



**THE
CHRONICLE**
MAY 2015

**EMBRACING JOY THROUGH
ANTICIPATED GENEROSITY**

**EMBRACE
THE JOY**

May 3, 10 and 17

A three week stewardship emphasis that will assist us in rediscovering the joy of generosity in giving to the Lord.

The last Sunday will be the finale with our guest speaker, Don Campbell, with the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Also, we will have a pot-luck celebration luncheon on May 17.

Please be in prayer for this emphasis and plan to be a part of it.

Led by your Stewardship Team: Dave Camp, Barry Jacobs, Karen Jarrell.

A Pastoral Appeal

I appeal to you . . . invite you . . . encourage you . . . exhort you . . . to attend the **Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines** on Sunday, June 7, 3-5 p.m. in the Pine Room. I guess you figured out that I consider this a high priority for OBC.

The Dawnings Team, through prayerful discernment about God's vision for OBC, believes that God is wanting each of us to grow deeper in our relationship with God. We are a people who are so busy *doing* church that we might miss *being* the church. A viable congregation is about being on God's mission. In order to discern God's mission for us together and individually, we need to hear from God. The **Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines** will teach you some ways that Christians through the ages have sought to deepen their relationship with God, to dialogue with God, to listen to God.

It is my hope that Sunday School classes and other small groups will covenant together to spend more time in the spiritual disciplines of praying the scriptures, colloquy, and journaling. I just used some language that's new to most of you. That's another reason you need to participate in the session that will be offered on Sunday, June 7, 3-5 p.m.

Here's a quote from Harry Rowland who trained the Dawnings Team. It was meaningful for us and hope it is for you. "Prayer is focusing on God not our situation. Gaze on God. Glance at our situation."

Rick

**PARENT/CHILD
DEDICATION**



If you would like to participate in parent/child dedication on Mother's Day, Sun., May 10, during morning worship, please contact the church office by Mon., May 4.

BUSINESS MEETINGS DATE CHANGES

May 24, 2015 and June 14, 2015

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sun., June 7

If you have or know of a graduating high school senior or college graduate, please contact the church office with their names and degree titles, by Mon., May 11.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MON., MAY 25
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., May 4: Valirie Payne circle, 11 AM in Pine Room. Bring a bag lunch.

Thur., May 7: Ruth Kersey will meet at Noon at Dogwood Village with Alice Jacobs and Mary Stephen. Bring lunch.

Mon., May 11: Kay Culpeper circle will meet in the Pine Room. Bring a sandwich.

Tues., May 12: Finance meeting, 6:45 PM.

Sun., May 24: Business meeting following morning worship. (Note the date change)

Tues., May 26: 7 PM Deacons meeting.

HAPPY AGERS

SATURDAY, MAY 16

(Meeting time and place to be determined) we will join Sunshine Tours for a day trip to Tangier Island. To reach the island we will board the Chesapeake Breeze at Reedville for a 1-3/4 hour narrated cruise.

Tangier, although modernized has not lost its charm. It is a largely unspoiled fishing village with quaint narrow streets. We will enjoy its charm and a family style lunch on the island. Total Cost \$95.00-if not paid, do so now, see Doris Shumake.

You will need to plan for cost of fast food meal before tangier and return trip home.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17,

10:15 AM meet at Food Lion ready to leave for Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg for the show "MY WAY" which is a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. Cost is \$63. Due to Doris Shumake by **May 1**.

M-A-R-K Y-O-U-R C--A-L-E-N-D-A-R

*Tues., July 21--we will visit Mt Crawford Creamery for a tour and HOME MADE ICE CREAM. We will lunch in Harrisonburg.

* Aug. 18--our picnic and boat ride on Lake Anna with Pastor Rick.

*September we may go to the State Fair in Richmond.

*October our fall mountain scenic drive.

LOVE OFFERING

SUN., MAY 31

To provide supplies/materials for July Mission trip being made by Dave & Meg Camp, and Barbara Ezell. They will be serving with Sparrow Missions in Honduras. This is offering is sponsored by the Mission Team.

NURSERY

May 3 Patricia Salyers, Ashley/Whit Jacobs

May 10 Dave/Meg Camp, Mayira Cluff

May 17 Sarah/Raphael Sydnor, Karen Jarrell

May 24 Vicky Schafer, Brenda Graves, Greg Hines

May 31 Bryan/Erin Seale, Terry Connell, Tracy Henry

MISSION FOCUS

MISSIONS IN DIVERSITY

Why would the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship assign Carson and Laura Foushee, field personnel, to Japan when Japan is:

- a First World country
- the third richest country in the world
- one of the least responsive countries to the gospel
- a country with a history of Christianity that dates back hundreds of years
- a country that practices Shinto religion (80%) and Buddhism (43%)
- a country in which 1% of the population is Christian?

Typically, the CBF assigns field personnel to unreached people groups and the poor or marginalized. Carson and Laura are ministering in Japan as a result of a request from Rev. Taguchi.

Rev. Akinori Taguchi, pastor of Kanazawa Baptist Church in Japan had a strong vision for collaboration and eventual partnership with a Baptist organization. An invitation was issued to CBF from THE HISTORIC Japan Baptist Convention. The result is the assignment in 2013 of Carson and Laura Foushee to Japan, CBF's first field personnel to Japan. Carson, a native of Statesville, NC and Laura, a native of Raleigh, NC are graduates of Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology. "Christians in Japan are strongly encouraged by our presence," Carson said. "In the end, people are looking for community and relationship," said Laura. That is their focus as Carson and Laura lead Bible studies, co-pastor two churches and teach English to university students, kindergartners and their mothers.

Read more about the exciting and challenging work of the Foushees in the April/May *fellowship* magazine.

Give prayerfully and generously to the Offering for Global Missions to support the Foushees and other field personnel.

STEWARDSHIP - March

Unified Budget:

Receipts	\$ 28,817.56
Paid Expenses	\$ 26,484.64
Unpaid Expenses	\$ 557.50
Unpaid Mission Partners for 2015	\$ 3,012.15
Capital Campaign:	
Receipts	\$ 8,608.53

GOOD WORK

In 1666, world-famous architect Sir Christopher Wren was tasked with helping to rebuild London after the city was nearly destroyed by fire. On one occasion, he visited the site of a cathedral under construction--one of his designs. Seeing a day laborer working high up on a scaffold, he called out and asked the man what he was working on. Not recognizing the inquirer, the laborer called back with pride, "I'm helping Sir Christopher Wren build a cathedral!"

Now, it would have been perfectly honest and acceptable if the worker had yelled back, "I'm shingling the roof!" or "I'm laying bricks!" He could have even said something like, "I'm earning a living!" and that too would have been the truth. But he had a much grander perspective of his work. He didn't just see the task before him. He was the good that would come from his efforts--a completed cathedral. The laborer also saw the uniqueness of his opportunity. He wasn't just working on any old church; he was helping Christopher Wren build a church.

Work can be something to put food on the table, it can be something from which we draw our identity, or like the worker in the story, it can become something transcendent, instilling a sense of purpose, satisfaction and joy.

Personal Finance Study, Crown Financial Ministries, 2013 Pp 131-132

WMU HAPPENINGS: MAKE AND BAKE AUCTION

The WMU ladies had their annual Make and Bake Auction on Sun., April 26 following morning worship. They had a potato bar luncheon with a love offering collected.

They received several donated items of baked goods and homemade items that were auctioned off for the purpose of supporting upcoming camps for our youth.

The total money collected for the event overall was \$1,551.50.

PRAYER LIST

Illness within church family:

Sammy Higginbotham	Claire Lonergan
Bobby Seal	Karen Wheeler
Carolyn Styers	James Arthur
Faye Cooper	Connie Sardina
Madeline Reeves	Bart Daniel
Mary Wright	Spurgle Herndon
Doris Samuels	Shirley Reynolds
Charlene Schweikert	
Phyllis Saintclair	

Other concerns: Samantha Clarke

Illness of friends & family:

Sue Brown	Ann Marie Smith
Joyce Bosworth	Susan Birdsong
Lisa Muller Cook	Palmer Waugh
Charles Arruda	Kristi Clore
Nadia Anderson	Linda Hopkins
Savannah Cox	Jen Garnett
Brooke Wheeler	Curtis Gish
Allen Shands	Skeeter Lutz
Betty Landrum	David Hohman
Jennifer McLamb	Patricia Stone
Sherri Brown	Lee McKennon
Kari Brown	Rachel Lee
Rev. Bruce Hunter	Xan Spotswood
Susan Hunter	Doris Haney
Edgar Perkins	Tammi Waters

Your thoughtfulness and caring during the illness and death of our husband, father and grandfather, Raymond Strickland, has been a great comfort. We deeply appreciate every act of kindness extended to our family.

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Clore for his guidance and support.

Mary Strickland

OBC family and friends,

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful cards, your phone calls, the food and your prayers during my illness.

Karen Wheeler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Sun., July 26-Thur., July 30

If you are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School this year please contact Christina Bowles at: (540) 786-1109 or hersixxness@gmail.com.

We will be partnering with two other churches this year, but always love to have everyone's help! More information to follow.



MEN'S GROUP

Group will meet on Sat., May 9, 7:30 AM Country Cookin'.

For more information contact Bill Hager, 804-400-6809 or whhager@comcast.net.



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DEACONS MINISTRY
Love Outreach Food Bank

The deacons are pleased and thankful to report that they collected \$163.69 in donations that enabled them to purchase 265 food items at a total weight of 236 pounds.

- 48 cans French style green beans
- 26 cans Fruit Cocktail
- 48 cans Whole kernel corn
- 24 cans Spaghetti O's
- 24 cans Vienna Sausage
- 10 jars creamy Peanut Butter
- 22 cans Chunk Tuna
- 12 cans Pork & Beans
- 15 boxes Hamburger Helper
- 24 boxes Mac & Cheese
- 12 cans Sloppy Joe Sauce

DEACONS FOR MONTH OF MAY

Barry Jacobs	Hubert Compton
Lynette Higginbotham	Dorothy Cluff
Cornelia Craun	Bill Hager
Harrison Cluff	Tom Reynolds
Samantha Reynolds	

Orange Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generosity and community-oriented spirit in allowing the Orange County Office on Youth to utilize space to host the Strengthening Families Program in the fall of 2014 and Spring of 2015. In the last few months we have served 11 families in our community at Orange Baptist helping to spread the idea of love and limits for children, and helping families recognize values that are important to them. Most importantly, we have helped youth increase their resiliency. We are grateful for the space that this church has blessed us with.

Kind regards,
Orange County Office on Youth

LOVE OUTREACH - May: Jelly & peanut butter.
When donating food please check the expiration dates.