



New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

August 27, 2017

The following is an excerpt from a Facebook post I read this week. (I don't know if she wrote it or not but it was shared by Lynn Bennett Wilkerson.) My hope and prayer is that it will stir your heart like it did mine.

“There is so much excitement and anticipation around the eclipse coming up on Monday. I mean, what's not to love! The moon blocking out the sun and darkness in the middle of the afternoon! It's a phenomena that the whole country is anticipating...

But could I tell you about another day that the sun was darkened and refused to shine? It was the darkest day in history 2000 years ago when the Son of Man was hanging on a cross. The scripture gives this account in Mark 15:33-34: "At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (Which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") The sun was darkened for three hours as the Father turned away from the Son. For the first time in all of eternity there was a separation of the Father and the Son. Our finite minds can't comprehend such love for us that God would sacrifice His Son. It's beyond our human comprehension. Darkness in the middle of the day. Creation mourning the killing and death of the Lord of Creation. But praise God it didn't end there...not in darkness! The darkest day in history was turned into a glorious daylight as the Son arose on the third day! Salvation was complete.

The eclipse on Monday... amazing, but not life changing. I pray that it is a reminder of that day so long ago when love eclipsed darkness and salvation became a reality for each and every person on the planet. That is life changing, but only if you receive it.”

Weekly Schedule for August 27 to September 3

Today	Sunday School10:00 am Morning Worship11:00 am Evening Worship6:00 pm Choir Practice.....after evening worship
Tuesday	Men's Breakfast9:00 am Ladies Prayer Group.....9:30 am (At Betty Gillis' house)
Wednesday	K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u>) All group activities begin at 7:00 pm. Pastor Ponder will be showing the video “Dragons, Dinosaurs And The Bible”
Next Sunday	Sunday School10:00 am Morning Worship11:00 am Evening Worship6:00 pm Choir Practice.....after evening worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Jack Snapp.....TODAY, Aug. 27 Billigene Wood.....TODAY, Aug. 27 Joe Barker.....Mon., Aug. 28 Martina HarmonWed., Aug. 30 Donna BishopThurs., Aug. 31 Lavon JonesWed., Sept. 3	TODAY!, Sunday, August 27 Tommy & Linda Bailey Wednesday, August 30 Larry & Ginger Lane

Nursery Volunteers

TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Bo, Noel and Lilly Shell (Alternate: Jennifer Carter)	Patrick & Pam Mitchell and Hannah Deloach (Alternate: Tonya Ward)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY TRIP

Please stop by the table in the foyer and take a handout and read the proposed plan for our trip to the Billy Graham library. If you want to go with us, **please circle which date/dates you would be able to go.** If you can go either date, then circle both. The date which gets the most “votes” is the day we’ll go.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have designated the 3rd Sunday of each month OCC Sunday. Each month, we collect a special offering to help us meet our goal of packing **100 Christmas boxes.**

Since the 3rd Sunday this month fell on Homecoming, we postponed that offering until TODAY. Today is your chance to be involved in this rewarding mission project.

“DRAGONS, DINOSAURS AND THE BIBLE”

This video, produced by *Answers In Genesis*, will be the focus of Pastor Ponder’s Bible Study this Wednesday at 7pm.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please remember to update your family data for the directory revisions. (Here’s also your chance to request preferred methods of personal contacts.) **Forms are on the foyer table.** Give completed forms to **Lavon Jones** or **Pastor Craig**. Need a picture taken for the directory? Watch next week’s bulletin for the **photo schedule** to be announced for sometime in September. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer next Sunday.

SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP



September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace. Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)

Sickness and Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Sylas Bowan
J. Walter Brown
Pam Brown
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Rovena Bryant
Mike Bush
Jim Byers
Evelyn Casmere
Glenna Castill
Abigail Childress
Floyd Claypole
Mary Davidson
Rusty Edwards
Sharon Edwards
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Daniel Gardner
Jerry Gillis
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Ray Holtsinger
Jenny Jackson
Hannah Jenkins
Brenda Johnson
Elizabeth Jones
Bobby Kilgore
Roger Lester
Nancy Malone
Katrina Mausolf
Sanford McCarty
Jeanene McCurry
Ron Messimer
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Vickie Rust
Joel Shell
Art Simpson
Jordan St. John
Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp

Pat Steadman
Wanda Stillwater
Jean Street
Ted Tipton
Doris Townsend
Megan Vess
Carmen Weems
Mary Weimer
Bud Wood
Jack Young

Other Requests

Radio Ministry
FISH Ministry
Washington County
Jail Ministry
The families of our
community
The young couples of
our church
Unspoken requests
American Military
Issac Cutshall
Those traveling
Jerry Norton's family

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Martha Quinn
Eric Starner
Betty Taylor
Millie Yarbor

Praise The Lord!

Floyd Claypole

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Jim McKernon
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note: If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig or Linda King know.

2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Time is drawing near for the deadline to sign up for this conference. The guest speaker, **Amy Edwards**, is a pastor's wife, mother, author of devotional books, Bible study teacher, Christian counselor, and keynote speaker. Don't miss this opportunity for enrichment and fellowship.

THEME: "**Mustard Seed Moments**" (Matthew 17:20)

DATE: **Saturday, September 16**

PLACE: Thomas Village Baptist Church, Duffield VA.

TIME: **8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

COST: **\$20** per person (The fee includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch, conference gifts, and door prize drawings.) Registration payment is due to **Nancy Gillis** no later than next Sunday, September 3. Please remember to **sign up** on the sheet provided in the church foyer. See Nancy if you need more information



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