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The Churchland SPIRE



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Birthdays

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| 1 Joe Lynn | 19 Martha Northrup |
| Monty Quailles | 20 John Dewitt |
| Judy B. Walker | Frank Ferguson |
| 2 Fay Leonard | Richard Francis |
| 4 Ross McRae | David Harris |
| 5 Cindy Bolling | Anna Lynn |
| 7 Kristen Koger | 21 Norma Saunders |
| 8 Clare Savedge | 22 Kathryn Boyd |
| David Storms | 23 Fannie Hundley |
| 10 Bill Knowles | 24 Adam Broughman |
| Stormy Thorson | Robyn Schollhammer |
| Joe Wise | Bonnie Warren |
| Rebekah Wise | 26 Bertie Campbell |
| 11 Ashley Williamson | Brenda Whittington |
| 12 Dee Viola | 29 Jennene Allen |
| 13 Brandon Ocheltree | Lucy Black |
| 14 Ed Shelton | Trey Cobb |
| 16 Melanie Richmond | 30 Lea Mancuso |
| 17 Frank Bogue | Jim Fticasar |

Anniversaries

- 2 Karen and Pat Callahan (50)
4 Mary Jane and Al Spradlin
5 Ann and Larry Frey (53)
8 Hunter and Chip Turner (27)
13 Martha and Bob Inman (9)
22 Bonnie and Jeff Warren



Church Staff

JoAnne Fisher
Custodian

Jenny Hodge
Minister of Children/Youth/
Young Adults

Ramona Kirsh
Records & Financial
Secretary

Dan Koger
Pastor

Dennis Price
Director of Music

Patricia Price
Organist/Pianist

Trudy Smith
Director of
Weekday Preschool

Our vision is to be a missional church family who welcomes people of all walks of life into our fellowship.

We will:

- Deepen our relationships with God and each other and grow disciples to spiritual maturity
- Discover our God-given gifts and talents and equip ourselves for ministries in the church, the community, and the world
- Serve our local and global communities with the love of Christ
- Grow the kingdom of God through relationships developed inside and outside our church walls.



Sunday, September 17
12:15 pm
(immediately following worship)

We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and beverages. We want you to bring your favorite "cookout" side dish and one dessert - to share.



VALUES

Values. Values are sets of beliefs about good and bad, right and wrong, and how we live and interact with others (in our community and beyond). Values serve as a guiding force in life and provide a sense of direction. They are our guidelines for living and behavior. Our values are a central part of who we are and who we want to be. Our identity as a church is “held together” by our values and beliefs.

Have our values changed over time? If so, how? And why? If not, why not? Values change over time in response to changing life experiences. Recognizing these changes and understanding how they affect our actions and decisions as a church is an important part of clarifying our values. It’s an ongoing process. “We

must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles. Grace, mercy, justice.” (Jimmy Carter)

Values can be spoken and unspoken. Values can be positive or negative. Whether positive or negative, the values flow of what we believe (often we act in ways of which we are unaware because values are rooted so deeply).

Here are some examples of negative values we often observe in a church.

- **Control:** competition, intolerance, too few doing too much.
- **Insensitivity:** focusing on the shortcomings of others, people feeling left out.
- **Scapegoating:** blaming others, taking sides, avoiding personal responsibility.
- **Poor communication:** gossip, talking “about” someone with others rather than “to” someone + not challenging someone to avoid gossip, or to talk directly with the person rather than “triangle in” a third person.
- **Self-centered:** local of focus beyond ourselves, wanting things to please us, not wanting to do something different, lack of caring for people beyond the church.

Here are some examples of positive values we often observe in a church.

- **Communication:** respect, acceptance, honesty, healthy disagreement.
- **Hospitality:** sharing with others in multiple ways, welcoming, togetherness, good interpersonal relations.
- **Love:** caring, trusting, accepting.
- **Inclusivity:** sense of community, equality and equity.
- **Nurture:** comfort, care, flexibility, unity.

Our worship at the end of August focused on values. Your personal values. Our values as a church. I said our values must be relevant to the world in which we live. Relevant in ways that guide us to be the hands and feet, the eyes and ears, the voice of Jesus. Relevant to our community and our unique context at the corner of Churchland Boulevard and Poplar Hill Road.

What is unique about who we are and what we do? What values do we hold that are unique to our church. In our community. Among all the other churches around us. Especially the churches who have the word Baptist in their name.

We considered several questions, framed around “What do we believe...?” What do we believe about worshipping God? Worship is the most important thing we do together as a people of faith. (what are our values around worship?) What do we believe about missions? About global and community engagement? What do we believe about unity in diversity? What do we believe about growing disciples? About serving with love?

These are the questions that are facing us. These are the questions we must face as we continue to discern who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do. As we have the conversations, I hope you will join me. As we seek God’s guidance about our values and our identity, I pray we will have the eyes to see. The ears to hear. And the heart to respond.

As we move into September and October, there will be conversations planned for us to talk about our values as a church. Be thinking. Be praying. Plan to be a part of the conversations.

Grace and peace,

Dr. Dan



The shelves at the food bank are practically empty except for baked beans and fruit. In the month of July our food pantry, through the generosity of the community, was able to provide 19,588 meals to our neighbors in need. Here at the end of a very busy August we find our shelves depleted. It would be a great help to Oasis if you could let the wonderful congregation at Churchland Baptist know that we need their help. Below is a pantry list of items that are needed.

There is no donation too small, a jar of peanut butter goes a long way in providing much needed nourishment.

Sincere thanks for all of your good works on behalf of our neighbors in need.

Peace, Jo-Anne Roisen, Director Oasis Social Ministry

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, JUICE, SOUP, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CANNED MEAT (SPAM, CORNED BEEF ETC.), TUNA SPAGHETTI SAUCE, SPAGHETTI, JELLO, PORK AND BEANS CORNBREAD MIX, RICE, DRY BEANS, DRY MILK

WE WELCOME ANY NON-PERISHABLE ITEM YOU ARE KIND ENOUGH TO PROVIDE

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU



A Worship Encounter of Hope and Healing

Wednesday, September 6
6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Sunday Morning Narthex Greeters

September 3 - Barbara Crowson

September 10 - Dee Sword and Steve Fisher

September 17 - Debbie Fehrm, Beverley Byrd

September 24 - Mark and Bonnie Vinson

Sunday Extended Session

September 3

Heather Pruitt, need 1 volunteer

September 10

Michele Leonard, Alice Ftiscar

September 17

Linda Francis, Marsha Perry

September 24

Need 2 volunteers

“Operating Account”



Income vs Expenses
as of August 27

Income: \$ 258,883
Expenses: \$ 301,391



Oasis Food Drive

"Feed My Sheep" Oasis Social Ministry Food Drive: Thank you for helping to provide food to our neighbors in need. The **September** food pantry focus item is: **Canned fruit and fruit juice**, but any non-perishable food item is always appreciated! **Adult and baby diapers** of all sizes are always needed. Please be sure food you bring is not expired.



September 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Communion Hymn Sing 11:00 Missions 4:00	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 WDPS begins Choir 7:45	6 Dinner 5:45 Healing Service 6:45	7	8 CBFVA 25th Anniversary	9
10 Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00 Deacons 12:30 Vision Team 4:00 Room #110	11 Blood Drive 1 - 6 pm Susie Person 7:00 @ Elizabeth Harris'	12 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	13 Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45	14	15	16
17 Churchwide Cookout 12:15 Social Hall	18	19 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	20 Newsletter Deadline Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45	21	22	23 Social Hall reserved
24	25 Care-a-Van	26 Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	27 Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45	28 Book Study 7:00 Room #208 Social Hall reserved 7:00	29	30
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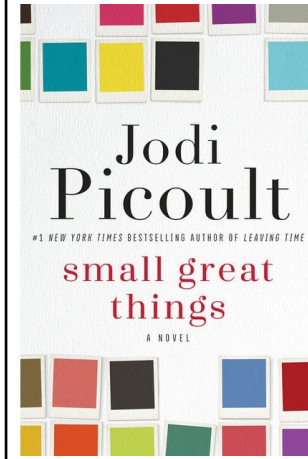


We had an awesome paint night!
Thanks Stephanie McRae for
helping us tap into our artsy side.
Look for your fellow church
members' works of arts to be hung
in the downstairs hallway.
Looking forward to the next one!



Thursday, September 28
7:00-8:30 pm
Room 208
(enter at the church office door)

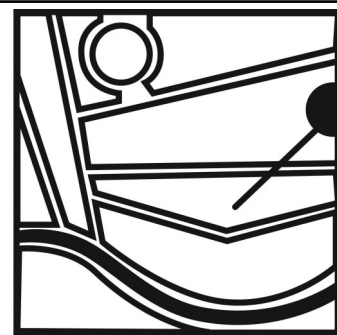
Join us for a discussion of Jodi Picoult's book, *Small Great Things*. The book is timely in light of recent events in our country and state. Come prepared to share your insights and challenges. Light refreshments will be served.



Option for a Daytime Discussion

Group: If there is enough interest - a minimum of six people - we will also have a discussion group at 12:30 pm on September 28.

If you prefer the daytime group and plan to participate, contact Dan Koger **no later than Friday, September 22**. You can reach Dan at the church office (484-2351) or email him at dwkoger@gmail.com



Cemetery Update

The Cemetery has encountered a severe problem and show stopper, at a very critical time. The large blue print size layout drawing was taken from the Church to have it redrawn. The person who took the drawing has not returned, several e-mails and phone calls have not been returned. The layout was a rough draft of plot and grave location. A drafting company has been contacted, and has yet to produce. Therefore, I am looking for a person or company that can best computerize it, and a program that can be easily up-dated as plots are sold. The drawing can be considered entry level drafting. The company that has yet to produce, quoted a price of \$275.00. I have been told to contact high schools, as it may be of interest. So, bottom line: looking for referrals of a person or company that would complete an initial drawing, that can be modified periodically, recommend a computer program used, as well as give instruction on how to make updates. Please contact Steve Fisher at the church 484-2351, home 484-5977 or my cell is 615-1603.



NEWS UPDATE

Response to Hurricane Harvey

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Response is monitoring the storm and is in contact with national and state partners in preparation to assist as requested. CBF will partner with its state and regional organizations, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), as well as other local and national partners, including friends in the North American Baptist Fellowship, in any response.

“We are in contact with all of our partners and are ready to receive updates and requests for assistance and aid,” said Alan Williams, coordinator of CBF’s U.S. Disaster Response. “We have worked with these partners over many years and, together, we stand in solidarity with those in the path of this storm.”

In keeping with CBF’s focus on long-term impact, CBF Disaster Response participates in networks seeking to help communities after a devastating event, but employs most of its resources on the long-term recovery, rehabilitation and resiliency of a community after first-responders have finished their work.

Donations to support CBF’s disaster response efforts to Hurricane Harvey may be made by mailing a check payable to “CBF” with 17004 in the memo line to:

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
P.O. Box 102972
Atlanta, GA 30368-2972

The link below can be used for online donations.

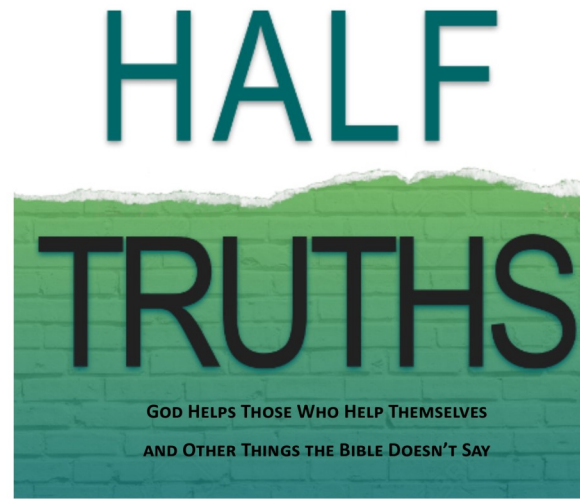
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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Morning Worship
on September 10

We invite all of our students,
teachers, and school staff to join us as we offer
our blessing to you.



Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Beginning September 13

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us as we search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture.

Our discussions will include sayings such as, “Everything Happens for a Reason” and “God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle.”

International Partnership Missions

As a congregation, we are considering engaging in a **Partnership Mission** opportunity with Virginia Baptists. This could be with churches in [Panama](#), [Romania](#), or [Haiti](#). We need your help in discerning where God is calling us to go. Here is a brief synopsis of each location and the possibilities for mission projects.

Please take time over the coming weeks to read and pray through each opportunity.
As you pray, ask God for where the Spirit would have us begin building relationships through partnership!

Panama

Under the theme “Juntos Para Servir a Otros,” or “Together For Others,” the churches of the Panama Baptist Convention ([Convención Bautista de Panamá](#)) are trying to make a Kingdom difference in their communities. Projects could include:

- *Children’s ministry and experiential learning for young leaders*
- *Local missions based on the resources of the local church*
- *Construction projects, such as a local church or parsonage*

Virginia Baptists are invited to join our Panamanian neighbors in ministry outside the walls of the church.



Romania

The Baptist Union of Romania and the Baptist General Association of Virginia are Together For Others in a partnership through the autumn of 2018. Encouraging each other to go outside the walls of our churches and make a difference in the community for God’s Kingdom, we are focusing on these areas:

- *Youth ministry training and experiential learning for young leaders*
- *Local missions based on the resources of the local church*
- *Ministry to those affected by human trafficking*
- *Ministry among the Roma People*

“As we build awareness of opportunities and needs in our communities there will be several pilot projects in the areas of youth ministry training, ministry with the Roma, awareness of human trafficking and local missions.”



Haiti



Established in response to the devastating earthquake of 2010, the Source of Light Center is a multi-faceted community ministry in the Port au Prince neighborhood of Delmas 19. Haiti Baptists want to transform this neighborhood’s faith, health, education, economics, and connection with the world.

- *Participate in one of the four annual VBS weeks*
- *School teacher training*
- *Help with music camp*
- *Help repair or build a house in the Delmas 19 neighborhood*

