this a day of fun and great fellowship!!

Coming this fall: NEW EMPHASIS NEW WATCHWORD

Watch for this!!!

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Church News

BAGBY MEMORIAL: We had an eventful and exciting Vacation Bible School in July that was well attended. The theme was "Classic Bible Tales" and was an original production well supported by the congregation. Kids raised an offering to be contributed to Alms House. The WMU provided the snacks and refreshments for the week and a presentation was made by the children on the following Sunday at church. One of our biggest social gatherings of the year, the July 4th Pig Pickin', was well attended and enjoyed. The Pastor Search Committee continues to accept applications for the position of bivocational pastor. In the interim we continue to fill the pulpit weekly. In July we welcomed Julie Marshall, John Mann and a surprise sermon by one of our own, Don Deitrich.

DUNDAS: The Nicklesville Mission Team from our church gave a report on July 22nd. The men had an opportunity to do light construction work. The ladies ministered to the residents at the Rest Home, worked in the food pantry, and had VBS for the youth during in evening. Dr. G. C. Harbuck was our guest speaker for the fifth Sunday. We are planning for another great "Round-up Day" on Sept. 23rd.

EUREKA: In April, we had three of our members represent Eureka Baptist Church on the mission trip to Bland, VA. Our Wednesday night Bible Study group hosted a missionary from Pakistan in late-May and began an exciting new study on the spiritual disciplines in June. We kicked off the summer with a *Game On*-themed VBS June 4-8. A number of kids attended and heard the message of Christ each night! On June 11, our youth departed to attend Camp X-Fuge in Ridgecrest, NC for a fun, spirit-filled week. Every 5th Sunday we have a luncheon and try to make it a special day of worship. For the 5th Sunday in July, we are hosting the choir of St. Andrews Baptist Church of Cullen, VA. We're all very excited for this time of worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

JONESBORO: Our summer months of June and July have been very busy with graduations, birthdays, celebration of the 4th, and many gatherings of fellowship and meals. It's been a busy summer and our men have been kept busy with grass cutting. A joint celebration of Mother's Day/Father's Day was held on Saturday, June 30th, as we gathered for a fun evening, enjoying Boston Butts with all the trimmings!! On July 8th we gathered for breakfast followed by our quarterly harvest day meeting. Prayer warriors have met each month as we seem to have a growing prayer list but praise God for the numerous answered prayers. Sunday School teachers have met as plans are being made for the new Sunday School year. Pledge cards for the new year have been distributed as plans are also being made for the budget for the new year. The pledge cards were returned as we celebrated with a Pledge Banquet and Sunday School picnic on Sunday, July 29th. It was a great afternoon of fellowship, games and delicious foods. We look forward to August and our annual GIVEAWAY, to be held on Aug. 11th. Also in August we look forward to our BIG BANANA SPLIT Sunday as school will be starting and things will get busy for the fall months. Where has our summer gone??? We praise God for all that He has allowed us to do and look forward to where He will lead us in the coming months.

KENBRIDGE: Our church hosted the SBA Executive Board with good attendance on June 19th with dinner followed by worship. Due to Pastor Bob's vacation on July 1st we welcomed Lynn Hite as our speaker. We were also blessed by her singing "Holy Ground". So beautiful! We are so happy that Hallie Stallings joined the Mexico team and thankful she had the opportunity to share God's love. On July 8th, we welcomed Patricia Mahaney as our guest musician for the worship service. Thank you Patricia for sharing your talent. Vacation Bible School was a big success and well attended July 9th-13th. A light dinner was served and enjoyed each night. The Theme was Putting on the Armor of God. Thank you to all who helped make this a success. Pastor Bob and Carol's last Sunday with us will be August 5th. We will have a potluck dinner in their honor after the worship service. They

will be missed but praying that they will have a happy and healthy retirement.

MT. TIRZAH: Our church is continuing with our weekly prayer meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. School supplies are being collected through the WMU for Charlotte County Elementary Schools and will be dedicated in service on July 29th to bless these children as they start a new school year. We are looking forward to August 19th when the Christian Motorcycle Association from Appomattox will be guests during our worship service to present testimonies and share the Word. Please join us!

NOTTOWAY: The congregation recently heard a message from Dawn Meadows concerning the engagement of our gifts in the Hospice Program based in Farmville. We look forward to participating in this ministry outreach and encourage others to do the same. We celebrated another successful VBS in June and are in the midst of the Community VBS as this newsletter goes to print. Thanks to all for a wonderful Bible school experience. Twin Lakes will be the site of a Youth/Kingdom Kids Field Trip. The young people of the church will make their way to Twin Lakes to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship. Aug. 12th will kick off the new year with S.S. Promotion Day. We are looking forward to the continued growth of our students in their academic endeavors and their Bible knowledge as well.

PISGAH: Our church welcomes two new members: Amanda Manning and Gene Lester. Their profession of faith in Jesus Christ is a joyous one indeed! Thanks to Rev. Garry Sims for filling in for Pastor Wallace. His message was a blessing-as usual. Rev. Steve Freeman will lead our Revival Services October 14-17. All are welcome to join Pisgah ladies for our Baptist Women's group on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Bible study each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are busily gathering items for our Operation Christmas Child led by our dedicated Doris Spiratos. Please tune in to 870AM to hear Pastor Wallace on morning devotions August 22-24. Pisgah collectively offers thanks to God for His blessings and provisions.

SHARON: In June our Youth enjoyed their third anniversary campout at Twin Lakes. July 15 - 19 we held our Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Game On." Thanks to all the children and workers who gave of their time to make this week a success. There were 42 persons who attended. Special thanks to Angela Shelton for leading this group. The mission project was "Blessing Buckets" and the money received was \$245.00. We appreciate Crewe Baptist Church sharing their materials for VBS. We are praying for the school children and teachers as they return to school that they will have a safe year.



NEW PASTOR AT HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church recently celebrated the arrival of its new pastor Rev. Scott Curtis and his family. A graduate of Samford University and Beacon Divinity with a Bachelor of Arts in congregational studies and a Masters of Arts in divinity. He has been engaged in professional ministry since 1997. Curtis' wife Kristen has been his partner in ministry since May 1997. She holds a bachelor's degree from Samford University in congregational studies as well as a master's degree in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

SBA Associational Calendar

August

- 4 Church Weekend Education Conference, at Second BC in Richmond, at 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 19 S. S. Leadership Seminar, at Black Branch BC, Chase City, at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 25 The Promising Future of Small Churches, at Grace Hills BC, Appomattox, at 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline date to turn in the SBA Assoc. Offering for the BCM and DDM Home.

September

- 3 Labor Day - SBA Office Closed
- 4 Pastor's Meeting at Pisgah Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Grandparents Day
- 11 Joy Group Meeting at Friendship Baptist Church, at 12:00 noon.
- 16 SBA Discipleship Training at Burkeville Baptist Church, at 4:00 p.m.
- 17-23 Alma Hunt Emphasis - Theme "Be Love"
- 18 SBA Exec. Board Meeting, at 6:00 p.m., Location TBA
- 18 CBF 2018 General Assembly



PRAYER REQUESTS:

The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.
Anastas Church. Rev. Connie Gascon, pastor.
The Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Janice Kiehm, Minister.
Rev. & Mrs. Ted Smith and family (Ben and Michelle), Ash Camp Baptist Church.
Mrs. Sylvia Bradshaw, SBA WMU Director and a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church.
Rev. James Allcock in The Woodland, Room #111, in Farmville. He is a member of Heritage Baptist Church.
Mr. W. Earl Southall, a member of Drakes Branch Baptist Church.
Mrs. Jennifer Sassi, Daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Earl Wallace.
Rev. Alden Hicks, member of Heritage Baptist Church
The following churches in the Southside Baptist Association seeking a pastor:

Bagby Memorial Church
Friendship Baptist Church
Victoria Baptist Church.

