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Pastor

# “Jesus on The Main Line”

## *November 2015*

### Departures, Death, & Dignity

Have you ever seen the 2008 film *Departures* by Yojiro Takita? If you have not, STOP! Do not continue to read this article. Go find the movie (available at the library or you can rent it through Amazon), watch it, then continue reading. If you have seen it, then please continue.

What did you think of the film? Makes you view relationships and death in a different way, right? In a short amount of time we have had some deaths within our church family. These families are still in mourning as they try to continue on with their lives and handling the departed estates, pension, belongings, etc.

I saw this film right around the time I got ordained. Through the process, I had to learn how to do a funeral. I learned some things from classes, and got to assist in some funerals that helped me know more about the process of preparing a funeral. This film, however, opened my eyes to a whole new light about loss, death, and funerals. Because of this film, I have tried to put myself into the midst of the grieving family, learn about the one who has departed, and do my best to make sure my manner, my words, and my actions will help make the grieving process of the family and friends a healthy one. Some I have known for months, others I only known for days, but in both cases I do my best to make sure I know them, like I've known them all of my life.

Connected with people has always been a starting ground for building up loving relationships. It helps make people feel important, dignified, and loved. When it comes to the departed and their families that same rules apply. You may not know the family or the departed very well, but by being in the moment, giving up your time and resources, and pour godly love into them makes people know that they have someone to journey with them through this time. It also communicates to the departed that their loved ones are in good hands.

So when you know of someone who is going through loss, be in the moment with them, walk along beside them during this difficult journey, and be intentional when pouring into them the love of Christ.



Prayer Thoughts  
From  
Rev. Sylvia McDorman



The beautiful season of autumn.....when God pulls out a new palette of colors and brightens the canvas around us! Like many things that occur in nature, we watch and enjoy but may not give much attention to the details of the creation.

Just how did God create the leaves to change into their magnificent colors? Photosynthesis, chloroplast, chlorophyll, carbon dioxide, glucose, deciduous trees.....sounds like complicated words that most of us have not given much thought to since biology in school!

Let's put it in simpler terms. As the leaves of deciduous trees come out in spring in their fresh green color, the warmth and sunlight of the longer days are soaked up through the leaves. The sunlight enters a part of the leaf called the chloroplast; the chloroplast uses the sunlight to change carbon dioxide and water into breathable oxygen and further creates glucose for growth and nourishment of the tree. Chlorophyll within the chloroplast is the chemical that allows this process of photosynthesis to take place, and gives the leaves their green color. As the autumn season comes and the days of sunlight get shorter along with cooler temperatures, the leaves take in less sunlight which causes the chlorophyll to decrease, then the leaves lose their green color and change colors depending on pigmentation of the leaves. Eventually the leaves fall from the trees.

The amazing process of photosynthesis means "to put together with light." The leaves thrived and prospered while taking in a good supply of sunlight. We can compare our spiritual lives to photosynthesis. Our spiritual lives grow and prosper when we live in the light of Christ. Light reveals and clarifies; darkness hides, conceals and stunts growth. The light of Christ reveals our sin, the darkness in our lives, and transforms us as we allow His light to nourish us. The light of Christ will promote growth and strength. Unlike the leaves of the trees that dry and wither, God can continue "to put together with light" those who desire an abundance of "son-light". This light can carry us through the cold and harsher seasons of life as we allow God to nurture us with the light of Christ. (continued on next page)



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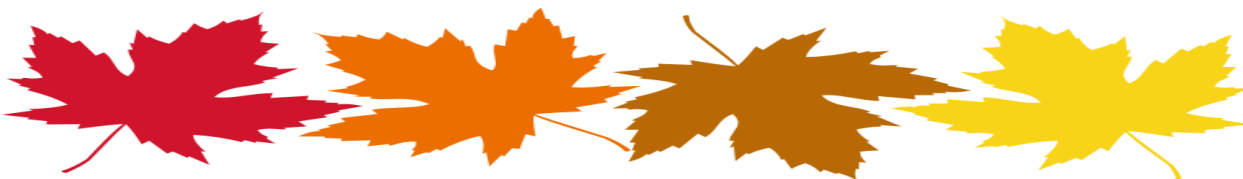


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As we all enjoy the majesty of the autumn colors and then watch the trees lose their foliage, pray for an abundance of His light to shine in our lives and through us to others.

***"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 NIV***

***"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.  
I John 1:5-7***



## *A Note from the Elder Board*

It is getting to be that time of the year when the congregation has the important task of nominating two persons to serve on the Elder Board. The nominations will be held on Sunday, November 15th after the morning service. Please begin to prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate. Per the bylaws for the Staunton First Church of God there are specific criteria for potential elders. These can be found in Article VI of the Bylaws. **Please take the time to read over these as you consider.** If you do not have a copy of the bylaws please see Jamie.

The current Elder board consists of Jamie Hendricks and Wanda Sau-fley who will be completing their first terms this year, Bernie Wolcott, Debbie Brown, Terry Morris and Nathan Simmons. Remember that Bernie, Debbie, Terry and Nathan are continuing in their service on the Elder Board and their names should **NOT** be listed on the ballot for nomination. Please, Church, be in prayerful consideration about whom you would have as your elders. Please mark your calendars so that you can have your voice heard on November 15th.

The Elder Board,  
Jamie Hendricks, Chair  
Debbie Brown, Secretary  
Terry Morris  
Wanda Saufley  
Nathan Simmons

Elder Board Meeting  
November 16, 2015  
6:00 PM







...Her Special  
Missions  
Rev. Debbie Brown



# Operation Christmas Child



By HikingArtist

**Christmas Gifts  
should be filled with  
love, not expectations.**

**Don't forget to fill your  
Shoe Boxes !!!!**

**Due on November 15th**



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Dates to Remember: For August 2015

November 5, 2015

CWC Meeting

7:00 pm

November 7, 2015

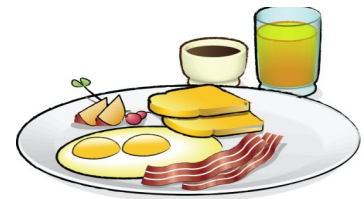
Annual Turkey Supper

5:00: PM—7:00 PM

November 14, 2015

Family Prayer Breakfast

8:00 am



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Free Complete Breakfast Vector

November 14, 2015

Gifts of Love

Tinkling Springs Church

9:00 am—1:00 pm

November 26, 2015

HAPPY THANKS-  
GIVING!!





Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## CREATING GIFTS OF LOVE!

November 14, 2015  
9am - 1pm



It's that time again... our "signature" event for spreading Christmas love! At this event, children have the opportunity to make simple crafts as gifts for their family members.

A number of crafts are offered, each hosted by an area church, allowing children to participate in the joy of Christmas giving. The children are scheduled on a staggered-time-basis, allowing enough time for children and volunteers to enjoy the experience tremendously.



Last year's crew, minus Brittney!!

**Creating Gifts of Love**  
**Saturday, November 14th**  
**9 am-1 pm**  
**at Tinkling Spring**  
**Presbyterian Church,**  
**Fishersville**





**We would like to thank each of you who helped us with the apple dumplings this past month. Thank everyone for the orders and to all of the marvelous people who helped us out on Tuesday nights with peeling and Wednesdays with making them. We were truly blessed with the great fellowship and lots of fun. Thanks again. We look forward to everyone's help again next year!!**

WANDA SAUFLEY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, EVEN THROUGH YOUR TRYING TIMES.

HELPERS:

TONY & TILLY SIMMONETTI

DEBBIE & BOBBIE BROWN

ABBY MCDORMAN

BECKY FITZGERALD

HEATHER & JACOB MILES & FRIEND

BARBARA TRUXELL & FRIEND

SYLVIA MCDORMAN

GARLAND & SUE KING

JIM & PHYLLIS BROWN

JERRY & JUDY HUFFER

TERRY MORRIS

CAROLYN RINGGOLD

JAMIE HENDRICKS

BRITNAY TRUXELL

PASTOR SCOTT & LAURA STEDMAN

DORIS PRUITT

**IF WE MISSED ANYONE, WE ARE SORRY. IT REALLY WAS A GREAT TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!**

# *Annual Turkey Dinner*



*November 7, 2015*

First Church of God  
1850 Shutterlee Mill Road  
Staunton, VA

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Cost: \$10.00 adults**

**\$4.00 children (6 & under)**

**Menu:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, apples, cranberry salad, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin or apple pie, and tea or coffee.

**Staunton First Church of God-Anderson**  
**1850 Shutterlee Mill Rd. Staunton, Va.24401**  
**Phone: 540-886-5432**  
**E-Mail: [svacog@verizon.net](mailto:svacog@verizon.net)**  
**[www.stauntonfirstchurchofgod.org](http://www.stauntonfirstchurchofgod.org)**



**Our Vision**

*Is to impact our community with the Love of God  
and to provide a Spirit-filled harbor for the lost and the hurting.*

**WEEKLY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 PM**

**Awana**

**7 PM**

**Adult Bible Study**

**Have you remembered to "cross" someone?**  
**Remember the cross cards are available in the narthex.**  
**Take a few cards with you, do little acts of kindness and**  
**give them a cross card.**  
**Be a blessing to others and share the love of Christ!!**



"Jesus on the Main Line" Newsletter Published Monthly. To Submit an article or idea  
contact: Judy Huffer: [jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us](mailto:jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us) or 540-290-1374  
All Articles must be turned by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> CWC Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Adult Bible Study Awana	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Turkey Supper 5:00-7:00
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Adult Bible Study Awana	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Family Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Adult Bible Study Awana	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Adult Bible Study Awana	<b>26</b> Happy Thanks- giving	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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## Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THRUS	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Anniver- sary Carl & Pat Wertman	<b>2</b> Birthday Kali Welcher	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Birthday Danny McDorman Kristie Brown
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Birthday Susan Ken- nedy	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Birthday Eric Rauschen- berg	<b>16</b> Birthday Carly Brown Steven McDorman	<b>17</b> Birthday Carter Gregory Elijah Skel- ton	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Birthday Grace Morris	<b>24</b> Birthday Gail Bolton	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Birthday Joyce Douglass	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Birthday Jerry Huffer	<b>30</b> Birthday Maxine Kincaid					