



ECHO News

Tuesday, March 13th 12:00
WMBC Fellowship Hall

*Averett – A Catalyst for
Positive Change*

Dr. Tiffany Franks, Guest Speaker

**Lunch: Brunswick Stew, Baked Potato Bar,
Salad Bar, Dessert**

Lunch Cost: \$5.00 Sign up by Monday, March 12



In Concert the NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra
Monday, March 12 - 7:00 P.M.
Roxboro Baptist Church
202 S. Main St., Roxboro, NC

A Performance of *Our Father*
A Journey through the Lord's Prayer

Presented by a Combined Community Choir
Directed by the Composer, Pepper Choplin
Sunday, March 18 - 3:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church

**PASTORAL
TRANSITION
UPDATE**

This Friday, March 10, and next Monday, March 12, members of the Transition Committee will meet with representatives from our denominational partners to learn about common practices for pastoral change. The focus will be on how to conduct effective congregational listening sessions and securing an interim pastor.

These denominational partners are used to working with churches going through leadership changes and are wonderful resources for guidance about how to connect with quality pastoral candidates.

Soon after these meetings, the committee will begin to schedule listening sessions.

West Main Baptist Church

Hi-Lites

March 7, 2018

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West Main Baptist Church
450 West Main Street
Danville, VA 24541
Phone: (434) 792-5960

E-mail: westmainbaptist@comcast.net
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 March 11

Gerald Adcock, Jenny Elder,
Kim Bebeau

Extended Session Workers For March 11

Babies: Billie Jo Reynolds, Julie Brown
2's & 3's: Wendy Mills, Angela Wells
4's & 5's: John & Karen Holshouser

THE EMMAUS CAFE

March 14

Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Bread and
Homemade Dessert

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Danville, VA 24541

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West Main Baptist Church
450 West Main Street
Danville, VA 24541

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

March 11, 2018
11:00 A.M.

Bruce Wilson's Topic:
The Light has Come
John 3:16-21

We will celebrate the baptisms
of William Wright, Ginna Burton,
and Colton Payne



**Palm Sunday Lunch
and Easter Egg Hunt**
for children and their families
Sunday, March 25 After Worship



Menu: Chicken tenders, green beans,
mac-n-cheese, fruit & ice cream

Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 (\$15 max.)
(Children under 2 are free)

Please sign up by Wednesday, March 21

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

For the next two Sundays we will celebrate baptism at the beginning of our worship service. We have seven people who have made their profession of faith and want to show their commitment to Jesus by the symbol of baptism. With all these folk "going through the waters" I thought it might be a good time to remember the meaning of baptism.

First off, the word "baptism" is a transliteration of the Greek word *baptizo*. I am not sure why translators didn't translate the word in the New Testament from Greek to English, but it means "immerse," as in water. This is the main reason we fill up a pool and submerge people.

More than any other thing, baptism is a symbol of identification with Jesus. This is why it is the perfect act for those who trust Jesus as their Teacher, Savior and Lord. When a person is baptized they must trust the person who is immersing them in the water to lift them back up. Trust is at the core of the meaning of baptism.



Also, the three actions of baptism reflect Jesus' living, dying, and living again. We walk into the water by our own choice, we have someone (such as myself) dip us downward into water like a burial, then we are lifted up like Jesus was lifted up by God in resurrection.

Just as Jesus died to self in order to bring life to all, we follow his example (symbolized in baptism) by trusting, dying to self, and receiving the gift of eternal and abundant life. We rise out of the waters to "walk in newness of life."

Throughout Christian history, baptism has meant different things to different Christian groups. Some see it as a cleansing act, washing away sins. Some see it as an act of obedience that is necessary for salvation. Some see it as an initiation rite into church membership.



I like to think of baptism in the same way I think of my wedding ring. When I wear my wedding ring it sends a pretty clear message. I am married. I am committed to Cathy, my wife, and no other. My ring is not the same as my love for Cathy or my devotion to her. It is only a piece of metal wrapped around my finger.

Nevertheless, like all symbols, it is an outward sign of an inner truth. I love Cathy.

Like wrapping a metal band around one's finger is an odd way to say, "I love you," baptism is an odd way to say, "I trust you." But the oddness of it is what makes it so powerful.

In front of our Christian brothers and sisters, we go into a pool of water and allow someone to dunk us. You don't forget that very easily. And that is precisely the idea: to do something that reminds you over and over who you are, what you decided, and how you have chosen to live. This is why at every baptism, I ask the gathered church to remember their baptism.

Grace and peace, Bruce



Welcome
Our New
Members

WELCOME MADISON

The West Main family welcomes **Madison Syvanthong** by profession of faith. She is in the third grade at Forest Hills and is nine years old. Madison enjoys soccer, playing the piano and going to the beach. She has a younger brother, Austin and her mom and dad are Carrie and Chuck.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 11 - 17

Sunday, March 11

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. Worship
5:15 P.M. Youth Music
6:00 P.M. Youth Encounter

Tuesday, March 13

12:00 noon ECHO program: Tiffany Franks, speaker

Wednesday, March 14

9:15 A.M. Women's Bible Study
5:30 P.M. Emmaus Cafe
6:15 P.M. Fifty6: Live It!, Children in Action, Youth Chill, Jubilee

BUSINESS MEETING

7:05 P.M. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 16

4:30 P.M. Youth leave for Mission Madness; they return Sunday

IN YOUR PRAYERS, REMEMBER

Larry Aaron - Riverside
Ken Calvert - home
Billie Calvert
Russell & Betty Hines
Ralph Hess - Roman Eagle
Harold Henry - Roman Eagle

ASSISTED CARE

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

WMBC FAMILY & FRIENDS

Melissa Ayuso's mother
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
Jennifer Dalton's father
Becky Barker's brother
Charlie Bowman's co-worker's daughter
Rena Vaughn's brother
Barbara Pleasant's mother
Peyton Keese's brother
Nancy Davis' daughter, Kim
George Brooks' father
Jimmie Payne's father
Donna Hatchett's friend, Tim

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

Next week, our *series*: "Good News!" continues. Its lots of good news for our life that we find in the gospel. I hope this series actually makes it *easier* for us to be compassionate and Christ-like teenagers.

- March 11 "Jesus' Life"
- March 18 (Cancelled for Mission Madness)
- March 25 "Jesus' Death"
- April 1 (Cancelled for Easter)
- April 8 "Jesus' Resurrection"

Youth Band/Choir

Starting March 11, we will reignite our youth band/choir. Any student interested in singing or playing an instrument to create music that celebrates Jesus is welcome to join us from **5:15-6:00 p.m. on Sunday nights** before Encounter. Please speak with Skyler if you are interested.

Wilderness Retreat

When: August 3-4

Where: New River Gorge

What: Rafting, camping, hiking, water park,
Cost: \$100

REGISTER BY MARCH 21

By paying half the cost (\$50) and filling out the form in Billie Jo's office.

Our Mission Madness Team

March 16-18, we are taking 12 youth, 4 adults and 3 college students on a retreat in Waynesboro, VA. We will serve God by serving others all day on Saturday, and we will have many opportunities for worship, fun and making new friends. Please pray for this group: for our growth, our safety, and to shine God's great love in all we do.

ADULTS: *Joy Wood, Skyler Daniel, Bruce Wilson, James Turner*

YOUTH: *Addison Ford, Nicolette Ford, Amanda Dalton, Rowan Kirk, Sydney Stone, Vanessa Noel, Lizzie McAdams, Dylan Kirk, Graydon Smith, Malcolm Johnson, Jacob Trainor, Dillon Jones*

COLLEGE: *Louis-Patrick Mua, Frances Carlton, Jon Stephens*