



New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

July 23, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

Please join me in praying for many in our church and community who have become afflicted with what Jesus refers to in **Matthew 4:24** as "*divers diseases*". Here is a brief summary:

Sundayitis (Also known as "*Morbus Sabbaticus*") - This baffling condition produces symptoms that are only seen on Sunday. It produces acute laziness in the person afflicted. It causes them to sleep in, or it can make them spend the day in the mountains or at the lake. This strange disease rarely affects eating meetings. Only those services where the Word of God is featured. Symptoms are usually worse from 9 a.m. to noon. During the afternoon, the sufferer feels better until 5 or 6 p.m. when the symptoms mysteriously return. The patient is almost always better by Monday morning allowing him to return to work, but sadly he usually suffers a relapse by Wednesday that keeps him away from prayer meeting and Bible Study.

Spiritual Paralysis - This sad condition doesn't affect any other area of life except the Lord's work. People can hunt, fish, go on vacation, etc. They usually look well and can attend church with little problems. The only symptom is inactivity. This disease usually causes the afflicted to refuse all jobs in the church. The most common phrase heard from those afflicted is, "*Let someone else do it.*"

Cirrhosis Of The Giver - This all too common affliction produces severe tenderness in the area immediately around the wallet and the checkbook. It causes the sufferer to feel compelled to give as little as possible to the Lord and His Kingdom's work.

A few others afflictions that are becoming more and more common are **Black Tongue, Spiritual Bruising and Spiritual Malnutrition**. Be much in prayer that those who are afflicted will be made well and back to work.

Weekly Schedule for July 23 to July 30

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Monday "Manic Monday" Trip9:30 am

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Rena Cutshalls' home)

Wednesday K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adult Prayer & Bible Study</p>
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
<p>Erin WardThurs., July 27 George Jaynes.....Fri., July 28 Karen Cloyd.....Sat., July 29 Whitney Gillis.....Sun., July 30 Braelynn Wilhoit Mon., July 31</p>	<p>TODAY, Sunday, July 23 Jim & Tonya Ward</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 28 Jack & Alma Ruth Snapp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 29 David & Sandy Casmer</p>

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
<p>TODAY</p> <p>AM - Tracey Shipley, Sheree Cloyd and Summer P. <i>(Alternate: Lilly Shell)</i></p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p>AM - Kelleve and Sierra Malone and Tonya Ward <i>(Alternate: Lori Deloach)</i></p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST "MANIC MONDAYS" of 2017
 Our last trip is **tomorrow, Monday, July 24**. We are going to **Kingsport Aquatic Center** for our final summer adventure.

Leaving at **9:30 a.m.** and returning around 5:00 p.m. Cost: **\$4 plus money for lunch** at the concession stand.

Remember, these trips are for **everyone**, not just the kids. We would love to have **YOU** join us! Come on folks. You still have one more chance to join the fun and fellowship of a "Manic Monday" together!

A **Sign-up sheet** is in the foyer. See **Pastor Ponder** if you have any questions.

WESTVIEW SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!
 Westview is giving away school supplies at their Back-To-School Bash on August 4, and they're asking for our help. From the list they provided, Pastor Ponder is asking that NSBC focus on **crayons (the 24 pack) and pencils**. We need your donations no later than Tuesday, Aug 1st.

HOMECOMING 2017
 This year's homecoming will be **August 20**. **Group 2** will be in charge of the meal planning. All group 2 people are asked to stay after church **NEXT Sunday** for a short meeting for more details.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION
 Please remember to update your family data for the directory revisions. Forms are on the foyer table. Give completed forms to **Linda King** or **Lavon Jones**. Need a picture taken for the directory? *Watch the bulletin for the photo schedule to be announced.* Call Linda at **948-0079** for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP
 September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace. Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.



