



Pastor's Corner

Find Us Faithful

In a church our size and with so many of our members reaching their 80's and 90's, funerals are a very sad "fact of life" in the church family. In the past 12 months we have said farewell to ten members and each of the services was difficult. In fact, my first funeral service as Pastor here was on February 15, 2003 for Curtis Maynard and the next scheduled service I have will be August 6 for Jean Calhoun. That will mark the 220th Funeral service of my 19 + years here as your pastor.

The passing of each of these individuals leaves a hole in the fabric of our church tapestry. There is so much I could say (and have said) about each of them but I feel it important to mention them in this article. Perhaps it is the Pandemic that serves as somewhat of a line of demarcation over the past few years of our church history. Although none of our departed loved ones were due to the Covid virus, it just seems like our church has been hit hard by the passing of all of these members, and especially those in the past couple of years.

Every church loves receiving new members, and since the pandemic hit, we have been blessed with about 16 new members to our church family. Some have come in due to conversion and believers baptism. Some have come in as transfers by letter from other churches, A few by statement of faith and previous baptism, because circumstances would not allow us to receive a letter. Our newest members range in age from 6 years old, to those in their 8th decade of life. We are excited to receive each of them into our church family. As happy as we are to welcome new members, it is still hard to say farewell to the ones who have left us during this time.

Most all of the members we have lost to death were faithful to the church, and served our congregation well in so many ways over the years. We have lost Sunday School teachers, Children's workers, Deacons, various volunteers, several ministry leaders, and folks who have served in various roles over the years. Most of them were individuals who have been members here for a number of years and many practiced the graces of prayer, attending regularly, and giving of their resources to the ministry of the church.

We have "stood on their shoulders" and on the shoulders of other faithful members throughout the 107 year history of this church. We who remain MUST step up and fill their shoes for our church to continue to be the ministry point it needs to be in the Westmoreland Community.

In honor of those who have gone before us, let us take to heart the words of a great Christian song, "Find us Faithful".

We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us
Line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
Encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament
To god's sustaining grace.
O may all who come behind us
Find us faithful,

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May the fire of our devotion
Light their way.
May the footprints that we leave,
Lead them to believe,
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us
Find us faithful.

Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us.
Let us leave to those behind us,
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on thru godly lives.
After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all
We've left behind,
May the clues that they discover,
And the mem'ries they uncover,
Become the light that leads them,
To the road we each must find.

C. J. Adkins



Ron Gilman	3 rd	Jolina Arbes	16 th
Bob Trout	4 th	Carla Bell	19 th
Todd Arbes	4 th	Jacquelyn McKee	19 th
Charlie Keown	9 th	Cathy Howerton	22 nd
Jeff Blake	9 th	Roger Hamlin II	26 th
Kerry Blake	11 th	Susan Plymale	27 th
Hiawatha Walker	14 th	Jamie Smith	28 th
Mindi Spurgeon	15 th	Jane Walker	31 st
Faye Robertson	16 th		





WBC River and TeamKid had a wonderful time learning about these beautiful horses at Dawn Star Stables. We participated in everything from brushing, saddling and riding and then the kids enjoyed an old fashioned hayride. We capped the evening off with a campfire and Bible study. With school starting so soon, Wayne County starts back August 25th. We are hopeful to have a back-to-school celebration before then as well as welcoming in the upcoming 6th graders to "The River Student Ministry".



Pastor

Ryan Smith



The Persecuted Church

From: “The Alabama Baptist Paper”

Christians Killed By Islamic Extremists In The Congo

Beni Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo - More than 110 Christians were killed June 21 when Islamist extremists ambushed three vehicles just days after another similar deadly attack.

The extremist group, Allied Democratic Forces, carried out the rampage June 21 on Beni-Kasindi Road in the embattled Beni territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The rights group International Christian Concern said militant forces reportedly blocked the road and shot all occupants of the vehicles before setting them ablaze. Five people were killed June 17 in a similar attack on Beni-Butembo Road.

One source said there is “no single day that they do not kill people”. The villages are unsafe. The roads are unsafe. The towns are unsafe. We only live by God’s mercy.”

The day before the June 21 ambush, heads of state of the East African Community met in Nairobi, Kenya, about security concerns.

DRC is number 40 on “Open Doors 2022 World Watch” list of places most difficult to be a Christian.



The **Democratic Republic of the Congo** formerly and also colloquially Zaire, is a country in Central Africa. The DRC is located in sub-Saharan Africa. By area, it is the second-largest country in Africa and the 11th-largest in the world. With a population of around 108 million, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the most populous officially Francophone country in the world. The capital and largest city is Kinshasa, which is also the world's most populous Francophone city and largest city in Africa. It is the third largest African city in metropolitan area after Lagos and Cairo.

Religions

- 95.8% Christianity
- 1.8% Traditional faiths
- 1.5% Islam
- .9% Others/None

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs

Should COVID Vaccines Be Mandatory - NY Times
Are COVID Vaccine Mandates Ethical - CNBC
Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Air Passengers - CDC

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. NASB Rev 13:16–17.

No, COVID vaccines are not the mark of the beast, but you can see some similarities. Given no choice, many had to decide between receiving the shot(s) and keeping their jobs, receiving healthcare treatment, or traveling on an airplane.

Ukraine Conflict Could Become A World War - Fox News
5 Ways Russia's War In Ukraine Could Spark World War III - Business Insider
World War III May Have Already Started With Russian Invasion - NBC News

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. NASB Mat 24:6.

There seems to be armed conflicts taking place somewhere on the planet at any given time, but few have the potential to turn into a global war. Starting with the Vietnam War, in which the horrors of war were brought into our

Deacons of the Month



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Welcomes Our Newest Members:



Genevieve Bishop



Alesha & Austin Bowen



School Supplies
are being collected
for our very own
WBC Member Teachers!

Below is a wish list with more to be added!

Teacher A - glue dots, glue strips, brightly colored copy paper (8.5X11).

Teacher B - loose leaf notebook paper, (lots of) pencils, expo pens and erasers, tissues, and hand sanitizer.

Teacher C - pencils, 24 count or less crayons, glue sticks, pink block erasers, tissues, and Clorox wipes.

Teacher D - tissues, Clorox wipes, and glue sticks

Teacher E - tissues, Clorox wipes, single subject notebooks, composition notebooks, index cards, scissors, and Elmer's glue sticks.

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living rooms during the evening news broadcast, most have become numb to the constant conflicts in one country or another.

With Food Prices Climbing, The U.N. Is Warning Of Crippling Global Shortages - NPR
The Food Crisis Is What Happens When Global Chains Collapse - The Guardian
The Looming Catastrophe Of The Global Food Shortage - Yahoo

And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine." NASB Rev 6:6.

Recently, food prices have spiraled upward making many items out of financial reach for many. Supply chain issues have caused gaping holes on store shelves where food products use to be. Beef, chicken, and eggs are in short supply.

We are not in the tribulation period yet, but these are all signs of things that will take place under a one world government led by the antichrist. What may be taking place now is a softening up of the population for what is coming. Acceptance of mandates, apathy to global conflicts, product shortages becoming the "new normal" will blind people to the significance of events that take place in the "time of Jacob's trouble".

If you find what is taking place today inconvenient or troublesome, it will only get worse, much worse. If you want to avoid God's wrath during the tribulation, there is a way. If you haven't already, believe and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and repent of your sins. When the Lord returns for His church, we will all be removed from this world and avoid the wrath to come.



Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Joachim Neander (1650 - 5/31/1680)

As a student in Bremen, Germany, Joachim Neander lived a Godless life. Though both his father and grandfather were Lutheran Ministers, Joachim wasted his life in immorality. Then, when Neander was twenty, a preacher named Under-Eyke came to Bremen to preach. Neander went to the meeting intending to ridicule the preacher, but instead, he was converted to Christ.



Four years later he became headmaster of a school in Dusseldorf, and during his time there he wrote more than sixty hymns, Because of his strong Christian views and his evangelistic activities, he displeased the authorities and was eventually removed from his position.

Despite the tensions, he wrote many hymns of praise. He often wandered through the valleys and hills near Dusseldorf, communing with his Lord. After losing his position at the school, he lived for a time in a cave and continued to write hymns. He died very young, at the age of thirty, but he left behind a legacy of praise to God.

<p>1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.</p> <p>2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?</p>	<p>3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.</p> <p>4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.</p>
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Psalm 103:1-5 (NASB) BLESS the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

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