## **CALENDAR**

Thursday, July 2

8:00 A Kids Camp 10:00 A BBQ

## Friday, July 3

CHURCH OFFICE AND KIDS CAMP **CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY** 

## Sunday, July 5

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

sessions begin

10:30 A Worship, Communion

Extended Teaching Care Judy Averett, Catherine Guffey, Nita, Chris, Angie & Andrew Hannie

## Monday, July 6

8:00 A Kid's Camp

## Tuesday, July 7

8:00 A Kid's Camp 9:30 A Yoga

First Place for Health

## Wednesday, July 8

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A Kid's Camp Youth to Food Bank

## Thursday, July 9

8:00 A Kid's Camp 10:00 A BBQ

### Friday, July 10 8:00 A Kid's Camp

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## July 8

Food Bank 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Bring a bag lunch to enjoy together after work

## July 16 Area 51

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

## **July 19-25**

**Passport Camp** Danville, VA



## June 1-July 24

PreK4-5th Grade



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# Communion

Sunday, July 5 10:30 a.m.

Join us for Worship



# **CHILDREN**

# Summer Kid's Camp

Register in the church office.





One of the more puzzling themes in the New Testament is the idea of embracing personal weakness as an opportunity to experience God's power.

Jesus taught that being last of all and servant of all leads to exaltation, denial leads to salvation, losing life leads to finding life. Paul wrote of being a broken vessel that demonstrates God's transcendent power. His thorn became the testimony of God's all-sufficient grace, so that he boasted in his weakness. Peter wrote of rejoicing in a fiery ordeal. Etc.

History is replete with testimonies of Christians who have found a deeper faith through unimaginable suffering. Either as the sufferer or as a witness to suffering, Christians can emerge with a testimony of gentle and humble trust in God. They have discovered by personal experience, not second-hand, that God is trustworthy and completely dependable. He heals and restores all the lacerations life can inflict upon us.

And what of those former wounds? Our tendency is to attempt to cover them up as if we never had the weakness in the first place. We do long to project and protect a myth of total success. We desperately need God's healing touch, but want to live as

if it was an addendum to a wellordered life but hardly a daily necessity. God has a different idea of what to do with our former wounds.

I recently learned about a Japanese technique of repairing broken pottery called kintsugi. Instead of trying to repair the vessel so that it appears to have never been broken, kinstugi practitioners piece it back together with lacquer then dust the cracks with gold. Instead of disguising the breaks, the beautifully repaired golden lines testify to the history of the object and its renewed usefulness.

Each of us carries a number of flaws and breaks from life. However, God's tender touch brings all of our broken pieces back together. Grace highlights His healing, and thus we become living testimonies of how God has worked in our lives. The scabs from former wounds become scars, fully healed, but glowing with the glory of heaven.

God only repairs what we allow Him to have. Try placing the broken pieces of your life, your pain, bitterness, fear, and doubt in His hands. And trust the people He places in your life. They may be part of your healing.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

## **ADULTS**

# **Sunday School Summer Sessions**

July 5-26

In order to give our Sunday School teachers time to rest and recharge, we are offering six alternate sessions for you to attend during the month of July. These sessions are designed to help you enhance your prayer life and to grow closer to God, and are open to all ages, youth through adult.

Go with God -led by Greg Edwards, room 103
Art and Soul - led by Relma Hargus, small dining room
What are My Spiritual Gifts - led by Larry Davis,
room 102

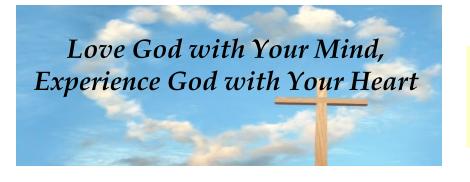
<u>Formations for the Family</u> – led by Dave Oakley, upper room

Lord, Teach Us to Pray – led by Carol Wicks, room 202

Formations Sunday School Curriculum – led by church staff, Activities Hall

## **Teachers Needed**

We are in need of at least two kindergarten Sunday School teachers beginning in August of this year. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to minister to the children of our church. Call Bobby if you can help.



## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**





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!

## **Casual Sundays**

Everyone is invited to join the ministers as we "dress down" for church during the sweltering months of June and July.

To reach an
On Call Minister
call
328-3474

## First Place for Health

Tuesday, July 7 5:30 p.m.

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

## Women's Book Study Monday, July 13

6:30 p.m.

# Brave Heart

Monday, July 13 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.