

Announcements

and reminders for this week

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP . . .

We welcome Ashley Hall, Director of Communities in Schools, Chesterfield (CIS), as our Minute for Mission speaker. CIS pairs community with public schools in need. In its simplest form, CIS is a dropout prevention program. Through CIS, we will partner with Chalkley Elementary to provide both much needed school supplies now as well as volunteers throughout the school year to help both students and faculty. Needed supplies include: pencils, composition books, crayons, loose leaf paper, markers, glue sticks, dry erase markers, scissors, highlighters, pencil cases, folders, binders, binder dividers, spiral notebooks, headphones & earbuds, and colored pencils. We will collect supplies from August 1st -21st. Ashley will return on August 22nd for our Blessing of the Backpacks & Keys, when we will also bless your school donations. If it's been some time since you've purchased school supplies, Walmart, Staples, OfficeMax and Target have great deals and August 6th -8th is Tax Free weekend in VA! Also, this Fall, TBC will begin a volunteer program with Chalkley, providing both continuing (tutoring and mentoring) and occasional (teacher support activities, translator help, book drives, etc.) opportunities to help the students. Visit the table in the narthex to learn how you can help.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & KEYS / BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

As the beginning of the school year approaches, we want to invite you to join us in worship on Sunday, August 22nd for a blessing of backpacks and keys, for our *students and teachers*. *Yes! Bring your backpacks and keys to worship with you that day!* After worship everyone is invited to stay for lunch and outdoor fun! More info coming soon!

GROUNDS TEAM ~ WE NEED YOU!

Welcome back to church! Have you ever noticed the clean sidewalks when you walk into church on Sunday mornings? Probably not. But we know you would notice if they were littered with leaves, pollen and gum balls!

Kevin Barkdull and his team do a fabulous job every Sunday morning cleaning off the sidewalks and getting our church ready for worship! But they need some help! Can you operate a light weight leaf blower? If so, sign up to help our grounds team with this once a week, small (yet very meaningful) task! Come on! Give it a try! Email Kevin (kbarkdull@coastalcpc.com) if you are willing and able to serve!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH?

It is time for another TBC 101 class, where you will find out more about The Brandermill Church, the two denominations that we serve, as well as how you can become a part of the TBC family. We will hold TBC101 next Sunday, August 1st at 11:30 AM, immediately following our morning worship service. You are invited to join us in this informal setting to find out more about how you can become a disciple. Please contact Elizabeth Ford (elizabeth_ford@verizon.net) or Barbara Flynt for more information. If you can't make this 30 minute, informal discussion, please also contact one of them.

SUMMER BELLS

As we welcome everyone back to church, we are in need of several more ringers to help fill positions with the Branderbells! If ringing bells is something you've done in the past or if you'd like to try something new, you are invited to join us. We are gathering at 7 p.m. for fun, fellowship and easy ringing on 3 more Wednesday evenings this summer, July 28 and August 18 & 25 — come by and give us a try! For more information, please contact Dawn Rancka.

Discipleship Opportunities

on our calendar this week

Sunday, July 25:

10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)

Monday, July 26:

9:30 a.m. MAP (CR)

Wednesday, July 28:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (MP)

7:00 p.m. Summer Bells (SY)

Saturday, July 31:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry

Sunday, August 1:

10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)

11:30 a.m. TBC101 (FH)

SY - Sanctuary MP - Multi-Purpose Room CL - MP Classroom FH - Fellowship Hall OFF - Offsite

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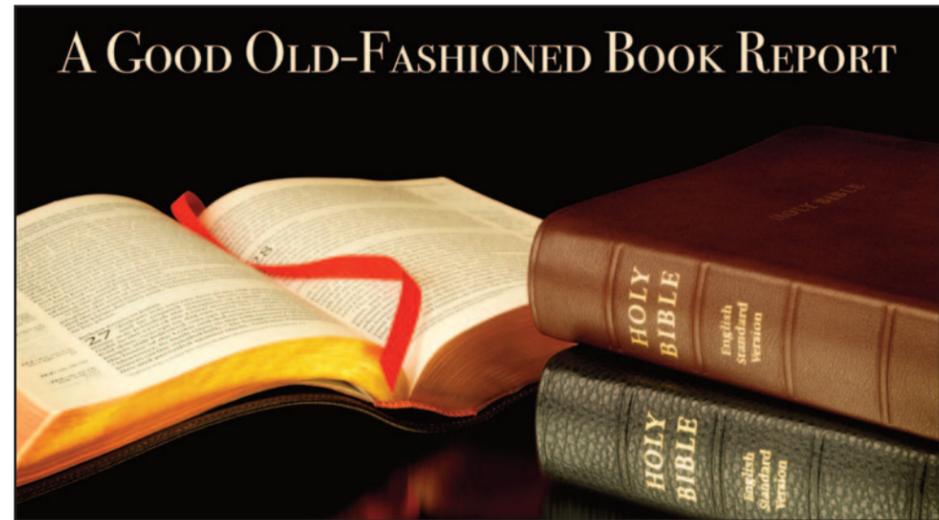
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

A Good Old-Fashioned Book Report

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

** Please stand as able.*

Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Surely the Presence of The Lord Is in This Place
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Proverbs 1: 2-7

One: For attaining wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,

**Many: let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance,**

One: for understanding proverbs and parables,
the saying and riddles of the wise.

**Many: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN BCH 600

Wonderful Words of Life

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.*

Refrain:

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Loving God, we confess that in this time of heightened confusion and anxiety, it is difficult to trust you. It is easier to fall into tired habits and coping strategies, instead of looking to you for solace and comfort. Still our restless hearts, bring peace to our worried and frantic minds, and fill us with the assurance of your loving presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the good news.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Communities in Schools* *Ashley Hall, Director*

ANTHEM *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* *arr. Jack Schrader*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Kings 3:4-15*

SERMON *A Good Old-Fashioned Book Report*
Dr. Bill Harp

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Many: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* *arr. Martha Mier*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Many: Gracious God, give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 419 (vs. 1,2,4) *I Am Thine, O Lord*
I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. [Refrain]

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. [Refrain]

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

* POSTLUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *arr. Carol Tornquist*

The Brandermill Church . . .
where YOU are always Welcome!

The flowers on the chancel . . .
are given in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24th,
by Lee & Sally Wallace.

Please be advised . . .
that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos
of various events online and in printed materials.
Services will be broadcast via live stream and digital recording.
We do not identify children by any means.

Discipleship Opportunities
praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Horst Arfert, Marie Ball, Marian Hartig, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove,
Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Ethel Miller, Tim Hodges, Muriel Barton,
David Lescault, David & Judy Smith, Wayne & Elizabeth Paul, Rev. Silva,
Sydney Davis, Kelly Cook, Darrel Waterman, Angie Cason, Scotty Doyle,
Kit Carson, Jim Dunkin, Kathleen Lane, Dick Rider, Susan Ayers, Marty Kump

Our love and sympathy to Doug & Carol Beth Cook,
as Doug's mother, Marge Cook Davis, died last week.

Thank you for the amazing prayers and blessings that have been shared
through blue card emails since March 2020.

Pastor Jim has sent over 275 emails, containing over 5600 messages,
and the recipients have been so grateful!

Thank you for your caring and compassionate messages!

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THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

We continue to serve our community every Saturday morning from 10AM-12PM. And to fill boxes every week, we need your generous donations! The list of needed items varies week to week, based on the variety of donations received. Please review the list below for items needed *this week!* Thank you for your continued support! We need: Breakfast bars, Peanut butter, Crackers, and Shelf stable milk. And we are always looking for volunteers to help with packing and distribution. If you can lend a hand, please call Dale Gentz at (804) 317-7554 or sign-up using the link in Thursday's eNews.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of the church are invited to meet weekly at 8:30 a.m. for Bible study and group fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome at any time! You may contact Fred Carter at 804-639-1259 for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We would like to continue placing a live flower arrangement on the altar each Sunday. Just 3 Sundays in 2021 are still available. Arrangements are \$50 and may be taken home following the service or picked up on Monday. You may sign-up by emailing Dawn in the church office.

MONDAYS AT PRAYER (MAP)

Mondays at Prayer continues meeting on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Everyone in the church is welcome and encouraged to come and pray with us. If you cannot join us, prayer concerns may be emailed to Pastor Jim or to Barbara to be included in our prayers.

USHERS & GREETERS - WE NEED YOU!

We are in need of 6 disciples each week to serve as greeters and ushers. No previous experience is required. For more information, please contact Chuck Davis at charles.davis@westrock.com or at 804-677-2903. There is a link in our eNews to sign-up for Sundays in July and August, or you may call Dawn in the office for further assistance with signing up.

365 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

We are entering Week 30 of our Daily Bible Reading Plan. This week we will be concentrating mainly in the book of Isaiah. The book of Isaiah is long, 66 chapters in all, however scholars believe that it is really 3 books combined into one. This week we will be focusing on the last part of the first section of Isaiah, chapters 35 - 39, read a Psalm, then begin and read all the 2nd part of Isaiah, chapters 40 - 55 and begin the 3rd part reading chapters 56- 58. The prompts on the side of the page offer great questions as you read the chapters in the Bible. Remember, if you are following along, in just 12 minutes per day, you too could read the entire Bible in a year. Won't you join with your fellow disciples at The Brandermill Church and read along?

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible study class will be taking a break for the rest of the summer. We will begin again at 10AM on September 9th. We will be doing a study on one of the books in the Old Testament. If you have a request for a particular book, please let Barbara Flynt know.