

Upcoming Events

April 5-6

NC Mission Conference
Charlotte, NC

April 7

11:00 am Vote on Transi-
tional Pastor Program

April 9

11:30 am Senior Lunch

April 17

5:30 pm KY Backpacks
Mission Meal

April 20

8 am-until UG SpringFest

April 24

Noon- Early Release
Youth Mission
Project

April 28

4:00 pm VBS Meeting

April 30

6:30 pm PRC Life
Banquet @
Statesville Civic
Center

Mark your calendar!!
Church Wide
AWANA Derby
May 5th



One For The Home Team!!

A Marriage Moment
from David Prevette



Men, if you have paid any attention, you have seen that a lot of my Marriage Moments seem to point out how we, as men, are the ones that are on the "at fault", or "didn't think that through before we spoke or acted" side of things.

Well, here is a nugget of hope for us! This is NOT to say anything bad about my precious bride, it just made me laugh out loud, and it told me that she had a rare opportunity to spend a moment in the brain of a man!

Now, to set this up. Today my Angie will go to GET HER HAIR DID after work. This takes hours. She will be getting home around 8:30-9:00pm, instead of 5:30-6:00pm. You would think that, since I will have to feed the dogs supper, feed myself supper, etc etc, that this would be a constant reminder that she is coming home with a new hair trim. So, YES, it should be easy for me to remember to say "Oh, your hair looks good! You look Purty!" etc when she walks in the door. Well, it doesn't always end up that way. I've gotten better at reminding myself when Life360 tells me she is on the way home, when she pulls in the driveway, when she opens the door, when she finishes greeting the dogs, to REMEMBER to actually look at her hair and compliment her. This morning, I actually thought to look at her hair for a comparison model. That was a mistake, because I thought it looked great this morning. I didn't say a word, because there was too much risk that it would come out like "you don't need to go waste that money and time".... So, I didn't say a word.

NOW FOR THE HOPE FOR US MEN.

This past Saturday morning, I shaved off the beard that I have had for 4 or 5 months, leaving only the goatee. I figured she would smell the aftershave immediately, since her olfactory system is quite sensitive. We spent all day together, even had lunch at Chic Fil-A, sitting across from each other and talking. I purposely got in her line of sight a few times during the day. NOTHING. I really thought she just noticed and wasn't going to say anything.

We had an awards banquet that night for the fire department that my oldest son and myself are members of. When my son and his family sat down, Angie and I walked over to greet them. One of my grandsons IMMEDIATELY said, "Goo! You shaved your beard off!" Angie looked at me with sheepish wonder in her eyes and voice, and said "yes you did...." "I didn't notice."

My life is complete!!!!!!! Now I've got to reserve us a slot with our local Marriage Therapist, because I think she's getting tired of me telling this story!

"Behold, thou art fair, my love; Behold, thou art fair;
Thou hast doves' eyes." Song of Solomon 1:15

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Serving in Love. Growing in Faith

Newsletter
April 2024



DEACON DISCUSSION (contributed by Wayne Dagenhardt)

April, for most of us country folks, is a month that generates an itch. Not the pollen and allergy-induced itchy eyes or noses, but the itch to stir the garden dirt in order to get it ready for those tomato plants (ooh! fresh tomato sandwich), peppers, cucumbers, squash and so on. Of course, there's the itch to gather up the seed and fertilizer for planting corn, okra, cantaloupe, watermelon and green beans (nothing like the first pot of fresh cooked!)

And we all know that to enjoy the fruits of our labor of "satisfying that itch", there must be cultivation and care of those plants.

Many things in the natural world have spiritual applications as Jesus illustrated many times in His parables. In a parable in Luke 8:4-8, Jesus tells about a sower who went out to sow his seed. As he sowed his seed,

some fell along the path, some fell on the rock, some fell among the thorns, and some fell on good ground producing a crop.

In Luke 8:11-15, Jesus explains the meaning of the parable to His disciples... "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. The seed along the path are those who have heard and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the seed on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. Having no root, these believe for a while and fall away in a time of testing. As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who, when they have heard, go on their way and are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of life, and produce no mature fruit. But the seed in the good ground – these are the ones who, having

heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and, by enduring, produce fruit."

Should we ask ourselves, "Do I have the itch to sow God's seed – His word? Do I have the excitement here at springtime to cultivate and nourish my spiritual ground and hone any sowing tools in order to be a good 'sower'?"

God's word is a spiritual almanac full of 'seed-sowing' advice and instruction. Let's make good use of it.

"Now the One who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:10 CSB

Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when you would like for us to take them off.

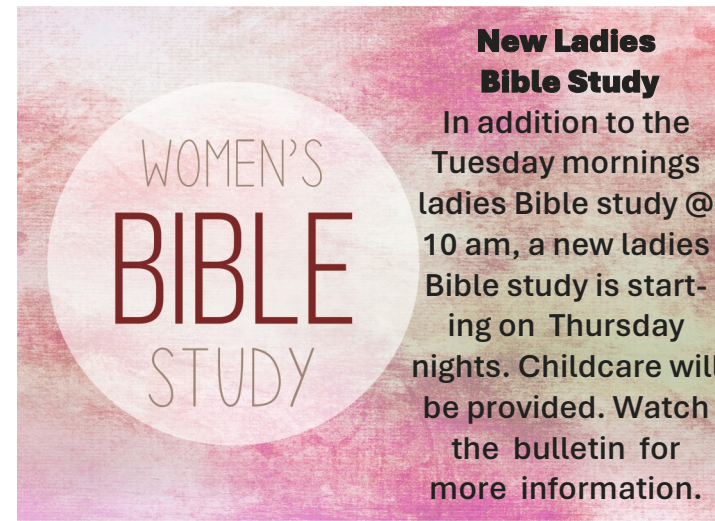
Paula Steele	Roger Barnette	Marty Gaither	Calvin Pevette
Rev. Warren Marcum	Mike Setzer	Corinna Adkins	Gary Johnson
Angie Wooten	Wayne Stroud	Jack Henderson	Tommy Gaither
Logan Sloan	Brandy Miller	Larry Tench	Tony Shaver
Jimmy Dagenhardt	Hudson Miller	Barry Sloan	Timber Smith
Ruia Merritt	Ercelle Johnson	Mauney Marlowe	Yvonne Morton
Kent Jordan	Barry Whisnant	Riley Evans	Donnie Seiple
Harry Lite	Mike Laws	Cheryl Gibson	Chase Fielden
Katrina Johnson	Kimberly Souther	Tonda Hopkins	Julie Rupard
Walter Lopez	Hunter Stamey	Van Snyder	Medford Holland
Virginia Williams	Neil Hayes	Billy Steele	

Pastor/Speaker Schedule

April 7th
Tracy Gilreath

April 14th & 21st
Dr. Stan Welch

April 28th
TBD



New Ladies Bible Study
In addition to the Tuesday mornings ladies Bible study @ 10 am, a new ladies Bible study is starting on Thursday nights. Childcare will be provided. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Senior LUNCH
April 9th
11:30 am

Children's News

We are so thankful for the volunteers for the egg hunt as well as candy donations. Approx. 85 children came to the egg hunt and were told about the real meaning of Easter. We ask for you to pray for those that came as seeds were planted. Pray that we can reach these children again for VBS and other church activities.

May 5th- AWANA Car Derby & churchwide taco meal

June 9th- VBS Kickoff 5 pm- 8 pm
June 10th- 14th VBS 6 pm- 8:45 pm



SERVE AND GROW

Mission Meal
April 17 @ 5:30 pm
to benefit
Kentucky Backpacks

This is drop in and will be served until 6:30pm. Take out available. Meal will be provided. Monetary donations will be accepted for this ministry. The money will go to buying items for the backpack. Also you can bring items for the backpack (school supplies, food pop top cans, Bible, hygiene items, etc). See Debbie Pevette for a list of items for backpack.

Menu for meal: Chicken Casserole, greenbeans, Mac and cheese and roll with dessert (chicken nuggets available for children)



A needs list can be found in the foyer. Donations can be placed there in the basket labeled Food Round Up. Donations will be taken through April 21st.



Local Mission Opportunity
On April 20 our church will have a booth at SpringFest. We need volunteers to man the booth from 8am to 2pm as well as donations of water and dessert (store-bought or homemade). A signup sheet is in the foyer and donations can be brought to the foyer as well. WMU will label all goodies on April 17.

YOUTH NEWS

We had a great day on our last early release day washing and cleaning the bus and packing candy bags for our Easter egg hunt. We had some down time in between playing candy table hockey and just chatting. We will have out youth work day on April 24th @ noon during early release time.



Clint Vanhoy sharing the Easter story with some of the children at the Egg Hunt.

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