



# Warrenton Baptist Church

## THE MESSENGER

“Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow –  
Knowing Christ and Making Him Known”

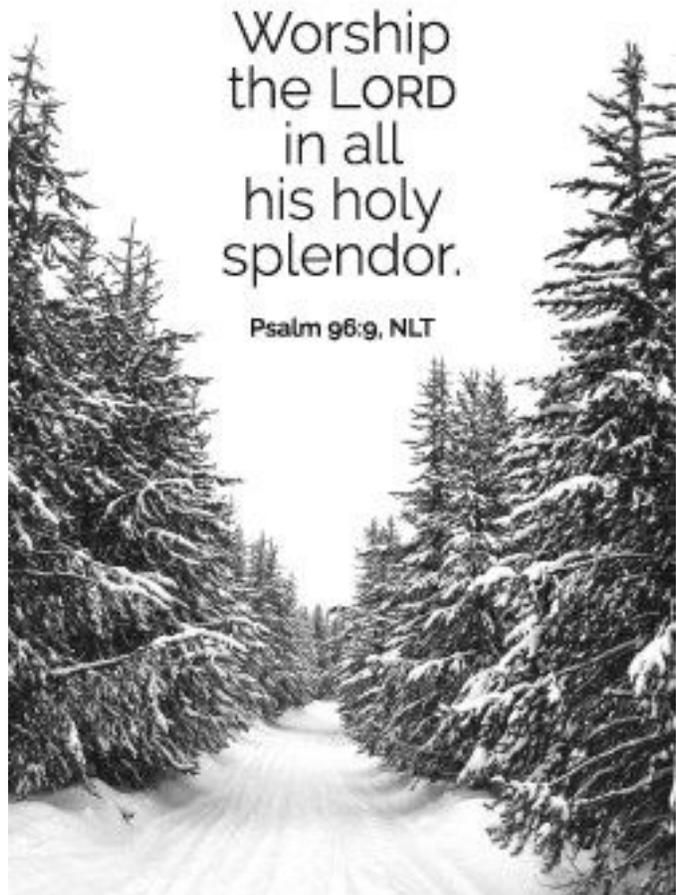
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**ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY  
JANUARY 6, 2019**

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

**11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## FROM THE PASTOR

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### “In the Great In-Between”

I am reading a really good book by Tod Bolsinger, *Canoeing the Mountains* (Downers Grove, Ill., InterVarsity Press, 2015). The author tells the story of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the two captains of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. They were charged by President Thomas Jefferson, to lead an expedition officially named “The Corps of Discovery” with one purpose. In a letter to Lewis, Jefferson wrote: “The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri River, and such principal stream of it, as by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean... may offer the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent for the purposes of commerce.” [p. 24].

They put together a team, vigorously trained for the ordeal ahead, and equipped themselves with canoes and oars for what they anticipated would be the discovery of a water passage to the Pacific. It made perfect sense. For three hundred years, the French, the Spanish and the English assumed that such a waterway existed and searched for that magical pathway. Waterways

were the primary mode of transporting both people and goods. The great Mississippi River linked North and South. The rivers of the eastern United States generally ran from West to East. Surely there was a passageway that would unite the Atlantic and the Pacific. Canoes were the vehicles needed for exploration. “Lewis believed that he would walk up the hill, look down a gentle slope that would take his men a half day to cross with their canoes on their backs, and then they would see the Columbia River.” [pp. 25, 26].

For fifteen months they canoed upstream, looking forward to the day when they would reach the place where the streams would rush them to the Pacific. This was what the “experts” had predicted for those three hundred years! They made their way to the source of the Missouri River, went to the top of the dividing ridge, looked to the West and saw the Rocky Mountains. Their tops were covered with snow. In Bolsinger’s words, “There was no Northwest Passage. No navigable river. No water route. The driving assumption of the brightest, most adventurous entrepreneurial and creative leaders regarding this new world had been abso-

lutely mistaken” [p. 26].

Lewis and Clark were “In the Great In Between.” They were in a place where canoes were not enough. The Rocky Mountains rendered canoes useless, in fact, even worse, burdensome. Old solutions no longer were valid. Yet, the new solutions were not completely apparent.

Claudia and I feel a bit like we are “In the Great In Between.” We are still here with our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we are also preparing to resettle in Hampton Roads in February. Last night, we spent precious time with our Vienna grandchildren. We have watched them grow. How we will miss them! Every time I go through another seasonal worship service here and realize that this is the last one as your senior pastor, I grieve, and yet I look to the day when I can be at a Christmas Eve dinner with my biological brothers and sister and their families. I wonder, what does the Lord have for Claudia and me in the days ahead? I am retiring from pastoring fulltime, but what is it that He wants me to do, for I am still in ministry (as are YOU, if you are a Jesus follower!) See the “in between?”

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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Passion Conference. Rebekah, Cap, and Brad are taking 17 of our college students and high school seniors to the Passion Conference in Washington, D.C., January 2-4. Please keep them in your prayers.

“Gospel of Mark” Youth Sunday Morning Bible Study. Youth will continue their eleven-week study by Francis Chan of Mark’s gospel. We will begin with refreshments, watch the teaching video, then have discussion questions. Parents may preview the videos with their church’s RightNow account. Let me know if you don’t have one.

Winter Youth Ski Retreat, January 18-20. We will leave Friday at 4:00 p.m. and return Sunday at 4:00 p.m. \$125 covers housing at Smoke Hole Cottages, food, and skiing (rentals, lift ticket) or tubing (2 sessions) on Saturday at Canaan Valley. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 is past due. NEW 2019 permission slips and rental agreement forms must be completed and turned in **at the parent’s informational meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the youth center.**

Mission Serve. From June 21 to 30 our senior high youth will be on a Mission Serve project in Fort Wayne, Ind. The cost is projected to be \$275. Sign up on the youth bulletin board if you would like to go. **A \$50 deposit is due by Jan. 27.** Our younger youth will be returning to MC2 in Lynchburg, Va., July 21-26.

Sunday Night Youth Schedule.

We will begin training for our two youth summer mission trips on Sunday, January 13. Indoor recreation in youth center from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., we’ll meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the youth center to prepare for upcoming summer mission trips.

Super Bowl Party, February 3. Youth and their families are invited to watch the Super Bowl in the youth center at 6:30 p.m. Please bring food to share: last names beginning with A-H desserts, I-P munchies, and Q-Z soft drinks. Please bring a canned food donation, too.

Fill the Basket! Please help fill the grocery basket with nonperishable food January 13-17.

Souper Bowl of Caring. On Sunday, February 3, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food or one dollar to feed the hungry. These donations will be collected at the end of each worship service as a part of the national “Souper Bowl of Caring” campaign. 100% of these donations will be given to FISH. Our goal is to collect \$300 dollars or cans of food.

NorthStar Office is Moving. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 12 from noon to 3:00 p.m. to help unload NorthStar’s associational office furniture at Manassas Baptist. They are moving from Annandale to Manassas Baptist Church’s middle school building. Lunch is provided. It will be nice to have their office located closer to Warrenton.

Birthday Celebration. Let’s celebrate Frances Shipe’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, January 3, at the hospital Bistro, 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. Cost is \$5.47 for 55+ and over.

Movie Matinee. Senior adults are invited to view “Unbroken 2: Path to Redemption” on Monday, January 14, in the youth center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This movie tells the unbelievable true story of Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini. It begins where the first “Unbroken” movie ends with a powerful story of forgiveness, redemption, and amazing grace. Come enjoy the movie, and popcorn and drinks.

Senior Adults Council. The next meeting will be Monday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will finalize plans for events in March, April, and May.

### 2019 Senior Adult Events:

March 12: St. Patrick’s Day dinner at hospital Bistro 4:15 p.m.

March 23: Manassas Chorale, 7:30 p.m.

April 6: Bible Museum trip 7:45 a.m.– to 1:45 p.m.

April 25: Southern Tea at Belle Grove Plantation, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 2: “Jesus,” Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pa., 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., chartered bus.

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Let me begin by saying a big THANK YOU! to all who helped make each seasonal service warm and meaningful. From the decorations to the readings, from children to adults, from singers to ringers to dancers [Thanks Frosty!] . . . I appreciate your faithfulness, time and effort to make our 2019 Advent/Christmas season a special family time. I couldn't do any of it without your help and I appreciate all of you so much! It is a joy to work alongside you!

I'm looking forward to 2019 at WBC! There is so much to be excited about . . . except for one thing . . . our pastor's retirement. Jay Lawson is the kindest, most studious, most scholarly, most compassionate, most understanding, most congenial man with whom I've had the privilege of working. In addition, he has truly been my pastor, a confidant and a friend. Time and time again, I've watched him put down his sermon preparation and take a phone call from a congregant who needed his wisdom . . . or kneel with tears in his eyes beside a grieving spouse to pray with and comfort them . . . or take money from his wallet to give some temporary help to a person in need. He has never failed to stop what he was doing and give me his full attention when I entered his office with a question or problem . . . and I think the rest of the staff would say the same. All of that to say, we are losing an exceptional man who has led this church in a very godly way for the past 18 years and has moved us forward with a vision that should not only keep this church alive, but thriving while many others

are failing and dying. We must honor our Lord and Pastor Jay by keeping this vision alive and continuing to walk in faith, trusting God to lead us to reach our community in new and effective ways. We have been most fortunate and I will miss the Lawsons greatly but rejoice in their much needed and deserved retirement that will bring joy, rest, and new opportunities for them.

Now, back to the 'being excited' part! The coming of a new pastor, a new building, new ministries at *The Gathering Place*, new and continuing ministries at 123 Main, new discipleship studies . . . the list of things to be excited about goes on! Don't let another day of 2019 pass without signing up for a discipleship study. If you're too busy to grow spiritually, you're too busy! [Trust me, I've said that to myself, too!] Look at your schedule and see where you can make time. You might need to let something go. You might need to rearrange your schedule a bit or maybe limit the number of things in which your child[ren] are involved. Sometimes the most difficult choices are between what is *good* and what is *best*. Spiritual growth and service are two of the best things you can focus on in 2019. Sign up for a study and find a place to serve. God will be very pleased with that New Year's resolution!

It is a joy to serve alongside you!

Nancy



## HomeReach Ministry

Teresa (Terri) Hitt

### HomeReach Highlights

Our next HomeReach meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

All mentors are encouraged to attend.

HomeReach ministry sponsored a trip to The Culpeper to visit and have lunch with our friends from our church who live there. We visited with Bill Miller and his sister Mary, Thelma Godfrey, Evelyn Mallory, Dot Utz, and Barbara Mountjoy. Jim Mallory was recovering in his room. Marge Arnold was recovering in the hospital. Our next trip will be March 7.

Our youth caroled for John and Maxine Shackelford and other residents at the Fauquier Health and Rehab right before Christmas.

We appreciate the cards, calls, and visits from our mentors, Sunday School classes, deacons, and church family to our HomeReach members. Please contact Teresa Hitt if you would like to become part of HomeReach Ministry, 347-1701.



## Tiny Tots News

We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas program on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary was full of love with the children and their families. A big thank you to all the teachers as they prepared the children for this beautiful day.

In the month of January, we will be busy with winter crafts and activities. The children will also participate in weekly Christian theme activities. The students enjoy chapel twice a week and are learning several different Bible stories. These early learning years are so important, and we are proud of our children's ministry at Warrenton Baptist Tiny Tots.

May God bless all of us in our efforts to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus to our fellow man this year!

Laurie Fetherolf & Stephanie Troup  
Directors of WBTT

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!" [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)*



## MINISTRY COUNCIL

A very Happy New Year to all and a warm welcome to 2019! We trust that everyone had a blessed and joyous Christmas and was able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with family and friends. We are grateful for your support in 2018 as we addressed many issues critical to the future of Warrenton Baptist Church. We are very excited about the year ahead and know that new challenges will provide opportunities to achieve many wonderful things. With God's blessing and your continued support, the Ministry Council will be able to look back on successes in 2019 that surpass the accomplishments of 2018 we reported at our annual business meeting in November.

We begin the year with all Ministry Council positions filled. Your Ministry Council members for 2019 are: **Chuck Wilkers, Cheryl Carter, Marco Capayachi, Kaitlin Grimley, Karen Harris, Rebecca Hayes, Karri Mize, Laurie Schauss**; plus, **Bill McGilvery** and **Philip Peyton** as the newest members you elected in November. **Pastor Jay** will continue to serve until his retirement in mid-February. At its January 10 meeting, the MC will elect its Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2019. The MC will also set the schedule for its regular meetings in 2019 and will publish the schedule for WBC membership insight.

The immediate priority for the MC in 2019 is to facilitate the membership calling a new Senior Pastor. The MC gives the Senior Pastor Search Committee (SPSC) its full support as the committee renews its effort to find the right Senior Pastor candidate to bring forward to the membership. In the interim the MC will work with Pastor Doug and the entire staff to continue routine operations of the church. The MC will also collaborate with the Deacons and support the work of the SPSC

to provide pastoral support for Sunday worship services until the new Senior Pastor is onboard. As we work together as a church body, we know that God will lead us to His choice for the new WBC Sr. Pastor.

A concurrent priority for the MC in 2019 is to begin constructing *The Gathering Place* at the Alwington Farm property. Many of you have fulfilled your *Meet Me at the Tree* pledges, while others are doing so on a recurring basis. Your financial support is critical as we enter the construction phase. All of us know how much it means to Pastor Jay that *The Gathering Place* be completed as part of the strategic future of WBC. If you wish to honor Pastor Jay and Claudia upon his retirement with a Love Offering, Pastor Jay requests that you consider making this offering to *The Gathering Place* instead. These Love Offerings will be appropriate and permanently recognized at *The Gathering Place*. Simply note that your offering is so designated for *The Gathering Place* in honor of Pastor Jay.

As our dear brother Pastor Jay and our dear sister Claudia approach their transition to retirement, the MC asks for God's richest blessings upon them. The entire MC thanks them both for their 18 years of faithful and loving service to our church. We will miss them dearly.

Lastly, it has been my honor and privilege to have served as the Ministry Council Chairman for the past three years, and before that as a WBC Trustee. As I look at the current membership of the MC for 2019, I am confident that the MC, with your support, will achieve great things for the Church. Please keep each member of the MC in your prayers throughout the year.

*Ministry Council  
Chair, Andy Egeland  
Vice Chair, Chuck Wilkers*



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Bruce Wilson	12 Abigail Lunsford	Maggie Todd
02 Anna Borland	Cecil Simpson	23 William R. Miller
Frances Shipe	13 Richard Blalock	25 Camden Wheelock
06 Blake Knefel	Nicholas Smith	26 David Nash
Amanda Osburn	14 Virginia Palmer-Fuechsel	Rachel Scotti
Levi Scotti	Richard Matthews	Victoria Spratt
07 Raleigh Dickinson	Donna Wilkers	27 Ray Keyser
08 David Fatula	15 Jessica Capayachi	Gregorio Lemus
Thomas Shiflett	16 Bethany Fernandez	Spencer Low
Robert Slcox	17 Oliver Duane	Doug Wilson
10 William Carter	Susan Sheldon	28 Sue Evangelista
Kasey Mize	18 Don Beaver	31 Bill Beals
Jackson Van Ness	Tom Moon	Carlie Morris
11 Joan Payne	20 Henry Bishop	Lisa Muztafago
Cecil Clark Simpson IV	22 Noa caperton	

Oops! Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know! 347-3509.

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements at home? Contact the church office if you have use of a computer, and we will add you to our **Friday E-nouncements** list!



Please contact the office with any name, address, telephone number, or email changes.



## Warrenton Baptist Church Staff

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 Admin. Assistant/Director of Music  
 Financial Secretary  
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 Missional Pastor  
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 Worship Leader  
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## Member News

*With  
Sympathy*



Condolences to the Foley family in the death of **Elizabeth** on November 24;

To Ralph Polk and family in the death of his brother-in-law **Robert Hausafus** on December 2;

To Jan Polk on the passing of her sister **Carolyn Smith** who died December 6;

To Frank McClaugherty on the passing of his uncle, **Jack Bourne**, on December 12;

To Cornelia Herbert, Cheryl Carter, and family on the passing of Cheryl's brother, **Richard 'Rick' Herbert Jr.**, on December 17, 2018.

*You are invited to a  
Retirement Luncheon Honoring  
Pastor Jay and Claudia Lawson  
Sunday, February 10, 2019  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Stoneridge Events Center  
7373 Comfort Inn Drive  
Warrenton, Va. 20187  
Cost: \$30 per person  
With a check to WBC  
RSVP by January 20, 2019*



Thank you, thank you, thank you! The church staff would like to thank everyone for the generous out-pouring of delicious Christmas cookies and candies delivered to the office during December. We enjoyed every bite! Thank you!

Wintery Weather: Church activities will be cancelled whenever schools are closed.

## HEARTSONGS FROM HAITI

CLAIR PEYTON

THEY'RE BA-A-A-CK! Both of our November teams had wonderful trips. In December you read about Team 1. Team 2's Kaity Grimley provided us with updates while there and this is her summary of the entire week she wrote on their last day:

While we are excited to be back to you all soon, waking up today knowing that it is our last full day in Haiti for the year was hard. Many of us have made new friends and shared new experiences that we aren't quite ready to give up just yet.

Breakfast and lunch were very American today. French toast and fruit for breakfast, and a variety of pizzas for lunch. But our good-bye dinner left our Haitian-loving taste buds and bellies smiling!! We had black beans and rice, chicken, pork, beet salad, conch salad, red snapper, shrimp, mini lobsters, plantain, coleslaw, and peach cobbler! If we haven't made it clear yet, we are still living like spoiled Americans even while we are serving in a third world country. Pastor Darnis and Madame Sherlie are the most generous and loving hosts!

Our work this morning was quite scattered as we split up in order to finish our tasks. We are happy to report that every job we started is now finished! This week we:

- worked with every grade level from preK through 10th grade at the Eben Ezer school
- removed and rebuilt shelving units in the clinic storage
- extended two gutters to direct rain water into the cisterns at the school and clinic

- installed wall paneling in the second building at the school to keep the rain water out of the classrooms
- tiled the cabana floor at the farm
- painted three rooms in the clinic
- built a picnic table for the cabana
- cleaned the tool shed and playroom

I may have left a few jobs off, but my point is that this team of mostly unskilled servants was used by God in many ways simply because we said yes to His calling. My prayer as we head home is that we will continue to look for the seemingly random ways in which God calls us to serve in our own homes, school, and places of work.

This afternoon we had an opportunity to spend time soaking in the last few hours with our friends in Ft. Liberté. Some of us kayaked at the fort. Some of us played soccer in the street. Some of us visited with Pastor Andre at his home. Some of us celebrated a birthday with a very special almost 5 year old at the farm. Some of us spent time with friends learning creole and laughing about the fun we've had this week. No matter how we chose to spend the time one thing is for sure- these people and this place are so very special. Without a doubt, a piece of each of us will be left here as we come home to you tomorrow- KG

And there you have it WBC! It is NOT too early to think about the 2019 trips! As this New Year begins, keep your ears open! Is God calling you to go with us??? Come join us!!! We'd love to have you!

**MISSIONAL PASTOR****BRADLEY G. BEALS**

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**Missional Ministry Leadership Team**

(Research &amp; Development)

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Thriving Community-Based Relationships. Missional Ministry. The Gathering Place. Unity. Energy. Excitement. Gospel Revival. As we enter a brand, new year, my hope is that each of these “buzz words” (or phrases) becomes a key defining characteristic for Warrenton Baptist Church in 2019. One word, however, stands out to me as being the catalyst through which all the others are achieved – “Missional.” We as a church have been hard at work in creatively trying to imagine how we can be more missional in our ministry approaches to reaching the lost. Being “missional” requires that we engage people where they are, just as we are told Jesus did in Romans 8:28 – “For while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” We should not expect the lost people of the world to come to us, any more than the man with one hundred sheep expected the one lost sheep to find its way back into the fold in Matthew 18:10-14. Instead, he left the ninety-nine other sheep in order to go find the one! And here is the best news: Jesus is the Good Shepherd! He is the one who is already pursuing those who are lost in our community. He is already working behind the scenes in the lives of people whom we would least expect. We as the “hands and feet” of the Good Shepherd only need to be available and obedient. So as we begin 2019, and as people across the world start making “resolutions” and setting goals for what they want their year to look like, I challenge each of you to ask yourselves these two questions:

1. Am I available?

Our society moves at the pace of a bullet train. Between the pulls of work, family, social life, church involvement, sports, social media, responsibilities, and everything else that fills up our lives, often we feel as if we can't fit in one more thing. But what if that “one more thing”

is the only thing that matters at the end of the day? Is living on mission for Jesus enough of a priority for you that if the Holy Spirit were to direct you to invest in a particular relationship at work, or to take on a ministry leadership position through your church, or to care for someone in need, you would rearrange your busy schedule to be available? What do you need to remove from your life or rearrange in your life in order to be more available to answer the call of Jesus?

2. Am I obedient?

Obedience is our response to what God has said. This begins with our willingness to trust Him and love Him enough to follow the commands that he has given through Scripture (“If you love me, keep my commands.” – John 14:15). Obedience also compels us to follow the call of the Holy Spirit in our lives, wherever that may be. More often than not, this will involve some measure of discomfort and inconvenience. Scripture is full of stories of people who gave up everything in order to be obedient to God. Why should it be any different for us? Are you willing to love your neighbor so much that you risk extreme discomfort and inconvenience in order to show Jesus' love and to speak Jesus' truth into his or her life?

What will make 2019 a success for you? As a church and as individuals who make up the Body of Christ, my prayer is that this year is marked by our availability to God, to one another, and to our neighbors, and by our continual, unashamed obedience to Christ and His mission! Happy New Year, Warrenton Baptist Church!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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So, let's start 2019 with a tough one. We have all dealt with this, I'm sure.

**LYING AND CONSCIENCE DEVELOPMENT** By Scott Turansky of "Thriving Kids Connection." As a preschooler's brain continues to develop, the imagination takes an important role, forming the basis for creativity. While much of the creativity is helpful, one of the common side effects is a child's ability to lie to get out of trouble or to obtain something desired. God has placed a conscience inside people to help point them in the right direction. Moral integrity is learned in the early years and fostered throughout a person's life. Lying demonstrates that a child lacks the internal character to withstand temptation. The desire to have another cookie, the fear of getting in trouble, or simply wanting to get more attention by exaggerating a story can tempt a person to resort to dishonesty to accomplish the goal. Teaching and training during the preschool years can contribute to a strong conscience, and building good character will give kids the ability to do what's right even under internal pressure.

**AN INTERNAL STANDARD.** One of the reasons you'll want to teach the Bible to your kids is because it helps provide a standard of right and wrong. The conscience doesn't determine right and wrong, but is simply a pointer to do what's right or to avoid what's wrong. You'll want to teach biblical truths and tell Bible stories of people that took a stand for what's right, even when it was difficult. Noah obeyed God even though he had never seen rain and in the face of people who laughed at him. Moses felt inadequate but obeyed God anyway and was able to experience the power of God. Daniel refused to eat the king's food and continued to obey God and pray, even after the king outlawed prayer. Adam and Eve sinned in the garden and experienced guilt, but then enjoyed the forgiveness of God. Many more stories in God's word help chil-

dren understand what it means to do the right thing, make things right, and be honest under pressure.

It's important to understand preschool development when evaluating what appears to be a lie. You don't want to treat children's imagination or magical thinking as dishonesty when instead they need guidance to know how to talk about wishes, desires, and fictional stories. When a preschooler says, "There's a lion in my basement," or "The dog told me a story," it would be better to talk about imagination than to assume it's deliberate dishonesty. You might say, "Since we really don't have a lion in our basement, it would be better to say, 'I wish we had a lion in our basement,' or 'Wouldn't it be crazy if we had a lion in our basement.'" Many preschool books contain stories of animals that talk so it's not surprising that kids would want to imagine the same thing in their own lives. A vivid imagination often needs to be guided by socially appropriate words in order to report the ideas in ways that are truthful. That's not necessarily lying.

But some children lie and know they are lying and need correction. In that case, a firm approach is important. Firmness helps clarify that there's a right and a wrong, an important understanding for good conscience development. One of the goals of discipline is to clarify for children that sin has consequences, that God has created a standard, and then to help kids understand what that means in practical terms for them.

### IT'S HARD TO CONFESS A LIE.

Once you've defined lying for a child and clarified that it's wrong, it's helpful to have children confess when they've been dishonest. One of the hardest things for someone to do who has lied is to admit it. Many times children want to cover up one lie with another or somehow refuse to admit a lie. Although here are some times when you may be uncertain about an incident,

when it's clear and you catch your child in a lie, it's helpful to require a confession. When you ask the question, "What did you do wrong?" the answer needs to be "I lied." If your child refuses to answer the question then sitting in a Break for a bit to think about it may produce the desired results. The Break time often allows God to work in the heart and bring about repentance.

You'll have plenty of opportunity to teach about lying in real life situations. You can model honesty by giving back the excess change when the cashier makes a mistake, telling your mate the truth even when it reveals your weakness, and explaining to your child that a shot might hurt a bit instead of saying that it won't hurt at all. Children learn about honesty by watching their parents handle ethical dilemmas or situations where lying would be the easy way out.

Children who lie don't have the internal character to do what's right. They take shortcuts instead of doing the hard work necessary to be honest. Surprisingly, one of the ways kids learn to do the right thing is to learn how to work hard. You might want to concentrate on perseverance and thoroughness by giving your child more chores or requiring the completion of a tough task and then offer affirmation for a job well done. It's helpful then to talk about being strong on the inside, not just on the outside. Inner strength is demonstrated by being honest under pressure.

The apostle Paul made an important statement that describes the work of the conscience in Romans 9:1. He said, "I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit." A strong and clear conscience helps a person feel good about being honest and provides an integrity that others see. If your child has a weakness in this area, your work to strengthen the conscience will go a long way to develop a lifestyle of honesty both now and for the future.

**Women’s Book Club**

Our women’s book club meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Feel free to join us any time! Just read the books you like and join the group for fellowship, food, and lively discussion! All meetings are in Warrenton unless otherwise noted, and will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
January 29	209 Northview Circle	<i>A Lineage of Grace</i> Francine Rivers	Sylvie Settle
February 26	7369 Trundle Court	<i>A Lineage of Grace, Part 2:</i> <i>Unspoken, Unafraid</i> Francine Rivers	Sylvie Settle

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Bolsinger believes that American Christianity is in this “limbo.” It is no longer sufficient to invite folk to “come to church.” We must “take the church” to them. Younger generations are no longer attracted by “bigger and better,” by “more and louder,” or by “newer and more tech.” He suggests that we are trying to “canoe the mountains.”

I believe that Warrenton Baptist Church is “In the Great In Between.” We are still a “traditional Baptist church” in many ways. We worship at 11:00 am every Sunday. We have Sunday School. We support the Lottie Moon Offering for international missions. But, we also have a garden and a wood ministry and a ministry to survivors of domestic violence and a bunch of other ministries that are not written up in the denominational handbooks. We are attempting to build a new structure that we hope will not be a

canoe in the mountains, but will be flexible and adaptable. And we are approaching a time when we will be without a senior pastor. We are not absolutely sure how all of this is going to turn out. Our Biblical forefathers understood. Joshua didn’t know exactly how it was all going to happen. He just followed the Lord. The disciples didn’t know exactly what was going to take place. They just followed the Lord. The Great In Between is very uncomfortable.

Help was on the way in the form of a Native American Shoshone nursing mother named Sacagawea, in the horses that her tribe would provide, and in “an older Shoshone man (Old Toby) leading them through an obscure trail through the mountains” [p. 98]. The Corps of Discovery would finally arrive at the Pacific and begin the process of tying together the land mass that would become what we know as the continental United States. However, it would take the

adaptive leadership of a coordinated team that learned on the way and depended upon every member to contribute for the Corps of Discovery to survive and thrive.

The answers were found in “recommitting to core values, reframing strategy, and relying on learning” [p. 98]. The Corps of Discovery would live up to their name. There are mountains to climb. Canoes are not going to get us there, but the Lord is Lord of the mountains and the rivers. He will use us. He will bring those who can help us. We must be ready to listen, to learn, and to leap into His future. There is a Corps of Discovery here! The Lord will lead. He will bring the next pastor. We won’t be in the Great In Between forever. With much love, your pastor,



## THE DEACON CORNER

Happy New Year! First and foremost, I would like to give praise to God for providing our congregation with such a faithful and hardworking servant as our deacon chair, Cheryl Carter. She is such a blessing to our church and congregation through so many activities and ministries. As a deacon chair her thoroughness, equity, cheerful demeanor, and tireless work served the congregation and the deacon body so well during 2018. Mrs. Carter addressed each of the many issues and meetings with dedicated prayer and a spirit of unity and fairness that greatly strengthened our family of faith. Her many late nights, early mornings, and personal sacrifice for the benefit of our church and spreading God's word is such a wonderful testimony to so many. On behalf of the deacon body and the congregation, thank you!

The deacon body would encourage everyone to make special preparation to be part of the combined service on January 6 where we as a body

will ordain our new deacons. This is such a special time for our congregation to offer prayers and encouragement to those who serve this congregation as deacons.

In a new year it is easy for us to take for granted the joys we anticipate, or conversely fearful of the challenges that await. Either can overtake our perspective. As we celebrate 2019 let us take a moment to reflect upon a portion of final instructions to the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18(ESV), *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

Let us take a moment to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for all of His blessings and grace that He provided to us individually and as a church body in 2018. Let us also commit to rejoice, pray, and give thanks in ALL circumstances that God's grace will provide in 2019. We look forward to serving this church body in 2019. Happy New Year!

In His Service, Ryan Colvin, Deacon Chair

## Did You Know? ...

**WBC HISTORY...** It has been 30 years since one of our Saints, **Ms. Edna M. Stephenson**, penned a comprehensive history of Warrenton Baptist Church covering 1849 to 1988. If you have never read this beautiful little book, we suggest you check it out in our Library. It tells the fascinating tale of our church starting from humble beginnings with the dream of just a few. It details the ups and downs of our people as they sought the Lord's will – through good times and bad, but always as one Body in Christ. Chapter V (RENEWED STRENGTH) begins with "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31." It then proceeds with... "After several months of diligent search on the part of the Pulpit Committee it recommended to the church that they call Rev. Heyl to be the regular pastor. On April 23, 1944, Mr. Heyl accepted the call and on June 4<sup>th</sup> the Heyl family was accepted into the church membership." As we enter into 2019, the tale continues.



A big thank you for the strong support of our American Red Cross blood drives, hosted at Warrenton Baptist Church. We host six drives each year with the help of several volunteers for registration and canteen workers. Mary Raines, Claudia Lawson, Cheryl Carter, Jim Raines, and Kim Raines are regular workers. Our donors appreciate (and look forward to) our homemade goodies

donated at each drive (e.g. no-bake cookies made by Bev Seabolt, brownies made by Cheryl Carter). In 2018, a total of 180 pints were donated by WBC members and community guests.

Why donate blood? You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason.

Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.

Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.

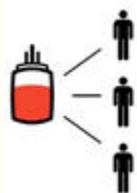
Some consider a blood donation a way to get free blood tests.

Some people know about the reduced risk of heart disease for blood donors.

Some people believe it is the right thing to do and receive the satisfaction of saving human lives.

Whatever the reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing that you have helped change a life.

WBC Blood Drive dates for 2019: January 31, March 28, May 23, July TBD, September TBD, November TBD



**1 pint of blood can  
save up to 3 lives**

### **Sunday School News: The Directors Chair**

What does Sunday School mean to you? What are you looking for in a Sunday School? How do you participate in Sunday School? What are you hoping to gain from Sunday School?

I ask you to consider these questions in the coming months. In this newsletter, I'd like to share my answers with you. Sunday School is a place to connect, fostering relationships by really getting to know your brothers and sis-

ters in Christ, a safe space to share concerns, ask for prayers, and to delve into a deeper study of the Word.

No matter your age or your needs, there's a group here to suit you. From a class for young adults and couples to a ladies only group, we have many varying class sizes for your comfort level and where you are in your walk of faith. Hand in hand together we grow.

Jackie Cafferty, Sunday School Director

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**Sunday school: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Spanish Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and Worship 11:00 a.m., in Chapel**

### Calendar highlights

<b>Jan. 01</b>	Happy New Year 2019!	<b>Jan. 18-20</b>	Youth Ski Retreat
<b>Jan. 02-04</b>	Passion Conference	<b>Jan. 23</b>	Newsletter Deadline, 10:00 AM
<b>Jan. 03</b>	Super Bowl Party, YC, 6:30 PM	<b>Jan. 27</b>	Fellowship Sunday at First Baptist Time: TBD
<b>Jan. 06</b>	ALL TOGETHER SERVICE 9:30 AM, Sanctuary 11:00 AM, Sunday School	_____	
<b>Jan. 13</b>	Parents' Informational Meeting, YC, 5:00 PM	<b>Feb. 10</b>	Pastor Jay Lawson's Retirement Dinner, StoneRidge, 1:00 PM
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Senior adults movie: "Unbroken, Path to Redemption," YC, 1:00 PM		
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Deacons meeting, 7:00 PM Conference Room		