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MAY 2013

WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

May 4, 2013 at 9:00 AM – Clean up and repairs
in and around God's Church Property.

SEE YOU HERE !



My Hope With Billy Graham

If anyone is interested in attending a meeting in connection with My Hope With Billy Graham, please contact Sandra Spangler (726-8484) by May 10. The meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Roanoke on May 23, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM.

This is in preparation for the national November event sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and in celebration of Dr. Graham's 95th birthday

CWF Day Group will meet May 14, 2013
12:00 PM at Anna's Restaurant. Every woman in the church is invited because you are a member of CWF.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPT. MEETING

May 2, 2013 7:00 PM - Church

Camp And Conference Schedule May – October 2013

- May 24 – 26 Spring Work Weekend
- May 30 – June 2 GAP Conference
- June 17 – 22 AMPDD Camp
- June 23 – 28 Nature Camp
- June 30 – July 5 Special Camp for Special People
- July 7 – 12 CHI-RHO/CYF Conference
- July 14 – 19 Wholeness Camp
- July 21 – 26 First Triple Camp
- July 28 – August 2 Second Triple Camp
- August 4 - 9 New Covenant
- August 9 – 12 Family Retreat
- October 4 - 6 Fall Work Weekend

Most camps cost \$368.00. Application for District assistance with camper fees must be postmarked May 15, 2013.

CWF Night Group will meet May 14,
2013 at 7:00 PM



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool Registration for Fall 2013 is going great! Registration forms have been mailed out. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our program, please have him or her contact Ms. Shelia A.S.A.P.

Preference is given to children of church members.

WORK WEEKEND AT CRAIG SPRINGS

Friday – Monday, May 24-27 is the spring work weekend at Craig Springs camp grounds. There is no cost for attending work weekend, but you **MUST REGISTER**. Please see Glenn Shrader for registration forms and more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

Lots of Help is Needed. Save the Date: July 21, 2013 VBS Kickoff – July 22-26, 2013 VBS. Please see Chris Trent if you would like to help.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



Greetings:

The month of April held lots of field trips here at the pre-school. We traveled to the library and we even fed the ducks at the pond. The four year olds made their first trip to the Narrows Elementary School. Mrs. Alvis was so kind to invite us to the book fair. Everyone had a great time. As we begin to look forward to the month of May, we continually prepare for our graduation program. We look forward to sharing what we've learned. We have many more great activities planned for our last month of school. We appreciate all of your prayers and support.

Thanks so much,
Ms. Shelia

I Can See Clearly Now

Time's of doubt have faded into darkness
for I've crossed over Jordan, oh
blessedness. A promise kept by the Lord
somehow in his light, I can see clearly now.

Awake! This is but a dream of things to
come offered to everyone who march's to
his drum. Storm clouds gather day after
day, the poorest of vision seems to blind
our way.

What would you give for a corrective lens
the fool will say, well that all depend's. on
pride and greed for what can be seen in the
there and now of one's faulty scheme.

Let them go, those grandure sights, set
your sail for the kingdom lights. An when
before Jesus you humbly bow, there's a
hallelujah, I can see clearly now.

Go Tell Mary, James and John the son is
Risen for everyone.

Amen

CACS is taking donations of jars of peanut butter for summer food boxes for Giles County Christian Service Mission. Please put any donations in the box in the narthex by May 31.

Thanks for your support!

You are invited to share a poem or short story in this space.

DISCIPLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be on Wednesday May 15, at 6:00 PM.

Please plan to attend and invite someone.

CHRISTMOUNT'S

Week of Wonder Adult Work Week.
Black Mountain, NC
May 26-31, 2013

YOU CAN HELP

When you leave any room in our church, please turn off the lights, turn off the heater/air conditioning (downstairs), and close the door behind you. We need to conserve as much as possible. Closing all doors is extremely important in case of a fire.

Thank you for your help.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN POP TABS



The Youth Department invites you to join them in helping support the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke. It is very simple to do!

All you have to do is remove the pop tabs on aluminum cans and bring them to the church. There will be a special container for collecting them in the narthex.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS COMING ORLANDO, FLORIDA

July 13-17, 2013 – Early registration saves you 20 percent. Registration costs go up April 1. Click here to Register.

www.disciples.org/ga
generalassembly@disciples.org

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

The birthday party for residents at Riverview Nursing and Rehabilitation will be on Thursday May 9, at 2:30 PM.

If you would like to help, contact Sandra Spangler. Please come and help us make the residents birthday special.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE-FEED THE HUNGRY:

One of the greatest needs in our world today is food. Many, many people are hungry. And it is not just in third world countries. It is also right here in Giles County.

Starting in March an oatmeal box with the name of this article on it will be placed in the back of the church.

You are asked to place any loose change you may have with you in the box. Money collected is used for Helping Hands Food Backpacking Ministry.

PACKING FOR THE TROOPS

On the second Tuesday of each month residents of Giles County gather at the VFW Building on Hare Street in Narrows to pack "goody" boxes for troops overseas. Everyone is invited to help. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hughes.

MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 2013



A Mother's Love

In this life we are not promised an easy road But God provides Mothers to help carry the load. He gave her a heart as pure as gold and added a Mother's love to the mold.

In her hands a gentle touch he laid and on her feet shoes of kindness God made. Into her arms he placed a load of care and joy and laughter he knew she'd share.

Gentleness and love follows her throughout each day, warmth and kindness radiates her way. In her sweet, soft voice and with a gentle smile she beckons, "come and sit awhile."

With arms outstretched and a whispered word of cheer, she'd quietly dispels any doubt or fear. She shares her strength when our world falls apart, she loves everlasting-straight from the heart.

A Mother's love - a treasure to behold, worth so much more than silver and gold. Wrapped in the warmth of her heart is that special love only a Mother imparts.

Sharon Shrader
Mother's Day 2013

Over \$25,000.00 was contributed in Giles County towards purchase of the New Giles Mission Building!
Praise God!

NEW DIRECTORY PUBLISHED MARCH 2013

Please pick up your copy (1 per family)
Contact Office for Changes

CALLING AND VISITATION – January/March

Pastorial Visits – 73

*An addition to the Calling Program will be initiated this month, involving (18) members.

FINANCIAL – January-March 2013

Income - \$23,917.51
Expense - \$24,619.23
Budget - \$27,838.98

Checking Balance - \$24,202.99

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

Stewardship – January-March

ATTENDANCE – Average
Bible School – 34
Worship – 71
Bible Study – 10
Youth Book Study – 8
Memorial - 140
Maundy – 15
Sunrise Service – 22
Easter - 109

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| 1 | Eli Millirons |
| 2 | Josephine Blaker |
| 3 | Ann Patteson |
| | Mary Lee Tabor |
| 7 | Desiree Caldwell |
| | Lindsey Trent |
| 12 | George Caldwell |
| 13 | David Johnston |
| 14 | Chase Lawson |
| 17 | Eugene Morris |
| 18 | Sarah Lucas |
| 19 | Butch Blankenship |
| 24 | Donnie & Jennifer Crawford |
| | Janet Millirons |
| 28 | Huntar Ferguson |
| 30 | Greg & Paula Lee |
| 31 | Janet Robertson |
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OUTREACH

MEMORIAL DAY – OLD GLORY

Hello, Remember Me? Some people call me old glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever, they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading everyone, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart – remember?

And you, I remember, you were standing there, straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving a right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart – remember?

What happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But, now somehow I don't feel as proud as I used to feel.

When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around you shouting, they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around and when he didn't see anybody else take off their hats, he quickly put his back on again. Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been?

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Anzio, Guadal Canal, Korea, and Vietnam, and several other places that people don't know about.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this Republic free. When you salute ME you are actually saluting THEM.

Well it won't be long until I will be coming down your street again. So when you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I will know that you remembered. I will salute you by waving back.

Author Unknown.



**MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27,
2013**

SERVING IN May 2013

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contact Ed Tiller at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

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| <u>ELDERS</u> Greg Lee Frank Trent Brenda Caldwell, alternate | <u>DEACONS</u> Rachel Palmer* Rick Pruett Jerry Fowler Sharon Shrader * denotes chairperson of groups | <u>DEACONESSES</u> 5th Freda Wright* 12th Cindy Light 19th Tina Blaker 26th Lucinda Hale |
| <u>JUNIOR DEACON</u> Chase Lawson <u>LOCK BUILDING</u> Greg Lee | <u>GREETER</u> 5th Pete Ferguson 12th Tom Spangler 19th Paula Lee 26th Jerry Broyles | <u>NURSERY</u> 5th Chris Trent 12th Jennifer Crawford 19th Hunter Ferguson 26th Debbie Snidow |
| <u>ACOLYTES</u> 5th Tyler Wofter, Grace Trent 12th Slater Ferguson, Emily Beaver 19th Emilie White, Grace Trent 26th Chase Blaker, Emily Wofter | <u>CALLING/VISITATIONS</u> <u>Phone or Personal</u> Robert Trent Corky Martin Brenda Caldwell | <u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 5th Jean Johnson 12th Glenn Shrader 19th Frank Tren 26th Kevin White |

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