



Pastor's Corner

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

I have shared in the last two newsletters on the importance of Church Membership. This month I want to share a list of ten things you can do to support your church.

This is a good reminder for all of us.:

1. Attend Regularly
2. Give Generously
3. Love Radically
4. Volunteer Joyfully
5. Bring Others Consistently
6. Share Jesus Willingly
7. Fellowship Purposely
8. Show Up Energetically
9. Pray Fervently
10. Encourage Faithfully

For those who Love Westmoreland Baptist Church, let us make these 10 points our goal!

In God's Love,

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Alanna Cline

Growing Up

Many of us are going through that in between stage in child rearing. They are not yet teenagers, but they sure want to act like it. I have one starting middle school and one going into the fourth grade this fall. I'm not sure how this happened. It seems to me, we just brought them home from the hospital and we blinked and here they are wanting to insert their independence.

It will be a big adjustment for our family as, for the first time since my youngest started pre-kindergarten, my boys will be going to separate schools. I love how in the pickup queue at school they holler for the "Cline Boys". This coming school year, it will drop to "Cline". I am praying my youngest will adjust to a new routine without his brother and my oldest to a whole new atmosphere and routine with a lot more classes.

Even if your family is not in a public-school setting, there are all sorts of transitions going on at home, in social groups, at church, etc. Our "TeamKid" group here at church will be dropping by several as they transition to our youth program, "The River". I am so proud of all of our kids and their faith in our Lord. It will be an adjustment for them all, but one I think they are ready for. They will be delving further into the Bible in a more mature setting and going to lock-ins and camps. I pray they always keep God first in whatever they do!

You have your "TeamKid" start:

Learning about God.
Using the Bible.
Living for Jesus.

Now is the time to start your journey with "The River Student Ministries":

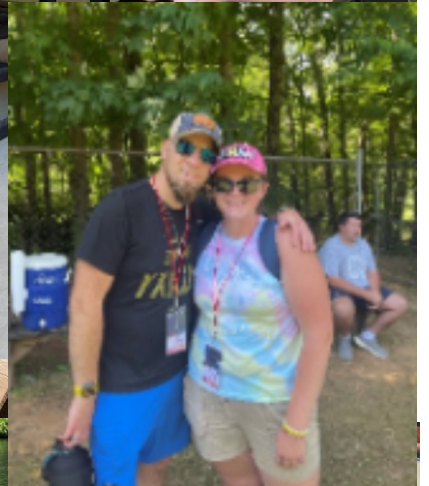
Wade out.
Dive deeper.
All in.

Michael and I will miss them in "TeamKid", but we will still be right here supporting and cheering them on!



<i>Viola Dingess</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Kevin Smith</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Alec Lockhart</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Alyssa Jones</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Halley Thompson</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Connie Dillon</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Skipper Maynard</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Betty Howerton</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Melinda Martin</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Taylor Yoho-Burns</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Tanner Yoho</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Lucian Martin</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Deanna Yoho</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Olivia Spurgeon</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Margaret Morgan</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Elizabeth Hamlin</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Madalyn Cliff</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Vern Campbell</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Dylan Adkins</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Kriste Blinn</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Seth Howerton</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Billie Bower</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Cali Casto</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Nicole Spurgeon</i>	<i>31st</i>





The Persecuted Church

From: “The Alabama Baptist Paper”

Indian Pastor Murdered After Being Accused of Being An Informant

Chhattisgarh State, India - A Pastor accused of being a police informant was murdered in front of his family on March 17. Yalam Shankar was killed outside his home in Angampalli village in India’s Chhattisgarh State.

The six masked assailants slit his throat and shot and stabbed him in the chest. Later they kicked him to make sure he was dead

According to a note left on his body, the People’s Liberation Guerrilla Army, which is part of the Communist Party of India was responsible for his murder.

In January, a notice directed to Yalam and 21 other Christians warned them to “Leave pastorship of the Christian faith” and to return to worshipping tribal gods, according to the Morning Star News.

Iranian-Armenian Pastor Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison For House Church

Tehran, Iran - An Iranian-Armenian pastor has been sentenced to 110 years in prison , followed by 10 years of “deprivation of social rights,” for running a Christian House Church in Tehran, Iran.

The Judgment against Anooshavan Avedian is for “establishing and leading an Illegal group,” the relief organization Barnabas Fund reported.

Abbas Soori and Maryam Mohammadi, two members of the church were sentenced to 10 years of social deprivation” for being part of the “illegal group.” Their penalty also includes a two year exile from Tehran, a fine of 50 million tomans (\$1,700) and a two year ban on joining any social groups and traveling outside the country. The three were arrested in a house church raid in August 2020.

As an Armenian Christian, Anooshavan could worship in his own language.. However, it is illegal for him to conduct services in Farsi, the national language of Iran.

In Anzali, Iran, Ministry of Intelligence agents in April raided the home of Rahmat Rostamipour, a Christian convert from Islam, The Barnabas Fund reported. Although Rostamipour was not charged with anything, he was put into detention in a location unknown to his family.



Religions (India)

- 79.8% Hinduism
- 14.2% Islam
- 2.3% Christianity
- 1.7% Sikhism
- 0.7% Buddhism
- 0.4% Jainism
- 0.23% Unaffiliated
- 0.65% Others

Religions (Iran)

There is some slight dispute as to exact figures, but Islam leads all religions with 96.6% - 99.98% of the population. The rest of the population is divided between Christianity, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism.

Deacons Of The Month...

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Tuesday, July 5, 6 pm is our meeting time. We weren't able to hear about foster care last month so hopefully, our speaker will make it this month. Rachel encouraged us to try and have at least one fidget mat made ready to share with the group.



Bring a snack to share if you can. Last month we had a great time of sharing and several ladies made it who had been wanting to join us.

We should be able to meet on the main floor of the church in the room across from the choir room.



VBS at WBC

July 13th - 15

6:00pm - 8:30pm

If you have any farm tools, hay bales, etc. we can use, please let Mindi Spurgeon know!

Our goal is to have at least 60 kids attend this year's HayDay VBS!

We need 22 adult and youth (7th grade & up) volunteers to make this happen! Please let Mindi Spurgeon know how you want to help!



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry Van Dyke (1852 - 1933)

One of my favorite all time hymns was written by Henry Van Dyke who lived from 1852 till 1933. It seems that I hear it most often at Christmas time, but it is a great hymn year round.

Van Dyke was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. He was so moved by the beauty of God’s creation that he wrote this hymn of joy. The next morning, he handed the poem to the college president. “Here is a hymn for you” he said. “Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven’s “Hymn to Joy.” And so it has ever since.

Van Dyke was a Presbyterian minister; the author of many books, including the best selling “The Other Wise Man”. He was a professor of literature at Princeton University, a Navy Chaplain during World War I; and ambassador to Holland and Luxembourg under President Woodrow Wilson.

When he published this hymn in 1911, he noted that it was to be sung by people who “are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy their religion or that any revolution on earth will overthrow the kingdom of heaven.” With such confidence the Christian has much to rejoice about.

<p>1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!</p> <p>2 All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays, Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally!</p>	<p>3 Always giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our Brother, Let Your light upon us shine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.</p> <p>4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, Joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.</p>
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Philippians 4:4-7 (ESV) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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