



The Echo

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It's August and you know what that means!!!

Our Annual Ice Cream Social!!

Sunday, August 25 at 5 pm

Plan on making your award winning ice cream to serve to a hungry crowd!

There will be a prize for the best ice cream of the evening!

**If you are able to bring ice cream,
please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.**

Those not providing ice cream are asked to bring a dessert.

The church will provide hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks.

It's going to be a throw back to when the Ice Cream Social
was just hotdogs, chips and ice cream!

Don't forget your lawn chairs or blankets to sit outside.

This will be a fun-filled afternoon with your church family
that you don't want to miss!

There will be a cornhole tournament for adults and
water games for the young and old alike!

From the Pastor's Desk

Canoeing the James River

My husband and I had been married about two years when we decided we wanted to go canoeing down the James River. Neither of us had ever been canoeing before but we were up for an adventure and there was an expedition company that would teach us the basics, drop us off up-river in a canoe and pick us up at the other end. How hard could it be for a couple of rank amateurs? When our instructor told us that there was a spot that were classified as a type 3 rapid, we were unfazed because we didn't know any better.

It had been a dry summer and the river level was low. Without careful navigation and team work, we would scrape the bottom of the canoe on the rocks and get hung up. Careful navigation and coordinated teamwork were not in our wheelhouse. We got stuck often. Then we came to the rapids and things went sideways, literally. The bow of the canoe got stuck on a rock but the stern was still moving at a good clip, propelling the craft sideways until it tipped over, spilling us and everything else into the river. We struggled to keep the canoe from heading downstream without us while we clambered about retrieving our cooler, one of the paddles, a hat and a half of a pair of socks. We made a pact there and then to never go canoeing again, at least not with each other.

Currently I am reading a book by Tod Bolsinger titled, *Canoeing the Mountains, Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory*. The book uses the expedition of William Clark and Meriwether Lewis as a metaphor for leading the church in the 21st century. In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson commissioned an expedition to explore the recently acquired Louisiana Purchase and discover a water route to the Pacific Ocean. At the time everyone imagined that the western half of North America was very similar to the eastern half.

When Lewis came to the source of the Missouri after fifteen months of traveling upstream by canoe, he thought the Corps of Discovery would just need to walk up a slight rise and over the hill to reach the Columbia River for an easy downstream paddle. But when he crested the rise, he discovered not a gentle river but the Rocky Mountains. "Three hundred years of experts had all been completely and utterly wrong" (Bolsinger, p. 26).

The expedition was about to go off the map into uncharted territory.

I haven't gone on anymore canoe trips but I've done some kayaking and I have learned when traversing water take an experienced guide with you. For the moment, I am in unfamiliar territory. I have camped a few times along the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, but I am just beginning to find my way around the Valley.

I do feel like I have some great guides to this area and to the people. I know that Bethany UMC has great ministries and truly authentic worship. I feel fortunate that people have been sharing their knowledge and their stories with me, as well as using their many talents for ministry. To quote Bolsinger's book, "If you have someone to show you a few good tips, you can adapt to anything. (page 50). I want to thank everyone for giving me more than a few good tips.

Currently, I will be in and around Weyers Cave most weeks from Monday through Thursday and taking Fridays as my day of rest, (or day of laundry). I am currently visiting some of the more mature members of the congregation, but if you would like a visit from me, don't hesitate to call me at 757-653-7830 and set up a time. You can also reach me at the office at 540-234-8577. I believe that ministry happens beyond the church walls and would like to get involved in the community here as time goes on.

The words of 1 Peter 4:10-11 keep coming back to me, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ." Ministry in the 21st century may take us off the map, into an ever-changing world. We may reach out to people in ways we haven't yet imagined, but through the grace of God, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us and God's love to instruct us as we go forward together.

Pastor Susan



Missions Update

Can it really be that time of year again? That school will be starting soon? Wow!! The year is flying by. Good luck to all the teachers and students trying to get back in the groove of this school thing.

For those of you going on the Honduras Mission Trip, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you a great trip and lots of special memories that are going to be made that week.

Roofing project, Take 2. Ok, we are going to try this again and see if the weather will cooperate this time. As many of you are aware, we have been trying to replace a roof for one of our neighbors for some time now. We had a date in April, but got rained out, so now the new date is Saturday, August 24th. We will be starting at 7:30 am to rip off the old roof and then put a new one on. Yes, all in one day!! So, your help is needed. If you can offer an hour, ½ day, or all day. We desperately need you. Gary Lucas is the main contact for this project. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those interested in helping.

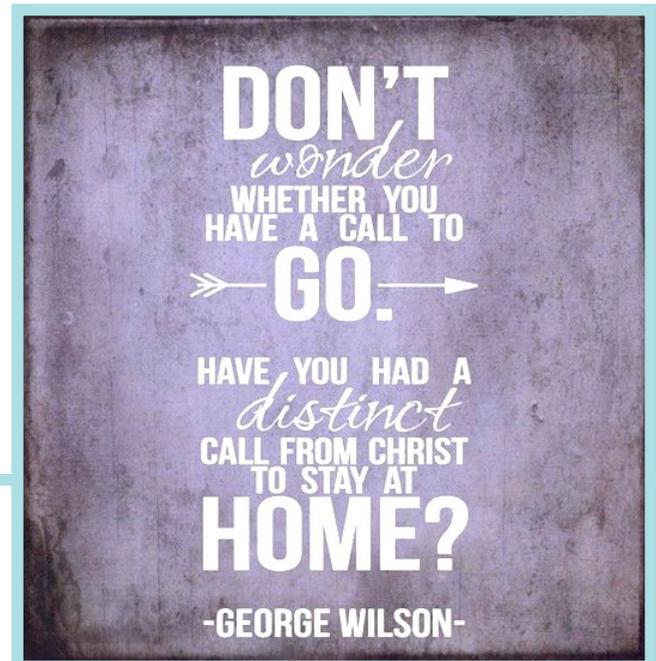
Youth Mission Trip was a spectacular time. Thank you to all who donated, prayed, and/or went on the trip. Our numbers were lower than normal, but we were mighty. Thanks to Dani Martlock for stepping up and being our cook for the week. We really appreciated that. All the hard work that everyone did will show for years to come and impact many others. Keep your eyes open to see what all we accomplished when we present it to you on Youth Sunday, which will be coming up soon.

Our mission focus for the month is the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Beth Metcalfe started working for this organization a little bit ago and our church decided to sponsor her for the year. We made a pledge of giving \$100 a month for the year to this organization. They have chapters in the local middle and high schools. It is a group that meets and proclaims their love for Jesus Christ. Please support our children and FCA.

If you know of anyone in need of help, please let us know.

Co-chairs: Lori Mooney, Brownsugarcookie@yahoo.com, 820-7394

Maggie Rhodes, r.maggiianne@gmail.com, 383-4752



You have responded so well to our request for spices this year for our Food Pantry ... thank you. So far we have collected minced onions, black pepper, Italian seasoning, dry minced garlic and cinnamon! The spices have been well received by our Food Pantry neighbors and they are thankful to have them. **For the month of August we will be collecting bouillon cubes ... beef, chicken or ham!** There is a box in the foyer for donations!

BUM BITES

Can you believe we are getting ready to finish out the month of July? I am sure teachers and students, especially those in Augusta County, would agree that summer has gone by fast. Rockingham County teachers and students have a few more weeks or should I say they have a "blink of an eye" time left. For me, I cannot wrap my head around the youth mission trip that began really back in October with the raising of the funds from the Apple Dumplings, to praying for a place to serve, and then all the planning that went into the trip, has now passed us by.

Many have asked about the trip and I



would love to share everything about it in this article but you will have to wait. You will have to wait until the Youth Mission Sunday on August 18. Then you will hear LOTS about the trip, see plenty of photos, and see the impact all the Youth made in Whiteville, N.C.

I will tell you we had a great week meeting new people, learning new skills, surviving Val Hiner's games, laughing at the pranks being handed out, and learning all about faith, hope, and love. You will find a thank you card from the Pittman family below. The words expressed are truly what these trips are all about and trust me, we all received much LOVE from the Pittman family and all the folks from Whiteville, N.C.

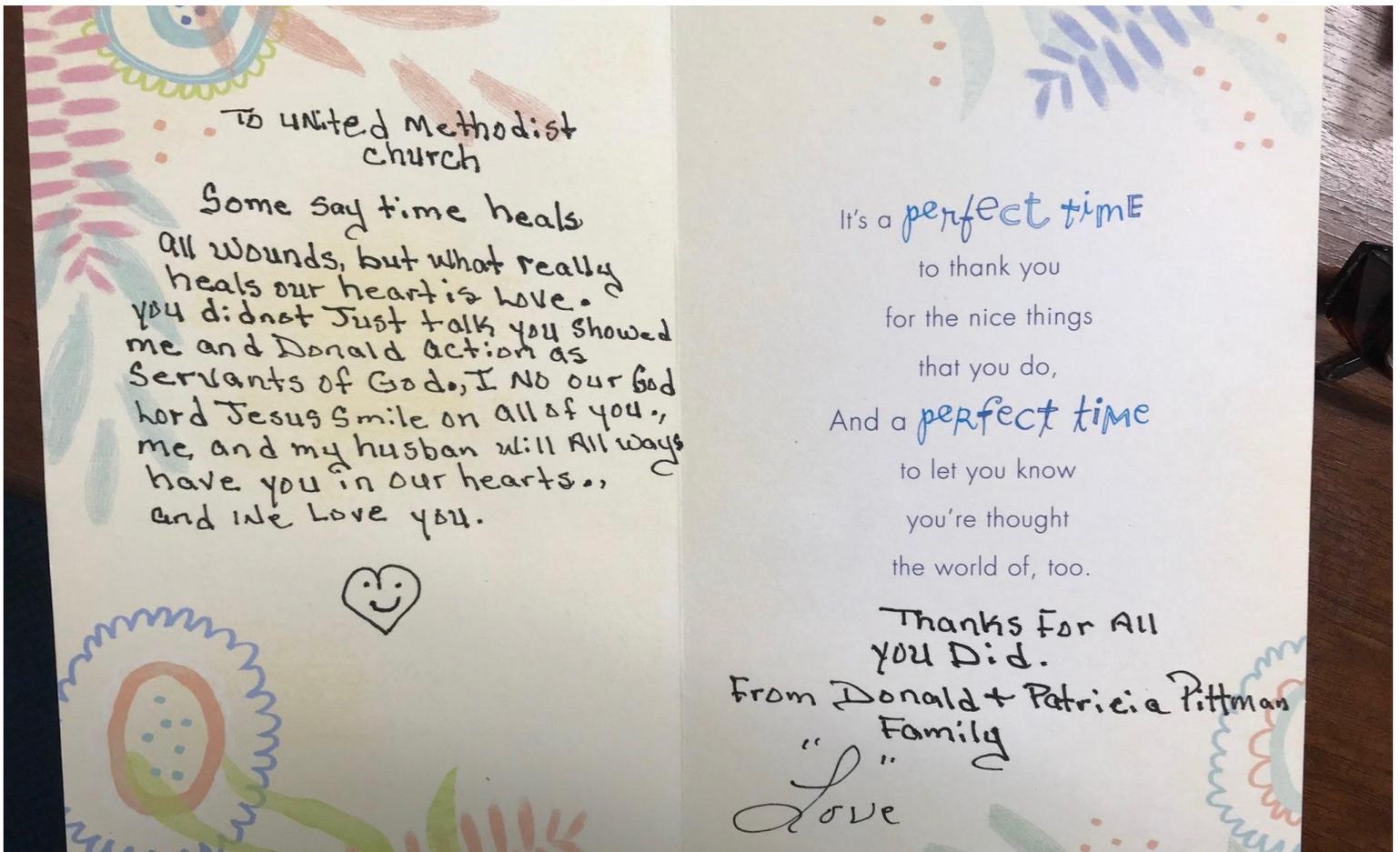
Let me also share the Youth's evening with Pastor Susan and Pastor Mike at

the Crawford's home. We had such a great evening with great food, great conversations, and plenty of laughter. Pastor Susan and Pastor Mike learned about the youth and in return the youth learned much about them. We are looking forward to serving with Pastor Susan as her journey begins at Bethany UMC.

To end this edition of BUM Bites on behalf of the Youth Ministry we would like to say **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thanks for the prayers, the food donations, drink donations, monetary donations, all the work each of you put in to help make this trip a success. We love each one of you and we are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Blessings
Shawn Cook



Rested or Arrested?



For all of those who were in the first worship service on Sunday, July 14 and heard Shawn Cook say what sounded like “glad we weren’t arrested” when he claims he said ... “but not yet rested” the above picture proves that maybe, just maybe, the statement we thought we heard was correct!!



Don’t be alarmed ... it was all just a misunderstanding!



Treasurer’s Report by Cindy Kite

It’s August! I can’t believe it ... the summer is going by so fast. It’s my favorite time of year! And I don’t want to see it end. I’m sure you are like my family, we love to go on vacation, picnic, take weekend trips, and visit family. And in doing so, we don’t make it to church as often during the summer months!

And with all the traveling and visiting we do during the summer, we don’t always remember to give our offering the weeks we aren’t in the worship service! As summer comes to an end, attendance will increase and so will the offering!

So, as of July 21, we were 13.4% behind our projected budget or \$18,147.36 short. We have been blessed to receive your offering of \$117,353.40 so far this year. It has let us pay the bills, pay our staff and sponsor some summer events! Without you, we would not be able to do any of this. So thank you for giving to Bethany! We are on the way to our \$242,967.00 ... our projected budget.

What’s a projected budget you ask? The projected budget is the funds that have been asked for by all the committees at Bethany to fund their ministries for the entire year along with salaries and apportionments. Not every committee will spend it’s entire budget request ... however, some will go over providing new ministries for Bethany. It will all work out by the end of the year. We will trust our Lord to provide for all the ministries He has in mind for us!

“As we give, we find that sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven, and in the end, we learn it was no sacrifice at all.” (Spencer Kimball)

July 21 - Week 29		
Budget	242,967.00	
Where We Should Be		135,500.76
Where We Are		<u>117,353.40</u>
Deficit of		(18,147.36)
Net Percentage		-13.4%



Come learn about the
NEW Sunday School format
and meet the leaders.



When:

Sunday
August 11

Where:

Fellowship
Hall

Time:

Between
Services

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR

FOR ALL AGES !!

Food Pantry Info

The Food Pantry is designed to help any of our neighbors acquire food when ever they need it. Our Food Pantry consists of two parts: USDA food and Non-USDA food.

The USDA food comes from the US Government and we have to account for every little bit of it. The Non-USDA food is what we choose to purchase from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and other food donations that are given to us.

We have used some of the food at times to serve a meal to our Food Pantry neighbors; however, we cannot use the food for church picnics, potluck meals, Sunday School parties and other such church functions.

We realize that at times our own Bethany folks might fall on hard times. If any of our church members are in need, they are welcome to Non-USDA food from the Food



Pantry. Please make arrangements with Wayne or Kathy Frizzelle or Pat Lynn to get items from downstairs so that the USDA food is protected. We are here to help you in any way we can! Just let us know your need!

You can volunteer once a month on Mondays from 4:30 - 5 pm to help serve at the Food Pantry!! Just talk to Wayne, Kathy or Pat!

Caring Cards Tuesday, August 6 10 am

Join us for this fellowship that sends card and notes of encouragement to our members!

Young at Hearts Tuesday, August 6 12 pm

We invite all those 55 and older, but young at heart, to join us for our monthly luncheon at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton!

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, August 17 8 am

All men are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship and a time of prayer!

We are currently seeking people to help on Sunday mornings to make and set out coffee, creamer, sugar, etc. (There are people who will show you how to make coffee.) You would also be responsible for setting out snacks for that morning and make sure that the kitchen is cleaned up afterward.

You can bring whatever snacks you want to and you can also check the freezer and/or pantry for snacks.

Best of all ... this is NOT AN EVERY SUNDAY COMMITMENT!! Sign up once a month, once a quarter or just once! You will notice the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center has lots of available Sundays! On the Sundays that no one has signed up ... there will be no snacks between services. Grab a friend, a group of friends, your SS class or a committee you serve on and sign up today! Questions? Contact Julie Ritchie at jaritchie@comcast.net.



Mrs. Ruby Botkin has moved in with her grandson, Mathew Craun and his wife Diane. If you would like to send Ruby a card, her new address is Ruby Botkin, 946 Wilda Road, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477. You can also reach her at 540-448-5767 - just ask to speak to Ruby! I'm sure she would enjoy cards, visits and phone calls from her Bethany family.



Louise Motley is currently at Birch Garden Assisted Living, 12 Royal Drive, Room C-11, Staunton, VA 24401. Her phone number is 540-887-2390. She would love cards, visits and phone calls from her Bethany family!

Thank You!

To Our Bethany Family ... We are extremely grateful and humbled by your generosity! Thanks for all the many ways you have loved on our family as we welcome baby Phoebe. All the cards, gifts, visits and delicious meals you have shared with our family are the most thoughtful and cherished gifts! Love, Maggie, Taylor, Calvin and Phoebe Rhodes

We would like to thank our church family for all your prayers and support. Maggi is home and the oral chemo therapy drug has been approved for use at home. It is very costly and we ask that you continue to pray that the insurance will continue to approve coverage. Thanks also to those of you who sent e-cards while she was at UVA. She looked forward to getting those each day. Please pray that this chemo medication will work and eradicate this awful disease from her body!
Sincerely, The Peterson Family

August

- 1 Eddie Lynn
- 3 Joe Meek
- 5 Roy Lee Stroop
Bill Kile
- 9 Jim Peterson
- 10 Julie Ritchie
- 11 Christian Michael
Scott Williams
- 13 Donald Truslow
- 14 Judy Faby
- 16 Kaiden May
- 17 Samantha May
- 18 Kevin Huffer
- 19 Dale Roller
- 20 Lindy Sheets
Robert Hill
Steve Schofield
- 21 Mark McDonald
- 22 Bud Somers

- 24 Hazel Truslow
- 28 Stella Jo Howard
- 30 Carolyn Swartz
Eddie Moyer
- 30 Kevin Stroop
- 31 Calvin Rhodes



September

- 1 Jerry Cook
- 3 Lori Mooney
- 4 Audrey Bradshaw
- 6 Johnnie Barr
Laiken Huffer
- 8 Randy Kite
- 9 Val Hiner
- 11 Mary Beth Schwab
- 12 Bridgett Crawford
- 17 Jean Radocha
- 18 Joe Howard
Hattie Castle
- 20 Sandra Elkins
- 22 Ben Michael
Susan Reaves
- 24 Elva Shifflett
- 26 Weezer Crawford



Congratulations to
Maggie + Taylor Rhodes
on the birth of their daughter,
Phoebe Anne,
born Sunday, June 23.
Proud grandparents are
Jeff and Julie Ritchie!
And her big brother, Calvin,
already loves her!

Congratulations to
Megan + Jared Kile
on the birth of their daughter,
Whitley Paige,
born on July 2.
Proud grandparents are
Bill and Kathy Kile and
proud auntie is Kristen Kile.

We express Christian sympathy
to Lloyd Meadows and family
upon the death of his mother
on July 4.

We also express Christian
sympathy to
Kendra and Jason Roller
and the Roller family
upon the death of Kendra's father,
Glenn Redmond.
If you would like to send a card
to Kendra and Jason
their address is
29 III Voges Avenue
Boerne, TX 78006



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>live generously</i>	3 Friends of Barnabas Leave for Honduras
4 <i>HAPPY Friendship Day</i>	5	6 10 am - Caring Cards 12 pm - Young at Hearts	7 6:30 pm - Sanctuary Cleaning	8 <i>Have A Beautiful Blessed Day!</i>	9	10 Friends of Barnabas Return from Honduras
11 Sunday School Fair Between Services!	12 6 pm - Worship Meeting	13 7 pm - Trustee Meeting <i>Left Handers Day August 13th</i>	14 10 am - Les Feldick Small Group Bible Study	15	16	17 8 am <i>MEN'S BREAKFAST</i>
18 10 am - Youth Sunday ONE SERVICE!	19 <i>be AWESOME today</i>	20 September Newsletter Articles Due!	21 <i>Senior Citizen's Day!</i>	22	23	24 7:30 am - Roof Project
25 5 pm - Ice Cream Social 	26 National Dog Day! 	27	28 10 am - Les Feldick Small Group Bible Study	29 <i>Be the reason someone smiles today.</i>	30	31 Roof Project Rain Date

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS ... Bud Somers, Hazel Truslow, Todd Ott, Tom & Jan Gorden, Louise Motley, Phil Mikesell

OUR SHUT-INS ... Ruby Botkin, Agnes Carter, Margaret Crickenberger, Judy Faby, Helen Figgins, Jean Houff, Jean Radocha, Bitsy Saufley, Bud & Barbara Somers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:30 am—Contemporary Worship Service
9:50 am—Sunday School for all ages
11 am—Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

4-5 pm—Food Pantry

Wednesday

7 pm—Praise & Worship Practice

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Thankful
always.



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Marguerite McDonald, Organist & Choir Director
Dale Roller, Praise Band Leader
Cindy Kite, Secretary/Treasurer
Phil & Ruth Ann Mikesell, Sextons

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connect. grow. serve.

At Bethany we ...

Connect with God in community
Grow in our likeness to Jesus Christ
Serve our neighbors