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“Jesus on The Main Line”

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The Journey to Pentecost

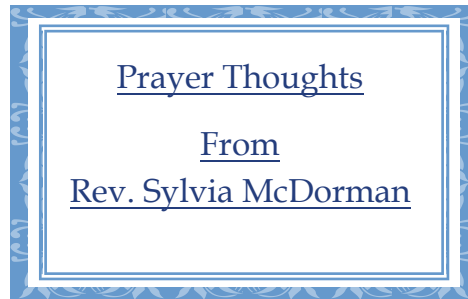
On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. (Act 1:4-14 NIV)

Pentecost is coming upon us soon. When we look at the church calendar it seems like the two biggest days that are celebrated are Easter and Christmas. But what about Pentecost? Why is it not given a big hurrah like the other religious days? Maybe it's because we associate Pentecost with the Pentecostal/charismatic church groups so we think we will be speaking gibberish, flailing on the ground, swinging snakes around, smashing watermelons, and all kinds of things that make us look ridiculous or uncomfortable. Maybe it's because it falls around Memorial Day so we are focused with remembering the lives lost in the wars, or having a big BBQ in the backyard.

I believe that Pentecost is more important than Christmas and Easter. Why? Because Pentecost is the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and Christians. Without the Spirit, more disciples could not be added to the Christian religion, there would be no healings or miracles conducted by ordinary men, our New Testament will be made up of only 4 books, and we would not have a helper to help us in our daily lives. I mean the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity so it must be important.

In the above scripture, the disciples did not know what to do after Jesus ascended. All Jesus told the disciples to do was to wait until the gift of the Holy Spirit comes. In the meantime the disciples devoted themselves to prayer and to finding Judas' replacement.

The last couple of weeks and throughout the month of May until Pentecost, we will be looking at worship elements, some we would identify as elements of worship, and others we would not closely identify them with worship. So let us wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.



"Prayer is where the action is".

These six little words are a quotation by John Wesley, six little words with a powerful meaning.

Action....we are active and busy people. There's a lot of action around us, some productive and some counter-productive to the cause for Christ. We may tend to just get up and accomplish tasks and good deeds, but God would have a prerequisite to the action. He calls us to pray first, he desires that we give him our day, the task, our devotion to him first. When we make prayer the prerequisite, we will know better what we are to do with the heart and attitude of God.

Psalm 46:10-11 tells us *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth"*. Being still doesn't sound like action, being still takes some determination, or deliberate action on our part. It means to shut out everything else but God, focus on him, and pray. When we do that we are active with God's will and desires. The ultimate action comes as a result of prayer that brings glory and honor to God, the exaltation part of the scripture.

As we look around us, as we hear the troubles across our land, pray for the action of prayer, pray for God to raise up people to acknowledge him and be active for Him.



A Note from the Elder Board

Meeting: May 5, 2015

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



...Her Special
Missions
Rev. Debbie Brown



Operation Christmas Child

Last year we surprise **81** children somewhere in the world with a special shoebox filled with toys, school supplies, candy, tooth brushes , toothpaste, soap and wash clothes.

Now **81** is good but I think we can do a lot better. Our goal is **100**. Make it a priority this year to give a gift of love to a poor child somewhere in the world. We have so much, they have so little. Make Christmas special !!!!

Create your own shoe boxes and bring a little extra that we can create a few more. A box will be in the narthex to collect the extra things you bring!

Monthly Target Items

May - plastic shoe box

July - Candy (no chocolate) lollipops, gum, smarties, sweet tarts, etc

*Sept. - school supplies pencils, crayons, coloring books, paper etc.
(They are on sale late August into Sept !!!!)*

Oct. - Tooth brushes , tooth paste

Nov. - It's party time ! Come pack an extra shoe box !!!!!

Questions? See Debbie Brown



HAVE A HEART

There are still many struggling to put food on the table for their families. The Food Bank has a great need for all items.

So, let's have a heart and fill the Food Barrel in the narthex.

Don't forget to have a heart !



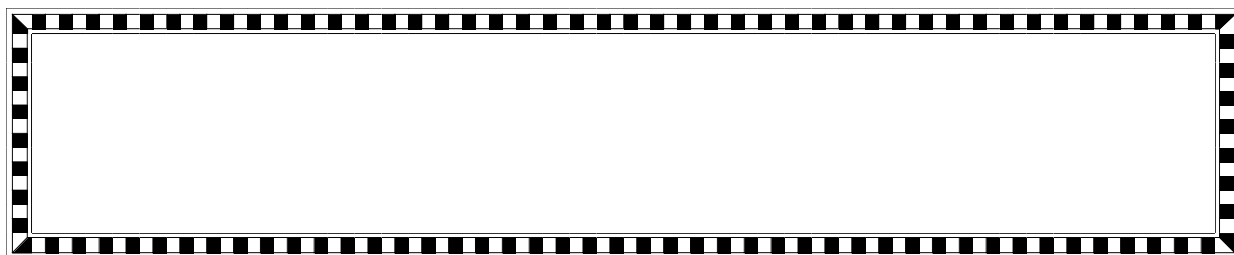
Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ



We want to thank all of those who helped out with the chicken barbecue on April 18th. Your help was greatly appreciated. We were able to give LOVE INC the proceeds of \$1,184.17

We would also like to thank those who helped out with the concession stand at the auction sale at the Hoover's. Thanks to all of you who donated baked goods. Because of your generosity we will be able to donate \$500.00 to LOVE INC.





SPRING FLING!!



All ladies are invited to the May CWC meeting,
Monday, May 11, 6pm, at Texas Steakhouse,
Staunton. We have a room reserved for us.
Treat yourself to dinner, devotion, fellowship and
laughter with the ladies! Come in your favorite
WESTERN STYLE!!

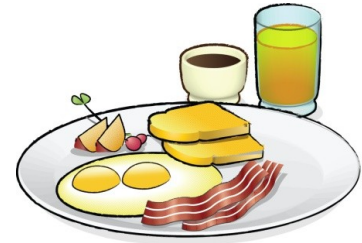
If you would like to attend, sign up on the list on
the bulletin board no later than May 10. See you
there at 6 pm!!

Dates to Remember: For MAY 2015

May 9, 2015

Family Prayer Breakfast

8:00 am



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Free Complete Breakfast Vector

May 10, 2015

Mother's Day



Happy Mother's Day

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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 SEVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School

9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

AWANA

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

7 PM

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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 or 540-290-1374
All Articles must be turned by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THRUS	FRI	SAT
31					1	2 Birthday – Carolyn Ringold
3	4 Birthday– Dell Ray Jones	5	6	7	8	9 Birthday – Dorthy Weeks
10 Moth- ers' Day	11 Birthday – Bea Owens	12	13	14	15	16 Birthday – Judy Huffer Anniversary Dennis & Becky Fitz- gerald
17	18	19 Birthday – Kevin Wimer	20 Anniversary Joe & Bar- bara Truxell	21	22	23 Birthday – Troy Austin
24 Birthday – Trinity Brown	25 Memo- rial Day	26	27 Anniversary Nathan & Taysha Sim- mons	28	29 Anniversary Bob & Terry Morris	30

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SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	7	8	9 Family Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
10 Mother's Day	11 CWC 6:00 pm Texas Steakhouse	12	13 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	28	29	30