



Your Journey. Our Focus.

September 3, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

Antonio's voice had always been high and squeaky so it was no surprise to anyone when he failed to make the tryouts for the Cremona Boys' Choir. When he took violin lessons, the neighbors persuaded his parents to make him stop. Yet Antonio still wanted to make music.

His friends gave him a hard time because his only talent was whittling. When Antonio was older he served as an apprentice to a violinmaker. His knack for whittling grew into a skill of carving, and his hobby became his craft. He worked patiently and faithfully. By the time he died, he left over 1,500 violins, each one bearing a label that read, "Antonio Stradivarius." They are the most sought-after violins in the world and sell for more than \$100,000 each. Antonio couldn't sing or play or preach or teach, but his responsibility was to use his ability, and his violins are still making beautiful music today.

Some of you here today can relate well to Antonio. You've tried and tried to find your *niche* within God's Kingdom. You've worked hard to try and find just where you fit in the grand scheme of things. If that describes you, let me offer this piece of advice from an unknown author... a simple statement that I've shared before... one that has blessed me mightily in different seasons of my life:

"Act now on what you do know

and trust God to reveal the rest to you later.

Don't let what you don't know or understand keep you from living out what you do know and understand."

Weekly Schedule for September 3 to September 10

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Following evening worship:
 Birthday/Anniversary Social

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

Wednesday K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall
 The Experience*
 Junior High Small Group*
 (* meets at The Spot)
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study

All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Lavon JonesTODAY., Sept. 3 Cameron WilhoitWed., Sept. 6 Megan WinterrothWed., Sept. 6 Sierra MaloneThurs., Sept. 7 Betty GillisSat., Sept. 9 Katrina MausolfSat., Sept. 9 River ShipleySat., Sept. 9	Thursday, September 7 Doug & Tammy Shaw Sunday, September 10 Sherrill & Janie Phillips

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Patrick & Pam Mitchell and Hannah Deloach (Alternate: Tonya Ward)	AM - Pam Dugger, Lori Deloach and Deanna Curtis (Alternate: Sierra Malone)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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One Call Now is the automated calling system we use to contact the families of New Salem with news and announcements. In addition to voice messages, this system also allows us to send alerts to your cell phone as text messages. If you currently receive voice messages and would like to receive texts as well, simply text the word, **Alert** to **22300**. Contact Pastor Ponder with any questions

2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Today is the deadline to sign up and make the registration payment for this event. It's not too late to decide to participate in this opportunity for enrichment and fellowship. Come on, ladies. Let's go!

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

DATE: **Saturday, September 16**

PLACE: Thomas Village Baptist Church, Duffield VA.

TIME: van leaves at **8:00 a.m.** - returns about **3:00 p.m.**

COST: **\$20** per person (The fee includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch, conference gifts, and door prize drawings.) If you haven't already given your registration payment to **Nancy Gillis**, please do so TODAY. See Nancy if you need more information.

Keep in Your Prayers

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

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Donna Bishop
Sylas Bowan
Jay Walter Brown
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Pam Bryant
Rovena Bryant
Mike Bush
Jim Byers
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
Matthew Cutshall
Steve Cutshall
Mary Davidson
Rusty Edwards
Sharon Edwards
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Robert Freeman
Daniel Gardner
Jerry Gillis
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Ray Holtsinger
Jenny Jackson
Hannah Jenkins
Brenda Johnson
Elizabeth Jones
Alda Kennedy's
brother: Carlos
Bobby Kilgore
Roger Lester
Katrina Mausolf
Sanford McCarty
Jeanene McCurry
Ron Messimer
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Vickie Rust
Joel Shell
Art Simpson
Jordan St. John
Dorsey Smith
Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp
Lucille Southerland

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

Other Requests

Radio Ministry
The Spot
FISH Ministry
Washington County
Jail Ministry
The families of our
community
The young couples of
our church
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Unspoken requests
American Military
Issac Cutshall
Joyce Edwards
Those traveling

Praise the Lord!

Dorothy Holley
Art Simpson
Lucille Southerland
Jordan St. John

Shut-in & Nursing Home

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

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
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.

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SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP

September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace.

Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.



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, Pastor Craig**, or **Linda King**.

NEED A PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE DIRECTORY?

The photo schedule is on Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, September 24. There is a sign up sheet in the church foyer. Don't delay; SIGN UP TODAY!



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