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Serving Christ Through  
Worship, Work and  
Witness

August, 2010

## Celebration Of Communion

This  
Sunday  
August  
1st



### Roof Repairs

McNeil Roofing is currently engaged in repairs to the church's roof. There were slate shingles that needed replacing and water leaks, hidden gutters and eaves that were in desperate need of repair and correction. The

total cost is approximately \$55,000 that has been allocated from endowed and designated funds. The work will continue through August.



### *Nelson's Notes...*

## Our Fathers and Mothers

No, this is not a word about moms and dads, but about our spiritual heritage and the debt we owe to those that have gone before us. It is about the "Abrahams and Sarahs" of the Church's past.

During July we enjoyed a study of past controversies and challenges within the Christian faith that ultimately gave shape to our theology and worship, passing along a faith forged by deep reflection that we often take for granted. Much of what we believe today is due in large measure to many whose names have been forgotten, unfortunately, by contemporary Christians — Augustine, Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Origen (to name a few). Whether its our understanding of original sin, the nature of Christ, or the Trinity, we are in the inheritors of two millennia of Christian thought and discussion by those who dedicated their lives to study and reflection of Scripture.

A personal teaching passion for me as a pastor is to acquaint practicing Christians (you!) with these giants of the faith and their lasting influence upon us, the Church. Proverbs 1:8 says, "Listen to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head." Thus, we have a two thousand year-old legacy of mothers and fathers who graced us with their teachings and writings. In these modern times plagued by shallow thinking and the peddling of easy answers by so many in religion, we would be better served to listen and learn from the voices that continue to call out from the past to guide us into a deeper walk with our Lord and Christ.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Women on Mission

WOM will meet Tuesday, August 3, at 10:30am at the home of Lorene Preas. **The Church van will leave at 10:00am sharp!**

## Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will NOT meet during August.

## Committee Meetings

**Finance Committee** - Tuesday, August 17th, 6:00pm in the Gold Band classroom.

**Church Council** - Tuesday, August 17th, 7:00pm.

## Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Mrs. Aileen Smith by her husband, Robert Smith.

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Mrs. Sue Britton by Ann Patteson.

Memorial gifts have been given in memory of Mrs. Mary Minton by Patti Kimmons, Theriel & Glen Angle, Jim & Jean Thorpe, the Literacy Council of Madison County, Virginia, and by Jean Buchanan.

A memorial gift designated for the Flower Fund was given in memory of Mrs. Sue Britton and Mrs. Mary Minton by Bill & Mary Carson

Designated memorial gifts have been given in memory of Ms. Barbara Ratliff by an anonymous donor, by Ira and Shirley Harris, Bonnie Laughon, Melinda Cox, Mike & Avis Kesterman, Doug & Barbara Pierce, and by Darden & Sylvia Wade.

## Casual Sundays

During the month of August we continue to go casual on Sunday mornings. Men - no ties!

## Children's Ministers

Our new children's ministers, Ricky and Phuong Pinkerman, have begun their ministry at VHBC. Please take the opportunity to meet them and to find out what you can do to help build our children's ministry.

## Sunday Morning Greeters

Greeters for Sunday morning are stationed in the Welcome Center from 9:30-9:50 and 10:40-11:00am to assist visitors with direction and to give them a warm VHBC welcome. Greeters for August are members of the **Philathea Class**.

## Need a Ride to Church?

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

## August Worship Themes

August 1 - Overcoming our Past  
 August 8 - Being a Blessing  
 August 15 - Practicing Tough Love  
 August 22 - Reconciliation/Peace-Making  
 August 29 - Perseverance in doing Right

## Summer Concert

Our next summer outdoor concert will be Sunday, August 8, 6:30pm with Beckon Call.

## Prayer Time

Ladies in our Philathea Class meet at the church every Monday at 11am to lift up our church, its ministries and members. If you would like to join them, they'd love to have you! Thanks, Philatheans!!

## Pastor's Home Phone

Nelson's home phone number is his cell number: 556-0210.

## Food Ministry Help

If you could help our Baptist Mission Center's food ministry by helping pick up and drop off food from area

grocers, please contact Rick Pinkerman. We have some in our church already doing this, but others are needed!

## Welcome New Members

In July we welcomed three new members into our church family. **Yulaidis Ochoa** was baptized on July 18th, a member of our Hispanic ministry. **Randy and Terry Obenchain** united with us on July 25th by transfer of membership. Their address is 706 Gates Lane, Vinton 24179. We welcome each of them into our church family!

## Pastor on Vacation

Please know that Nelson will be on vacation August 14th through the 21st.

## August Newsletter Deadline

Items for September's newsletter need to be in to the church office by Friday, August 27th.

## August Mission Project

The WMU is collecting backpacks for needy children for the upcoming school year. You may drop off a backpack at the church office or a donation toward the purchase of one during the month of August.

## African Missions

Stacey Wolfe is now back from her month-long mission trip to Africa, and Sandy Pinkerman will be leaving with a Virginia WMU Team on August 2nd for South Africa!

## Bereavement Teams

We are currently trying to expand our Bereavement Ministry from one team to two teams. This ministry often provides luncheons at the church for families of members following a funeral or memorial service. If you would like to assist, please contact either Lois Welfare or Barbara Pierce.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES...



### Rehearsals

The Ladies Ensemble rehearses Wednesdays at 10:00am for all ladies. Praise Team rehearsals are Wednesdays at 11:00am for all interested persons.

### Choir Rehearsal Resumes August 4

The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals Wednesday, August 4, at 7:15pm.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



After 6 months training at Pigeon Falls Worship Camp, Kate realized not only had she learned to praise God with lifted hands... she also learned KARATE!

## Children's Ministry



Introducing "The Sunday Morning Show" for children, an interactive Sunday School program that introduces a fun, exciting way for children to participate in Scripture reading and memorization. Like a talk show, the children are the special guests of the show, sitting with host Phuong Pinkerman and assisting with the reading of the scripture lesson while being "interviewed" on what the particular lesson means to them. The show also includes weekly fun activities including dancing, singing, games and fun challenges. We encourage all to attend! Sunday mornings, 9:45am.

**End of Summer Party!!!** Just a fun way to get together and end the summer with a bang! We will be showing a Disney G Rated movie and playing games, including Twister and "Crab Soccer." Pizza will be provided. Please call Ricky Pinkerman at 793-0849 if you have children planning to attend or would like to volunteer to help with food and/or supervision. Saturday, August 28th, 6:00 to 8:00pm, Fellowship Hall.

Phuong and I would like to thank you all for allowing us to come to Virginia Heights and to work directly with your children. We are looking forward to being part of this church family and growing with you. We believe that God has something wonderful in store for this church and this program. And we feel blessed to have this church as our new home of fellowship and worship. We thank you all!

In Christ, Ricky and Phuong Pinkerman

## Student Ministry

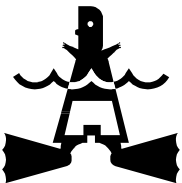


**Uprising:** This class is dangerous! It is only for those who are ready to join an uprising - a revolution of the soul that will change an ordinary life into an extraordinary one. Sunday mornings beginning August 15, through September.

**Word of Life Training** for Adult Leaders will be held at the Church August 11, 6:30pm. Dinner will be provided.

Stacy Wolfe and Sandy Pinkerman will present their **African Mission Experience** August 15 during the 11am worship service!

**Goodbye to Summer Swim Party.** The Youth end of summer swim party will be Wednesday, August 18th. The cost is \$5.00, which includes lunch. See Rick for permission forms and details.



## Tribute to Barbara Ratliff



She came to us one Sunday in her sweet and humble way,  
Sat quietly on the back row, didn't have much to say;  
But soon we knew there was something very special about our newest friend.  
She had so many good qualities, seems like the list would never end.  
It was plain she struggled daily with issues she never mentioned,  
But she never asked for favors, didn't want any attention.  
Whenever there was work to do, no matter how tough the task  
She was the first to volunteer, we never had to ask.  
She served at the Baptist Friendship House and helped everyone in need.  
She also worked at the Food Bank where there were hungry mouths to feed.  
She sent cards to the sick and lonely and made phone calls every day;  
It seems she always knew just the right things to say.  
So we will miss you Barbara, your kindness, friendship and love,  
But we know you're looking down today from your heavenly home above.

- The Gold Band Class (author: Charlie Harris)

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## Monthly Planner

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## Wednesday Night Dessert and Drink

August - No Wednesday Evening Services

## Kid Connection Extended Session Workers



August 01	TBD
August 08	TBD
August 15	TBD
August 22	TBD
August 29	TBD

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

## Deacons of the Week

August 01	Basil Owens & Helen Owens
August 08	Bill Berry & Basil Owens
August 15	Carolyn Balthis & Shirley Hawks
August 22	Virginia Perdue & Kathleen Irvin
August 29	Shelby Hamlett & Carolyn Balthis

## Sunday Coffee Bar



August 01	Doug Pierce
August 08	Diane Smith
August 15	Bobby Booth
August 22	Peggy Clifton
August 29	Shirley Hawks



## July Tithes & Offerings

July 04	\$ 8,363.21
July 11	\$ 3,325.81
July 18	\$ 2,295.71
July 25	\$ 3,194.45

## July Sunday School

July 04	83
July 11	82
July 18	83
July 25	91

