

The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

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Weekly Services & Group Meetings

Sunday

8:30a: Worship Service

9:30a: Sunday School/Bible Study (classes available for Preschool through Adult)

10:30a: Worship Service & Children's Worship

5:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 through 12)

Wednesday

6:30p: Kids' Klub

6:30p: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Monthly Business Meeting immediately to follow, 2nd Wed. of each month)

Thursday

10a: Ladies' Prayer Circle

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At our house, we have been enjoying the springtime, haven't you?! It has been an especially long winter with all the covid-19 mess complicating everything. Maybe that is coming to an end as well.

It has been so good to see so many of you returning to worship services as the weeks go by. More and more of our congregation is being vaccinated and feeling more comfortable being together. Praise the Lord!!!!

We have a special celebration planned for Mother's Day. I especially hope all you ladies can be here for that day. We will have the praise team, *Audience of One*, back that day to lead us in worship for the first time in about 12 months. We really miss the contemporary flavor that they bring to our praise and worship music. Also, we are putting together a special Mother's Day presentation and a gift bag. Last year we had volunteers deliver them to your door, but this year they will be handed out at church, so we encourage you to join us.



Lately, I have been preaching on the "one anothers" in the New Testament. There are 76 times in the King James Bible that this phrase occurs, and 50 of them are commands. I began by looking at the 18 times we are told to "Love one another." No other "one another" is repeated so many times. Jesus told it to His disciples five times in the Upper Room the night before He was crucified. He wanted to be sure that they got the message (John 13:34 (twice), 13:35; 15:12, & 17)! (*Pastor's Letter*, cont. on pg. 2)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Arthur Reeder
 3 Thomas Perry, III
 4 Roger Cann
 Madison Wagner
 5 Tim Glace
 Caitlyn Johnson
 Daniel Wahlgren
 13 Marsha Hall
 Mike Marvel
 14 Thomas Perry, Jr.
 16 Erika Hudler

17 Preston Area
 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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Vincent & Alice
 Marvel
 14 Dave & Karen Jackson
 29 Ron & Kathy Gray
 Doug & Deanna Hokuf

(Pastor's Letter, continued from page 1)



The other "one anothers" can be divided into several categories and we are taking a week to look at each of them . The other basic groups are "Encouraging one another," "Serving one another," and "Living in Harmony with one another". I hope you can join us for this practical and important study. If not, be sure to listen online. Don't miss even one.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Steve



Pastor Steve Hokuf

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25



A huge thank you to everyone that came out and helped at our April 17th church work day! We are so grateful for your hard work.



Top: Dave Bibey refreshing our parking lot lines

Left to Right: Joe Fisher & Kevin Edwards clear & haul away the trees taken down for a garage





Celebrating Our Graduates

If you, or someone in your family will be graduating this year, please let us know by Sunday, May 23rd. We will be celebrating the graduates in our church family, both in next month's issue of the *Lamplighter*, as well as during one of our Sunday morning services in the month of June.

The First Annual
GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

**June 21, 2021
Starting at 9AM**

**Chesapeake Bay Golf Club
128 Karen Drive
Rising Sun, MD**

For registration and sponsorship, visit this website:
<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/a83190ac-1cd0-4436-9f42-dd52f9a7c4a8/details/registration-details>



SCAN ME

Golfers:
\$400 Team
\$100 Single Golfer

Sponsorship:
\$100 Hole Sponsorship
\$250 Beverage Cart Sponsorship
\$500 Scorecard Sponsorship

**We know what Dad wants
for Father's Day this year!**

**All proceeds go directly to the Cecil
County Pregnancy and Resource Center**



IT'S BABY BOTTLE TIME!

May 9th, Mother's Day, begins our Baby Bottle Campaign. However, empty baby bottles are available right now for you to fill with loose change and/or bills or a check if you prefer. All the proceeds will go to the Cecil County Pregnancy and Family Resource Center. The bottles need to be returned by June 20th, which is Father's Day.

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic we were not able to have our annual baby shower for the Pregnancy Center. However, they would welcome contributions any time of the year. If you feel led to participate you can bring your items to the church and let Sharon Hodanics know you have brought them. She will see that they are delivered to the Pregnancy Center.

Below is a list of items that are needed:

- *Baby Shampoo
- *Baby Wash
- *Disposable Diapers (especially sizes 3 -5)
- *Pull-ups
- *Wipes
- *Boy's Clothing - sizes 2T -5T
- *Girl's Clothing - sizes 2T - 5T (There is a special need for girl's clothing)



By Nancy Hudler



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - AN ISLAND EVENT



Last November, our church had the privilege of receiving gift-filled shoeboxes for distribution through Operation Christmas Child. These shoeboxes are sent all over the world as a means of spreading the Good News of the gospel. Since 1993, more than 186 million boy and girls in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a simple shoebox.

The remote areas of the Pacific Islands are the latest area to receive shoebox gifts for their children. So far, more than 120,000 children on more than 200 islands have been the recipients of Operation Christmas Child gifts, bringing them much joy and the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One event took place in early December 2020 on the small

island of Enubirr. This island, located in the central Pacific between the Philippines and Hawaii, is home to just over 1,000 people. The island has no electrical power and no airport. The only way to reach it is by boat. So early in December 2020, a team of four set sail for Enubirr aboard Cloud Nine, a 57-foot ketch. Also aboard were 30 cartons filled with shoebox gifts. It took the team six and a half hours in a rocking boat to cross the sea.

A missionary couple were part of the team that crossed over, and when landed they were greeted by volunteers from local churches who would host the OCC outreach event. After prayer, singing, a skit and a presentation of the gospel, the shoebox gifts were passed out along with the Greatest Gift Gospel booklets. For many children, this was the first gift

they had ever received that was just theirs. One 12-year-old boy was thrilled to receive a soccer ball and pump of his very own. He loved to play soccer. His mother had diligently looked for one but had not been able to locate one. But God knew the desire of his heart!

The most delightful outcome of all was the spiritual fruit that came later. At the end of the program there was an altar call, and 131 children accepted Christ! Even some of the adults came up afterwards and said how much they appreciated the message. The missionary team will be following up by teaching The Greatest Journey discipleship course. They are excited to see what God will do in the months ahead. They are praying that the children will develop a true relationship with Jesus.

by Nancy Hudler





Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25 5:30p: Youth	26	27	28 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	29 6-8p: Elijah Bible Study	30	1 8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in Education wing.
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16 VBS meeting after 10:30am service 5:30p: Youth	17	18	19 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	20	21	22
23 James Area is preaching. June 2021 Lamplighter articles due! 5:30p: Youth	24	25	26 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	27	28	29
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Volunteers needed

Interested in helping?

Join us for our VBS
2021 volunteer meet-
ing, Sunday May 16,
immediately following
the 10:30am service.

Say YES, to VBS!

GET READY FOR Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 1
through
Thursday, August 5

Registered for K
through 6th grade
complete

Online registration
coming soon



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO'VE SACRIFICED



MEMORIAL DAY

June 2021 *Lamplighter* arti-
cles are due no later than
Sunday, May 23rd. Please
email articles to Jess Wag-
ner @ fbcne@verizon.net.

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Budget Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 3/28/2021

(13 weeks): **\$3,413**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,897**

Budget Status: **-\$6,295**

Maintenance/Building Repairs
Fund: **\$4,150**

Building Fund for New Garage:

Received to date: **\$500**

Church goal: **TBD**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Received (closed): **\$1,675**

Church Goal: **\$1,400**

To give online, please visit
www.fbcne.org/give/