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Sundays in March

March 7th—Communion Sunday



March 14th—“**St. Patrick’s Sunday**”

Wear something
Green!

Bagpiper in the
Service!

Irish hymns!



March 21st—Youth Praise Ensemble

March 28th—Palm Sunday



A Worship Service of
Easter Music by the
Music Ministry

Nelson’s Notes...

Lent

For many Baptists Lent is what rolls around under your bed and needs to be vacuumed up. Or its “that Catholic thing” where you give up something for a few days. Actually, Lent is (or can be) a very meaningful time of preparation for *all* Christians in the journey to Easter.

The season of Lent, inaugurated on Ash Wednesday, is a time when the Church traditionally asks us to reflect upon our need pray, fast and practice charity. The abstaining from certain things is simply a form of spiritual discipline designed to remind us daily of that commitment. Given that Lent leads to Easter, it is grounded in the Christian value and practice of reconciliation.

This reconciliation finds its meaning and fulfillment in the Cross of Christ. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves, cut our ties to past hurts and move forward. Sometimes we need to reconcile with another, both those who have caused us hurt as well as those we may have injured. Finally, we need to be reconciled to God. Some have suggested (and I agree) that until we truly, deeply sense the need for reconciliation in these ways, we can never fully appreciate nor embrace the meaning of the Cross. The light of Easter shines brightest when compared against the darkness of Good Friday—a day of denial, betrayal, and cowardice. Such was the case with the apostles. They needed to be laid low, to encounter their personal failure, before they could be reinvigorated, namely transformed, by the power of the resurrection which the great miracle of Easter provides.

Thus, like the apostles, we are asked to travel the road from reconciliation to resurrection as we celebrate Lent and Easter. This spiritual journey is profoundly personal but is done in the context of the Christian community. For we must all move forward together if the world around us is to be impacted. It is nothing less than the common endeavor of building God’s kingdom in concert with His Spirit, day by day, step by step. Think about “giving up” something for Lent as a daily reminder of the journey we all share.

In Christ, Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women on Mission

WOM will meet Tuesday, March 2nd, at 10:30 am in the Welcome Center.

The North American Mission Week of Prayer is March 7 - 14. VHBC offering goal is \$1,000.

The March 15 RVBA Spring Mission meeting will be at Bonsack BC. Dinner is \$6, and will be at 5:45; Worship at 7:00pm. Reservations required by March 8 (call Debra Burgess: 345-6340). Meet at VHBC at 5:00pm.

WOM will celebrate Communion at Raleigh Court BC on March 30 at 10:30am.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 7th, at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Meetings

Finance Committee —Tuesday, March 16th, 6pm in the Gold Band classroom.

Church Council--Tuesday, March 16th, 7pm.

Hospitality Committee—Sunday, March 21st, after worship service in the Gold Band Classroom (30 minutes)

Philathea Class Trip

The Philathea Class will visit Bedford Thursday, March 18. The Church Bus will leave at 10:30am. Thank you Cary Steger for driving!

Inclement Weather Policy

Now that we are in the winter months, be reminded that when Roanoke City Schools are closed any activities at the church that day are automatically cancelled. For Sunday services, watch your local television station for updates.



Haitian Relief Offering

Thank you to all who donated to our Haitian Relief Offering. We sent a check for \$1,100 to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for this need!

Thank You Note

I wish to thank VHBC and the staff, especially Nelson and the Philathea Class, for being so nice to me during my hospitalization. I appreciate everything.

- Fran Kingery

Yard Sale

The Berean Class will host a yard sale at the church Saturday, May 1, from 8 to 2. If you have any items that you wish to donate to the yard sale (**No clothes, please**) you may bring them to the church to be placed in the room marked for yard sale items located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. For additional information, please call Nadine Kelly (992-6752) or Lorene Preas (774-3739).

Greeters

Sunday School classes will continue to serve as greeters for those coming into the church. Please have members in the Welcome Center from 9:30-9:50am and 10:45-11:00am each Sunday. *The Philathea Class is responsible for March*

New Addresses

Ethel Mitchell - Berkshire Health Care Center, 705 Clearview Drive, Vinton VA 24179.

Jason Light - 4100 Richmond Lane, Apt I, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Joyce Poole - 4920 Woodmar Dr., Apt. 315, Roanoke, 24018.

Relay for Life

Cherie Davis invites anyone interested in participating with her in the Relay for Life, June 4, to please contact her.

Pastor's Update Via Email

Each Monday, the Pastor sends an update on prayer requests, Sunday visitors, announcements and some humor. If you have email (work or home) and would like to receive this, let the church office know! **We can also mail you a copy if you do not have a computer.** Let us know.

Pastor's Phone Number

Please know that Nelson has discontinued his home phone land line. You can reach him on his cell phone, 556-0210.

Lost: Wooden Table

We are trying to locate the old wooden table that used to sit outside the kitchen off the fellowship hall. It was a former Communion table we'd like to refinish and use. If you know where it is, please contact Nelson.

Television Ministry

Our television ministry will cease programming at the end of February. We want to thank all of those that helped with this ministry over the years...and watched us! We did this for ten years.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

For the next several weeks, our pastor is leading in a study of passages in the New Testament that point to developments that occurred during the "gap period" - a span of 300 years between the Old and New Testaments. We meet at 6:30pm in the Welcome Center.

Need a Ride to Church?

The church bus picks up folks every Sunday. Just call and let us know, 344-7748.

**Deadline for April
Newsletter:
Noon, March 29 (Mon.)**

“Music Ministry News”

As we continue to update our Web page, we encourage you to checkout the Music Ministry’s sleeve. We have included a section of Bible verses that the Choir has for each week and have also enclosed Reverend Greg’s Journal. Both the Bible verses and Journal take up a bit more space than is available in the monthly newsletter. Our prayer is that you will find both an encouragement and an aid in your spiritual walk with the Lord.

Extra Special Sunday Music in March

Sunday-March 14th-Special Bagpiper, Brandon Davis will share special music on this Saint Patrick’s weekend.



Sunday-March 28th/Palm Sunday-Adults, Youth, and Children Special Easter Music Sunday!!!!



In Christ, Greg Denton

Children’s Ministry

Sunday, March 7 - Children’s Ministry Team Meeting - 12:15pm - Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, March 17 - 6:15 - 7:15pm - Fancy Feet - Come learn a new dance!



Student Ministry



- ***RVBA League Volleyball begins March 11. Games will be on Thursday nights.***
- ***Youth on Mission will work March 13 on the SHED Project at Friendship House. We are assisting in remodeling the old shed at Friendship House. The shed is used for food storage.***
- ***The Virginia Sports Spectacular will be held March 20 at Liberty University (Formerly known as the Word of Life Basketball Marathon). VHBC will field two teams this year!***
- ***Music night returns in March! We meet in the Sanctuary every Monday at 6:00pm.***
- ***Dance Team practice for Easter begins in March. Dates & times TBA.***

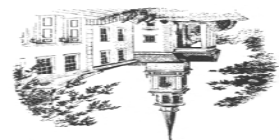


Week of Prayer for North American Missions



March 7-14
VHBC Offering Goal: \$1,000

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Monthly Planner

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Wednesday Night Dessert and Drink

- March 03 Berean Class
- March 10 Philathea Class
- March 27 Britton Class
- March 24 Gold Band Class
- March 31 Berean Class

Kid Connection Extended Session Workers



- March 07 Kristen White
- March 14 Lorene Preas
- March 21 Mary Ann Lester
- March 28 Amy Lowman

Extended Session is a great way for youth and adults to be involved in the children's ministry at VHBC! Contact Kristen if you are willing to serve in the role on an occasional Sunday morning.

Deacons of the Week

- March 07 Virginia Perdue & Kathleen Irvin
- March 14 Amy Lowman & Joyce Munsey
- March 21 Carolyn Balthis & Shirley Hawks
- March 28 Shelby Hamlett & Carolyn Balthis

Sunday Coffee Bar



- March 07 Doug Pierce
- March 14 Shelby Hamlett
- March 21 Diane Smith
- March 28 Bobby Booth

February Tithes & Offerings

- January 31 \$ 6,540.00
- February 07 \$ 2,510.00
- February 14 \$ 9,435.61
- February 21 \$ 3,566.00

February Sunday School

- January 31 Snow
- February 07 Snow
- February 14 89
- February 21 106

