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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Imagine that you are accused of a very serious crime. Imagine further that you are facing the best prosecuting attorney on the planet. When the judge asks you about your defense counsel, would there be any chance you

would say that you would represent yourself? (Having a number of family members in the law profession, I remember hearing once that “a person who represents him or herself in court has a fool for a client”.)

Sometimes, the Bible sometimes uses legal terms to express spiritual ideas. The Bible refers to the devil as “the accuser... who accuses us day and night” (Rev. 12:10). The Bible also tells us the devil’s purpose is to “steal, kill, and destroy”. Think of the devil as the world’s most persuasive prosecuting attorney.

Jesus is called our “Advocate” (1 John 2:1), who pleads our case before our Heavenly Father. He is an even better defense attorney than the devil is a prosecuting attorney.

When the devil accuses, plants, and feeds doubts about God and ourselves, who are we going want to represent our case? Without realizing it, we try to defeat the devil with our own very limited powers instead of calling upon the One Who can both defend us and defeat the devil.

The next time the doubts come calling...about Who God is and who we are...do not try to face “the accuser” alone. When it comes to our defense, let us “fire” ourselves and “hire” the One Who has laid down His life for us all.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Education Committee

Feb 5 @ 5pm

Mission Committee

Feb 5 @ 5pm

Winter Retreat (youth)

Feb 8 -9

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In Sympathy



We sincerely express our condolences to Margie Horton and family for the loss of her grandmother Norsie Conley.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, food and prayer during the loss of my mother. The lunch prepared for my family was wonderful; I’ve never felt more loved. God Bless you everyone.
Beverly-Miss B

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project Save Your Change!!

The Mission Committee, in conjunction with Sunday School, will sponsor a project for the month of February to help support the Fuel Fund at MEOC. This service assists people 60 years of age and older who are trapped in winter emergency situations with no money to buy fuel or pay fuel bills. Designed to prevent needy persons from having to choose between paying for fuel, food, or medicine, this is one of MEOC's longest running programs which assists over 900 elderly each winter. **How can you help?** Please bring your change to Sunday School each Sunday in February. We will collect the change during Sunday School and then place the collection in the special container in the Sanctuary. All classes are encouraged to participate. If you write a check, please put "MEOC fuel fund" on the memo line.

It's not too late to jump in...

for the Wednesday Night Study, "The Greatness Principle".

*Since we have missed 3 weeks in a row, we will only be on **chapter 2** this Wednesday. If you have not yet attended, you're invited. Pick up a book and jump in!*

Let's explore together how to be "great" in God's eyes as we serve Him! I look forward to seeing you there.!

Pastor Mike

Women on Mission

Our Women on Mission group meets on the second Thursday each month. The group plans and supports many mission projects through our church and throughout the community. The meeting this month will be held at noon on February 13, at Bonanza . Everyone is welcome!

There will be a Leadership Team meeting on
Wednesday, February 12 at 5 pm.

Sunday School in February

In the Jewish calendar, Adar, corresponds to our February-March. We consider February to be a short, intermission month standing between winter and spring. On the Jewish calendar, Adar (our February) is a time to rejoice! During Adar, the Jews celebrated (and still do) Purim -- the deliverance of the Jews in Persia from the plans of the wicked official named Haman (Esther 9:18-32). It is a time to remember that "which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; ... days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor (Esther 9:22). Don't just spend February waiting for spring to arrive, and rid us of the cold and snow! Take the opportunity this month to attend Sunday School and to rejoice in your own deliverance "from the power of darkness ... into the kingdom of the Son ... in whom we have redemption through His blood" (Colossians 1:13-14). There is no greater reason to rejoice! Our average attendance for January was 84. Let's make that 100 for this month! There are classes for all ages, and good studies! Hope to see you Sunday!

Teresa Adkins

(excerpts from Dr. David Jeremiah's daily devotional-Turning Point)

Are you missing an umbrella?

Several very nice looking umbrellas have made their way into the office. If you are missing one, please see if one of these is yours.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Lunch

Thank you to everyone who helps with the monthly lunches for the BCM at UVA-Wise. Nearly 30 students enjoyed this wonderful home-cooked meal! Pictured at left: Pastor Mike, Kathy Kennedy, Sherlene Hall, Brenda Lee, Donna Hutchinson and Butch Hutchinson.





From Leigh

In December I happened upon a new Bible study by Rick Warren entitled "The Daniel Plan—40 Days to a Healthier Life". The plan teaches how faith, food, fitness, focus and friends can help me make healthy choices for my life. It is not a weight loss plan or an exercise program. It is not just for women or just for men. It is for everyone/anyone who wants to take a balanced approach to "healthy living".

On Thursday, **February 26**, I will begin a small group study on *The Daniel Plan*. The group will meet for six weeks in the youth building from 7-8:30 pm. You can learn more about the study by visiting www.danielplan.com. EVERYONE is welcome! You might know someone in the community who would benefit from this study—invite them!

We will show a brief video clip Sunday in worship. An informational meeting will follow worship on **Sunday, February 16**. Materials needed include the *Daniel Plan Book and workbook*. There is also a journal that is optional. You can purchase all three books for approximately \$40 online. If we place a group order for materials, we will need to do so by February 17.

Please pray about this opportunity—as it concerns you, our church, and our community. Everyone is busy (believe me, I know). But, this is a short-term commitment that will have a life-long impact on your life.

One of the questions asked in the book is: ***If you continue doing what you're doing, what will your life look like in 5 years? 10 years?*** That is worth considering! I hope that you will join me in this study. Please use the communication card on Sunday to indicate your interest or call/text me this week.

Blessings, Leigh

As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Margie Horton and family, Virginia Owens (Gail Kiser's mother), all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

Sagan Holbrook	February 5
Nick England	February 5
Kara Kennedy	February 6
Philip Prince	February 7
Kaitlin Ponish	February 7
Randy Chisenhall	February 7
Kathy Kennedy	February 7
David Whitaker	February 8
Adam Sexton	February 10
Johnny Wills	February 10
David Mullins	February 10
Jennifer England	February 10



Pastor Mike preaching from Philippians 2—*Serve Humbly*—before we Share in Holy Communion.

John Mark and Wendy Adrian sharing their personal testimony from the Marriage Enrichment Retreat.



Bible Study

The Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers has been a wonderful study for our youth! The sub-title to the book is: 27 principles of wisdom when you're running for your life. Who doesn't need that! This Wednesday we will discuss Entry #10, *The Smoker*.

Thank You

Thank you, Adkins' family, for being such wonderful hosts for the Super Bowl XLVIII party on Sunday evening!

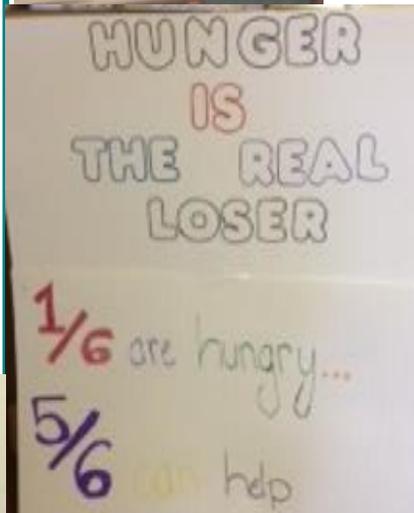
Winter Retreat

Seventeen youth and eight adults will participate in our youth winter retreat this weekend. We will enjoy time skiing and tubing on Saturday; we will also worship and study God's Word. Pray for our time together and for our safety. Thank you for supporting our youth!

REMINDER: Bring all of your paperwork with you on Saturday morning. Bring your Bible, extra clothes and shoes, money. The bus will roll out at 6:30AM!

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

Thank you, Tyler and Caroline, for the special announcement and prayer you made on Sunday regarding the "Souper" Bowl project. We will collect cans of soup through next Sunday. Our youth will donate all soup to the Wise County Food Bank. Thank you to Lily and Jasmine for the wonderful posters!



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/2-8 2/9-15	Mark Clark, Dan Helton Robert England, Ron Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	02/09 02/16	Jim and Sherry Collie Billie Harris
Nursery:	02/09 02/16	Vanessa Cyphers, Russ Cyphers, Landon Elkins, Daniel England Jessica Crutchfield, Bryan Crutchfield, Vanessa Mullins, Jason Mullins
Children's Church:	02/09 02/16	Vanessa Mullins Jill Jessee
PA:	02/09 02/16	Mike Strouth Wayne Isaac
Tellers:	February	Martha Blackburn, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	02/09 02/16	Scott Snodgrass*, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark Youth*
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team:	02/05 02/12	Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
Wed meal:	02/05 02/12	Soup Beans, Kraut, Wieners, Mac/cheese, Combread, Salad, (c-hot dogs) Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Salad

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Weekly Opportunities

Wed	Feb 5	Mission Committee @ 5pm Education Committee @ 5pm Meal @ 6pm Bible Study @ 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45pm
Sat	Feb 8	Winter Retreat @ 6:30am
Mon	Feb 10	Caring Friends @ 9:30 am Children's Choir @ 3:45pm

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~“THE GREATNESS PRINCIPLE” WED NIGHTS 6:45~

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Thought For The Week :

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.”

[Ephesians 4:2 NIV](#)