

Warrenton Baptist Church

Happenings

September 2020

PASTOR MIKE'S SERMON SERIES

“How to Pray with Power”

- Sept. 6, Thy Kingdom Come
- Sept. 13, Thy Will be Done
- Sept. 20, Give us This Day ...
- Sept. 27, Forgive us Our Trespases

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION CELEBRATION



Kristie and our children's leaders led us in a Sunday School Promotion Celebration on Sunday, August 30, at The Gathering Place for our children and their families. They decorated parking spaces with scriptural chalk drawings, had a scavenger hunt, took a family picture, had a picnic, and received their promotion certificates.

Everyone had a great time! Thank you Kristie, Steve, David, Laurie, Annette, Jon, Leanne and Rebecca!

Sunday, September 13, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., in person youth meetings (formerly known as *Sunday School*) at the Gathering Place.

Sunday, October 4, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., in person youth meetings (formerly known as *Sunday School*) at 123 Main Street.

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Greetings from your Ministry Council (MC)

THE GATHERING PLACE (TGP). Our 3-year *Meet Me at The Tree (MMAT)* stewardship campaign officially ends Dec. 31 this year. A Final Stretch Drive will be run for 6 weeks from Oct. 4 thru Nov. 15. Be on the lookout for Advanced Notice Ennouncements on Sep. 4, 11, and 18. Due to COVID, we delayed to Jan. 1, 2021, the official start of our 3-year mission to standup and operationalize *TGP* as a missional ministry. We are using TGP now only for our traditional ministries (e.g., worship). A *Grand Opening Event* for TGP is planned for 2021 as soon as we are able to conduct it safely and productively.

FINANCIAL STATUS. Calendar Year 2021 Budget preparation is underway for approval at the Annual Business Meeting. Year-to-date Giving Status (thru Aug. 30) published via routine E-nnouncement on Sep. 4. We are about 7% behind to date in giving relative to budget. We estimate a year-end shortfall of between \$50K and \$60K based on average giving to date.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. Our annual business meeting this year is disrupted due to COVID-19 limiting our ability to gather a quorum at 123 Main Street or The Gathering Place at Alwington Farm. We need 125 people to attend. We reserved space at Fauquier High School Sunday, Nov. 15 as an alternative. You should have already been contacted by your deacon about this with an information request regarding your attendance. Please respond if you have not already.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE. Version 2.1 (dated 8/17/2020) of our *COVID-19 Response Plan* is posted to church COVID-19 web page. Changes from v2.0 are highlighted in yellow.

**The next HomeBound meeting will be
October 13, 10:00 a.m. For further
information contact Terri Hitt.**

**BLOOD DRIVE
September 17
The Gathering Place**



**Sunday, September 20
RIVER BAPTISM
1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.**