



The church office will be closed **Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day.

CAKE & CASSEROLE MINISTRY



Join us **Saturday, July 6 at 9:00 am** for a time of fellowship preparing cakes for the Community Table and casseroles for those in our church and community.



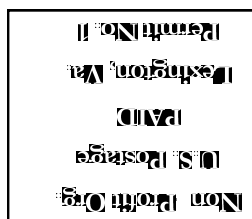
Join us **Wednesday, July 17, 5:30 pm** for a youth fundraiser meal. The menu will be BBQ, macaroni and cheese, baked beans and dessert prepared by the Youth. **The cost is \$8.00 per meal. Please contact the office by Monday, July 15 to sign up.**



We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, July 17 at 6:15 pm.**



Item of the month for July is peanut butter. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the box outside of the choir room. Thank you!



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OUT OF MY MIND

This will be forever known as the summer of the grandchildren for me and Lucy. From the end of May through the end of July we will have the joy of spending time with each of our five grandchildren. Because of the distances that currently separate our family, this qualifies as a rare event, worthy of celebration!

Already as we have gotten to spend time with two of our grandchildren we have found ourselves saying things like: “That high forehead reminds me of my mother.” “When they act like that it reminds me of their father at that age.” “I remember when her mother did the same thing.” I think most grandparents do something similar. It’s our way of identifying that child as a part of the family. It’s noticing a family resemblance.

When Lucy and I participate in that ancient family rite with our grandchildren, I often will remember a verse from the Bible that describes a similar scene. In Acts 3:1 we read the words “they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Peter and John had been arrested by the religious authorities. Now, these religious leaders already knew that Peter and John were disciples of Jesus. So what they’re saying is that Peter and John resemble Jesus by how they are acting – in their care and concern for a man who is crippled; in their confidence, boldness, passion and love, they remind these leaders of Jesus. They’re like grandparents gathering around a child and pointing out the family resemblance.

Now, let me ask you - when people look at you, do they notice a resemblance to Jesus? Not a physical one of course, but in how you act – how you love – how you care – how you treat others - do you remind people of Jesus? The word Christian literally means “little Christ.” If we’re a part of Christ’s family then people should be able to detect a family resemblance in us. That resemblance will certainly be imperfect, and you may have to look hard at times to find it – but it should be there all the same.

By the kindness and respect with which we treat others, by our care and concern for others, and by the grace and love we extend to others, we should remind people of Jesus. When people watch what we do, listen to what we say and how we say it, may they see in each of us a family resemblance to Jesus.

Your Pastor,
Mike

BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

- July 7 - Loretta Ballard
- July 14 - Phyllis Puckett
- July 21 - Barbara Heckman
- July 28 - Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

- July 7 - Joel Snow
- July 14 - Patsy Paxton
- July 21 - David Campbell
- July 28 - David Moore

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- July 7 - Brian Kave
- July 14 - Dale Raymond
- July 21 - Linda Hooks
- July 28 - Amy Reid

WORSHIP NUSERY

- July 7 - Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
- July 14 - Patsy Williamson & Wendy Higgins
- July 21 - Sharon Martin & Rosana Clancy
- July 28 - Linda Bond



- 6 Wayne & Janice Oylar
- 10 Robbie & Molly Kay Moore
- 12 Glenn & Carol Furr
- 31 Clyde & Jerri Keen

If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, please share it with us!



- 1 Tal Gibbs
- 3 Linda Carter
- Will Gibbs
- 11 Andy Grose
- 14 Sherry Baucom
- 22 Christie Huger
- 23 Shirley Snow
- 27 Loretta Ballard



WMU met on Monday, June 10, for their quarterly meeting. Our guest speaker was Ms. Tasha Walsh, executive director of Rockbridge Area Hospice. She gave a very informative presentation and answered questions. Projects, programs and leaders for the coming year beginning in September were discussed. For July, the members will provide goody bags for the Mission trip to Eagle Eyrie.



From now till August 11th, our church wide mission opportunity will be the collection of school supplies for three of our local elementary schools. Basic school supplies may be purchased and donated or you may make a monetary donation and a team will purchase the supplies for you. There is a great need in our community for these supplies and the donations are always greatly appreciated.

Many of you know we have prepared a meal on the day of the Rockbridge Community Festival with proceeds going to local charities. This year the proceeds will go to Rockbridge Area Hospice and The Community Table.

The date of the festival is **August 24** so we will be asking for your help to accomplish this. A sign-up sheet will be available the end of July with a list of food items needed as well as volunteers for Friday, the 23 and Saturday, the 24. Monetary donations are always welcome for items that are not donated.

We have an **ongoing project to collect Flip-Flops for Honduras**. Children and small adult sizes are the most needed. There is a box on the display case in the hall for donations.

While these opportunities are generally offered by the WMU, they are open to the entire church body. It takes an effort on all our parts to make these successful. Also, if you have suggestions for a mission opportunity please turn them into the church so we can check out the possibilities.



The Adult Choir will be taking the month of July off for a well-deserved break. We will have special soloists for the Sundays in July. We are all grateful to these folks who willingly donate their time and talents!

Special Thank You to Sherry Baucom for playing the piano and Lee Higgins for filling in at the podium and on the piano while Alysian and Lucy have been on vacation. It is such a relief to have such well-qualified musicians available as a substitutes!



What does it mean to be a member of a church? Join us as we explore this question, based on the book *I Am a Church Member* by Thom Rainer, over five **Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** this summer. Whether you are a long-time member or just getting started attending church, We would like to hear your thoughts, so please join us. If you have a conflict with one of the dates, no problem! Come when you can. Books are available in the church office for anyone who plans to attend. **Please contact Linda Hooks for more information.**



Join us on **Sunday, July 28 from 5 pm - 8 pm** for our annual summer church picnic at **McKethan Park**. Chicken and drinks will be provided but we ask everyone to bring a side dish and dessert to share. **Please RSVP with the church office (office@manlybaptist.com or 463-4181) by Wednesday, July 17 if you plan to attend.**



Our friends at Lexington Presbyterian Church have invited us to worship with them and some of the other downtown churches at **Hopkin's Green, 10:00 am, on Sunday, August 18th**. (We will not have Bible Study or a worship service in our building that Sunday) **Dress will be very casual and plan to bring a lawn chair to sit in and a covered dish or dessert to share.** A meal together will follow the worship time. We understand that this may create a hardship for some in our church family, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we felt that this was a wonderful opportunity to worship together with some of our larger Christian family in the community. In case of rain we will worship in the sanctuary of Lexington Presbyterian. We hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children (4 yr. old - 6 grade) are invited to join us **July 1 - 3, at Lexington Presbyterian Church.**

Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity VBS will engage children with Bible stories, crafts, music and stories from the community focused on Habitat for Humanity's local ministry, building and repairing safe homes for families. During our time together we will be building a special hands-on project with members of the Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity to auction off at the end of VBS!

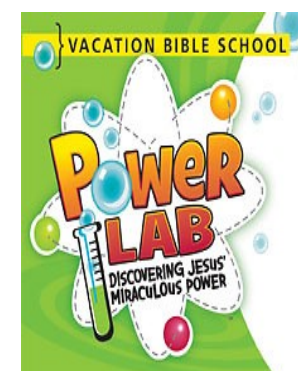
Teachers and youth volunteers are needed!

Register here! <https://smassie.wufoo.com/forms/wqwt1e718owfbq/>



Children (K-5th grade) are invited to Boxerwood Gardens on **Sunday, July 14, 12:30 pm** to explore and fellowship together. Bring old clothes and tennis shoes for your child to change into (they may get messy exploring).

Lunch will be provided. **Please let Katlyn Bradley (children@manlybaptist.com) know by Sunday, July 7 if your child plans to attend!**



VBS AT MMBC!

Join us **Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm** for this exciting church event! **Register online at vbspro.events/p/a2faab**

Our kick-off & registration night will be **Sunday, July 28, 5:00 pm at McKethan Park**. Children will enjoy inflatables, snow cones and cotton candy!

Please pray about how you can help with this wonderful ministry and let Thomas Smals (540-525-7399) know where you can serve!



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 am

"Underrated" Bible Study

Have you ever felt underrated or underestimated because of your age? It is a terrible feeling - as if, because you are still a teenager, you can't get this life or faith thing right yet. In this series, as we look at what was said to a young church leader named Timothy, we will find that when it comes to our faith, instead of being underrated, we can own it!

Sunday, July 7 Bible Study with Laura Jones

Sunday, July 14 Bible Study with Molly Kay

Sunday, July 21 Bible Study with John Wranek

Sunday, July 28 Bible Study with Katlyn Bradley



Wednesday, July 3 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Group (Dinner and mulch playground area)

Saturday, July 6 10:00 am till ?
Youth Group kayaking on the Cow Pasture River followed by dinner at Bella's Pizza (**Bring \$**)

Thursday, July 11 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Youth Group (Jackson River Sports Complex, Covington) (Food, games and concert with Jonny Diaz)

Wednesday, July 17 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Youth Group Fundraiser Meal (Set-up, serve and clean-up)

Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26
Youth Mission Connection at Eagle Eyrie

Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Help with Vacation Bible School