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Monthly Newsletter for Friends and Members of Sterling Park Baptist Church

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Meet Our New Music Director

Please welcome our new Music Director, Suzanne M. Buckingham. Suzanne is a 1968 graduate of Hampton High School and an alumni of William & Mary (Class of 1972). She was an Elementary Education Major with a Minor in Music and a full Math Endorsement. She has 29 years of teaching experience (Grades 2 – 12), including Music, Math, Physics, and Middle School Science.

Suzanne has served as Music Director at three churches over the last 23 years: Ivor Baptist, Mentow Baptist, and Amelia Baptist. She has also been a member of the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale since it's inception 28 years ago. She has served as President and Director. She is their current Assistant Director. She was also the first, part-time, Virginia Baptist Church musician to receive the "Church Musician of the Year", awarded by the Virginia Baptist Board.

Suzanne begins her time of serving the LORD at Sterling Park Baptist on October 1st, 2004. Let us praise GOD together through songs!



Suzanne Buckingham is the new Music Director of SPBC.

Come and sing!

We have begun rehearsals for a Christmas Cantata during Wednesday night choir practice. Both adults and youth are welcome to join in. Also, if you can play an instrument, sing a solo, or simply hold a tune with a group, then please volunteer to lift your praise to the LORD on Sunday evenings by scheduling a date with Suzanne.

A Special Thanks

Please personally take a moment to thank John Query. He served as our Interim Music Director for the last few months – stepping in when David Barker resigned after 4 1/2 years due to his relocation to Daytona Beach, Florida.

We are sure John is thankful to return to his regular, forward-facing position in the choir.

News for the Pews



By Rev. J. Lytle Buckingham, Sr. –
Senior Pastor

Autumn is Here

The cooler days, football, the World Series, colorful foliage ... this is my favorite season of the year! It's a great time of the year to spend at church as well ... read through the newsletter and calendar for activities and ministries that may involve you and your family and become an active part of the Sterling Park Baptist Church family!

Voter Registration Deadline – October 4th

If you are not a registered voter, please register immediately! Virginia residents must register by October 4th at 5:00 pm in order to vote in the upcoming general election on November 2nd. If you voted in any election in the last four years (including the 2000 Presidential election), you do not need to re-register. There are many places where you can register, including the Sterling office of the DMV.

Voting is a GOD-given freedom and responsibility that has been preserved by Americans who have given their lives for their nation. Vote for the candidates that reflect your Christian values.

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Sunday Services:
8:45am, 11:00am & 6:00pm
Sunday School: 9:45am
Wednesday Bible Study:
6:30pm
Office Hours:
Mon–Fri 9:00am–2:00pm

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DeaconCh@sterlingparkbaptist.org
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WebMaster@sterlingparkbaptist.org

We welcome church news articles (both recaps and upcoming activities), news-related photographs, original columns and features (please no reprints, author unknown, or submitted by), and calendar items. All submissions must be on disk or via email to Rebecca Thomas (office@sterlingparkbaptist.org).
Deadline for November Newsletter is October 19th.

Vision Sunday Results

Last Sunday (9/26) evening the congregation discussed the future here at SPBC. Forty suggestions (see page IX) were recorded and will be discussed with the Church Council. All suggestions will be given prayerful consideration. Let's continue to pray that God will reveal to our fellowship His perfect will for worship, discipleship, witness, ministry and fellowship.

BGA of Va Annual Meeting

Suzanne and I will attend the 2004 Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting at the Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia on November 9th & 10th. 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.

Christmas Cantata

The Christmas season will provide many opportunities for church members to minister in music and drama this year. The choir and praise team will perform an exciting cantata titled "We All Bow Down." I want to encourage you to join the choir and add your voice to this inspirational event. If you are interested in drama, let me know, because I will be including some skits and monologues in our advent services.

Pray for Hunger and Disaster Relief Mission

The Southern Baptist Convention has designated Sunday, October 10th, as World Hunger Sunday. Special offerings are used for hunger projects and disaster relief around the world that are not funded by any other SBC budget or special offering. Undesignated gifts will help both the International Mission and North American Mission Boards to minister wherever there is need.

American Hurricane Relief

If you designate your offering "American Hurricane Relief" your gift will help Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers from 25 states who are cooking meals, cutting up fallen trees and providing childcare in six states in the path of destruction left by Hurricane Ivan.

Sudan Hunger Relief

If you designate your offering "Sudan Hunger Relief" your gift will be added to relief funds that are helping hungry and thirsty refugees in the midst of what the United Nations is calling the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. More than 1 million people are homeless and as many as 30,000 dead in western Sudan's Darfur province as Arab militias drive black Africans from their land.

Pray for Baptist ministries to suffering people around the world.

May God bless you,
Pastor Lytle

Sterling Fest

By Don Fannon – Chairman of the Deacons



Our Church has had a booth at every “Sterling Fest” since its inception. This year's event presents yet another opportunity for church members to "Be-on-Mission" right here in our community. We have had individuals attend and join our church because of the faithfulness of those members who are willing to give up a portion of their three-day holiday weekend to serve the LORD. Although there are still a few remaining faithful warriors who will serve again, this year we will be without two of the most faithful warriors. Frank Grist, who has retired and moved to Arkansas, and Jim Lyons, who is very ill.

We need your help! We are at least two people short, as mentioned above. I can't promise you anything except the joy of being in His service and the blessings you will receive from talking to your friends and neighbors about Jesus and His Love for them.

Please join us Saturday October 9th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come ready to work and be prepared for a Blessing.

Congratulations to:

Pete and Norah Hopkins give thanks for their new baby, Jaydon Thomas. Jaydon means "God has heard" in the Hebrew (of course we're spelling it a bit differently), and Thomas means "a twin." This has special significance as God has heard our sadness from losing our twins and blessed us yet again with this new gift – Psalms 127:3. Jaydon, Jay, or JT (we'll be giving three options for him to choose from) was born on Wednesday, September 15th at 2:27 am after 8 hours of hard, drug-free labor at Fairfax Hospital. He weighed 8.5 pounds and was 20.4 inches tall. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, dinners, and gifts.

Charlotte Collinsworth on the birth of her 5th Grandchild. Nora Eden was born at 12:15 am on September 30th. Weighing in at 6lbs 8ozs, 20" long, Nora is the first child born to Jason and Suanne Collinsworth. If you would like to send them a card or letter, please address it to: 14365 Nandina Ct., Centreville, VA 20120

Sunday School News

Our new Sunday School year is off to a great start. We have several new teachers in the Preschool and Children's Divisions that we want to welcome. Kim Ponkka & Dorothy Passawe, 2 year olds; Edith Evers, 3 & 4 year olds; Cherie Cook, 5 year olds; Cassandra Donohue, 1st & 2nd Grade. To all of our teachers, we say, "Thank You!" God has blessed our church with a wonderful group of dedicated Sunday School teachers.

Living Stones Class

The college/young adult class will meet for an evening of games and fellowship on Saturday, October 9th at 7:30 pm at the Summer's house. If you have a special friend or a favorite game please bring them. Please contact Sandy Summers (703) 729-3132 for information.

WMU

The WMU will be collecting used eye glasses and cell phones.

Thank You Note

Church Family,
Thank-you so much for the flowers, cards and most of all for the prayers.

The LORD is so good. He knows all our needs and he's always there for us.

It's so good to have a church Family as caring as you are. Thank-you again.

Sincerely in CHRIST,
Janet Willett *Romans 8:28*

Join the Wednesday Journey into Prayer

Do you wonder if your prayers bounce off the ceiling? Are you concerned about friends and family and want to learn how to pray for them? Would you like to learn more about prayer and what the Bible says about it? The Wednesday night 6:30 pm Bible study group for ladies is studying prayer for 12 weeks and you are invited to join the journey. We are using a study guide published as part of the Lifeguide series by InterVarsity Press - it's easy to use and even if you don't have time to prepare, you can still learn and be part of our discussions. Only eight slots are left and guides are still available - so sign up today! For more information contact:

Ami Neiberger-Miller
703.404.4312
amiller@theprtoolkit.com.

Elizabeth Dart

By *Robbie Foster*

I talked with Elizabeth Dart in late September. They are having a lot of trouble keeping her blood sugar normal. They are watching her around the clock. We need to keep her in our prayers. A phone call, cards, visits would be welcome. Her phone number is (703) 218-6564. I know visiting is hard since it is a ways from all of us, but I know she gets very lonesome. Her address is:

Elizabeth Dart
Manor Care
12475 Lee Jackson Highway
Room # 210
Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Kitchen Shower

A shower to benefit the kitchen begins Sunday, October 3rd and ends on Sunday October 10th. Items needed include: Towels, pans, dishes, carry-out dishes. There will be a basket in the foyer to place gifts.

Scheduled Surgeries

Bonnie Zinnert - October 6th
Don Fannon - October 12th

News from Arkansas

By *Frank & Hazel Grist*

We are doing fine and staying busy. I need to get a job so I can get some rest. First Baptist is keeping us busy too. They made us feel at home and put us to work immediately. After the first business meeting I knew we were home. Only the names and accents changed. We appreciate the Prayer requests and the newsletters. Keep them coming.

Youth Updates

By *Peter Hopkins - Youth Minister*

Be sure to check out Josh's new Christian talk radio website at www.reignradio.com

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Sunday, Oct. 17th after the 11:00 am worship service.

This is our Youth Group fundraiser to benefit the "Disciple Now" Weekend in February.

Food served will be chili, hotdogs, side dishes, chips, and drinks. Please come and give donations to support our youth.

"Disciple Now"

We need hosts from our church who will house our youth on February 4th - 6th. We will need five different homes to host our youth during "Disciple Now Weekend."

"Disciple Now" is a weekend where our youth and their friends have intense discipleship, service, and fun in the LORD.

Theme: Quicken the Dead

Theme Bible verse: "and he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by GOD to be Judge of the quick and the dead." Acts 10:42(N/KJV)

Speaker: James Sones

Praise band: Silhouette Song

The complete schedule is available on our website.

Registration and money is due no later than January 1st.

"Centrifuge"

Deposits of \$50 for "Centrifuge" (@ Carson-Newman College on July 11-16, 2005) due no later than December 1st



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Oct 1st – 9th

1 Friday
Youth Mini-Retreat
 2 Saturday
 (Noah Freeland)
Youth Mini-Retreat
NorthStar Leadership Conference
 3 Sunday
 (Luke Coleman)
 (J.J. Hopkins)
 (Donna Scott)
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 "Teach Your Kids"
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Music Committee Meeting
. 12:00noon
Evening Service 6:00pm
 4 Monday
 5 Tuesday
 6 Wednesday
 (Dorothy Cooper)
Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children's Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm
Youth Council 7:45pm
 7 Thursday
 (Phyllis Smith)
 (Andy and Wilma Hite)
Planning Team 7:00pm
Church Council 7:15pm
 8 Friday
 9 Saturday
Sterling Fest 10am-4pm
Living Stones Class . . 7:30pm

Oct 10th – 16th

10 Sunday
 (Sarah Minks)
 (Anita Siecker)
World Hunger Sunday
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 "Make Room for GOD"
Deuteronomy 5:6-10
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Evening Service 6:00pm
Business Meeting 6:45pm
 11 Tuesday
 - Columbus Day -
Church Office Closed
 12 Tuesday
 (David Patton)
 13 Wednesday
 (Jennifer Fannon)
Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children's Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm
 14 Thursday
 (Bill & Donna Scott)
 15 Friday
 16 Saturday
 (Jim Lyons)
NorthStar Annual Meeting
Deacon's Meeting 8:30am

Oct 17th – 23rd

17 Sunday
 (Don Manthey)
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 "Who are You Talking About?"
Deuteronomy 5:11
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
. 12:00noon
Evening Service 6:00pm
 18 Monday
 19 Tuesday
 (Vickie Johnson)
November Newsletter Deadline
 20 Wednesday
Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children's Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm
 21 Thursday
 (Edward Baker)
 22 Friday
 23 Saturday
 (Kevin & Jenny Kendrick)
 (Dan & Beverly Wilson)
Youth Outreach in Community
. 8pm-9pm

Oct 24th – 30th

24 Sunday
(Norma Jean Brewster-Lewis)
Rev. Lytle Buckingham
“His Way on His Day”
Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Music Committee Meeting
. 12:00noon
Evening Service 6:00pm

25 Monday

26 Tuesday
(Cecil Hall)

27 Wednesday
Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children’s Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm

28 Thursday

29 Friday

30 Saturday
- End of Daylights Savings Time -

Calendar subject to change
without notice
❖ *Special Music*
(Birthdays and Anniversaries
are listed in Parentheses)

Oct 31st – Nov 6th

31 Sunday
Rev. Lytle Buckingham
“Respect Your Parents”
Deuteronomy 5:16
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Evening Service
❖ Children’s Choir
Spirit Special 6:00pm

1 Monday
- All Saint’s Day -
(Benjamin Baker)
(Brian Gunther)
(Rick Miller)
(Fran Scofield)
(Carsie & Ella Bozeman)

2 Tuesday
- Election Day -
(Norman & Judy Huffman)
Youth Saturday Night Live

3 Wednesday
Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children’s Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm

4 Thursday
Planning Team 7:00pm
Church Council 7:15pm

5 Friday
(Jillian Donahue)
(Shirley Edwards)

6 Saturday
Women’s Retreat

Nov 7th – 13th

7 Sunday
Women’s Retreat
Rev. Lytle Buckingham
“Warning: Anger Kills”
Deuteronomy 5:17
Worship Service 8:45am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am
Evening Service 6:00pm

8 Monday
(Ella Marie Bozeman)
(Catherine Cramer)
(David Kerns)

9 Tuesday
(James Manthey)
(Woodrow Williams, Sr.)

**BGA of Va Annual Meeting,
Roanoke, Va**

10 Wednesday
(Wally Parsell)

Family Dinner 5:45pm
Children’s Choir 6:15pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
Mission Friends 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
Adult Choir 7:45pm
**BGA of Va Annual Meeting,
Roanoke, Va**

11 Thursday
(Sharon Mock)

12 Friday
(Dorothy Passawe)

13 Saturday
(Debra Allen)
(Wilfred Passawe)
(Jerilyn Schoggen)

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Wednesday Night Dinner

If you would like to attend the dinner from 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm, 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 10 am 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:

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

Oct 6th

Ham, potato salad, baked beans, rolls

Oct 13th

Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw

Oct 20th

Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich

Oct 27th

Manicotti, toss salad, garlic bread

Approved Ammendments to the Bylaws

Approved: 12 September 2004 (Business Meeting)

Audio/Sound Committee: 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 services and special events. The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and purchase of all audio/sound equipment and supplies.

The Audio/Sound Committee shall be made up of a Chairman and at least three other members, all of whom are church members.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for judiciously studying, 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 five members, all of whom are church members.

The September Business Meeting Minutes were not available when we went to press. They will be posted to our website as soon as they become available and will appear in next month's newsletter.

New Sermon Series

A nine-part sermon series entitled, "How to Teach the Ten Commandments to Your Children" begins October 3rd.

Reverend J. Lytle Buckingham, Sr. – Pastor

Vision Sunday – List of Suggestions for Our Ministries

1. More home Bible studies.
2. A regular church visitation night, involving both adults and youth.
3. A regular Saturday morning prayer meeting for men (other suggestions were made concerning creating a men's ministry).
4. An annual church revival.
5. Inviting a Hispanic mission or church to meet in our sanctuary.
6. Creating flyers that explain our vision and ministry.
7. More active publicity.
8. Going to other churches to find new ways to minister.
9. More outreach programs and more training in outreach.
10. Involve new members in existing programs.
11. "Mug" guests and other prospects.
12. Create a single adult ministry.
13. New church directory.
14. New member training program.
15. Greeters program.
16. ESL ministry.
17. After-school tutorial ministry.
18. More youth outreach. Activities that help youth group to grow.
19. Larger church kitchen.
20. Ministry for inactive members.
21. Sunday night activity, like AWANA, for children.
22. Ministry for youth in trouble.
23. More church fellowship meetings to help us know each other (ice cream socials, a "Fall Ball," and other events were suggested).
24. Combined worship services at special seasons.
25. Use name tags to help us meet each other (Church Family Day).
26. Create a fellowship time on Sunday mornings.
27. Children's sermon and extended care for children at the early service.
28. Study groups, workshops and small group meetings on Baptist beliefs, parenting, marriage skills, witnessing, etc.
29. Use the electronic bulletin board at Sterling Park Bld. for publicity.
30. Encourage church leaders to better publicize church events and report on them after they occur in the church newsletter.
31. More fellowship and joint ministry with the Korean fellowship.
32. Use church van for outreach.
33. Explore need for a food pantry.
34. More caring ministries (giving food, clothing, etc. to those in need).
35. Fellowship for guests after worship services.
36. Adult/Youth volunteer mission trips.
37. Socials that help youth and adults meet each other.
38. Increased awareness of the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT.
39. More attention to discipling our members.
40. Put CHRIST first in all that we do.

October Schedule

Deacon in Service

- 3Eric Summers
 10Dave Meyer
 17(open)
 24Eric Summers
 31Mark Thomas
 Nov 7Andy Hite

Children's Sermon

- 3Ella Bozeman
 10Rev. Buckingham
 17 . . .Suzanne Buckingham
 24Amy Meyer
 31Debra Vest
 Nov 7Mary Webb

Tellers

- 3Mark Ousley
Sandy Summers
 10Jill Zinnert
Louise Larsen
 17 . . .Charlotte Collinsworth
Joyce Smith
 24(open)
Gary Lose
 31Vicki Johnson
Linda Armstrong
 Nov 7Mark Ousley
Sandy Summers

Children's Church (1st-2nd)

- 3Rosanne Coleman
 10Linda Armstrong
 17Pete Hopkins
 24Mary Shepherd
 31Theresa Parsell
 Nov 7Rosanne Coleman

Children's Church (3rd-5th)

- 3Jennifer Baker
 10Pete Hopkins
 17Norah Hopkins
 24Pete Hopkins
 31Mary Webb
 Nov 7Jennifer Baker

Sunday Evening Nursery

- 3Sarah Minks
 10Sandra Clark
 17Nancy Twitchel
 24Jerilyn Scoggen
 31Pete Hopkins
 Nov 7Sarah Minks

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Spirit Special 2004

By Ray & Sarah Minks – Co-Directors of “Spirit Special”

On Sunday, October 31st at 6:00 pm, “Spirit Special” will be held. It is a great alternative to traditional Halloween activities. Make your plans now to attend - and invite your neighbors. We want lots of kids and we'll need “Lots of Candy.” There will be a bin in the church foyer where you may drop off your donations.

The Kids Choir will be performing during the evening service. Immediately following the service, our “Spirit Special” games and crafts will commence.

Please, no witch or devil costumes.

Adults, please bring finger sandwiches. The dinner crew will supply drinks.

Donations of candy prior to the party would be most appreciated! Please drop your candy in the decorated box in the vestibule.



Jack-O-Lantern enjoys “Spirit Special 2003.” “Spirit Special” is as an alternative to traditional Halloween activities and is held at Sterling Park Baptist Church. This year’s event promises to be just as c-oooo-l as last year.



Make a Scary Snack—

EDIBLE SPIDERS!

They may sound creepy, but these snacks are yummy.

Here’s what you need:

- round crackers
- peanut butter



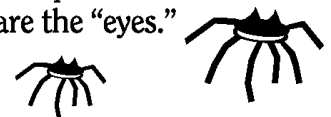
(Caution!: If you’re allergic to nuts, you can use marshmallow cream instead of peanut butter.)

- chocolate chips
- mini-pretzel sticks
- knife



How to make them:

1. Check with a grown-up before you start.
2. Take one round cracker and spread peanut butter (or marshmallow) on it.
3. Push 8 pretzel sticks into the peanut butter. These are the “legs.”
4. Put a second cracker on top. (You may need to add a little more peanut butter first.)
5. Using a little peanut butter as “glue,” stick 2 chocolate chips on top of the crackers. These are the “eyes.”



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