



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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You'll Go Dimensional for
SonSpark Labs VBS!

July 22-26

6-8PM

This year's VBS is **SonSpark Labs**, a week of laboratory adventures and fun! Through their adventures children will discover God's Big Plan—2 MAKE Us, 2 BE WITH Us, 4 Us 2 KNOW Him, 2 SAVE Us and 2 LOVE Us 4-Ever! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks—all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn that God's plan for everyone is Jesus!

SonSpark Labs can be an inspirational and exciting adventure for your entire family!

Go to www.npcmh.com/vbs for more information and to register today!

Interested in volunteering? We have a variety of fantastic opportunities for you to help out throughout the week - whether you can volunteer all week long, or only for one day. Contact Karey Garrison at 434-386-8869 for more information.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Don Hedrick
- 11 Henry Sechler
- 29 Margie Seal
- 30 John Collins



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Gerald & Sharon Bryant
1976
- 14 Ernie & Barbara Baker
1973
- 27 Michael & Janel Babcock 1997



JULY ATTENDANTS

- 1 Gerald & Sharon Bryant
- 8 George & Mickie Brine
- 15 Marge Mills & Karen Aspengren
- 22 Maggie Brockman & Anne Wilkins
- 29 Ron Reyburn & Vonnie Rucker



AUGUST ATTENDANTS

- 5 Ernie & Barbara Baker
- 12 Linda Lange & Judy Reyburn
- 19 Debbie Irvine & Sandy Stafford
- 26 Gerald & Sharon Bryant

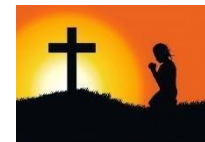
**FIRST SUNDAY
COLLECTION OF
NON-
PERISHABLES
FOR THE
MONROE
BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**



Can't bring your donations on the first Sunday? Leave your items any time in the receptacle in the foyer area. Monetary contributions are appreciated as well. Monroe Baptist volunteers can purchase food from the Blue Ridge Food Bank at a much lower price than at the grocery stores.

Don't forget items for children and pets are welcomed as well.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV



Prayer requests:

Peggy Wright is having much back pain that has kept her in for several weeks.

The Leddens' grandchildren, Keith & Denna Crumrine and children are in New Guinea for 1 year to help build a church. (See "Missionary Report" pg. 3 for more)

Doris Eden has had surgery for a broken hip and is now at Guggenheimer Nursing Home.

Larry Irvine is in need of surgery in the near future.

Alice Sales has begun a series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

Bob France has been moved to a hospital in Farmville.

Bobbie & Albert Garrett appreciate your prayers for their health. Bobbie was hospitalized recently.

Andrew Brunson, a missionary in Turkey, has been falsely imprisoned in that country almost 2 years. Please pray for his release.

Families in Elon and Lynchburg affected by the recent tornado on April 15.

All active servicemen and women.

Law enforcement personnel, first responders.

Remember others who cannot be with us in church: John and Dick Collins, Dot Stinnett, Leonard Rowe, Margaret Watts, Dot Rucker, Doris Eden, Bob & Marie France.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Morning Circle:

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, July 3 at 10 a.m. Their study is "A Love Worth Giving" by Max Lucado. June Hedrick is the study leader.

Evening Circle:

The women's evening circle will not meet in the summer. However, they will be planning summer activities including the reveal of "secret sisters", and deciding on their study to begin in September.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

Sat, July 28, 10am - Noon



The Women’s Book Club will meet July 28 from 10 a.m. until Noon at Joan Porter’s home. They are reading *The Forgotten Road*, the second book in the trilogy by Richard Paul Evans. Like to read? You are welcome to join them. Please let Joan know if you will be there.

LION’S CLUB GLASSES COLLECTION



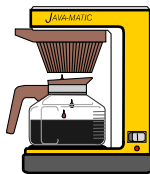
As many of you know, the Lions Club collects outdated eye glasses for reuse. Our church has decided to help in this effort by collecting

the old glasses and passing them on to the local Lions Club. A special box has been placed in the central hall of the church for this collection. We will leave it there about six weeks to allow church members the opportunity to easily discard these outdated eye glasses.

The Evangelism and Mission Committee appreciates your support in this vital effort to reach out those in need in our community.

AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTIONS

Our after-worship receptions are always an enjoyable time, as they give church members and visitors an opportunity to chat and get to know each other better in a welcoming, relaxed setting. We would like to have at least one reception every month. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, along with suggested dates and themes.



July 1, the Worship Committee will host a 4th of July Celebration reception. July 15 we will celebrate our church’s anniversary with a covered-dish luncheon following church.

Please consider signing up to host an after-worship reception on July 29 or in August!

The Fellowship Committee

MISSIONARY REPORT

Keith Crumrine family in New Guinea

You have heard the Pastor praying for the Crumrines lately. Let me introduce them to you: Keith and Deanna Crumrine along with three of their children, Ashley 16, Emily 14, Hudson 10 are serving the Lord in Papua New `Guinea. They are the grandchildren and great grandchildren of John and Lorraine Ledden. Their oldest son, Colon, is keeping their business going in Michigan.

They will be there for only one year while the regular missionaries are on furlough in the States. Keith and family have been there twice: for two months while Keith built a church building, from felling the trees to the completed building. Their next trip he built a house for the missionaries.

The missionaries, Ben and Lauran Childs are from the same church where the Crumrines attend. The missionaries who were scheduled to take the Childs’ place while they were on furlough could not do it. The Lord provided the money for the trip to get there. They will need support during the year they serve there and for the flight home. They are confident that the Lord will also provide the needed funds.

There will be a lot of different experiences. To start, Deanna broke her ankle that required a trip to the nearest medical clinic, 2.5 hours away on bumpy dirt roads, a five-hour trip. They are growing their own vegs. There is fruit in the area. They have to buy gas for their generator so they can have electricity. Keith requests prayer as he continues to learn the language for preaching and teaching.

They would love to receive e-mails, especially the children. Their e-mail address is: for donations and regular mail:

ntegrtybuild@live.com

Crumrine PNG Mission Trip
1279 Saginaw Rd
Mayville, MI 48744-9603



COMMUNION SUNDAY

JULY 1

We observe the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month.



I wish to thank everyone at Church for all you did to help me in the last few weeks since Roger passed away. I especially would

like to thank all the people that worked on the lunch on the day of the funeral. For all the people that were there for moral support, Thank You.

Bonnie Wine

PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, July 18

5:30 pm – 6:40

Join us at 5:30 pm for a meal provided by your Worship Committee, followed by a time of prayer. The **PRAYER SERVICE** will be approximately a 40-minute service of corporate prayer.

We will highlight 6 aspects of prayer, from Dr. James Banks' book "Praying with Jesus". Please be thinking of specific things to pray for that pertain to NEPC and/or community outreach. There will also be a time for personal praying as the Lord leads you.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING - HELPING HANDS MINISTRY



On July 29 we will take our "Fifth Sunday" offering to support the Helping Hands Ministry of Amherst County. The Madison Heights Baptist Church administers this program. Their purpose is to assist county residents with emergency financial needs. Helping Hands is funded strictly by donations of churches in the county.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS:

- We have a FAX machine in the church office that is available to members.
- Our church secretary is a notary for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She can notarize your signature at no cost to those in the congregation.
- Contributions are needed for the *Capital Improvement Fund*. These funds are designated for large property improvements and/or repairs.
- **PC USA DISMISSAL DEBT** on the pew envelopes and your offering envelope is the debt we are paying to PC USA for dismissal.
- We have a Body-Life Fund for the express purpose of helping our own members with emergency financial needs. The name of the member receiving help is known only to the 3 people who have to approve the request.

Worship Is An ACTION Verb

Part 5 of the "Worship Is..." series

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

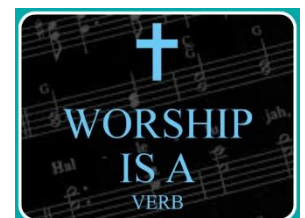
Psalm 147:1-2

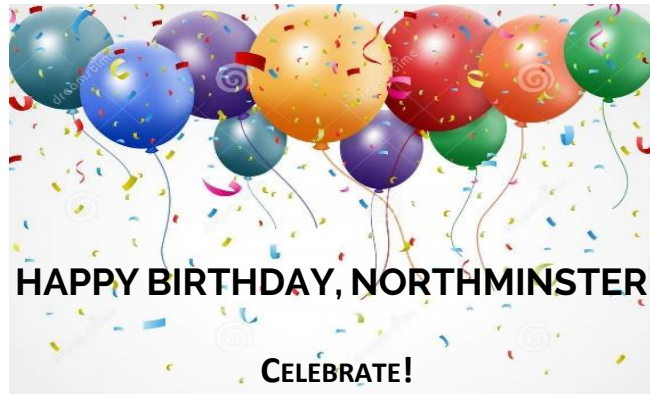
Worship is something we **do**, not something done **to** us.

In the worst of circumstances, we can still worship our God. In the Philippian prison, while their backs were still bleeding from the beating they'd received, Paul and Silas worshiped (Acts 16:25).

Even if a church has no pastor and has to make do with a stuttering layman or some inept fill-in, we can still bow before the Lord, offer Him our praise, and give Him our all. We can be humble before Him, we can bring our offering, and we can thank our Lord for the privilege of being in His presence.

Worship allows us to **put into action** our devotion to God, our love of God, and our respect for God.





**60 YEARS IN EXPERIENCING AND SHARING GOD'S
LOVE TO TRANSFORM OUR HOMES,
COMMUNITY AND WORLD.**

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 A.M.

WORSHIP – 11 A.M.

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON – NOON

**“TO GOD BE THE GLORY;
GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!”**

COME AND INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT OCCASION.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT				
	<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>May</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Income	9,941	49,868	1,646	40,867
Expense	<u>14,431*</u>	<u>59,402</u>		
Balance	- 4,490	-9,534		

**Includes annual property insurance*

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ELDERS

Ron Reyburn, *Clerk of Session*

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Liz Boothe, *Organist*

**Sharon Bryant, *Superintendent
of Sunday School***

Vonnie Rucker, *Secretary/Treas.*