

Pastor's Passage

Resurrection Sunday has come and gone, and what a glorious celebration we've had. This is the pinnacle of the Christian Calendar, and it has been my pleasure to stand on that peak with you and see all that God has done through His son, and is continuing to do through us. It was encouraging to see so many of you split up into the Yellow, Blue and Red teams during the month of March and to commit yourselves to either lead, work, fund, or pray for these ministries. If you think you don't belong on any team, or weren't here to sign up for one - I want to encourage you in this way. You are needed. You matter. There is a place for you on a team.

"I don't want to pray for people who are reaching out to help people inside and outside the church"

said no one....ever. We have the power of God at our fingertips through prayer. Your voice WILL make a difference. So join a team as soon as you can, and see what God does. Please continue to be in prayer as our Pastoral search teams continue their work to bring the man God has called to be our Pastor of Music and Assimilation, and Pastor of Youth and Children before us. I'm looking forward to the culmination of all their hard work, as I'm sure you are.

Much love and many prayers and blessings to you

Pastor Mark

since '64

TBC STUDENTS From the OUTLET

As I sit here, the day after the youth road trip to Kentucky to visit the Creation Museum, I am in awe of God's provisions for us. We left Monday morning (March 28) at 7 am for an 8 hour ride with 16 youth and 3 chaperones for 1 awesome adventure. God provided a 221 year old church for us to stay in including 2 dinners and 1 breakfast all free of charge. He then provided a contact that would supply us with all the free passes we needed to get into the museum and see the all the shows. Showers were provided by the YMCA, again free of charge. We returned Wednesday evening (March 30) in time for dinner at the church. We then cleaned the vans, replaced the seats that were removed, and spent 45 minutes in the youth room laughing and telling of memories that will last a life time. There are so many people to thank for this experience, starting with our Lord and Savior who supplied our needs abundantly as he has promised; our church family who prayed for us while we were gone; the parents who allowed their youth to go and supported them; Bullittsburg Baptist Church, who so graciously welcomed us into their church; Frank Zitman who supplied passes for everyone; and Debbie Carrico and Irene Nickols who were the took care of so many details. As I now get to look back and reflect on all of the events that God ordained, my heart is overwhelmed. Please take the time to ask a youth about their trip, and come visit us in the youth room.

In His service,

Youth Ministry Team

TBC Kids—Children's Hallway

From the Children

What a wonderful way to end the month of March! On Easter Sunday the children performed their Easter program to the enjoyment of all who attended. These young people never cease to amaze with their willing hearts and their talent. I pray that you were blessed by them. In Sunday school the children have finished their curriculum in 'There's A Verse For That.' In the month of April we will begin a new study by looking at how God works in the lives of young people. We were unable to take the outing scheduled for March due to an illness. However, we will be going on a picnic lunch at the Peaks on May 22nd, following morning service. Watch for more announcements on this in the bulletin. Again, we thank you for your prayers and encouragement as the children's department seeks to fill God's plan in the lives of the children at Thaxton Baptist Church.

The Children's Department

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TEAM SCHEDULE

- Apr. 3 E.L. & Karen McGuire
Apr. 10 Gail Wilcher
Apr. 17 Cliff Overstreet & Dack McKinney
Apr. 24 Bill Shepherd & Greg Wood
May 1 Randy & Dina Krantz
May 8 John & Melody Dooley
May 15 Robbie Catron
May 22 Dennis & Shelby Overstreet
May 29 Alan & Krystal Hulette
June 5 Traci Jefferson & Anna Laura Simpson
June 12 Barry & Sue Saunders
June 19 Ed & Irene Nickols
June 26 Becki Robertson & Joyce Zdenek
July 3 David & Faye Grant
July 10 Mike & Vicki Martin



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

April 3
8 AM

Join the Thaxton Baptist men for prayer breakfast in the Café. It's a free, hot breakfast, fellowship and prayer leading up to Sunday School. The breakfast is open to all men.



POTLUCK LUNCHEON Tuesday, April 5 @ Noon

Join the Young At Heart for a potluck luncheon in the Café. If you are "young at heart", bring a dish and come enjoy great food, fun and fellowship!

Sarah Beth Dinwiddie will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be injury prevention with special concentration on falls. Sarah Beth is the Trauma Outreach Coordinator for Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital

Important

- ⇒ **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
Sunday, Apr. 3 @ 8 AM
- ⇒ **Young At Heart Potluck Luncheon**
Tuesday, Apr. 5 @ Noon
- ⇒ **VBS Funshop at TBC**
Saturday, Apr. 9, 8:30-12:30
- ⇒ **Deacons Meeting**
Monday, Apr. 11 at 7 PM
- ⇒ **Mugs, Muffins & Merchandise**
at Beth Giganti's home
Saturday, Apr. 16 @ 9 am
- ⇒ **Haiti Mission Trip Team Fundraiser—
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon**
Sunday, Apr. 17, after Worship
- ⇒ **Thaxton Community Center Chicken
Dinner Fundraiser**
Sunday, Apr. 24, 11:30am-2:00pm
- ⇒ **Church Council Meeting**
Monday, Apr. 25 @ 7 pm

Oakwood Manor Devotions
Every Friday in April
10:00-11:00 am

JOURNEY INTO MISSIONS

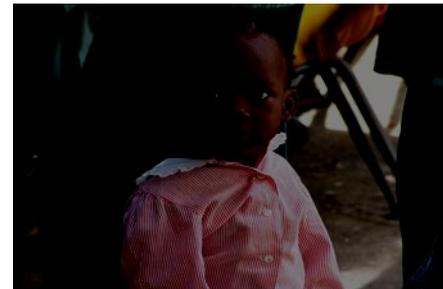
By Don Slusher

Mission trip to Haiti:

A few years ago, probably around the fall of 2007, I was sitting in my comfortable leather lounge chair watching TV and feeling pretty good about myself. I had already completed a mission trip or two that year and I was thinking about where we might go on our next mission trip when I was interrupted by the telephone ringing. The caller was a great friend of mine, Jim Hambrick. I had worked with Jim and his wife Debbie on different occasions in the jungles of southern Venezuela and in the town of Puerto Ayacho, Venezuela. They were missionaries in Venezuela and had moved there from their home here in Bedford County. Jim and Debbie had to leave Venezuela when the president, Hugo Chavez closed the jungle to missionaries. So, they moved to Jacksonville, Florida and began work with Christian Light foundation, a missionary support organization. Jim and I exchanged a few pleasantries and then he asked if I would go with him to check out a possible job in Haiti. I had been to Dominican Republic which lies just east of Haiti. These two nations occupy the entire island of Hispaniola. While in Dominican Republic, we worked with Haitian refugees that had fled their country for a better life. I wondered how bad could that life have been for them in Haiti because even here in Dominican Republic they were living in what we in the USA would consider to be extreme poverty. Well, it looks like I was about to find out because soon I was on a plane to meet with Jim in Miami, Florida where we would take a flight over to Port-Au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. In months to come I will write more about our experiences in Haiti but for now I will simply say that Haiti to me was the most difficult place that I had ever experienced yet at the same time I met many of my new heroes who had dedicated themselves to live with the Haitian people. On a subsequent trip I took a good friend of mine who had grown up in the jungles of Venezuela. He was a life time missionary who said, "I thought that the jungle was tough but when the food ran out the Indian tribe would simply pack up and move to a more productive area, but, here in Haiti, when the food runs out there is no place to go". Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere where the average per-capital income at that time was \$200.

Today, we have five folks from our church who are willing to go to Haiti this summer and represent us as what we might call ambassadors for our church and our savior Jesus Christ. These five will experience things that to us will be unimaginable. One of the five, Debbie Carrico has been there before and has experienced living with the Haitian people but even she will experience new things. Many times I have had folks tell me "I would have gone" (but), then various reasons will follow, most of which are valid. I personally cannot go this time so I will be sitting on the side line with the rest of you. However, I will be right there with the team and be a part of that team through out the entire trip and each of you can as well. Here is how: First, the team needs financial support. If you have not donated to the team please do so. They need support to individually pay their way as well as purchase the many items that they will be requested to take with them to give to the work in Haiti. Be praying even now and all the way through the trip for each of the team members. Satan has a way of always attacking when we make commitments to God that he does not like. Learn all you can about Haiti and her people so that when the team returns and gives their report you will feel more informed and this will help you to understand more fully of what they will say to us. If possible, be there to see the team off and then again to welcome them home. Ask them, "what do you need, what can I do to help"? Love on them and let them know that you are 100% behind them. So church, here is your team: Pastor Mark Giganti, Katie Woods, Debbie Carrico, Brenda Smith and Tara Nichols.

What are you going to do?



She and the rest of the children are waiting for you



Birthdays of the Month

- 1: Libby Dickson & Linda Welch
- 2: Faye Grant, Christi Toms & Cyndi Orrock
- 3: Dack McKinney
- 4: Ethan Plott
- 9: Eileen Paitsel
- 10: Ward Chapman & Patricia Sandel
- 11: Edward Harris
- 13: Jacob Danby
- 14: Tim Overstreet & Roger Lawrence
- 15: Donnie Slusher & Terry Slusher
- 17: Joy Thompson & Becky Lugar
- 19: Carla Scott
- 23: Kaitlyn Davis
- 25: Lindsey Russell
- 27: Doug Overstreet
- 28: Spencer Krantz
- 29: Danny Bowden



- 4: E.W. & Angela Tibbs
- 14: Sonny & Norris Fulton
- 21: Junior & Mary Lou Gardner
- 25: Wayne & Dana Overstreet
- 30: Clarence & Barbara Catron - 60 years!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Oakwood Manor Devotions 10-11 am	2
3 8 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Special Called Bus. Mtg. after Worship	4	5 Noon—Young At Heart Potluck Luncheon-Special Guest Speaker	6 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & TBC Kids 7:30 Choir Practice	7	8 Oakwood Manor Devotions 10-11 am	9 8:30-12:30 VBS FunShop @ TBC
10	11 7 PM Deacons Mtg.	12	13 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Adult Bible Study, Youth Group & TBC Kids 7:30 Choir Practice	14	15 Oakwood Manor Devotions 10-11 am	16 9 am Mugs, Muffins & Merchandise @ Beth Gigan-it's home
17 Soup & Sandwich Luncheon-Haiti Mission Trip Fund-raiser	18	19 7 pm Community Center Mtg.	20 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Adult Bible Study, Youth Group & TBC Kids 7:30 Choir Practice	21	22 Oakwood Manor Devotions 10-11 am	23 12:00-6:00 pm Deacon Training
24 11:30-2:00 Thaxton Community Center Fundraiser	25 7 pm Church Council Mtg.	26	27 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Adult Bible Study, Youth Group & TBC Kids 7:30 Choir Practice	28	29 Oakwood Manor Devotions 10-11 am	30

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
S.S. Greeters	David & Faye Grant	Bob & Jeri Plott	Bill Shepherd & Virginia Shepherd	Gail Wilcher & Cindy Lawhorn
Ushers and Greeters	Robbie Catron, Jake Catron, David Norcross, Teresa Norcross, Greg Wood, J.D. Smith, Mike Martin & Stewart Grant	Brenda Smith, Christina Smith, Dack McKinney, Matt Saunders, Norris Fulton, Chuck Wheeler, Jimmy Overstreet & Jimmy Cundiff	David Norcross, Teresa Norcross, David Grant, Stewart Grant, David Grant, Tucker Grant, Will Grant & Mike Martin	Jimmy Cundiff, Betty Jones, Robbie Catron, Jake Catron, Chuck Wheeler, John Dooley, Wesley Overstreet & Scott Smith
Van Drivers	Bill Shepherd	Bill Shepherd	John Dooley	John Dooley
Clean Road Worker	Joyce Zdenek	Wayne Lawhorn	Barbara Catron	Jane Grant
Deacon in Prayer	Jimmy Overstreet	Ralph Patterson	Carl Saunders	Charles Sheppard
Infant, Walker/Preschool Workers	<u>Infants:</u> Allan Hayes & Anna Carrico <u>Walkers/Preschool:</u> Jenny Krantz & Nancy Yates	<u>Infants:</u> Emily Stevens & Kelly Harmony <u>Walkers/Preschool:</u> Jessica Gonzalez & Angelina Smith	<u>Infants:</u> Kim Tolley & Janet Linger <u>Walkers/Preschool:</u> Judy Danby & Becki Robertson	<u>Infants:</u> Pam Sheppard & Barbara Bauer <u>Walkers/Preschool:</u> Tommy & Brandy Botteicher
Children's Worship	Ed Nickols, Traci Jefferson & Dina Krantz	Ed Nickols, Niki Garten & Becky Lugar	Traci Jefferson, Margaret Sperrazza & Robbie Catron	Family Worship Day (ages K-5 worship with parents)
Parking Greeters	Ed Nickols	Dack McKinney & John Dooley	Tony Fisher & Jimmy Overstreet	Ralph Patterson & Mike Martin
Worship Time Greeter	David & Faye Grant	Mike Martin	John Dooley	George & Cindy Lawhorn

Thaxton Community Center Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 24
11:30am-2:00pm

Fried Chicken
Green Beans
Potato Salad
Roll
Dessert

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$8.00

Children \$4.00

Carry out available

Cave Quest

I know it is hard to believe, but it is almost time for VBS. This year's theme is *Cave Quest*. The children will take an exciting, fun filled, week long journey in to the dark recesses of the caves to have an encounter with the one true God. The dates for this year's extravaganza are: VBS kick-off June 4th, VBS opening night June 5th, and VBS closing night June 9th. The Co-Directors for this event are Angelina Smith and Jessica Gonzalez. Please be praying to find how God can use you in our *Cave Quest*.

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Dates to Save

Fall Fest 9/24

Fall Fest Rain Date

10/15

Trunk or Treat

10/29

Thank you to Ladies 2 Sunday School class for providing Coffee, juice and donuts after the Easter Sunrise Service.