Mom & Me Retreat

April 27- April 28

Eagle Eyrie Lynchburg, VA

Mom & Me is a fun weekend getaway for 1st-6th grade girls and their moms. The program begins late Friday afternoon and will end with lunch on Saturday.

The cost ($50 for Moms and $30 for girls) includes meals, lodging, and a Mom & Me t-shirt. Please call the church office at 792-5960 to sign up. A $25 deposit and t-shirt sizes are due at registration.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

TRANSITION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Pastor Transition Committee met for the first time last Sunday afternoon and will meet again this Sunday afternoon, February 25, at 3:00.

All of last Sunday's meeting was spent with Bruce getting oriented and equipped for the journey ahead. Think of it as starting to draw plans and gather tools for an exciting new building project we have before us.

One strong message that came out of Sunday's meeting was about how we look at the coming change. Certainly some anxiety and grief are expected, but the committee (and Bruce, too) hopes the church will see this as a positive opportunity for all.

For Bruce this is a transition into a new season of life where he can explore fresh ways to serve Christ. And for West Main these are the beginning steps as we open ourselves to the "next new thing" God has for us. Think of the possibilities. Think of the new energy. Think of what can be. Paul said, "In Christ, all things are being made new."

West Main Baptist Church

Hi-Lites

February 20, 2018

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Sunday Bible Study @ 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 A.M.

West Main Baptist Staff

Bruce Wilson - Pastor
Skyler Daniel - Associate Pastor (Youth)
Jennifer Clatterbuck - Minister to Children and Families
Mark Gourley- Minister of Music
Billie Jo Reynolds - Administrator/ Financial Secretary
Sherry Price - Communications Sec. and Director, WEE Center
Daryl Edwards - Custodian
Ann Beyer - Coordinator of Church Life

Deacon Greeters For Feb. 25
Tanya Jones, Jack Morning, Lynn Huckabee

Extended Session Workers For Feb. 25

Babies: Matthew & Shelly Switick, Robin Jones
2's & 3's: The Clatterbucks
4's & 5's: The McAdams

THE EMMAUS CAFE

February 28
Sabbath Night
No Wednesday night activities.

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THE GOOD SEASON OF LENT

Lent was not a part of my early religious experience. The only thing I knew about Lent as a youngster was that a group of people called Catholics observed it and it required them to give up things they enjoyed.

The humorless Baptist churches I grew up in never had much good to say about anything, including Catholics, so Lent was written off as a foolish waste of time. We were warned to steer clear.

It wasn't until I was an adult that the idea of Lent began to be talked about favorably among Baptist churches. Turns out Lent is not the kill-joy practice I was told it was.

In fact, Lent turned out to be a spiritual practice that made a lot of sense to me.

The word Lent comes from the Old English word "lenten," which means "spring," as in the season of spring. Lent lasts forty days, sort of. It actually goes from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Easter. If you bother to add up those days, it will not equal 40. It will equal about 45, because Sundays are not officially counted as part of Lent.

There is a reason for this. The church always celebrates the resurrection of Christ on Sundays, so we take a break from the austerity associated with Lent when Sunday rolls around. This is why you will see people who gave up chocolate chip cookies for Lent wolfing down chocolate chip cookies on Sunday.

You say: "Hey, I thought you gave up cookies for Lent."

They say: "I can eat cookies on Sunday. It's allowed."

A pleasant technicality, I am pleased to announce. My guess is that in reality most people who give up something for Lent go the whole 45 days.

Do you know how the date for Easter is set each year?

It is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

I have come to appreciate the season of Lent. Starting in the chilly month of February, when days are overcast, the trees barren, and the grass brown, I begin anticipating the rebirth of the Creation that will happen in the Spring.

I find this a perfect time to take a look at my life and ask some tough questions. What in my life has become as lifeless and cold as winter and needs a spring-like rebirth? What do I need to give up because it is stealing the joy of life out of me? Forty-five days is not a long time actually. A month and a half; about six weeks. But it is precisely the amount of time it takes to alter a habit. Giving up a bad habit that is strangling the joy out of living sounds like a wonderful endeavor to me. And to have others around you who are sharing the Lenten journey, that's even better.

I like it when someone tells me they have given up something for Lent. I feel like I have a traveling companion. We are both walking together toward warmer, sunnier days ahead.

Grace and peace, Bruce

2 Lynn Meeks
3 Cody Silicki
4 Lacey Heath
Rena Vaughn
Gary Clark
5 Angie Smith
Wendy Price
Rachel Covington
7 Myra Meissner
Tim Lineberry
8 Cary Wright
9 Barry Farmer
Ella McAdams
10 Charlie Bowman (Dad)
11 Meredith Meissner
12 Nancy Fralin
Robert Jones
Alex Bond
13 Roy Ford (Pete)
Carson Dalton
15 Miller Hodges
Robert Bridgforth
16 Barbara Pleasant
18 Melissa Ayuso
19 Betty Hines
Pamela Ayuso
Jim Reynolds
22 Douglas Broadfoot
23 Joyce Lanoue
Charles Easley
24 Ralph Hess
Debbie Rawley
26 Rick Durham
Donny Price III
Mason Turner
Jacob Reynolds
27 Wendy Mills
Sydney Lackey
28 Rebecca Rodden
Mike Comper
29 Bradley Smith
30 Dylan Kirk
Rowan Kirk
Gerald Adcock
Thor Wright
31 Mercer Motley

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEB. 25 - MARCH 3

Sunday, February 25
9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. Worship
3:00 P.M. Transition Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Youth Encounter

Wednesday, February 28
9:15 A.M. Women's Bible Study
5:30 P.M. Sabbath Night
No Wednesday night activities

YOUTH NEWS

Encounter "The Dizziness of Freedom"

February 25: Trust - How trusting God with our struggles brings us peace and confidence.

Mission Madness Retreat & Passport Choices

The deadlines for registration have passed… but there is hope yet! If you would like to squeeze your student in, talk to Skyler asap. We will do what we can to get you in!

Sunday School

We continue our series on sexuality. This is a wonderful study where we ask all the critical questions about how we relate to one another, ourselves, our friends, the opposite sex, and of course, how we look at sex itself. This is a shame-free, guilt-free, grace-filled, bible-focused study! This week, its "Can we, and how *do* we, have intimate friendships?" — *Skyler*

IN YOUR PRAYERS, REMEMBER

Larry Aaron - Riverside
Ken Calvert - home
Betty Hines - hospital, Atlanta
Ralph Hess - Riverside Rehab
Harold Henry - Roman Eagle
Hailey Payne
Aaron Howell - home

ASSISTED CARE

Virginia Powell - Roman Eagle
Mae Allen - Roman Eagle
Mercer Motley - Riverside
Goldie Keesee - Roman Eagle

WMBC FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry & Barbara Shaver's daughter-in-law, Heather
Sue Covington, Rena Leggett, & Jim Jones' mother
Susan Crews' father
Ellen Reynolds' mother
Laura Luffman's parents in loss of house to fire
Jennifer Dalton's father
Becky Barker's brother
Charlie Bowman's co-worker's daughter
Rena Vaughn's brother
Barbara Pleasant's mother
Peyton Keesee's brother
Nancy Davis' daughter, Kim
George Brooks' father
Joyce Payne's sister, Nina
Jimmie Payne's father
Donna Hatchett's friend, Tim

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