

# SDBC NEWS

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## Behind the Beard

Back when I was in high school, I was a member of a white-water, canoe racing club. While I had grown up around boats and on the water, white-water canoeing was something outside my experience and the first time out with the club was quite an eye-opener.

It has been so long ago that I no longer remember the name of the river, only that it was somewhere up in the mountains of West Virginia. As the new guy, I was paired with an old, experienced hand who knew the river well and whose skills at canoe handling were superb. He took the captain's position at the back and I was situated in the bow with the important task of steering the boat through the turbulent waters. Just as the sun rose, we put in off the bank into a slow, meandering section of the river whose gentle flow lulled me into a false sense of security. "Really," I thought, "this is white-water canoeing? I don't see no white water."

Be careful what you ask for.

By the time we had finished our trek some fourteen miles downstream, I was exhausted, soaked, and bruised. I had capsized the canoe twice; I lost a paddle somewhere along the route to a large boulder; and only at the last minute was able to avert a trip over a high-water dam that was largely unseen from the perspective of a canoe. Well, what was I to expect? They told me it was white-water! Had I not been with someone whose patience and skill kept me afloat, I probably wouldn't have made it to the end.

Jesus tells us that we will have trouble in the world. (John 16:16-33) He tells us that we will run into all kinds of "white water" and that the world will buffet us and try to drown us. But, He also tells us something else. He tells us, "I have overcome the world." With him in the captain's seat, we can arrive at our destination whole.

Pastor Will

## S'more of Sue's Thoughts

### The Big 6-0 Plan!



In just a few short weeks, I will hit the "BIG 6-0!" How did that happen? How did it happen so quickly? I look back and think about the decades of my life. Decade #1 was filled with childhood joys and blessings as part of a loving family. Decade #2 was all about maturing, learning about who I really was, and beginning to figure out life. Decades #3 and #4 were mostly about discerning who God wanted me to be and how He was going to use me in ministry. In truth, decade #5 is kind of a blur as I think back. I do recall lots of feelings of disappointment in self, uncertainty, and angst. Decade #6...the one I am saying good-bye to? This one was filled with various adjustments in my personal and professional life. Shifts, great losses, much anxiety, and change dominated those years. So here I am, looking head-on at birthday #60. Decade #7...coming up!

I recently read an article that said, "when you reach age 60, you are entering the final third of your life." Now, if I did not know Jesus as my Savior and Lord, if I did not know the precepts of God's Word, and if I thought that this life was all there is, that statement would lead me to despair. Nevertheless, since I do have a strong faith, I know that regardless of whether the Lord gives me a full three more decades of earthly life or just another minute, hour, or day, I have so much more to look forward to... life eternal! I praise and thank God for this truth!

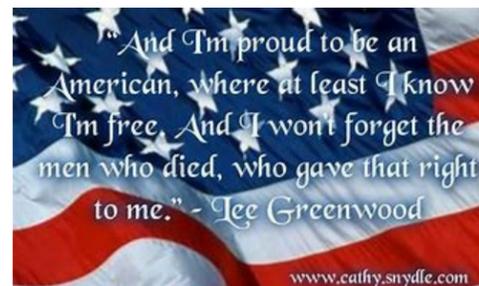
What will this coming decade bring? The Lord knows but, truly I have no idea. I have, however, been seeking out wisdom from Him. I desperately want to understand how He wants me to invest my time and energies in the decade to come should He choose to give 10 or more years of life to me. Goals? Yes, I have goals as I look to the future and I felt it would be a good thing to write them out as somewhat of an "Ebenezer"; a "thus-far-You-have-brought-me-show-me-the-path-to-take-for-the-future" sort of thing. So, here goes!

Before I step through the veil between this earth and the presence of Jesus, most importantly, I want to carve out more and more time to be in the pres-

ence of my Lord, to study His Word more than ever before, and to be still before Him listening to His still small voice. I also pray that He will show me how to crystallize my ministries within our church family. I want to understand more clearly how He desires to use me to touch lives for Christ. I want to be more and more bold in sharing my faith with others. I do not want to waste precious moments on that which is trivial or frivolous. I want to be deliberate in making more time for my loved ones; my brother and sister-in-law, my nieces and their children. I also have plans to clarify and update a tangible form of my faith story, whether it be on paper or digitalized in some manner. When I leave this life, I do not want there to be any question as to the facts that I served a great and mighty God and that my first love was Jesus and that I sought to love and obey Him with all my heart. I also have dreams of writing a devotional book that will include many of the articles I have written for this newsletter. Finally, I hope to do some traveling at some point in time. I have a great desire to visit the Holy Land, as well as, the countries from which my ancestors came; Germany, Scotland, and Ireland.

That about does it! I better get busy. Of course, these are my plans. The Lord may have other plans in mind. If He does, that's alright by me. The main thing is that I strive to discern those plans all along knowing that one day, I will reach for His hand, and He will take me into His presence and *that*, my friend, is the very best part of the plan...the sure and certain part!

"For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you," says the LORD,  
"plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster,  
to give you a future and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11



### Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet Sundays in July at 6:30 p.m. We will look at Mark Hall's testimony and some Casting Crowns songs.

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Let Me Tell You About ...by Lisa McQueen

Let Me Tell You About... Having No Words

Sometimes there are no words that will say what needs to be said. Job 2:13 says that when Job was at his worse, having lost his possessions, his children, and his health, his friends came and simply sat with him. "Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was." I have experienced times when all I could do with my loved ones is sit with them. As a matter of fact, I am terrible at chit-chat kind of conversations, so there is often a lot of silence when I hang out with others, even if it is not during a hard patch. I can offer you my time and my presence, but words? sometimes I am at a loss.

So, in these hot, hazy days of summer, I encourage you to sit a spell and be quiet. Be quiet by yourself. Sit with someone and listen. Let the Lord do the talking in the spaces of silence we create. Share His presence through the gift of your own time and presence with not only your loved ones, but with whomever the Lord brings upon your path today.

Youth Happenings in JULY

1by1 Crew will meet on Sundays July 1,8, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 5:30-7:30pm

**Let's Go Yogging: Youth Olympic Games!** A night to celebrate running the race God has set before us. We are joining together with other area Baptist youth groups to study the Bible, eat some burgers, and do a flip or two in the pool with some friendly competition. Mark your calendar for **Monday, July 16, 4:30-9pm.**

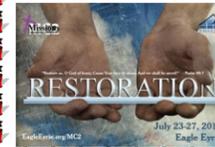


**Mondays: Camp Light Face painting** -- Join us at the Special Needs Camp in Waynesboro to spread some joy. Meet at church at 12pm We will return by 4pm.

**Thursdays: Food Pantry Ministry**--We will do the heavy lifting! We help cart food out to personal vehicles, load the car, and say "God Bless You!" to the clients. Meet at church at 1:30pm. Return by 5pm.



**MC2--Eagle Eyrie Mission Week July 23-27.** Please pray for those youth who are participating.



Love INC



Volunteers are needed in both of the Love INC Resale Stores. "The Gathering Place" here in Stuarts Draft, especially needs your help. If you would like to work in the retail store, stocking or as a clerk, please contact Chris Beck, the Love INC Volunteer Coordinator at 540-221-2955. Or see Twila Deese in the church office and she'll help you get connected.



a Love INC Thrift Shoppe

Ladies IMPACT Ministry

**Our Next Prayer and Share Brunch** will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Panera Bread in Waynesboro. Ladies (teens and adults) are invited to come together as we share and pray with one another. Please note there will be no meeting during July.

**Joyful Peace Creative/Christian Paint Party** is being planned for mid-July. Watch for details in weekly bulletin. Let Sue Haberlein know if you are interested so we can set a date!

**ABUNDANCE!** A Lifeway Women's Event will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Coliseum. If interested, please see Sue Haberlein ASAP. Featured will be: Jackie Hill Perry, Lisa Harper, Amanda Bible Williams, Raechel Myers, Lauren Chandler, Jamie Ivey, Ben Stuart and more!



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| <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Morning Worship<br>5:30 PM 1by1CREW<br>6:30 PM Men's Group | <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b><br>Bible Study and Choir Reh.<br>postponed until August 15<br><b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b><br>4:30 PM Praise Team Reh. |
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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                    | Wed                    | Thu                                    | Fri | Sat  |
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| 1  | 2<br>12 Noon Youth to Camp Light<br>                              | 3                                      | 4<br>Office Closed     | 5<br>1:30 pm Youth to Food Pantry<br>  | 6   | 7  |
| 8  | 9<br>12 Noon Youth to Camp Light<br>                              | 10<br>7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting  | 11<br>Happy July 4th   | 12<br>1:30 pm Youth to Food Pantry<br> | 13  | 14   |
| 15<br>No 1by1CREW                              | 16<br>12 Noon Youth to Camp Light<br>4:30-9 pm Youth Olympics<br> | 17                                     | 18                     | 19<br>1:30 pm Youth to Food Pantry<br> | 20  | 21<br>9 am—12 noon Building and Grounds Clean-up Day<br> |
| Children's Mini Music Camp 10-12 noon. Mon-Wed |   |  |                        |  |     |  |
| 22   | 23<br>Newsletter Deadline   | 24<br>6:30 pm Deacon Meeting           | 25<br>NO Cheer Baskets | 26                                     | 27  | 28<br>10 am Ladies Impact Ministries<br>                 |
|  |   | Youth to MC2 at Eagle Eyrie July 23-28 |                        |  |     |  |
| 29   | 30<br>12 Noon Youth to Camp Light<br>                             | 31                                     |                        |  |     |  |

July Birthdays

- 1 Sherry Harvey, Janet Sorrell
- 2 Bob Harvey, Caelyn Crittenden
- 3 Dwight Seamster
- 4 Wayne VanDevander III
- 5 Arielle Gitchell, Lenora Swecker, Lisa McQueen, Missy Chandler, David Baldwin
- 6 Billy Coffey
- 7 Derek McLain
- 8 Schuyler Estes
- 9 Lynn Steele
- 10 Susan Perry, Jessica Kern, Allison Lunsford, Fred Taylor
- 11 Kathy Thompson
- 12 Anita Harris
- 13 Danny Johnson
- 14 Lexi Almarode
- 15 Wesley Wolff, Alex Elliott
- 16 Russell Kern
- 17 Stella Grace Sakshaug
- 18 Elley Corbin
- 19 Toni Steele, Bentley Almarode
- 21 George Burritt
- 22 Christopher Huffman
- 23 Matthew Armentrout
- 25 Tyler Fox
- 27 Cherie Knott Anderson
- 28 Sue Haberlein
- 29 Lisa Baldwin
- 30 Megan Jenkins
- 31 Richard Fountaine

Music Ministry

**Worship Choir Folks** will be on summer break during the month of July. We thank each of them for their commitment to sharing music each Sunday that honors our Lord Jesus Christ. You will hear them again beginning in mid-August.

**Celebration Ringers** is on summer break. We will resume rehearsals after Labor Day. If you are interested in learning to ring bells, please see Sue Haberlein.

**Worship Orchestra** is taking a break until after Labor Day. You can look forward to hearing them in worship in the fall.

**Children of All Ages** are invited to enjoy Summer Mini Music Camp which will be held Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12 noon. We will be taking music cheer to our Homebound Friends. Parent drivers will be needed. Lunch will be provided for the children.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jim and Shirley Stephenson, July 2, 1994
- George and Judy Burritt, July 3, 1969
- Danny and Della Cork, July 7, 1967
- John and Michelle Clements, July 17, 2004
- Kenneth and Ann Layton, July 18, 1959
- Barry and Connie Lotts, July 20, 1985
- Damon and Jamie Wade, July 22, 2000
- Steve and Ann Corbin, July 25, 1975
- John and Janice Humes, July 28
- Kenneth and Donna Stanley, July 29

Adult 50+ Ministry

**Most of our Adult 50+ activities** have been suspended for the month of July. Enjoy your time with family, vacations and fun! Everything will gear back up in mid-August!

Museum of the Bible Day Trip!

Travel to our nation's capital and the newly opened Museum of the Bible. This 500 million-dollar museum is the largest privately-owned museum in Washington D.C. Over 2,000 ancient Biblical artifacts are on display from the Dead Sea Scrolls to Bibles over 1000 years old. Date of trip is Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$79 per person. Deadline for paid reservations is August 21<sup>st</sup> or when the bus is full. Make check payable to ABAV and give to Sue Haberlein ASAP to reserve your spot!

**Heart-to-Heart Ministry** will be a new opportunity for volunteers to help meet the spiritual and emotional needs of our Homebound Folks. If you have a passion for ministry to those with special needs,



General Announcements

**Building and Grounds** is sponsoring a church work day on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-12 Noon. More will be coming about what will need to be done to spruce the church building and lot up. Reserve this day on your calendar so you can help clean up our church grounds. Any questions? See Daniel Johnson, Christi Almarode, George Burritt, Roger Sparks or Wayne Vandevander.

