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Take Your Shoes Off, You're Walking on Holy Ground

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart...in all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

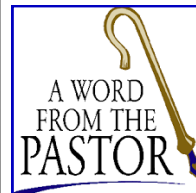
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything with prayer and thanksgiving make your requests known to God." Philippians 4:6

I found these scriptures to be true, as I prepared to find 13 men to help out in this year's drama. Some of our church family had plans to be away for Palm Sunday weekend, so there was a lot of "crossing off names and praying". Then some men were sick. However, God has always led me to the right person, who was able to perform with us. There were "new faces in new places," but all of them brought scripture to life on stage. I want to thank all the men who were asked and said "yes." (Your names are on my list for next year's performances.) Once again, God has been glorified. Even as the director, I'm still touched by each year's performance. Every man brings his own personality to the stage.

We truly walked on Holy ground on Palm Sunday weekend. I don't know all of what God was up to, but we felt His presence in EVERY performance. On rehearsal night, four disciples were unable to be there, some left discouraged, but I remember the verse God had given me..."not to be anxious." Let go and let God work. It came time for Saturday's performance and four disciples were a no-show. I thought, "Father, what are we to do?" It was five to ten minutes before stage time when I walked four men from the Monarch House #3. I knew one of the men, John. (I needed someone to play John the Beloved.) He said "Yes," and his friends DJ and Mike agreed to play the parts of Thomas and Phillip. Praise the Lord! The performance went on and God was glorified. Some even said it was the best performance yet. Sunday's performance saw new faces too. (continued on page 3)

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He's alive! Christ is risen. Our whole world has been forever changed because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. He was the only one who could atone for our sins. His sacrifice satisfies the sin debt that each one of us has, but could never pay. Thank you Jesus!



Our celebration of His resurrection is the day we call Easter, but it is also

what we celebrate every Sunday. It was the first day of the week that He arose, so now we worship on Sunday. Every Sunday is resurrection day. Paul said, "If Christ had not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." He hastens to add, "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead." (1 Corinthians 15:12-20) That is how important this is. Never be ashamed to believe all that the Bible affirms.

At first the disciples locked themselves in their homes for (continued on page 2)



- 2 Dorothy Gregson
Arthur Adam Reeder
- 3 Thomas Perry, III
- 4 Roger Cann
Madison Wagner
- 5 Tim Glace
Caitlyn Johnson
Daniel Wahlgren
Jennifer Weicksel
- 8 Samuel Hall
- 11 Jeremy Strohecker
- 13 Marsha Hall
Mike Marvel
- 14 Thomas Perry, Jr.
- 16 Erika Hudler
- 17 Michelle Barker
Brenda Beman
- 19 George Baker
- 21 Faith Ann Weicksel
- 22 Mary Beth Naggie
- 26 Melanie Glace
- 28 Dale Jones
Ashlynn Reeder
- 29 Nicholas Naggie
- 30 Debbie Bogardus
Daniel Mohler
James Veasey



- 2 Mark & Laura Gray
- 12 Vincent & Alice
(Burns) Marvel
- 14 Dave & Karen Jackson
- 22 Charles & Evelyn
Barnes
- 29 Ron & Kathy Gray
Doug & Deanna Hokuf
Joe & Janice Kennard

(Letter continued from page 1)

fear of those who crucified Jesus. However, after they saw the resurrected Lord and received the Holy Spirit, they became bold. Each one of them was willing to lay down his life, to share these truths with the world. In fact, all of them except John did die a martyr's death. Any sacrifice we might be asked to make, pales in comparison to theirs. If He died for us, let's live for Him.

Your fellow laborer,

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

P.S. In the next few months, there are several things that I want you to be aware of. Friday, May 17 to Wednesday, May 22 is our mission trip to Canada, to work with Pastor Walid Bitar of the Arabic Baptist Church of Ottawa. Our Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27. We are in need of lots of prayer and lots of helpers. From August 11 to the 22, I will be traveling to India for a mission trip, to visit the orphanage and Grace Bible College that our church supports. I have finally been granted a short three month Visa, so it may actually eventuate this time. If you would like to financially support any/all of these missions, please designate your gifts and just add them along with your regular offerings.



Attention Youth

FEARLESS Youth Night at Sandy Cove

The youth will be attending this event at Sandy Cove on Thursday, May 9, from 6 to 10pm.

- Games! Prizes!
- Fun Activities!
- Speaker!
- Snacks to purchase!

If you plan on attending, please contact Tim Bayer, as we must pre-register.

A waiver is required to attend. Please go to the link below to download waiver.

<https://www.sandycove.org/fearless/>

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YOU'RE INVITED
to a baby shower in honor
of

**Cecil County Pregnancy
Center**

Starting in April and running through Mother's Day, we will be having a baby shower here at the church. The items collected will be gifted to the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. Please bring any brand new baby items, such as diapers (especially size 5 & 6), pull-ups, clothing, toiletries, towels, etc, to the church and place them in the large gift boxes at the back of the sanctuary and in the education wing. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, we will have a special dedication for all the donated baby gifts.

From Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12) to Father's Day (Sunday, June 16), we will once again be having our Baby Bottle Missions Project to support the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. This benefits the mothers and their children that seek guidance from the center.



A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answers: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

(Take Your Shoes Off, continued from page 1)

Scott Stevens (who played Peter) brought a friend. We put a robe on him, and he became our new Thomas. All of these men added so much to the performances. I can't thank them enough.

The best thing from the whole weekend was that eight adults came forward to receive the Lord as their personal Savior, and one couple has asked to join our church. Praise the Lord! This makes it worth all that we went through.

I would like to honor one of the disciples, my husband Jim, who has been a part of our drama for ten years. He started when he was 75 years old, playing the part of Thomas and then later playing the part of Matthew. When others said "no," he was always there. He starts preparing in January; growing his beard, practicing his lines and inviting so many to the drama through the years. Due to health issues that make it hard to stand and sit on the milk crates, he tells me that he is retiring. He is ready to give the torch to a younger man. Will you be the man to take his place? God and I both say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

I can't close without thanking Craig Hudler for filling in as our sound man. I loved working with him and the group that provided brunch for our church family and disciples. It truly takes a "church family" for this performance of the Lord's Last Supper to take place. Thanks to all of you.

In Christ's Service,

Patricia Culver-Adkins – Director 2019



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**HEART-SHAPED
breakfast**



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Church goal: \$1,400
Received to date: \$1290**

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019
6:30 - 9:00PM AT GRACE BIBLE CHAPEL

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

Join other Evangelical Churches in Cecil County.
Motivational Words by Ed Herr of Herr Foods, Inc

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 28 6pm: Sunday Evening Service feat. <i>Straight Talk for Men</i> 6pm: Youth | 29 | 30 | 1 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study | 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 6:30pm: Evening of Prayer @ GBC | 3 7pm: Gideon's Banquet @ Calvert Grange Hall | 4 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church. |
| 5 9:20am: Breakfast 6pm: Youth | 6 | 7 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship 3pm: JLMCC Board Mtg | 8 9:15am: Sandy Cove Seasoned Citizens 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: <i>Business Mtg</i> after Prayer/ Bible Study | 9 | See page 6 for regular events/services | |
| 12 MOTHER'S DAY (Baby Bottle drive for CCPC begins) 6pm: Youth | 13 | 14 | 15 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study | 16 | 17 | 18 CANADA MISSIONS TRIP → |
| 19 June <i>Lamplighter</i> articles are due 6pm: Youth | 20 CANADA MISSIONS TRIP | 21 | 22 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 No Evening Service 6pm: Youth | 27 MEMORIAL DAY | 28 | 29 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study | 30 Fold June <i>Lamplighter</i> | 31 | 1 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church. |



COMING SUMMER 2019 TO FBCNE

- ~ Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27
- ~ 6pm to 8:30pm
- ~ Children entering Kindergarten to 6th grade completed
- ~ Volunteers needed!!!
- ~ If interested in volunteering or for more info, please see Pastor Steve or Pastor Dan.


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday
8:30am **WORSHIP**
9:20am **Breakfast** (*1st Sun, monthly*)
9:30am  **Sunday School/Bible Study**
10:30am **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6pm **Youth**
6pm **WORSHIP** (*Last Sunday of the month only*)

Wednesday
6:30pm **Kids' Klub**
6:30-7:30pm  **Prayer/Bible Study**
BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Thursday
10am **Choir Practice**
10am **Fold Lamplighter** (*Last Thurs of the month*)
11am **Ladies' Prayer Time**
6pm  **Praise & Worship Team Practice**

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
4/14/19(15 wks): **\$3,583.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,802.**

Budget Status: **-\$3,285.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$3,383.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
Received to date: **\$40,305.**
Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning
worship attendance:
3/24/19-4/21/19: **98**

