



# Warrenton Baptist Church

## THE MESSENGER

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

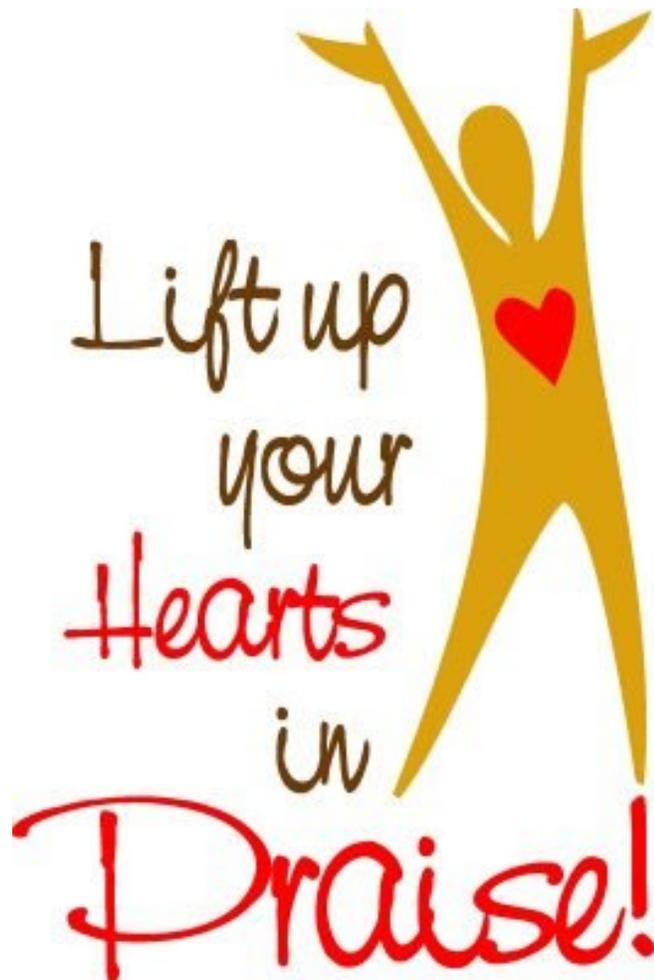
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**PASTOR MIKE'S ARTICLE WILL  
RETURN WITH THE NEXT ISSUE.**

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**Youth Sunday Rescheduled.** We hope to provide as nearly normal as possible the Youth Sunday experience for our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, August 2. We are delaying it in order to hopefully be in phase 2 or 3 of our pandemic recovery which will allow limited large group gatherings. Our graduating seniors this year are Ella Biasillo, Sarah Estes, Kasey Mize, Hannah Robbins, Emma Smith and Kasee Sutherland. (Please let us know if we have missed anyone.) Our seniors selected this year's theme as "Through It All" with a scriptural reference of Isaiah 41:10. David has agreed to get our youth to help lead in worship on that Sunday. Sandy has agreed to help with the dramas. We also hope we can hear from our graduating seniors as well. We are still working out the details. We plan on recognizing each of our graduating seniors with their names, high school graduating from, and plans after graduation, along with a luncheon and gift from our church. Please get that information to Pastor Doug as soon as you know it. We hope our graduating seniors' testimonies on how God has led them through these difficult days will reach more people than ever before.

**Sunday Worship and Bible Study Update.** Our weekly Sunday morning and evening schedule will continue to be different in May. Our church building is presently closed to group meetings. Our Tiny Tots childcare center is closed. Our church office is now operating remotely and staff can be reached by text, phone or email. Everyone is still invited to worship together remotely from their homes on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Our youth ministry is also going online with Remind group text updates and Zoom Bible studies. Cap and Jessica are leading Zoom Bible studies for youth on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. following our online worship service. We are beginning a new high school young ladies' Zoom small group with Martha Fuechsel and Perri Caperton as leaders. We are so glad to have these two young leaders! Perri is serving as our summer youth intern. She is teaming up with Martha who is home from serving challenged children and their families through Special Hope Network in Zambia due to the pandemic. She is living at her parent's home, working remotely with SHN and serving as a volunteer in our youth ministry. She plans to work as a teacher at Fauquier High this fall. All the details have not been worked out yet, but we appreciate their leadership!

**Missions Connection Celebration (MC2).** MC2 is our state missions camp at Camp Eagle Eyrie with half-day mission projects in Lynchburg and surrounding community. The dates are July 19-24. Cost is \$175. Our speaker is Darrell Cook. This year's theme is "R.S.V.P." from Isaiah 55:1-2. We plan to take our youth and their leaders. Camp Eagle Eyrie is still open, but with limited services and staffing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Every time I turn on the news or talk to a church member, I hear questions: “When will things re-open?” “How many new cases of COVID-19 are there?” “When can we all meet together again?” I’m sure you’ve heard them, too. Our staff is meeting daily asking some of the same questions: “What will worship look like when guidelines begin to relax?” “What size groups will be allowed?” The bottom line is: No one knows except our God and He has the answers to all of our questions and concerns. The following verses came to mind as I was contemplating these questions:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

I memorized these verses years ago and have called them to mind many, many times. We don’t have to know what is ahead because our faithful God already has the answers. This pandemic isn’t a surprise to Him and He isn’t panicked. Your staff is praying and working hard to keep our church family together and ‘in the loop.’ As time goes on, God will show us all ‘which path to take’ so relax and rest in Him and His wisdom.

Know that you are in our prayers! It is a blessing to serve alongside you.

Nancy



## HomeReach Ministry

Teresa (Terri) Hitt

## Tiny Tots News

(to return with next issue)

**HOMEREACH MINISTRY:** Jim and Evelyn Mallory celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 28. They reside at The Culpeper retirement facility and appreciate all the cards, phone calls with your words of support, and encouragement. We appreciate the staff of The Culpeper protecting them along with our church family and friends who live there. We hope to visit again on June 4, but we will need to wait and see if their facility will be opened back up to visitors.

We express our deepest sympathy to Bob Seiple and his family at the passing of his wife, Margaret Ann, on April 4. She lived at Poet's Walk in Warrenton. We appreciate the care she received from their staff and hospice. The family will wait until later this summer to have a celebration of her life. Please remember Bob and his family in your prayers.

Our mentors met together by conference call on April 14. We enjoyed hearing updates on each of our HomeReach members. We had more mentors present than usual. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. We may meet remotely from our homes again. We will be hearing reports on our HomeReach families and discuss the best ways we can meet their needs.

We appreciate all the additional care that our pastors, staff, and volunteers are giving to our elderly members who are confined in their homes during these difficult weeks with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of our older members are getting more "touches" than they were getting before. We appreciate our pastor's new tailgate ministry where he makes doorstep visits with familiar hymns, scripture readings and prayer! We will get through this with The Lord and each other. Our Lord has prepared us for this time.

We appreciate the many cards and calls from our mentors, Sunday School classes, deacons, and church family to our HomeReach members. If you would like to take part in this Ministry, please contact Teresa Hitt.

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

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Last month... We reported on what the MC was doing in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We noted how our country and our church are persevering through unprecedented times in our history impacting us to the core of our basic physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial health. We continue to meet weekly (Thursday evenings) via ZOOM videoconference to discuss specific and timely topics related to the health and well-being of our church (our people) and our local community. Pastor Mike (MC member) and Pastor Doug are with us each week. We seek for WBC to be as responsive and helpful as possible to the pandemic. We address topics related to our **People**, our **Facilities**, our **Finances**, and our **Communications**. We seek to take proactive action and reassure all church members we address priorities, as needed.

This report will focus on our Financial status through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and a bit into April. On Friday, April 17, we published via Ennouncement our financial status thru March 31 (i.e., Year to Date collection vs. 2020 budget needs). Through the 1st quarter we are ~\$10,000 behind (5%) our budget needs to date. Weekly average giving is further behind by about 8% per week.

We are fortunate to receive almost \$12,000 in one-time offerings to offset the lower than hoped for average weekly. We sincerely thank those few givers who have given over and above.

We need to collect, on average, ~\$14,200 weekly. Our weekly actuals to date are ~\$13,000. If we project average weekly receipts to date to end of this year, we will miss target budget of \$739,000 by about \$58,000. To put this in perspective, this is about half of our missions and programs budget of \$115K. We will be able to “pay our bills” and meet all our required obligations (i.e., our non-discretionary expenses including payroll and utilities) which is good news, so far. But our discretionary commitments to missions will fall short by about 50%.

So... how can we close our budget by December 31<sup>st</sup> and meet our commitments? It does not appear at this point to be insurmountable. There are a handful of ways to get there. We have about 135 givers. If each were to increase their current weekly giving by 12% the budget would close. If each giver were to continue to give the same amount weekly but offer another \$450 by the end of the year, this would also close the budget. Of course, we know our

givers have different capacities to give. If 20 givers were able to provide an additional \$150 per month, this would address about half of the overall shortfall. Thinking outside the box, a combination of these methods in many ways would yield a surplus beyond the budget which would be wonderful. In any case, we are asking each church member to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. We are monitoring this monthly and will report monthly through rest of the year.

Note that weekly average offerings in the 4-week month of April were about \$13K (\$16K, \$15K, \$10K, \$11K) so we are a bit further behind. We do not yet know the impacts to giving over the next few months resulting from COVID-19. We are working on options regardless so we can minimize impacts and keep the church finances as healthy as possible. We ran a few weeks behind in finishing up **The Gathering Place**, but it remains to be very soon. We have expensed almost everything we need to and should be able to provide that financial account next month. Stay Well... Stay Healthy... Stay Home!

Your brother in Christ,  
Chuck Wilkers, MC Chair

## Member News



**Our Thoughts  
and Prayers  
are With you**

Condolences to  
Bob Seiple and  
family in the  
death of his wife,

Margaret Ann on April 4;

To Jim Andrews and family on the  
death of his father, Clarence  
(Andy) Andrews on April 17.

### Please Note:

Graduates/Youth Sunday  
have been rescheduled to  
August 2.

### Pray for our Military:

Christopher Ball  
Gregory Carroll  
Emory Hanback  
Ethen Jenkins  
Rick Mattson

Chase Palcer  
Caleb Smith  
Nick Smith  
Devena Smith  
Drew Smith



We have stopped our bulk mail of *The Messenger*. A handful of copies will be mailed to those who are on our HomeReach list and do not have access to a computer. A few hard copies may be found at the Main Street and Sixth Street entrances for those who are regular attenders and do not have access to a computer. ***For the rest of us, the newsletter may be found on our WBC website: [www.warrentonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.warrentonbaptistchurch.org). Click the "Resources" tab, then click on "Stay Up to Date," then scroll down to "Newsletter."***

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02 Jessica Pence

13 Benjamin Harris

28 Stephanie McCullar

03 Gilmer Lee

14 Rachael Estes

Kellen Sutherland

Ethan Faaborg

Mary Raines

29 Alex Grymes

Tyler Grimley

15 Carl Evans

Steven Janiszewski

Warren Pickel

Jay Heroux

Linda Jenkins

05 Stacey Gailey

17 Ever Bono

30 Kathleen Beaver

06 Janice Foley

20 Michael Hanback

31 William Goodwin

David Lee

21 Ronnie Jenkins

Angelique Simpson

07 Jan Polk

22 Lonnie Usrey

08 Wayne Williams

24 Conway Thorp

10 Jill Ball

Rachel Jones Cross-  
white

12 Jennifer 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.



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The Gathering Place at Alwington Farm is on the verge of completion! As I write this article, I can see excavators spread dirt out over the final grading around the rear terrace, with new grass, bushes, and trees sprouting and budding all around. We were blessed enough to use the interior of The Gathering Place to livestream our worship services over the last couple of weeks (including on Easter Sunday!), so praise God for that!

Keep your eye on Facebook and our website for a virtual tour of the building in the next couple of weeks. Although it is difficult to have to wait to all "gather" in this brand new building, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God has enormous, kingdom-impacting plans for Warrenton Baptist Church and our community through the ministry that will take place here.

Thank you for your continued giving during this uncertain time, and most of all, for your prayers that God will continue to mobilize His people into Mission for the sake of the Gospel!

Brad Beals

Missional Pastor

# HAITI

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Although it is very early AND there are many obstacles in place currently (e.g. COVID 19 lockdowns, US State Dept Travel Advisories, availability of flights to/from Cap Haitien), we are beginning to explore the possibility of two trips to Fort Liberté Haiti in November 2020.

If you would like to be placed on a **tentative** list of participants, please email the leaders below:

Early November trip, focused primarily on medical needs, but other work is possible per Pastor Dasnis' requests:

- Laurie Schauss -- [lschauss3@yahoo.com](mailto:lschauss3@yahoo.com)
- Trish Putnam -- [trish.t.putnam@gmail.com](mailto:trish.t.putnam@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving trip, November 20-28, multipurpose trip (construction, school, farm, etc.) based on needs of the community per Pastor Dasnis:

- Kaitlin Grimley -- [kaity.grimley@gmail.com](mailto:kaity.grimley@gmail.com)
- Kim Raines -- [kraines0903@gmail.com](mailto:kraines0903@gmail.com)

We will have to make a final decision about travel to Haiti for this year by the end of September. Please consider joining us!

If you have questions about supporting Haiti in other ways or questions in general, please be in touch with any of us.

Laurie, Trish, Kaity, and Kim

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If you would like to be removed from this WBC Haiti Interest Group email list, please email [kraines60@comcast.net](mailto:kraines60@comcast.net).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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... And THIS happened since we last met!!!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Ashley Faaborg for sharing your abundance of talent in painting this BEAUTIFUL mural in our infant and toddler ministry space. The nursery has a fresh new look and feel with lots of cleaning and cleaning out being accomplished by Melissa Scotti.

It all started in early March when students from Stetson University BCF came and spent the day giving the nursery a fresh coat of paint. They worked hard and gave Ashley a canvas on which to work her wonder.

The quarantine has made it challenging to finish up the work needed in our Little Lights area, but to say we are excited about the great strides taken toward beautification is an understatement. We can't wait to fill this nursery with all good things that God brings!!!

## VBS IS GOING VIRTUAL!

The entire month of July – 1 new topic each week

Virtual Lessons and Music

Weekly Mission Challenges for Families

Wednesday Evening Small Group Events

## AND, A SERMON SERIES, TOO!

Stay tuned for more information

Want to Volunteer? Contact:

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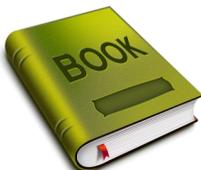
He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate — bringing forth food from the earth; wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts. The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers. The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

How many are your works, LORD! In Wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number — living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. —PSALM 104:10-18, 24-26

### Women’s Book Club

Our women’s book club meets 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.

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|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 26  | 209 Northview Circle | <i>Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus</i> | Dee Thompson, Facilitator   |
| July 14 | 182 Winchester Mews  | Small Great Things                  | Sandra Simpson, Facilitator |



## DEACONS CORNER

**STEVE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN**

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Greetings from your deacon board. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the online sermons and activities that have been going on. This certainly has been a challenge that few of us have faced here in the United States. It will be good to get back into the church building with regular activities.

During the month of May the deacons will be giving prayer during the service on Facebook and the WBC website, just as we do during a regular service in the sanctuary. This will add participation and variety to our online service. It was good to have Mike and Nancy add a couple of hymns with their guitars on April 26.

Our Deacon Family Ministry is our lifeblood of communication between our staff and the congregants. It is also important that each of us stay in touch with as many of our members as possible. We certainly have the time! Contact me if you have not heard from a deacon.

Jay Heroux and his volunteers have been visiting the local motels several times in this crisis. They are showing in a good way that people at WBC care.

If any of you have needs just let me know, or let your deacon know. God's blessings to everyone.

Deacon Chair,  
Steve Anderson  
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All impact Virginia, World Changers and Mission Serve mission projects are cancelled for the summer. We are keeping close contact with Rod Miller, camp director. We should know something by the middle of May. Please keep him and our Camp Eagle Eyrie family in your prayers.

Our youth ministry planning team meets May 18 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting remotely from our homes on Zoom. We have had 100% participation since switching to online video conferencing!

**Fauquier FISH.** We are partnering with Fauquier Fish to collect nonperishable food to distribute to the hungry in our community. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a greater need for food. Please take donated food to FISH's location at 24 Pelham Street in Warrenton. Their hours may vary. You can call them for updates, or go to their website.

**People Helping People.** Volunteers are no longer interviewing people face-to-face who are in financial need at St. James' office due to the pandemic, and most of our volunteers being at risk. PHP directors are checking messages and returning calls from home with Jan's help, too. We did get a request from Elfie to support PHP financially through the Give Local Piedmont Campaign on May 5. She wrote: "I know these are trying times for everyone. People Helping People is already financially stressed with assisting Fauquier County residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Any support you can give us on May 5 would be greatly appreciated. At this time, we need any help we can get." You can visit their giving page at <https://www.givelocalpiedmont.org/organization/PHP-glp>

**Senior Adults Council.** Our next meeting is on May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Instead of meeting face-to-face at The Oaks, we'll be meeting again by conference call from our homes. We decided to postpone our scheduled trip to Sight and Sound. They are presently closed due to the pandemic. We may need to postpone some of our other events, too, due to the Governor's guidelines to the COVID-19 pandemic response. However, we will soon start to get back to a new phase of interaction. We are still peaking with infections and hospitalizations in our community. There are currently no vaccines to prevent or drugs to treat COVID-19 approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed (or exposing others) to this virus. How? Stay home as much as possible. Avoid close contact with people, even if they don't appear sick. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the coronavirus.



**SAFETY TEAM****TROY HAYES, CHAIR**

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The Safety Committee (SC) added a hand sanitizer station just inside of door from the large parking lot.

The Safety Committee sent out an email to the Safety Team (ST) members reminding them how to deal with an angry person. The Safety Committee plans to periodically send out training tips to keep Safety Team members thinking about different aspects of safety.

The Safety Committee is now meeting by teleconference every two weeks. Pastor Mike and his staff have already begun to think about how WBC members can begin the process of returning to worship at the church building. The corona cloud may well linger for months, so clean hands, social distancing, and even masks may be needed. Working to augment the staff's efforts, the Safety Committee will also be thinking about this daunting challenge and hope to add something of value to the discussion.

Troy Hayes, Chair, Safety Committee



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**Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday school: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Spanish Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and Worship 11:00 a.m., in Chapel**

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNINGS: LIVE STREAMING OF  
WBC WORSHIP SERVICES,**

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