



NEWS FROM THE GROVE

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Serving Christ Together!

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From Deb's Desk

Roots and Fruits ~ Mark 4:1-9

Once long ago, I used the word “dirt” when talking about our garden. Bob said to me, “Dirt isn’t good for growing; it’s just dirty. It’s soil you want.”

Jesus used ordinary objects, and everyday events, when he taught. His parables used ideas, images, or life examples that the listeners would have understood. So in Mark 4:1 – imagine Jesus sitting in that boat, watching as people gathered to hear him, and maybe he looked up and saw a farmer in a field. “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed...”

Jesus explained the meaning of this parable starting in 4:13-20. The seed is good news of Jesus Christ, the farmer is the one who spreads the seed of the gospel, and the soil is the people who hear the gospel. Everywhere Jesus went he freely and liberally sowed/talked about his good news so that God’s Kingdom on earth would grow and grow and grow...a crop of believers for God to harvest.

The contrast in this parable is between the different types of soil: dirt on the hard-packed path, rocky places without much soil; soil filled with thorns; and then good soil where the seed took root, grew, and produced an abundant harvest.

If you have heard the Good News of Jesus, you are the soil. Like a seed in good soil puts down roots, you heard about God’s love, and hear about God’s love, and sing about God’s love, and read about God’s love....and that has put strong roots of faith in your heart and mind. And the fruit Jesus is talking about in this parable is when we share Jesus with others, and they believe in him as their personal Lord and Savior. In the late 1990’s, the camp where I worked purchased 11 acres of farmland which was in a floodplain. Through a Soil and Water Conservation grant, over 4,000 tiny saplings were planted, and the property was named The Promised Land. Unfortunately, the mowing and care of the saplings was neglected, and when I became the Camp Director in 2001, those saplings were lost among the thistles and weeds. So that fall, Bob and I decided to rescue the wee trees (one of our crazier adventures). He drove the Ventrac with the brush hog, I had a 12’ pole with a red flag on the top. My job was to find a furrow, bushwhack my way through the weeds (which were WAY taller than me) until I found a sapling, then hold the pole about 12” to the left, while Bob slowly mowed to that spot and stopped. Then I’d move on to the next...and the next... and the next... praying over those trees, the land, and the people that would come there. I was a mess—I had seeds in my hair and ears, my shoes and clothes were sopping wet, I fell down a lot as the wet grasses wrapped around my legs, I was covered in scratches from falling into thistle patches! We scared up a lot of small animals and some deer scared me. Bob, however, got to ride on the comfort of the Ventrac, enjoying the day. But WE DID IT! And we discovered that those 12-18” saplings had put down roots in those two years and were healthily growing!

We experience events that get us excited about following Jesus; baptism, retreats, summer camp, mission trips, conventions, “Yes, Jesus! I will go anywhere, say anything, do anything you want me to!” Then we get back to reality—same issues, same people, same environment, same boredom, same life decisions—and our enthusiasm just ebbs away. Busyness suffocates our commitment to read the Bible, pray, and worship.

Happy Birthday to these special September people:

Sept. 1 Barry Arey
3 Calvin Hollar
4 Ethel Estep
4 Ayla Williams
5 Connor Wakeman
5 B.J. Silvius
5 Tabitha Silvius
5 Andie Miller
6 Jasmine Wakeman
6 Tammy Bullock
8 Kaydence Wakeman
8 Tinley Proskey
9 Nelson Wakeman
10 Tessa Feller
10 Zachary Funkhouser
12 Jaydn Bly
13 Jamie Lam
14 Paul Feller
14 Lisa Tamkin
15 Bill Lam
15 Frankie Myrtle
16 Jedidiah Crowder
16 Austin Wakeman
19 Kim Dodson
20 Jeremy Wakeman
21 Sydney Tharp
21 Kenny Funkhouser
21 Chip Wood
22 Crystal Hollingsworth
22 Carrie Proskey
24 Dean Minnick
25 Morgan Hollar
25 Dennis Wakeman
27 John Lam
27 Todd Lam
27 Lacy Kreitzer
29 Loretta Wakeman
30 April Baker
30 Joseph Hill



If you have additions or corrections for the birthday and anniversary list, please contact Dawn Baker.

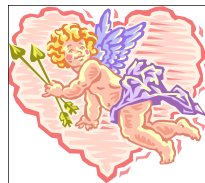
Worship Schedule

Permanently Set moving into the Fall

Sunday Social 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

Our services continue to be Live Streamed on our YouTube Channel or Facebook Live each Sunday. Simply search "Wakemans Grove Church"



Best Wishes to these special couples celebrating anniversaries this month:

Sept. 2 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt George
5 Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hoffman
6 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Garber
6 Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Tusing
9 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Richman
13 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Burner
17 Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Crisman
19 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Falkenstein
19 Mr. & Mrs. Al Vann
21 Mr. & Mrs. Duke Gosney
25 Mr. & Mrs. Daron Dodson
27 Mr. & Mrs. John Hunsaker
29 Mr. & Mrs. Eric Proskey
28 Mr. & Mrs. Barry Arey
30 Mr. & Mrs. Todd Lam

A Call for Annual Conference Nominations

The Nominating Committee is calling on all of us to make nominations for the Annual Conference ballot in 2024. Please review the open positions, discern qualified candidates, and go to: brethren.org/ac/nominations to make your nominations or find more information.

Moderator Elect

One person, 3-year term

Program and Arrangements Committee

One person, 3-year term

Mission and Ministry Board Representative

One person, 5-year term from Area 4

One person, 5-year term from Area 5

Bethany Theological Seminary Trustee

One person, 5-year term

On Earth Peace Board

One person, 5-year term

3 BENEFITS OF BEING PART OF A SMALL CHURCH—by William Wolfe

In today's consumer-driven world, mega-churches often garner attention for their big buildings, flashy amenities, and massive congregations. However, there are unique blessings that come with being part of a small church community. And the Bible makes this very clear: There is nothing to be ashamed of in being smaller, or should we just say normal, local church. Let's consider the blessings of a small church, what it means for the role of the pastor, the congregation, and how it can more easily foster a deep and committed Christian community.

1. The role of the pastor in a small church In a small church, the pastor has the opportunity to personally shepherd and care for each member of the congregation. Just as Jesus referred to Himself as the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep by name (John 10:14), a small church pastor can intimately know the needs, struggles, and joys of each individual in the flock. This hands-on approach to pastoral care fosters a deep sense of trust and connection within the congregation.

A smaller church also allows the pastor to be more accountable to the congregation. The Apostle Peter advises the leaders in 1 Peter 5:2-3: *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them — not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be ... not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."*

How can any pastor be a shepherd to people he doesn't know? Or never even sees? In a smaller community, the pastor is more accessible and can more easily lead with humility, setting an example for others to follow.

Charles Bridges, a pastor who wrote extensively on the role and responsibilities of being a pastor, saw the Christian ministry as simultaneously fraught with the possibility of profound discouragements and full of meaningful work and opportunities for great, even eternal, joys and rewards. He writes that "the difficulties of this work to the considerate conscientious mind must exclude any expectation of temporal ease and comfort. Many other tracks in life offer a large promise of ease and enjoyment."

Being a pastor, if understood rightly, is going to be demanding and often thankless work — perhaps even more so in a smaller congregation. But that doesn't mean the work is any less worthy of a pastor's time and service.

2. The role of the congregation in a small church In the life of a local church that meets together, all together, in one main service each Sunday, members can more actively and significantly participate in ministry and serve each other. As the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7: *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in every-one, it is the same God at work."*

A smaller congregation size allows everyone to contribute and play a vital role in fulfilling the church's mission: from leading small groups or Bible studies to taking meals to families with newborns and visiting the elderly or those who are providentially hindered from regular attendance (through illness, etc.) to acting as a greeter on Sunday mornings to repainting the walls in the fellowship hall.

When you are part of a smaller church, it's "all hands on deck." So, if that's you, look for opportunities to serve and take action.

Hebrews 10:24-25 also reminds us of the importance of gathering together: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

In a smaller church, members can more easily form meaningful relationships and provide support to one another, both in times of joy and trials, fostering a strong sense of unity and love.

3. The role of the community in a small church In Acts 2:42-47 we get a picture of what early church fellowship looked like:

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers ... And all who believed were together and had all things in common ... And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts."

In a smaller church, it becomes easier for members to devote themselves to fellowship and togetherness. They can share life, break bread together, and support each other more intimately. The sense of community and unity, seen in the early church, is more attainable when you can look around a room and recognize your fellow church members — versus looking across a 10,000-person auditorium.

It can be overwhelming to walk into a room with thousands of people. But if you walk into a room with 100 people, you can more easily pick out targets, so to speak, and find others to grow with together.

Conclusion ~ Small churches, which provide opportunities for greater emphasis on personal shepherding, active congregation involvement, and meaningful community, offer unique blessings that can be harder to find in megachurches. Through deep connections, meaningful service, and authentic love, small church communities can provide a nurturing environment for spiritual growth and meaningful discipleship. That doesn't mean it won't be hard — a church is still full of sinners. Repenting sinners, yes, but sinners all the same. Still, God loves every faithful church, whether you are in a congregation of 5, 50, 500, or 5,000. The goal isn't to be the biggest church, the goal is to be a faithful church. If you are part of a smaller congregation, praise God that He has provided you with a Gospel-preaching church and seek to serve where you can, loving the people in front of you with Christ's love — the love that leaves the 99 to find the one.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS 2023-2024

NURSERY/PRESCHOOL (1-4 years old)

Teresa Underwood

KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE (5-6 years old)

Ashle Dirting

SECOND GRADE/THIRD GRADE

Karey Mullins & Sandy Ross

FOURTH GRADE/FIFTH GRADE

Karey Mullins & Sandy Ross

JUNIOR HIGHS (6th, 7th & 8th Grades)

1st Sunday—Doyle Crowe

2nd Sunday—Pastor Deb

3rd Sunday—Doyle Crowe

4th Sunday—Jamie Lam

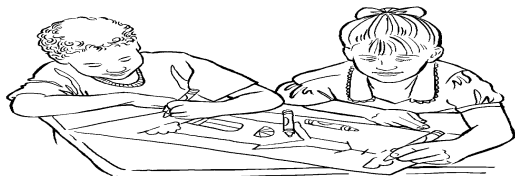
5th Sunday—Melanie Payne

CBYF (9th—12th Grades)

Kristi Zirkle

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION (Post Graduate)

Nathaniel Dirting



See you in Sunday School!

Vacation Bible School 2023 Stats—"Keepers of the Kingdom"

We had **7** classes

We had **46** kids to attend

We had **17** leaders & helpers

We had **19** in the Adult Class

We had **20** staff

Our largest class was the "Jugglers" with walking littles aged 3-5.

Average attendance for the week: **85**

Highest attendance evening: **Wednesday w/88**

Lowest attendance evening: **Tuesday w/77**

Total offering for the week was **\$585.47** which went to Brethren Disaster Service.



ALPHA LOGOS

Teachers within the class

SEEKERS

Fred Garber

Gary Shipe

Harold Ebersole

ADULT

Teachers within the class

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

Sharon Foltz

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS DIRECTOR

Laura Funkhouser

Thank you to the *Nurture Commission* for all of their hard work in organizing and securing teachers for the coming year. If there is a class that you are interested in teaching, please let *Lori Carroll*, *Nurture Chair*, know at your convenience.

CHORDIALLY YOURS, formally Masterworks Chorus under the direction of Scott Zane Smith, welcomes new singers 18 and older who have experience with choral music singing. Members must have a personal commitment to attend rehearsals and to work independently on music outside of rehearsals. We are currently auditioning new singers for the Christmas season concerts. We sing a variety of styles of music. Rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 11 at Linville Creek CoB in Broadway and will be 90 minutes each week. Singing will be mask optional. Concerts are slated in December.



For more information, call Artistic Director Scott Zane Smith at 540.560.4430 or email at szanes@aol.com or smithsz@jmu.edu

Let Us Help You!

For the past several years the Deacons have budgeted money to assist with the payment of anyone who needs to attend counseling at the **Family Life Resource Center (800-655-2055)** in Harrisonburg. The FLRC offers counseling in marital problems, divorce, parent-child relationships, addictions, etc. If you need help to pay an insurance co-pay or if you do not have insurance for counseling, please consider letting this fund help you. You would sign a release of information form which would give permission for a bill to be sent to the church. This will all be held in strict confidence. The cost for counseling is \$120 for the first session and \$90 for each succeeding session. The Church will cover 80% of the patient's responsibility up to five visits. Please contact the church office to arrange for services.



The Deacons are always available to give assistance in any way — be it financial aide, visitation in homes, hospitals, meals, anointing services, etc. Sometimes things happen of which the Deacons are not aware. So if you know of anyone in the congregation or community who needs assistance, please let one of the Deacons know. The Deacons names and phone numbers are printed in the bulletin each week. Don't hesitate to call!

Prayer is Top Priority

Make prayer the number one priority of your life. It was through prayer that Jesus saw victory and blessing. Who doesn't want that? We all need to be prayer warriors.

1. If you miss anything in life—**don't miss prayer**.
2. If you need to miss any service of the church, **don't miss the prayer meeting**.
3. If you find yourself so busy that you don't know what to do first—**pray first**.
4. Always let God have the last word; in other words—**when you pray, take time to listen**.

Please remember to join us for Prayer Meeting at the church each Wednesday at 7:00pm

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU'S:

Dear *Farmer & Friend*,

Thank you! Thank you!...for the delicious fresh veggies you share! You are a caring, sharing person!

God Bless! - Jean Wilkins

To our Wakemans Grove Family,

Kelvin & I wanted to thank you for all your love and support through the beautiful cards, text messages and prayers you sent our way following the passing of my brother, Don. Don was the most loving, honest person you would meet. He couldn't read, write or talk very well but he loved Jesus, cowboys and his family dearly. He will always be missed, but never forgotten.

With much appreciation—The Underwoods

Dear Piecemakers,

A sincere thank you for the lovely lap quilt. I never would have guessed that my nighttime fall over our dog, Shadow, would have warranted such a lovely gift and so many well wishes! I cherish all of you! - Kathy Stewart

Dear WGCoB Family -

My sincere thank to each of you for the many birthday cards, phone calls, emails and prayers as you remembered my 90th birthday! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Pastor Deb's visit and prayer shawl. Thank you to each of you that sent cards and offered your condolences on the passing of Linda. Again thanks to each of you! May God richly bless each of you! - Cecil Holler

Thank you for being such a blessing in my life!

When I'm counting all my blessings, there's one thing I always do stop and say "Thank you Lord for my church family." I want to personally let each of you know how much you are appreciated for your thoughtfulness during my recuperation from my fall. Your cards, calls, texts, and most of all your prayers for my healing, was such a blessing to me. I also want to say a very special thank you to Pastor Deb for visiting me while at VMRC. I am home now and doing outpatient therapy. I wish I could find the perfect way to also say Thank You for all the many cards I received to help me celebrate my 90th birthday on June 20th. Each of you at The Grove, even though I am unable to attend at this time, hold a very special place in my heart. Special thanks to Sharon Foltz and Dawn Baker for keeping me in touch with the church family through the bulletins and newsletters. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness. I am recovering & making progress each week.

Love and Blessings -Marvene Gochenour

Thank you to Andrew Bauserman for leading the First Responder Training on June 10th! Certified CPR/AED training is forthcoming! Sign up sheet on bulletin board!

LIBRARY NEWS: ~ Barbara Garber, Librarian

THIS MONTH'S BOOK REVIEW: *"Setting Boundaries With Your Adult Children"* by Allison Bottke.

All parents want their children to grow up to be happy, responsible adults. But sometimes in spite of mom and dad's best efforts, their most heartfelt prayers, and a loving environment, some kids never successfully make that transition to independent-functioning adulthood. The result is pain for the parents and often the repeated cycle of "starting over " that ends days or weeks later in yet another failure. After struggling with her own adult son, author Bottke offers a tough-love approach that focuses on setting you free from your adult child's broken promises, lies, and deception. Her six-step program is called SANITY:

S=Stop enabling, stop blaming yourself, and stop the flow of money.

A=Assemble a support group.

N=Nip excuses in the bud.

I=Implement rules and boundaries.

T=Trust your instincts.

Y=Yield everything to God.

No one claims this is easy. Yet, if any of you are dealing with this situation or knows someone who is, this is a heartfelt yet practical book of advice and encouragement that I hope will bless anyone who reads it.

CBYF NEWS:

The CBYF took a break after Momentum and enjoyed the last part of their summer. We will start our Bible studies back up with the start of Youth Club on September 13. Any other high schoolers are welcome! Even if they do not usually attend our church, they can come!! Invite your friends!! Kids are invited to come at 4:30 and do homework or just hang out with friends. We will eat dinner with the Youth Club kids and do our Bible study at 6:00. We will be boiling applebutter the weekend of October 21 with apple snitting being Friday, October 20. Sign up sheets will be in the bulletin board soon. Thank you for your support of our kids through their trip to Momentum. Please continue to pray for our teens as they struggle to keep their faith in today's world.

~In His Service, Adam and Kristi Zirkle, Advisors

SAVE THE DATE!!! APPLEBUTTER BOILING—OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2023



JR HIGH NEWS:

CALLING ALL 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS!!!

Jr High Bible Study will be starting on September 13th at 6:00pm We look forward to having YOU join us!! - Melanie Payne, Jr High Advisor

Attention Parents:

PLEASE PROVIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ADDRESSES OF CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS—WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOVE FROM THE GROVE! Please see Dawn Baker in the church office.

FROM THE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone that helped in any way with Bible School this summer!! It was a wonderful week for kids and adults alike! We look forward to VBS 2024!

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER

The Witness Commission is sponsoring the 3rd Quarter *Special Offering* for the funding of the denomination's programs, missions and ministries. This will be held on **September 10th and 17th** and special offering envelopes will be available. The donation box will be in the vestibule as well. This is the *Mission Offering* which highlights Global Mission. The CoB is growing around the world. Some of our mission partner countries include Brazil, Burundi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Venezuela, Spain and many others. Besides supporting the churches in these countries, Global Mission also engages in agriculture and health projects.

Please consider giving a generous offering on **September 10th or 17th**.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Heather Underwood-Trail

I was born in February 1987 in Fauquier County to Kelvin & Teresa Underwood. I am their one and only child. I had a beyond wonderful childhood! I was always going on trips and my parents made sure that I never missed out on any opportunity that came across my path. We attended Remington Baptist Church my entire childhood. We were there most every Sunday and Wednesday nights. I played multiple sports, but later focused on volleyball and lacrosse. I attended Liberty High School and graduated in 2005. I met my husband shortly after, while visiting a cousin in Woodstock. His name is Johnny Trail. I attended BRCC for 2 years and then transferred to National College where I received my Associates Degree in Medical Applied Sciences and obtained an RMA license. Johnny and I married in September 2009 and had our first child, Cameryn in February 2011. I dedicated the next 15 years to the medical field mostly with VHS and Sentara Health Systems. We had our second child, Jamison in June 2022 which completed our family. In June 2023 I made a career change and now work for Navy Federal Credit Union and I absolutely love working from home! Our family loves traveling and visiting places we've never been as well as visiting our WVA home as much as possible. We go camping in our travel trailer when we find the time, and we also love going on cruises!

Cameryn Trail

I was born in Winchester in February 2011 to Heather & Johnny Trail. I am Kelvin & Teresa Underwood's first grandchild. I got into ballet when I was 4 years old and just recently stopped dancing with the Italia Performing Arts Academy last year. I have performed in many productions over the years and was also fortunate enough to be chosen to dance with the National Ballet Academy in New York in one of their Christmas productions of the Nutcracker at age 7! I became a big sister in June 2020 when my baby sister, Jamison was born. I love her more than anything in the world, even though she gets under my skin sometimes! We love making blanket forts in the living room and making up dances together. I am an A-B Honor Roll student at Valley Baptist Christian School. I love playing volleyball for the school and getting to be with my best friend, Leigha, all day. This past school year my science fair project won first place in its category and I won some money! I also got to travel to ODACS competition for the school and won several ribbons. My other hobbies include swimming, gymnastics, riding 4-wheelers and hanging out in my tree palace with my girlfriends.

Silas Ruhling

I was first introduced to WGCoB when I started coming with my now fiancé Cameron Baker and her family. From the start it has felt like a home and I am so excited to be a member of the congregation. Finding a family in this church feels like something that has been missing in my life and I am excited to continue my spiritual journey with the support of the church. I grew up going to church with my family, but never fully comprehended the meaning and the power that people can have on one another. I decided to get baptized because of teachings and messages that opened up my eyes to the importance of having God in your life. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and accepting of me as a part of the congregation. I am excited to see where God leads me!

On behalf of the Deacon Body, Thank you to Kelvin & Teresa Underwood for their hospitality and offering their property on the Stoney Creek in which to hold these baptisms. May God continue to bless you & your family!

....Continued from the front cover

Worry sprouts like a choking vine; what will my coworkers think of me if I talk about Jesus? What will my classmates think of me if they know I'm a Christian? What if God asks me to give away my money, or wants me to go someplace where there are huge snakes (okay, that may just be me)?

Successful farmers do not neglect the soil, before, during, or after the seed is planted. The soil is the life-bed for the seed: it supports and nourishes the seed so that it can germinate and grow roots. Roots anchor the plant, absorb water and minerals from the soil, store food, and are the passageway for water and nutrients. In the same way, we need to care for the soil of our hearts and minds so the seed of God's word can root and fruit in our lives.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:1-3

While I was at camp, we witnessed an amazing miracle of abundance in The Promised Land; in just five years, the slowest growing oaks were the tallest, reaching an incredible 30' in height! Very few trees died, and we replanted those that did. As the years continued, we noticed that the mature trees growing along the perimeter of the field had put out their seeds and nuts, which took root and grew, adding more trees! Now, over 20 years later, there is thick woods with a canopy—you'd never know that area had once been a field of corn!

Why does fruit have seeds? To produce like kind; seeds-plant-fruit-seeds-plant-fruit...

The Kingdom of God was never meant to be private. The Good News of Jesus Christ is meant to be shared.

Those who were recently baptized, and those who will soon be baptized, have fresh soil of faith and have committed to grow deep roots; to follow Jesus faithfully, to rest in relationship with the Spirit and with other believers, and to share the love of Christ everywhere they go. And for those of us who've been following Jesus for a while, this is a grand time to remember our commitment to Christ. Some of us may be in need of some soil replenishment, in places where faith has become dry, hard, weedy, or barren. The practice of spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, fasting, meeting with other believers for fellowship and worship, etc, nourish our soul-soil. Ask the Spirit to water, plow, weed, fertilize, replenish, and renew your faith, so that your roots can again go deep.

You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy; bring forth the kingdom of peace.

Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are the salt for the earth, v3, Marty Haugen, 1985

I'm praying for you,
Pastor Deb



SHENANDOAH COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

WALK FOR LIFE will be on **Saturday, September 23rd** from **8 am to 11 am** at **Mountain View High School**—please see Ashle/Nathaniel Dirting if you are interested in being on the WGC OB Walk for Life Team! Please encourage your team to use the on-line fundraising platform that can be found at our website. <https://supportscpc.org/>. Click on the block that says “More Information or to Register”. Participants can create their own on-line fundraising page that can be shared via email or social media making fundraising easy. Donors can give with a debit or credit card.

Paper pledge sheets are welcome too. If your team members are using a paper pledge sheet, please ask them to collect cash and checks and turn the funds in at the Walk. We can also bill donors that don't have cash on them when you ask.

Everyone who raises funds will receive a Walk for Life t-shirt!

Invite your friends and family to join you at the Walk to eat breakfast, enjoy the opening ceremony, and fellowship with the body of Christ. (The schedule for the day is on the paper pledge sheet.)

Don't forget the **Ride for Life**! Please invite motorcycle enthusiasts to participate in our **Ride for Life** which happens in conjunction with the Walk for Life. **Registration for motorcyclists is at 8:30**. Participants are welcome to enjoy breakfast and the opening ceremony too. We send our motorcyclists off with cheers and bubbles!

RELAY FOR LIFE of SHENANDOAH COUNTY

WHEN: Saturday, September 9 - 3:00pm to 10:00pm

WHERE: Shenandoah County Park in Maurertown. Visit- www.RelayForLife.org/ShenandoahVA for more specific details. Plan to come on out and enjoy the evening celebrating survivors, fighters and those who left their loved ones to keep their memories alive and well.





Let's pack some **SHOEBOXES** for children at Christmas! Join us as we participate as a church in "Operation Christmas Child" from September 3—November 5. -sponsored by Nurture Commission

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Pick up a shoebox (or two) from church.
2. Purchase items to fill them.
3. Return shoeboxes to church by November 5
4. Wait in anticipation as boxes travel to a 3rd-World Country to a needy child just in time for Christmas.
5. We have 200 shoeboxes to fill from The Grove -Prayerfully consider joining us, won't you!

Shenandoah County Weekday Religious Education **UPDATE** for 2023/24 school year:

- * For the 2023/24 school year, WRE classes will be offered for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades.
- * WRE classes are held off campus and students are bused to WRE classrooms at the following locations: For Honey Run Elementary: American Celebration on Parade. For WW Robinson Elementary: Woodstock Nazarene Church and For Sandy Hook Elementary: Strasburg Presbyterian Church.
- * To sign up your child, please go to the website listed and click on the "Sign-Up" tab on the right. Go to: www.weekdayreligiouseducation.com

From The Grove Cookbook

Zucchini Cake (pg. 145)

Submitted by Sharon Foltz

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| 3 eggs, beaten | 1 tsp. salt |
| 2 tsp. vanilla | 3 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2 tsp. soda | 1/2 tsp. baking powder |
| 1 C. vegetable oil | walnuts, optional |
| 2 C. flour | |
| 2 C. sugar | |
| 2 C. peeled & coarsely grated zucchini | |

Combine eggs, oil, sugar & vanilla.

Combine dry ingredients and add to oil mixture mixing well.

Stir in zucchini. Bake in greased & floured bundt pan at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes.

Let cool 20 minutes before removing from pan.



Homecoming
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
10:30 A.M.
*"Building on the Foundation.
 Training for the Future"*
Special service by Pastor Deb Horst
followed by a covered dish meal.
Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
 668 WAKEMANS GROVE ROAD, EDINBURG, VA

SEPTEMBER 2023 Calendar of Events:

PRAYER BREAKFASTS:

Prayer Breakfasts will be the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. It will be a light breakfast (donuts, etc.) with coffee and juice. We will meet in the social hall at 8:00 to eat and fellowship for about 15 -20 minutes and then the men will go to the sanctuary for their prayer meeting and devotional and the women will stay in the social hall for theirs. We are anticipating each meeting to last about an hour. *Please plan to join us for this special time of powerful and prayerFULL fellowship! Join us on October 7, 2023!*

2 8:00a Deacons Prayer Breakfast

3 Operation Christmas Child Begins/11:30a YC Parents Meeting

4 Labor Day

5 7p Nurture Commission

6 9:00a Piecemakers/6:00p Worship Commission/7:00p Prayer Meeting & Youth Band

7 9:30a Morning Bible Study

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9 12:30p Deacons Meeting/2:00p Pie & Ice Cream Social—sponsored by the Deacon Body

10 11:30a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

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13 9:00a Piecemakers/4:30p Youth Club BEGINS/6:00p Youth Bible Study/7:00p Prayer Meeting & Youth Band/8:00p Adult Choir

14 9:30a Morning Bible Study

15 —

16 & 17 Edinburg Ole Time Festival Weekend

18 —

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20 9:00a Piecemakers/4:30p Youth Club/6:00p Youth Bible Study/7:00p Prayer Meeting & Youth Band/8:00p Adult Choir

21 9:30a Morning Bible Study

22 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

23 8:00a SCPC Walk for Life Event/9:00a Brethren Heritage Class w/Fred Garber

24 **HOME COMING SUNDAY** w/covered dish meal following worship

25 7:00p Church Board Meeting

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27 9:00a Piecemakers/4:30p Youth Club/6:00p Youth Bible Study/7:00p Prayer Meeting & Youth Band/8:00p Adult Choir

28 9:30a Morning Bible Study

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Be on the Lookout: 10/7 OCC Shoebox Craft Day &

11/4 Fall Barn Party & Chili Cookoff at the Underwoods



FALL SESSION OF YOUTH CLUB!!!

We will hold our Fall Session of Youth Club each Wednesday beginning **September 13, 2023 at 4:30pm** through **November 15**.

Parents Meetings will be held on **Sunday, September 3 & 10** (immediately following worship) for registration. The *Youth Club Committee*, along with the *Nurture Commission*, is dedicated to providing a spiritual and engaging, after-school program each week!!
Please join us!



Love Feast & Holy Communion

We invite everyone who is in the love and faith of Jesus Christ to participate in our fall Love Feast & Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m.**

The service will include Self-Examination, Fellowship Meal, the Feet washing (or hand-washing) and the Bread and Cup Communion.

We encourage each of you to join us at the Lord's table for this holiest of services.

Set aside the evening of **October 1st** for this important service of blessing for us as Brethren.



Nursery will be provided.

Please see Pastor Deb or any member of the Deacon Body if you have any questions regarding Love Feast.

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