

Announcements

and reminders for this week

SEMI-CIRCLE MEET & GREET

Ladies of the church are invited to Meet & Greet & Catch-Up at this month's gathering of the Semi-Circle, which will be at 7 p.m. on Monday evening at the home of Margaret Raddin, 4204 Winterberry Court. Please RSVP to margaret@raddin.net.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study is back meeting in person in the Multipurpose Room every Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:30. We will be studying the book of Proverbs this Fall. Each week Barbara will send out the chapters to be read for the following week as well as a few questions related to the readings. Bring the answers back with you the following week for a lively discussion. No study guide is needed. Just bring the Bible that you normally read and we will discuss the various translations in class. Email Barbara to be added to the list for the emails.

365 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 37! Finally, this week we will finish the book of Ezekiel. It is a loooooonggg book with 48 chapters of prophecies and visions. This week we will also read all 12 chapters of Daniel. Remember that Daniel was written by a noble Jewish youth of Jerusalem. He writes about being taken into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar and serves with loyalty while remaining true to God. In the book of Daniel we are reminded that in the great turmoil, our God reigns. Keep up the good work of reading just 12 minutes daily. We are almost to the New Testament.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

The nursery is opening TODAY, for children up through age 3, during the worship service. Our three wonderful nursery workers will be here by 10am each Sunday morning to help get your children settled before you go into worship. Casey, Judy and Sherri will take wonderful care of your little ones, playing with them and helping them socialize with others, while you can sit back and totally focus on worship. *All children ages 3 and up as well as all adults working with children are required to wear a mask. We are doing what we can to help stop the spread of the virus.* If your child needs you, you can be assured that one of these wonderful ladies will find you during the service. If you prefer to bring your little one into the worship service, that is also welcomed.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood. Help save lives.

We will once again host a blood drive next Sunday, September 19th from 8 AM until 1 PM. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: brandermillchurch to schedule your appointment. If you are an eligible O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. More information is available at redcrossblood.org.

JAM (Jesus And Music)

JAM begins again TODAY! Make sure you bring your 4 year old through 5th grader to worship each Sunday. During the Children's Time, there will be colored circles for the children to sit on the floor, spaced out in front of the sanctuary. After their message from Pastor Jim, the children will go downstairs to the choir room with Mrs. Hawkins for a story and music. *All children, as well as all adults working with children, are required to wear a mask. We are doing what we can to help stop the spread of the virus.* Parents will need to pick up their children from the choir room after the service is over. Second adult helpers are needed for each week. Please contact Barbara Flynt for more information.

Discipleship Opportunities

on our calendar this week

Sunday, September 12:

10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (MP, YR)

Monday, September 13:

10:00 a.m. MAP (MP)
7:00 p.m. Semi-Circle Meet & Greet (off)

Wednesday, September 15:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (off)
7:30 p.m. Branderbells (SY)

Thursday, September 16:

10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study (MP)

Friday, September 17:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry Prep (MP)

Saturday, September 18:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry

Sunday, September 19:

8:00 a.m. Blood Drive (MP)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
11:30 a.m. Youth Group (off)

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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September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Following Jesus

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

PRELUDE

Holy Ground

arr. Fred Bock

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

Many: But following Jesus isn't easy.

One: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

Many: It will change our whole lives.

One: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

Many: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Flynt

Many: Patient Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just turn away. Forgive our lack of commitment and faith. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to his service by serving and caring for others. Be at peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

ANTHEM

Total Praise

Smallwood/Christopher

READING

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Sadie & Marin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Valerie Marks

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

Valerie Marks

SERMON

Following Jesus: More Christlike after 9-11

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Barbara Flynt

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

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Barbara Flynt

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Keveren

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Many: God, we hear and we respond to your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves — our words, our thoughts, our actions — be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.

* HYMN FWS 2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow -
no turning back, no turning back. (repeat verse 1)*

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

* RESPONSE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

* POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Johnston

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

The flowers on the chancel . . .
are given in loving memory of our brother, Frederick A. Harvey, by the Stewart family.

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, 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, Kit Carson, Jim Dunkin, Kathleen Lane, Dick Rider, Ray Lescault, Bill Julian, Dorothy Werkmeister, Horst Arfert, Bob Payne, Sue Akin, Rick Lescault, Helen Winn, Camden, Donna Sammons, Sandra Bottoms

*Our love and sympathy to Charlie & Kathy Conrad,
as their sister-in-law, Karen, 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 280 emails, containing over 5700 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

Can you help this week? We continue to need your generous donations to fill our boxes every week! The list of needed items will vary week to week, based on the variety of donations received. Please review the list here of items needed *this week!* Thank you for your continued support! Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Breakfast Bars, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Soup, Crackers, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Helper Mixes, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Cookies, Shelf Stable Milk, Packaged Fruit Cups, Canned Green Vegetables, Canned Other Vegetables, and Ready Meals. If you are interested in supporting this mission but find it challenging to handle extra groceries, TBC welcomes monetary donations as well. Just note "pantry" in the memo section of your check or online donation, and the funds will be designated for the Sunday Park Food Pantry. And remember, 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. Finally, if you are a TBC disciple and are in need, or know of a friend or neighbor in need and they live in the 23112 zip code, please contact Jim or Barbara and they will deliver a box of food directly to you.

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 639-1259 for more info. (*Note: This week's meeting is offsite.*)

USHERS & GREETERS - WE STILL NEED YOU!

We are still in need of 6 disciples every week to serve as greeters and ushers. No previous experience is required — just a friendly smile and a love for your fellow TBC disciples! 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 September and October, or you may call Dawn in the office for further assistance with signing up.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Adult Discipleship Classes will begin next week, September 19th, on Zoom. Two classes will be offered from 9:00 to 9:50 each Sunday. The first class will be taught by Steve Begg, on the Gospel of Mark. Steve will be using the *Kerygma* study series to frame the lessons. He will send out an outline before each class. The second class will be using *The Wired Word* and the class members will lead the discussions each week. The lesson will be emailed to each class member on Thursday afternoon. Please email Barbara Flynt to be placed on the email distribution list for either class.

TBC ADULTS ARE NEEDED FOR YOUTH GROUP!

If you would like to come hang out with the youth group one night as a 2nd adult leader or contribute an item or two for a youth meal or have your group sponsor a meal, please email Liz Ford at Elizabeth_Ford@verizon.net or call 804-938-6569.

YOUTH GROUP PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

Today, September 12th from 6-8pm, we will kick off the school year with fun and games! Whether you have never attended youth at TBC or you come every week, this meeting is for YOU! Dinner will be a Taco Bar sponsored by the Thursday Morning Bible Study group and served at 6pm. Program will start around 6:30pm and feature Superstar and Groovy Gal Stacy Paulette! No need to sign up - just show up!

Sunday, September 19th and Saturday, September 25th - Youth Service Days!
Sunday, September 26th - Retreatapalooza. Details for all of our fall events are included in the Youth eNews! If you have questions or need more information, please email Liz Ford at Elizabeth_Ford@verizon.net or call 804-938-6569.