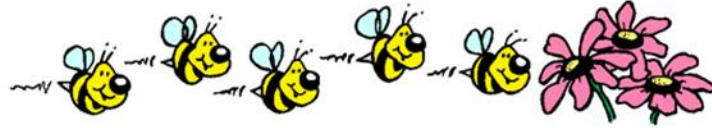


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The Lamplighter



A Grateful Couple

“The memory of the just is blessed...” (Proverbs 10:7)

The Hansons believe this promise and are thankful for almost 70 years together. The date is June 25th, expecting the Lord will allow us to see this milestone. We both learned lessons of loyalty and labor from our respective parents on the prairies of North Dakota. We liked agrarian life but the Word and Spirit of God had other plans for us that included military service, education and a stint with the FDA.

Fifty plus years of ministry in 6 churches (4 as Pastor). Norma taught school for 35 years, including 24 years in a K-12 at our Menomonie, Wisconsin Church.

We are tired, but not really retired as we rejoice over the journey thus far. Thanks to all the good folks at First Baptist Church for being a blessing to us in ministry, music and encouragement.

There will be an open house from 4-6 PM on Sunday, June 25th at 6035 Bibury Lane (Locust Hill) and everyone is welcome to stop by.

Love in Christ,

Gordon & Norma Hanson

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2023



Volunteer Schedules

Sunday Morning Nursery:

June 4 TBD
June 11 TBD
June 18 TBD
June 25 TBD

Greeter Schedule:

June 4 Darrell Linville, Scott Nupson
June 11 Glenn Miller, Dave Bode
June 18 Nick Papanicolas, Paul Dillon
June 25 Darrell Linville, Andy Gibson

Sunday Morning Security Team:

8:30 AM

June 4 Kevin Guiffre, Courtney Harbin
June 11 Marion Simpson, Dillon Edelen
June 18 Norma Stump, Kevin Guiffre
June 25 Courtney Harbin, Marion Simpson

SS & 11:00 AM

Betty Lou Moore, Bob Mathews
Jennifer Miller, Jerry Pruitt
Jim Miller, Melvin King
Patrick Hancock, Robert Hicks

Children's Worship:

June 4 Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon, Adrielle Law
June 11 Jennifer Cooke, Jessica Miller, Camden Cooke
June 18 Ellen Nupson, Alison Bode
June 25

Sermon Topics

June 4:

AM *How to Gain Eternal Life* Mth 19:16-22
PM *Jealous & Zealous* Num 25:1-5

June 11:

AM *God's Call* Mth 20:1-2
PM *More Numbers* Num 26:1-2

June 18:

AM *A Father's Love* Gen 22:1-2
PM No Service (Father's Day)

June 25:

AM *Servants Serve* Mth 20:25-26
PM *God's Provision* Num 27:1-7

Are you
curious who
the deacon is
that's
assigned to
you or your
family?
Check out
the lists
posted in the
glass case
outside of
the
sanctuary.

Tellers for June:

Shannon Pankhurst
& Jeni Irwin

- June 3rd: PACE Graduation
- June 4th: Church Picnic @ Gilbert Run 2-5PM
- June 10th: First Aid/CPR class
- June 11th: Meeting for those going on SD Missions Trip
- June 17-23: Missions Trip to SD
- June 18-23: Youth at Camp Carmel
- June 25th: Young Adult/youth potluck 12-4
- July 3rd: 4th of July community outreach (**help needed with games and food**)
- July 9th: Israel Trip registration walk-through meeting
- July 17-21: VBS
- Aug. 27: Catherine Foundation Tea *Bless Their Hearts* Sunflowers and Sweet Tea @ 12:30 (if you have any sunflower/ rustic decor that you are willing to let us borrow see Jennifer)
- Sept. 2: Moses Trip (**pay final payment**) lunch @ Cracker Barrel (self-pay) Transportation TBD

10 Key Bible Verses on Evangelism

1. Matthew 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The imperative (**make disciples**, that is, call individuals to commit to Jesus as Master and Lord) explains the central focus of the Great Commission, while the Greek participles (translated **go**, **baptizing**, and “teaching” (Matt. 28:20) describe aspects of the process. **All nations.** Jesus’ ministry in Israel was to be the beginning point of what would later be a proclamation of the gospel to all the peoples of the earth, including not only Jews but also Gentiles. The **name** (singular, not plural) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is an early indication of the Trinitarian Godhead and an overt proclamation of Jesus’ deity.

Teaching is a means by which disciples of Jesus are continually transformed in order to become more like Christ (cf. Matt.10:24-25; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18). **Observe.** Obey. **I am with you always.** Jesus concludes the commission, and Matthew his Gospel, with the crucial element of discipleship: the presence of the Master, who is “God with us” (cf. Matt. 1:23).

*Check out July’s newsletter for #2 on the list!

Seeking and finding

St. Ambrose (A.D. 340-397) was an influential figure in the early church. As bishop of Milan, he fought pagan influences. As a writer, he's credited with sermons, poems and innovative Christian hymns. And, according to tradition, he also converted and baptized St. Augustine. One beloved prayer from St. Ambrose reads: "Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you



unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding."

Men's small groups:

Brotherhood--1st Saturday of the month @ 9 AM (Contact Dean Irwin 240-682-5397)

ROMEO'S--1st Tuesday of the month (Foster's Grill @ 11:30 AM)

(Contact Dale Gordon 301-542-4842)

Women's small groups:

Ladies of the Light Bible Study--every Tues @ 10 AM

(Contact: Carolyn Shaffer 301-392-3882)

Women on Mission--1st Thurs of every month @ 9:45 AM

(Contact: Carol Gill 301-934-9615)

Visitation Ministry--Every 3rd Thurs of the month @ 9:45AM.

(Contact Carol Gill 301-934-9615)

Connect Bible Study--1st & 3rd Thurs of the month @ 6 PM

(Contact: Karen Law 301-893-3515)

Widow's Support Group--Every 3rd Fri of the month @ 12 PM (Contact: Diane Sheffe (240-901-2982), Sally Sexton (301-934-9317) or Lucy Bowie (301-643-7877)



Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22b)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

is scheduled for July 17-21!!

9AM-12PM for Pre-K to 5th grade

6-8PM for 6th-12th grade

TIME TO REGISTER!!!!

<https://www.fbclaplata.org/outreach-fellowship/vbs/>



June's Bible
Memory
Verse

Proverbs 18:13 "To answer before listening - that is folly and shame."

Righteous Before God

Satan sought to test Job, and God granted permission. After losing his property, children, and health, Job's raw reactions are not surprising. God Himself declared Job to be blameless, and Job begged to know what he had done to deserve such devastation. His friends presumed Job had done wrong. After hearing Job declare his innocence, Eliphaz asked, "Can a mortal be righteous before God?" (Job 4:17)

A righteous individual does the right thing in the right way from pure and right motives. Justice, morality, and integrity all have a role in righteous actions.

When we know we are slaves to sin, the answer is clear. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." The punishment for sin is death. Observing the law alone is insufficient, for we may do the right thing with the wrong motive or in the wrong way. We are incapable of consistently living righteous lives. Jesus came for the sinner! God send His Son to be the perfect sacrifice. We earn death in our unrighteousness, but God mercifully gives us eternal life in Jesus Christ when we repent and believe in Him.

By believing in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, we are given freedom from eternal death and the power of the Holy Spirit to live in righteousness. Though Job struggled, he learned to place his complete trust in the Lord. That is a message that the world needs to hear during a time where many feel they have to be perfect.

--Jennifer Miller



Caitlyn Hancock

Graduated High School through First Baptist Church of La Plata's Educational Ministry



Ashley Miller

Graduated from American College of Education

earning a Masters in Integrated Curriculum with a Concentration in Special Education

Breath of the Spirit

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy Him and to work the works He has assigned me.

—Augustus Toplady

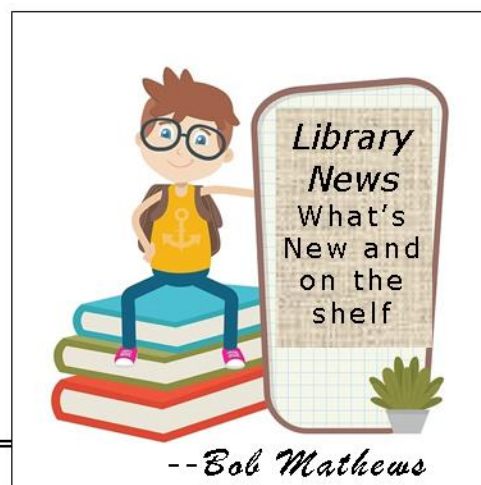


June 1st: **Women on Mission** will meet @ 9:45 AM & then have their lunch at a local restaurant.

There will be NO meetings in July & August

Please be
Praying for...

... the South Dakota missions trip this month. We will be taking a special offering soon to help offset the costs of the trip.



Fiction

The Blended Quilt by Wanda Brunstetter (F BRU)

The Ebb Tide by Beverly Lewis (F LEW)

Nonfiction

Hitler's Cross by Erwin Lutzer (NF 273)

Praying the Bible by Donald Whitney (NF 248.3'8)

Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland (NF 231.7)

Children's Fiction

God Knows by K. Shortsleeve (CF SHO)

Children's Nonfiction

Passover by Alice Flanagan (CNF 296.457)

Juvenile Fiction

The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe, modernized by Malvina Vogel (JF VOG)

Winnie the Horse Gentler: Eager Star by Dandi Daley (JF DAL)

Audio

John Williams: Messenger of Peace by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio-Book)

Loren Cunningham: Into all the World by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio-Book)

Gladys Aylward: The Adventure of a Lifetime by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio-Book)

Sindar Singh: Footprints Over the Moon by Janet and Geoff Benge (Audio-Book)



Brotherhood Fellowship
meets Sat., June 3rd @ 9AM



:canned veggies (not corn), canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.),
canned fruits, canned soups, boxed cereal (oatmeal, cream of
wheat, etc), instant potatoes or rice, spaghetti sauce, pastas,
peanut butter, jelly, crackers, condiments

Mother's Day Grab-N-Go Breakfast



Courtney Harbin, Norma
Stump (w/Kayla Gibson),
Norma Hanson & Ellen
Nupson.



Deborah Wedding &
Gloria Schnedier



God Loves You Tour



Hannah Pankhurst and Becky Bucher .

Potomac Baptist Assoc. Men's Luncheon



Local pastors from the Potomac Baptist Association meet monthly for fellowship, encouragement and to study the Word together. For May's meeting they met here at FBC and praised the Lord together for Pastor Gary's miraculous healing after his accident.



Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

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It's never too early to start thinking about items for OCC boxes! You can donate money using your tithing envelope (write "OCC items" in memo) or you can pay Jennifer Miller directly (electronically, cash or check).

Below is the link for our Amazon wish list which will also be available on the Welcome Center and on the FBC website under Ministries/Missions.

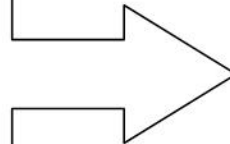
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5K4S2KKYJBM6?ref=wl_share

Please be collecting these items for OCC shoeboxes/crafts:

- empty icing container (no labels)
- empty medicine pill bottles (no labels)
- old tee-shirts (they can be stained)
- yarn
- buttons
- Scotch tape
- Christmas wrapping paper (not Santa)
- empty shoeboxes

noisemakers
party blowers
whistles
harmonicas
tambourines
kid xylophones
maracas
toys with bells
horns
jump rope
balls (soccer, tennis,
etc.)
small Frisbees
small kites
sidewalk chalk
sand toys & shovels
garden/work gloves
flashlights w/batteries

**Box filler ideas
for "joyful noise
makers" and
"outside fun"!**



Build a Shoebox Online:

- anytime of the year
- scan this QR code:



or use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/5n8dfnkj>

- there is a desperate need for more of these “filled online” boxes because Samaritan’s Purse has more control of what goes in them
- this allows you to build a box from the comfort of your home
- total cost of building a box is \$25.00

OCC Impact Story

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June 2023



Birthdays

05 – Norma Hanson
06 – Jerry Pruitt
07 – Justice Tarburton
08 – Billy Moore
11 – Sharon Bruce
11 – Caroline Dinh
11 – Tara Havrilla
12 – Thomas Hancock
14 – Gloria Peterson
16 – Matthew Hancock
16 – Ruth Kirkum
21 – Nick Papanicolas
22 – Kevin Jewell
23 – Jeni Irwin
25 – Gordon Hanson
28 – Morgan Kravel
29 – Nan Linville
30 – Glenn Miller
30 – Jennifer Miller

Anniversaries

06– Saverio & Dawn Adamo
06– Paul & Tracy Milcetic
07– Kevin & Amy Jewell
24– Paul & Jody Miller
25– Gordon & Norma Hanson
26 – Matt & Jennifer Cooke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women on Mission 9:45AM Connect Bible Study 6 PM	2	3 *Brotherhood Fellowship 9 AM *PACE Graduation 
4 Benev. Offering  @ Gilbert Run 2-5	5	6 *Ladies of the Light 10 AM * ROMEO's 11:30AM @ Foster's *Deacon's meeting 7 PM	7 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10 AM	14 FREE Food Distribution 5-6:30 PM	15 Visitation Ministry 9:45AM Connect Bible Study 6 PM	16 Widow's Support Group 12 PM	17 Burgess Bridal Shower 
18  Youth @ Camp	19 Carmel	20 Ladies of the Light Bible Study 10 AM	21 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	22	23	24
25 Young Adult Potluck 12-4	26	27 Ladies of the Light 10 AM Deacon's Meeting 7 PM (moved up from 7/11)	28 FREE Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	29	30	