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Summer is Almost Over!

Many of you have taken much needed time off for rest and relaxation. During the week of August 9-16, Suzanne and I journeyed out west with a couple from our former church. We took a boat tour of Lake Tahoe, saw the television set used to produce the television series "Bonanza," and took a bus tour of Yosemite National Park. We worshiped at the South Reno Baptist Church. In mid-September we will go to Nags Head, North Carolina, for a week with my sister and brother-in-law. Vacations not only refresh my soul, they remind me how much I love and miss my church family!

Pray for State Missions



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September 12-19 is the week of prayer for Virginia Baptist missions and the Alma Hunt Mission Offering. My sermon on Sunday, Sept. 12th, will use this year's mission week theme "ON CALL" for its title. The focal scripture passage will be *1 Peter 2:9,21 (NIV)*: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." Your prayers and gifts will support new churches in Virginia; urban, migrant, rural and/or ethnic ministries; disaster relief; camp scholarships; chaplain ministries and many more Virginia Baptist ministries.

Would You Like to "Adopt" a Kid Away from Home?

Many of our families have young adults who are away from home in college or military service who would appreciate cards and care packages from their church friends. Contact the church office if [1] you are the parent of a kid away from home and give us his or her address. We will publish a list of addresses so that Sterling Park BC folk can stay in contact; or [2] you are a kid away from home residing in our area and we will link you with a Sterling Park BC family that treat you as "kin;" or [3] you are a member of Sterling Park that would like to be an "Adoptive Parent" to a kid away from home.

Where has GOD Called You to Serve?

Serving God through His church is not an option, it's a privilege and an opportunity. Whether or not the Nominating Committee has called upon you to minister through Sterling Park Baptist Church, GOD HAS! He has called every member to use his or her talents to the glory of His kingdom. For example, your church has an urgent need for children's Sunday School teachers. I believe that, if God wants us to continue the ministry of sharing the Bible with our children, He will supply the teachers. Will you be one of them? Let us know soon. Pray for the ministry of the Nominating Committee this fall.

Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting

Suzanne and I will attend the 2004 Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting at the Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia, November 9-10, 2004. The theme is "Empowered: Imagine What God Can Do!" The annual meeting reminds us how Virginia Baptists ministered during the past year and inspires us to greater service during the coming year. If you would like to be a messenger from our church, please contact me for information.

How People Choose a Church:

- 3% join because of the preacher.
- 9% join because of the buildings.
- 14% join because of the denomination.
- 18% join because it is close by.
- 22% join because they made new friends.
- 34% join because their friends invited them.

"God uses people to bring other people into the fellowship of His church. How long has it been since you invited someone to church?" - copied.

Hurricane Charley Update

On-site assessments have identified 32 Florida Baptist church buildings that have been destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Charley. The buildings of three churches were destroyed, all in the Peace River Baptist Association in the rural area of Arcadia: Oak Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The remaining 29 church buildings sustained damage that was classified between minimal to heavy, according to assessments completed through Aug. 20. In addition, two homes of pastors have been reported with damage.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship relief efforts will be concentrated in two rural, inland Florida counties where rural and migrant populations were particularly hard hit by Hurricane Charley. According to a report in the Tampa Tribune, Hardee County's public safety director estimated 75 percent of structures in the county are damaged or destroyed.

Labor Day

Labor Day is an American holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. Isn't it strange that we celebrate our jobs by taking a day off? This year Labor Day falls on Monday, September 6. It is a good time to remember with our families and friends the hard work that sustains our American way of life and the Creator who made it all possible!

Just a Reminder

The Northstar Church Network Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, September 11, 9 AM - 12 Noon, at First Baptist Church of Alexandria. A \$15 reservation is due a.s.a.p. There will be workshops for Sunday School teachers and deacons, as well as workshops on stewardship, music, prayer, singles ministry, discipleship, evangelism and more! Let me know if you need a ride.

Plan to Attend Business Meeting

On Sunday, September 12 members will vote on the proposed addition of two new committees: Audio/Sound and Constitution and Bylaws.

I Want to Commend Sterling Park for Your Mission Giving

The Baptist General Association of Virginia reports that the church gave \$9,537.28 to the Cooperative Program, \$5,837.00 to the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions, \$2,784.54 to the Annie Armstrong Offering for North America Missions and \$575.00 for other missions for a total of \$18,733.82 during the six months ending May 5, 2004.

May God bless you,
Pastor Lytle

Wednesday Night Dinner

If you would like to attend the dinner from 5:45pm - 6:45pm, you may either sign up on the posted sheet on the bulletin board in the center hallway or call the church office at 703-430-2527 before 10am on Monday. Please be sure to sign up or call if you plan on attending so that we can be sure enough food is available for all. Cost of the dinner is as follows:

- Adult (13 & up) . . . \$4.00
 - Child (3-12) \$3.00
 - Child (under 3) Free
 - Hot Dog Meal \$2.00
 - Extra Hot Dog \$1.00
- (Hot Dog Meals include chips, dessert and drinks.)*

September 8th

Roast Beef, cream potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and drinks.

September 15th

Chicken, rice, corn, rolls, dessert and drinks.

September 22nd

Meat loaf, parsley potatoes, broccoli, rolls, dessert and drinks.

September 29th

Pork chops, au gratin potatoes, peas, rolls, dessert and drinks.

Congratulations to:

*Mrs. Jean Kidd on the birth of her 12th Grandchild, Sydney Gale Paris.
Ray & Robbie Foster on the birth of their Granddaughter, Megan Elaine Foster.*

Do You Like Paintball?

How about go-carts? Horseback riding? Zip line? Rock climbing walls? Sand volleyball? MT boards?

October 1st and 2nd the Youth and anyone else interested is invited to enjoy these activities!!!

Place: Teen Quest Ranch, Somerset, PA
(www.teenquest.org)

Departing: Friday, October 1st 6:30 PM

Returning: Saturday, October 2nd 11PM-midnight

Fee: Three meals on Saturday, the overnight lodging, and all the activities is only \$ 60. Fuel for the van is an additional \$7.

Total Fee: \$70 (incl. tax)
We have ten spaces reserved, but we can get more if YOU tell Pete by Sunday, September 26th. Reserve your spot ASAP by talking to Pete.

Sunday School Class Begins a New Bible Study

On September 19th the Ladies II Class will begin a new study called "The Frazzled Female - Finding Peace in the Midst of Daily Life". Cindi Wood is the author and is also known for being a speaker, conference leader, and founder of Frazzled Female Ministeries. Pleae contact Debra Vest if you would like more information.

September 5th - Home Made Day

At 3:00pm we will have a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall, followed at 4:00pm with a time of praise, prayer, and devotion. Volleyball, horseshoes and board games will be available to enjoy after Pastor Buckingham's devotion. Please bring a "home made" dish and be a part of the festivities.

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Sunday Services:
8:45am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

Sunday School: 9:45am

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Mon-Fri 9:00am-2:00pm

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KFC Kids & Parents 4th - 6th Grade

KFC is about to begin and we want you to be part of the program. This year the 4th - 6th graders will be studying the Team Kid Bible study "Reach UP Reach Out"

We will be learning how to strengthen our relationship with God and improving our relationship with our families and friends, by following Jesus' example. We will be meeting on Wednesday

evenings from 7:00 - 7:45 beginning September 8th.

Please consider being part of this important Bible study. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at tmeyer@comsearch.com or 703-444-7008.

Hope to see you, Twila
PS - Remember to bring your Bible

Muslim Background Believers Convention

Columbia Baptist Church Falls Church, VA
September 3rd through the 6th. For more information call 1-800-843-1490 or email at admin@mbbconvention.org
Pete is willing to drive to the Friday and Saturday segments if anyone would like to ride with him.

Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

When: Sunday October 10th after the 11 AM worship service. This is our Youth Group fundraiser to benefit the Disciple Now Weekend in February. Food served will be chili, hotdogs, various side dishes, chips, and drinks. Please come and give donations to support our Youth.

September 12th - Church Breakfast to Honor the Deacons

Please join with our church family in honoring our deacons for their service this past year. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30am and the fellowship will conclude in time for the 11am worship service. Please contact Kristi Patton if you would like to be of assistance.

Aug 29th – Sep 4th

29 Sunday
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service. 11:00am
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Evening Service. 6:00pm

30 Monday

31 Tuesday

1 Wednesday
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
 Youth Council. 7:45pm

2 Thursday
 (Owen Martin)
 (Mary Shepherd)
Planning & Council Meetings
 7:00pm

3 Friday
 (Kelton Allen)
**Muslim Background Believer’s
 Conference, Falls Church, Va**

4 Saturday
**Muslim Background Believer’s
 Conference, Falls Church, Va**

Sep 5th – 11th

5 Sunday
 (Rod Gunther)
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service. 11:00am
Home Made Day 3:00pm
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
No Evening Service

6 Monday
 – Labor Day –
Church Office Closed

7 Tuesday

8 Wednesday
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
 Youth Council. 7:45pm

9 Thursday

10 Friday
 (Gary R. Lose)

11 Saturday
Northstar Leadership Conference
 9:00am–12:00noon
Youth Fundraiser Work Day
 11:00am

Sep 12th – 18th

12 Sunday
Alma Hunt Offering
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
Breakfast Honoring Deacons
 9:30am
No Sunday School
 Worship Service. 11:00am
Youth Prayer Walk . . . 4:00pm
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
 Rev. Francis Twitchel
 “Standing at the Crossroads”
1 Corinthians 2:1-9
 Evening Service. 6:00pm
Business Meeting 6:45pm

13 Monday
 (Frank & Hazel Grist)

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday
 (Whitney Clayton)
 (Kelly Calcote Lilly)
 (Woody Williams)
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm

16 Thursday
 (James & Judith Wood)

17 Friday

18 Saturday
 (Jo Bonner)
 (Brian & Debra Vest)
Deacon’s Breakfast . . . 8:30am

Sep 19th – 25th

19 Sunday
 (Mayaty Passawe)
Virginia Missions
 Rev. Francis Twitchel
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service. 11:00am
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
 Rev. Francis Twitchel
 “Standing at the Crossroads”
1 Corinthians 2:1-9
 Evening Service. 6:00pm

20 Monday
 (Matthew Frye)

21 Tuesday
 (Nicole Ponkka)
 (Eric G. Summers)

22 Wednesday
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
 Youth Council. 7:45pm

23 Thursday
 (Jo Habibi)

24 Friday
 (Rosanne Coleman)
G.N.O. 6:00pm

25 Saturday

Sep 26th – Oct 2nd

26 Sunday
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service. 11:00am
Music Committee Meeting
 12:00noon
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Evening Service. 6:00pm

27 Monday

28 Tuesday

29 Wednesday
 (Sarah Martin)
 (Karen Sears)
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm

30 Thursday

1 Friday

2 Saturday

Oct 3rd – 9th

3 Sunday
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service. 11:00am
 Young Female Bible Study
 4:00pm
 Young Male Bible Study
 5:00pm
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “On Call”
1 Peter 2:9,21
 Evening Service. 6:00pm

4 Monday

5 Tuesday

6 Wednesday
 Family Dinner. 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study. 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 KFC Teen Kids 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
 Youth Council. 7:45pm

7 Thursday

8 Friday

9 Saturday

Upcoming Events
 10/12 Family Dinner. . . 5:45pm
 10/23 Children’s Choir
 11/14 Ladies Bible Study
 6:30pm
 11/27 Adult Bible Study
 12/2 Youth Bible Study
 6:45pm
 12/23 Adult Choir
 12/24 Youth Council . . 7:45pm

August Business Meeting Minutes

Carsie Bozeman opened the meeting with 35 people present.

Reports

Wednesday Night Meals - There were no meals served in July but we did provide snacks for Vacation Bible School. We spent \$160.65. Foster's Exxon provided most of the cookies and ice. Our ending balance is \$594.16.

Sunday School - There were 427 total in July with 4 visitors. The average is 107 per Sunday. Carsie asked if anyone was following up on the visitors and didn't receive a definite answer.

Treasurer Report - Report was handed out by Rebecca Thomas due to the absence of treasurer, asst. treasurer, and chairman of stewardship committee. She reported that the "ghost" deposit from 12-23-03 had been found and identified as a deposit from 6-23-03 that had been entered with the wrong date. There were no questions about the treasurer report.

Clerk Business (None)

Old Business (None)

New Business

Sunday School reported a severe shortage of teachers. Most of the preschool classes and first grade have no teacher. Pray that God will touch many hearts to help with these classes.

Church Council brought 2 items and related motions to the business meeting. Last meeting Nominating Committee was charged by the church to fill an audio/sound committee. When looking in the bylaws Nominating Committee discovered there is no audio committee just a chairperson. The nominating committee is proposing an amendment to the bylaws as worded below.

"The Audio/Sound Committee shall be responsible for providing technical

audio/sound assistance to the Pastors, Director of Music, Choir, and Musicians and to record worship service and special events. The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and purchase of all audio/sound equipment and supplies. The committee shall be made up of a Chairman and at least 3 other members, all of who are church members."

The proposed amendment will lay on the table until the next business meeting when it will be voted on.

Questions?

Is there anyone interested in the committee? There are 3 adults and 3 or 4 youth. A chairperson has been found for the committee.

The Nominating Committee brought a motion to create a Constitution and By-laws Committee. This will require a proposed amendment to the by-laws. The proposed amendment is listed below.

"The Constitution and By-laws Committee shall be responsible for judiciously studying and analyzing, and making specific recommendations concerning matters of written church legislation to the church membership. Primary duties:

1. Recommend revisions in keeping with the changing needs of the church.
2. Draft such recommendations before presentation to the church.
3. Give careful scrutiny to any suggestions concerning constitutional changes and/or needs when such are received from a church member.
4. Assist church members with any questions of interpretation regarding the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be composed of a minimum of 5(five) church members."

The proposed amendment will lay on the

table for 30 days before being voted on. The committee will review and rewrite bylaws if necessary. The last revision was in 1971. The bylaw committee will be all members. Everyone serving on a committee should be a member. Is there wording in the bylaws about committees are to be made up of members only?

Motion

Check the bylaws to see if wording about members only on a committee.

Seconded and passed

Carsie Bozeman volunteered to perform the check.

Dorothy Cooper brought up a concern about the Sunday morning doughnuts. Many children are choosing a doughnut and then returning it. Also many children are having more than their share and leaving crumbs throughout the church.

Motion

Remove the doughnuts from the kitchen on Sunday mornings.

Seconded.

Failed 3 yes 32 no

Questions and discussion?

Lilly Whitis said she brings the pastries to help combat the "summer slump" that seems to happen in our church.

Many people brought up the idea that the pastries should be attended to keep them edible for all.

The idea of a schedule to police and lock the kitchen was brought up.

Motion

Return next month with a solution of the policing of the doughnuts. Turn the question over to the social coordinator.

Seconded

Passed

Meeting adjourned

*Respectfully submitted,
Debra Vest - Church Clerk*

Proposed Ammendment to the Bylaws

To be voted on: 12 September

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The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be composed of a minimum of five members, all of whom are church members.

September Schedule

Deacon in Service

- 5 Carsie Bozeman
- 12 Rod Gunther
- 19 Andy Hite
- 26 Don Manthey

Children's Sermon

- 5 Rev. Buckingham
- 12 Mary Webb
- 19 Pat Hall
- 26 Connie Gunther

Tellers

For Worship Services

- 5 Mark Ousley
 Sandy Summers
- 12 Jill Zinnert
 Julie Boyd
- 19 . Charlotte Collinsworth
 Joyce Smith
- 26 John Shepard
 Gary Lose

For 1st & 2nd Grades

- 5 Pete Hopkins
- 12 Linda Armstrong
- 19 Mary Shepherd
- 26 Theresa Parsell

For 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

- 5 Fran Scofield
- 12 Norah Hopkins
- 19 Julie Boyd
- 26 Mary Webb

New Address

Rob & Lindsey Baird
3338 Marvin D. Love
Freeway, Apt.#231-B
Dallas, Tx. 75224

Prayer Challenge

by Keri Schoggen



Every year for the about the past 9 years I have encountered at least one teacher who does not know Christ, and/or who is very unhappy with who and where they are. My challenge is for each member of this church to pick one teacher; it could be a teacher that your child has this year or has had in the past, it could be anyone from a preschool teacher to a college professor; and take 30 seconds a day to ask God to work in this teacher's life. Teachers have a position of power, one that children hold in high honor, sometimes even over their parents; wouldn't it be great if more of these teachers had Someone guiding them, Someone who helps them when they don't even know Him. Our prayers would help with that.

I also ask that you do this for one student, because many have difficult times that we can't even see. Students become very good at acting to please their teachers and sometimes that leads over into other parts of their lives (in my experience). Many of you parents already take time everyday to pray for your children, so I ask that you pick someone you don't usually pray for, anyone from preschool to someone getting their masters, in addition to your children. I have seen prayer do wonderful things in my own friends lives, and I can't even imagine what it would be like to have more people praying for them and the other students I know.

For both the teacher and the student you don't have to know them or even speak to them, to pray for them. It can even be someone that you had in school. Think of how a 30 second prayer a day could change a life.

May God bless your lives daily and watch over you and yours.



Ruth was a Moabite who married an Israelite. When her husband died, she was free to return to her people. But Ruth was devoted to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and to the God of Israel. She refused to leave Naomi. Because Ruth was faithful, God blessed her.

Look up these passages in Ruth (NIV), and fill in the blanks with the missing words. Then use the circled letters to find the name of Ruth's famous great-grandchild.

1. *Ruth 1:5* ... both Mahlon and also died and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.
2. *Ruth 1:20* "Don't call me ,- 3. *Ruth 1:18* When Naomi realized that Ruth was to go with her, she stopped urging her.
- 4. *Ruth 2:1* Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, from the clan of Elimelech, a man of , whose name was Boaz.
- 5. *Ruth 3:1* One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well for?"
- 6. *Ruth 3:9* "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said, "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a - redeemer."
- 7. *Ruth 2:14* At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine .
- 8. *Ruth 4:9* Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon."
- 9. *Ruth 4:13* So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Answer: Kilion, Naomi, determined, standing, provided, kinsman, vinegar, witnesses, enabled; King David