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# “Jesus on The Main Line”

*August 2015*

## Creativity and the Breath of God

*In the beginning a “God created the heavens” and the earth (Gen 1:1 NIV)*

The very first verse in the bible is probably the one with the most powerful statement. Of course looking at it in English may seem a little dull. My Hebrew Professor told us that when a language is translated to another language, you lose about 10% of content. So let us look at this verse in its original language.

בְּרָאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Wow this looks a thousand times better! I know you probably can not read it, but there is one word I want to point out and it is בָּרָא.

That word is bara. And it means to create. The interesting thing about this word is it sounds like forceful breathing. Go ahead and try it. Inhale and exhale. When God created the world, animals, and us he breathed us into existence he inhaled and exhaled us. That's why I think that each and every one of us are creative in our own special way because the Creator made us to create.

So next time you are out and about, focus on your breathing and realize that God created you to be creative and that you are one of his masterpieces.



Prayer Thoughts  
From  
Rev. Sylvia McDorman



The following article is something that caught my attention because it began with the question "Will you take the Prayer Dare"? As I read it, I thought I would share it as something that might challenge others in prayer. The article was written to spotlight a book named the "Prayer Dare" written by Ron Kincaid. Again, maybe it will challenge others to deepen their prayer life. (Article below from [www.BeliefNet.com](http://www.BeliefNet.com))

When we're in a tough spot, we're likely to pray more. Most people understand that prayer is important, for it is one way we can connect to God. But most people confess that they don't pray enough. Why don't we pray more? "My guess," writes author Ron Kincaid, "is that it is because we don't realize how important prayer is, we aren't quite sure how to pray, or because we don't experience answers to our prayers." Here are ten of his secrets to praying more effectively.

1. You Have to Ask (James 4:2): It probably goes without saying that if we want God to answer our prayers, we must pray. God can certainly meet all our needs without us praying, but the Bible is clear that He wants us to ask. God insists that we pray, because He knows that when we ask, we will be more likely to give Him the glory.
2. Get Alone with God (Matthew 6:6): Jesus taught that when we pray, we should do so in secret before God, not in public so that we're seen by others. One of the weaknesses in the Church today is that we have abandoned this practice of getting alone with God to devote ourselves to prayer.
3. Pray with Confidence (Hebrews 4:15-16): The author of Hebrews said that we are to approach the throne of grace with confidence, so we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
4. Corporate Praise (Acts 4:24-31): Praise has even greater power when it is entered into with other believers. The Early Church faced severe persecution, but when they joined their voices in praise to God, the power of God was released.
5. Pray with Humility (Luke 7:6-7): A centurion, a Roman officer, asked Jesus to heal his servant. As important as he probably was in the community, he didn't consider himself worthy for Jesus to come to his house. He didn't come demanding but humbly.
6. Pray God's Promises (Nehemiah 1:8-9): We can claim God's promises. When we ask for requests that God has already promised to grant us, we increase the likelihood of praying with confidence. Just look at what God did for Nehemiah.
7. Pray with Faith (Luke 7:6-9): God is impressed by people who pray with faith. Jesus promised that God will answer when we pray with faith.
8. Pray with Desperation (2 Chronicles 20:12-13): Often our prayers are not answered because we have not come to the end of our rope, where our only hope is in God. Desperation puts us in a place where we have to turn to God in prayer.
9. Pray for Our Leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2): God expects us to pray for our leaders so that we might have peace and so that things will go well for us and our country.

10. Pray in Response to God's Promptings (1 Thessalonians 5:19): Prayer is a two-way process involving talking and listening. We talk to God in prayer, and we listen to God and do what the Holy Spirit prompts us to do.



*A Note from the Elder Board*



**Hello August!**  
(and goodbye July)

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



By HikingArtist

Christmas Gifts  
should be filled with  
love,  
not expectations.

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



*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 !**

## Dates to Remember: For August 2015

August 8, 2015

Family Prayer Breakfast

8:00 am



August 14, 2015

Family Movie Night

6:30 PM

August 19, 2015



August 20, 2015

Thursday Night on the Hill

6:00 PM





# Love INC

## Love In the Name of Christ

The Love Garden is growing and looking healthy... Praise The Lord! We are now in need of tomato plant stakes, about 235 of them! 4ft or 5ft stakes preferred. Could you help? You can drop donations off M/W/F 9a-4p. We could also use straw and a lot of it! We are so appreciative of our generous community. Thank you so much! (And we're always looking for volunteers to help tend the garden!) Our garden will benefit our neighbors in need.





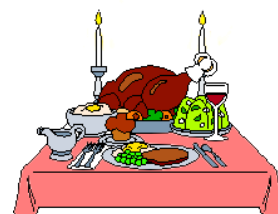
For our August gathering we will be traveling to Camp Christi for the opening of our State Camp Meeting.

We will be selling nuts again very soon. Please be thinking about what you would like.



Also, hopefully apple dumplings will be starting up soon.

OUR THANKSGIVING SUPPER WILL BE COMING UP IN NOVEMBER.



***WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED***

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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 SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

**WEDNESDAY**

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!!



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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.



# August 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Camp Mtg	<b>3</b> Camp Mtg	<b>4</b> Camp Mtg	<b>5</b> Camp Mtg Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Camp Mtg	<b>7</b> Camp Mtg	<b>8</b> Camp Mtg Family Prayer Breakfast
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Family Movie Night 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Family Life Center in use
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Thursday Night on the Hill 6:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pavilion in Use
<b>23</b> Pavilion in Use	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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## Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THRUS	FRI	SAT
<b>30</b> Birthday Brittany Truxell Ronda Carwell Peter Stedman	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Birthday Ann Reynolds Sarah Simmons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Birthday Dylan Truxell	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Birthday Dennis Carwell
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Anniversary Danny & Sylvia McDorman	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Birthday Tony Simonetti	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Anniversary Scott & Laura Stedman	<b>17</b> Birthday Alex Cancino Sue King	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Birthday Jim Brown John David Huffer	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Anniversary Bobby & Debbie Brown	<b>27</b> Anniversary Bob & Terry Morris	<b>28</b> Birthday Logan Truxell	<b>29</b>