

THE *COMMUNICATOR*

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KEVIN'S KORNER

Six decades ago, God brought our congregation into existence. True, there were many human hands involved in the founding and development of Grace Baptist Church. But most of all, it was God's hands that built this fellowship of believers. And God's faithfulness, presence, and action have brought us to where we are today. On September 16, we'll gather to give praise and thanks to the Source and Sustainer of our church, on our sixtieth anniversary.

Wherever God is at work creating, you can count on the Holy Spirit being a primary actor in what's unfolding. In John's Gospel, Jesus spends time preparing his disciples for his departure from this world and his return to the Father. Jesus promises to send his followers the Holy Spirit, who will carry Jesus' teachings into the future, enabling the disciples to hear Jesus' word as circumstances unfold.

"When he, the Spirit of truth, comes," says Jesus, "he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). What a reassuring promise from our Lord as our own congregation faces the future. Like those first disciples, we too need to hear Jesus' guarantee that the Holy Spirit will guide our church into all truth. Jesus doesn't say to us, "Don't worry. Whatever will be will be. Somehow you'll manage." Instead, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is with our congregation to lead us into the knowledge of Christ that we will need in order to keep being the kind of church that God intends us to be.

Over time, congregations change. Communities change. A church needs to pause on a regular basis and ask God the big questions about purpose and mission. I like the way that Chris Gambill, a consultant in church health, puts it: "It is not enough for a congregation to know who

it has been in the past or to be able to point to past achievements as markers of health and effectiveness. Congregations, like individuals, have to keep asking the same fundamental question again and again, "What is God calling us to be and do...today?"

Jesus says that the Holy Spirit "will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come" (v. 13b). Jesus doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit will give us a detailed forecast of events that will occur in our church's future. Prediction isn't the Holy Spirit's primary business. His primary business is to guarantee that the words of Jesus will always be available to us as a fresh word from our Lord in any and every circumstance. In other words, the Holy Spirit works to make sure that the lines of communication are always open between Jesus and our church. That way, Jesus can speak to us the word we need when we need it, in that moment of our congregation's life and mission.

Here in the present moment, we're getting ready to celebrate our congregation's anniversary, looking back with gratitude. But there are many moments still to come, where we'll need to remain attentive to the voice of our living Lord, who will take us further into the future and deeper into his truth.

Faithfully,

Pastor Kevin

FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

By Jenny Boswell, editor and administrator assistant

The Deacon of the Month for **September** is James Hess.

September 2 is V-J Day, observing the day Japan signed a formal surrender in 1945.

We observe Labor Day on Monday, September 3. The Day Care and Church Office will be closed.

On Tuesday, September 4th the school age children will be going back to school!



Sunday, September 9 is National Grandparents' Day. This day is celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. If you are lucky enough to have living grandparents (or great-grandparents) don't forget to honor them for all that they do for their grandchildren.

Patriot Day is observed on Tuesday, September 11. Flags should be flown at half-staff until sunset that day.

Our national anthem was written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814.

Grace Baptist Church is celebrating its' **60th Anniversary** on Sunday, September 16.

The U.S. Constitution was approved on September 17, 1787.

September 19 is POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Autumn begins on September 22.

The Deacon of the Month for **October** is Steve Norbrey.

We will observe Columbus Day on Monday, October 8. The Day Care and Church office will be closed.

October 27 is Navy Day.

Halloween is celebrated on Wednesday, October 31.

The Newsletter articles for the November/December issue will be due on Sunday, October 7.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE DAY CARE CENTER

By Amy Shumpert (Day Care Center Assistant Director)

Backpacks, books, pencils, etc. It's that time of the year once again! The first day of school this year is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. "It's the most wonderful time of the year," as many parents may be singing. An exciting new school year ahead; a time to grow and mature, make lasting friendships and learn new things every day!

We celebrated summer coming to an end all together with a *Back to School* DANCE PARTY and Ice Cream Social. Old-time favorites like our annual OREO Stacking Day, Summer Fashion Show & Carnival Day are always a blast for us as well!

Pastor Kevin has adopted our summer theme, "Kids Under Construction," this summer as he welcomes all of our students & teachers into the sanctuary each Wednesday for Bible story time. The children are learning valuable lessons about God working within us and "building" us day by day into the person He wants us to be. Each day, developmentally appropriate Bible stories, songs, poems and prayers are read, recited, sung, and taught daily. We pray daily for Pastor Kevin, our staff, students, families and our center, and we enjoy learning from one another each day while singing praises to the Lord!

Here at Grace Baptist Day Care Center we are looking forward to welcoming new faces into every classroom. The teachers and staff have worked very hard preparing classrooms and materials to create an inviting learning environment. Every child is a unique individual and we strive to provide activities to enhance and showcase individuality.

Summer is coming to an end quickly, even though it has been a longer calendared summer. We will sadly say goodbye to children that are moving on, but many more learning experiences lay ahead with each and every child that enters the door. Some of our preschool rooms are full, or rapidly filling with children on our waiting lists, and our Before/After care classrooms are currently filled.

For our annual Open House in September, the children will bake goodies for the parents to enjoy and work very hard on special "All About Me" and "Autumn" projects for display. We will kick off the month of October with the Fire Prevention Week and a special visit from the Bryans Road Fire Department.

The Day Care Center will be closed on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day and Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day. The preschool children and teachers are anxiously awaiting our annual fieldtrip to the pumpkin farm. We are excited about the hayride, corn maze, farm animals, sand/hay piles, corn boxes, and pumpkin picking!



We pray that the Lord will guide us and bless us through many exciting new adventures this school year!

HELP WANTED

Sunday School Secretary

Must be a member of Grace Baptist Church. Responsible for maintaining current enrollment records, attendance records for Sunday School classes and for ordering materials. Must be well organized and posses filing skills. To apply, see Pastor Kevin, Mindy Adams, Cathy Rozar, or Faye Rogerson.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Address changes for your Church Directory:

Jim and Trish Sams
12205 Manor Ct.
LaPlata, MD 20646
301-643-7633

Mary Darrow
2301 South Hampton Drive
Bryans Road, MD 20616
301-283-3678

WORD OF THE MONTH:

COMPASSION – (n.) A feeling of pity that makes one want to help or show mercy.



Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

State Missions Offering & Week of Prayer September 9 – 16, 2018

Statewide Goal: \$150,000.00
Our Church Goal: **\$1,500.00**

THE SCRIPTURES SAY...

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:28-29 (NIV)

"All those who know Your mercy, Lord, will count on You for help. For You have never yet forsaken those who trust in You." Psalm 9:10 (TLB)

"God is my shield; He will defend me. He saves those whose hearts and lives are true and right." Psalm 7:10 (TLB)

"O Lord, we know that You will forever preserve your own from the reach of evil men, although they prowl on every side and vileness is praised throughout the land." Psalm 12:7 (TLB)

MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

September is here. September means kids back to school and most vacations are over. September also means the celebrations of Labor Day, Grandparents Day, Church Anniversary, County Fair Day, and the remembrance of 911 (Patriot's Day). Also fall starts on the 22nd of September when the leaves start to change colors and the weather starts to cool off. It is one of my favorite seasons.

October. A time to enjoy cool breezes, the changing of the leaves, hay rides, pumpkins, and Halloween. Also October is Pastor Appreciation month. So let's give Pastor Kevin a big thanks for all he does.

Our Pastor

He listens to our cares and woes. He is always there to lend a hand. He comforts us in times of sorrow and celebrates our joys and happiness. He enlightens us with words of wisdom and teaches us the word of God. For all he has done (going beyond his job description,) for being our friend... We say THANK YOU Kevin Holder and God bless you.

GRACES RECIPE BOX

Pumpkin Bread

Nan Linville

3 cups sugar
1 cup cooking oil
1 (1 pound) can of pumpkin
4 eggs
2/3 cup water
3 1/2 cups self-rising flour
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Cream all ingredients together. Add to two 9 x 5 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until done.

Corn Pudding

Christine Propes

1 cup cream corn
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons flour
3 eggs
1 cup half and half cream
3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Beat eggs, flour and sugar together. Add half and half cream to corn and add to other ingredients and stir together. Melt the butter or margarine in 8 x 9 pan. Pour mixed ingredients in pan. Bake at 350° for 50 to 60 minutes.

Apple Snack Squares

2 cups sugar
2 eggs
3/4 cup vegetable oil
2 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 cups diced peeled tart apples
1 cup chopped walnuts
3/4 cup butterscotch chips

In a bowl, combine sugar, eggs, and oil. Stir in flour and cinnamon (batter will be thick). Stir in apples and nuts. Spread into greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Sprinkle with butterscotch chips.

Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden and a toothpick comes out clean. Cool before cutting.

Blueberry Crunch

By Faye Rogerson

3 qt. Fresh blueberries*
1 large can of crushed pineapple
1 cup sugar
1 stick of butter – cold and cut
1 box yellow cake mix
Toasted pecans

Combine berries, pineapple, sugar and butter. Pour into a 9 x 13 baking pan. Over that spoon 1 box of dry cake mix.

Bake at 350° until blueberries bubble around sides and top is slightly brown. A few minutes before removing from oven, sprinkle on toasted pecans. (I prepare these in a fry pan in butter till lightly toasted).

*you can substitute a can of blueberry pie filling and use ½ the sugar.

This article has been copied from my church's bulletin
(Indian Head United Methodist Church).
From Jenny Boswell

HOMELESS

A pastor transformed himself into a homeless person and went to the 10,000-member church that he was to be introduced as the head pastor at that morning. He walked around his soon to be church for 30 minutes while it was filling with people for service. Only 3 people out of the 10,000 people said hello to him. He asked people for change to buy food – no one in the church gave him change.

He went into the sanctuary to down in the front of the church and was asked by the ushers if he would please sit in the back. He greeted people to be greeted back with stares, dirty looks, and people looking down on him. As he sat in the back of the church, he listened to the church announcements and such. When all that was done, the elders went up and were excited to introduce the new pastor of the church to the congregation. "We would like to introduce to you our new Pastor." The congregation looked around clapping with joy and anticipation. The homeless man sitting in the back stood up and started walking down the aisle. The clapping stopped with all eyes on him. He walked up the altar and took the microphone from the elder (who were in on this) and paused for a moment then he recited,

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your

inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

After he recited this, he looked towards the congregation and told them all what he had experienced that morning. Many began to cry, and many heads were bowed in shame. He then said, "Today I see a gathering of people, not a church of Jesus Christ. The world has enough people, but not enough disciples. When will YOU decide to become disciples?" He then dismissed service until next week.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ should be more than just talk. It ought to be a lifestyle that others around you can love about you and share in. Be a Christian all you want, but at least follow the teachings of Christ if you're going to claim the title. So, are you just part of the gathering, or are you a disciple?

I asked for Strength....
And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for Wisdom....
And God gave me Problems to solve.
I asked for Prosperity....
And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.
I asked for Courage...
And God gave me Danger to overcome.
I asked for love...
And God gave me Troubled people to help.
I asked for favors....
And God gave me Opportunities.
I received nothing I wanted....
I received everything I needed!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Bob Curtin	09/08
Chip Cary	09/13
Richard Gold	09/13
Ava Maya Warburton	09/13
Jerry Cushman	09/14
Keith Linville	09/15
Mamusu Sesay	09/16
Steven Jones	09/25
Ronnie Strickland	09/30

Anniversaries:

Jenny and Sam Boswell	09/06
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Victor Smith	10/03
Abe Jenkins	10/03
Dennis Janke	10/10
Clenad Tita	10/16
Pam Weimer	10/17
Don Posey	10/22
Emmajean Jenkins	10/29

Anniversaries:

Steve and Linda Norbrey	10/16
Darren and Leah Smith	10/17



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 The Lord's Supper
 Sept. 3 Labor Day – Closed
 Sept. 4 First Day of School
 Sept. 4 Westside Stitchers
 Sept. 5 Bible Study
 Sept. 7 Fellowship Hall Reserved
 Sept. 8 Deacons Meeting
 Sept. 8 Movie Night
 Sept. 9 Grandparents Day
 Sept. 11 Patriot's Day
 Sept. 11 Girl Scout Meeting
 Sept. 12 Day Care Committee Meeting
 Sept. 12 Business Meeting
 Sept. 16 Anniversary Sunday (60th)
 Sept. 18 Westside Stitchers
 Sept. 18 Girl Scout Meeting
 Sept. 19 Bible Study
 Sept. 25 Girl Scout Meeting
 Sept. 26 Bible Study
 Sept. 30 Church Council Meeting

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Oct. 2 Westside Stitchers
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 Oct. 3 Bible Study
 Oct. 6 Deacons Meeting
 Oct. 7 The Lord's Supper
 Oct. 8 Columbus Day – Closed
 Oct. 9 Girl Scout Meeting
 Oct. 10 Business Meeting
 Oct. 13 Movie Night
 Oct. 16 Westside Stitchers
 Oct. 16 Girl Scout Meeting
 Oct. 17 Bible Study
 Oct. 23 Girl Scout Meeting
 Oct. 24 Bible Study
 Oct. 28 Church Council Meeting
 Oct. 30 Girl Scout Meeting
 Oct. 31 Bible Study
 Oct. 31 Halloween



**Grace Baptist Church
60th Anniversary
1958 - 2018**

IN HIS PRESENCE ALL OUR DAYS

Guest Speakers:

**Curtis and Tricia Bridges
Formerly served with the
International Mission Board**

**Join us for a potluck luncheon
immediately following our morning
service.**

Take Time

*Take time to think
It is the source of power.
Take time to play
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on Earth.
Take time to love and be loved
It is a God-Given privilege.
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness
Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to give
It is too short a day to be selfish.*

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self.
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum
And think you're a wonderful guy.
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please—never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of
years
And get pats on the back as you pass.
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied, "Just say what you hear mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the Month: James Hess						1
2 The Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	3 Labor Day Closed	4 First day of school 4:00pm Westside Stitchers	5 7:00pm Bible Study	6	7 6:00pm - 9:00pm Fellowship hall Reserved	8 7:00am Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Movie night
9 Grandparents Day 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	10	11 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Meet.	12 6:00pm Day Care Committee Meeting 7:00pm Business Meeting	13	14	15
16 Anniversary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service and anniversary celebration	17	18 4:00pm Westside Stitchers 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Meet.	19 7:00pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	24	25 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Meet.	26 7:00pm Bible Study	27	28	29
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