CALENDAR

Thursday, June 11

8:00 A Kids Camp 10:00 A BBQ

Friday, June 12

8:00 A Kids Camp

7:00 P Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, June 14

9:00 A Library Opens 9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care Nancy Richardson, Erin Allen, Katy Stark, Lynley, Merietta, & **Kirkley Norton**

4:00 P Dawnings

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, June 15

8:00 A Kid's Camp 9:00 A Music Camp 1:00 P Braveheart

6:30 P Women's Book Study

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 A Kid's Camp Music Camp

Yoga First Place for Health

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 A Kid's Camp 9:00 A Music Camp 6:30 P Choir Practice

Thursday, June 18

8:00 A Kid's Camp 9:00 A Music Camp

10:00 A BBQ Friday, June 19

8:00 A Kid's Camp 9:00 A Music Camp

Music Camp Performance



YOUTH

June 12

Scavenger Hunt

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

June 21-26

Youth Cue Choir Trip Washington, DC

\$50 deposit in the office

June 29

Tunica Hills hike

Meet at 8:30 a.m.

July 16

Area 51

6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

July 19-25

Passport Camp Danville, VA

CHILDREN

June 1-July 24

Summer Kid's Camp

PreK4-5th Grade Register in the church office. **June 15-19**

Music Camp, K-5th, \$75

"Are We There Yet?" Register in the church office.

July 10-I2

VBS Weekend

Friday 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. Lunch in Activities Hall after worship

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"Are We There Yet?" **Children's Music Camp**

June 15-19 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Children completed K-5th Grade \$75, Register in the church office









I've had occasion recently to talk about grief with two people who have recently lost loved ones. Their questions and struggles were similar. Grief is universal, so it's important to understand the help God gives us when we grieve.

Let's start with the shortest verse in the Bible: John 11:35, "Jesus wept." As a boy I was an RA (Royal Ambassadors for those who may not be familiar with the traditional Baptist upbringing). We had to memorize verses of scripture and recite them in church. We all wanted to go first so we could say, "John 11:35. 'Jesus wept.' John 11:35."

Only as an adult did I realize the profound meaning of this little verse. Jesus loved Lazarus, and his death impacted Jesus. Isn't that remarkable? Even though Jesus had the power to raise Lazarus from the dead, and would shortly, he hurt because death had taken His friend. Grief hurts. We shouldn't feel bad about experiencing grief as if it were some form of a lack of faith. Jesus grieved.

Of course, another very comforting facet of this little verse is that because Jesus grieved, He understands, first-hand, our grief and does not condemn us. In fact, His grief assures us of His understanding and companionship in our times of grief. You are not alone in your grief, and God is not disappointed that you are grieving.

Approached this way we can stop treating grief as an enemy. I see people approaching grief as if it is something to be suppressed, avoided, or defeated. I suggest this reverently, but what if we treated grief as a friend? Could we not then better understand the profound truth that "blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted?" The NT often enjoins us to accept suffering as an occasion for spiritual growth (e.g. Matt. 5:10-11, 2 Cor. 12:9, James 1:12, 1 Pet. 4:13). Instead of seeking to deny or avoid the grief you naturally feel, why not thank God for it and trust Him to help you through it?

You cannot fast-forward through grief, so perhaps it's better not to try. Just feel it, and all of the emotions that come with it. Ask God for help. He is there for you. Always was. Always will be.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

CBF General Assembly June 14-19 Dallas, Texas

Please contact Bobby or Dr. Ellis if you would like to attend the CBF gathering in June.

New Sermon Series I'd Like to Hear a

Sermon About....

June 14
Is God Mad at Me?
1 John 4:13-19

First Place for Health

Tuesday, June 16 5:30 p.m.

Contact Laura Boord for more information at laura.boord@gmail.com



Dawnings is a process of listening for God's direction for a new day in our church. Pray for your Dawnings Team as we listen!

Women's Book Study

Monday, June 15 6:30 p.m.

Brave Heart

Monday, June 15 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Brave Heart storage facility at the end of West Bricksome (off of Sherwood Forest) to help sort donations and stuff backpacks. Call Bobby for more information.

Seersucker Sunday Father's Day, June 21

Calling all men, women, and children! Wear seersucker pants, dresses, or suits to church on Father's Day. We will take a group picture after Worship!

Trustee's Meeting Monday, June 22 6 p.m.

To reach an On Call Minister call 328-3474

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Gwen Chiles

Congratulations
Colorado and Elizabeth
Robertson on the birth of
their son, John Collin
Robertson.

Instant Church Directory

Several folks have been asking about the instructions for accessing the church directory on their smart phones, so here are the steps: From your phone, visit the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore and search "instant church directory", then download the app. The prompts will then ask for your email address. In order for you to access the directory, you must provide the same email address that you provided the church office for publication in the directory.

Floral Tribute

Every week the flower committee creates beautiful floral arrangements that enhance our worship experience. You too can be a part of this valuable ministry. For \$72, you can have an arrangement created in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Your creative input is always welcomed and your tribute will be printed in the Order of Worship on that particular Sunday. Please contact the church office to select a date.

Summer Fellowships

The ministerial staff would like to encourage each Sunday School class to gather during the summer for fellowship and/or mission opportunities in lieu of Wednesday night activities. Call the church office for help with transportation, meeting space, or publicity and we will be glad to assist.