

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
 *Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).
***In-House worship services:**
 9:00 AM Contemporary; 11:00 AM Traditional
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 (safety guidelines posted by entry doors and on Facebook)

January 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Vaden Wise Scholarship appl. deadline.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sanctity of Life Sunday	18 / Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Counting committee for January:
 —Bill & Cathy Nelson

Counting committee for February:
 —Joe & Arleen Allen

9:00 Nursery Schedule:

3 - Frannie Hubbard/Cathy Nelson
 10 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey DenKinger
 17 - Stephanie Lowe/Joy Lowe
 24 - Peggy Foster/Delena Nelson
 31 - Glenda Ramer/Addy Lowe

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“The Lighthouse”



Who will forget the year 2020? The worldwide pandemic; wearing masks; the quarantining; the businesses shut down; schooling from home; jobs lost; the protesting; the riots, the record number of forest fires; the record number of tropical storms and hurricanes; the political fighting. The toilet paper shortage. It has been quite a year. I am ready for 2021! I think we all hope and prayer that 2021 will

be a better year. I came across a verse that stood out to me recently, “Although your former state was ordinary, your future will be extraordinary.” (Job 8:7 CEB) Job’s friend Bildad comforts Job after the tragedy of losing his children, his livestock, all his servants and his health. Bildad reminds Job that as we trust in the Heavenly Father, He blesses us. Though all is gone, he will see prosperity again. What seems small now will be greatly increased. The Good News translation says it this way, “All the wealth you lost will be nothing compared with

what God will give you then.” (Job 8:7) Like Bildad, I believe as we trust in the Father, good things will come our way this year. Well, last year was not quite “ordinary,” but, I do believe this year can be “extraordinary!” I look forward to seeing what God will do in 2021. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Faithfully,
 Pastor Brian



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 Return Services Requested

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JANUARY 2021

SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ 1st New Year's Day
- ♦ 4th Deadline for Vaden Wise Scholarship appl.
- ♦ 17th Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- ♦ 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ♦ 24th Quarterly Business Mtg.
- ♦



Sun., Jan. 17



QUARTERLY
Business
Meeting

The next quarterly business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the multipurpose building.



Rev. Marvin "Kenneth" Russell, 91, passed away on December 29, 2020, at Beaufont Towers Retirement Community in Richmond, Va. Kenneth was born December 19, 1929, in Whaleyville, Va., to the late Marvin William Russell and Elizabeth Aurelia Hollowell Russell. He graduated from Mars Hill College and continued his education at University of Richmond, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and University of North Carolina School of Social Work. He pastored Baptist churches in Gloucester, Roanoke, Hudgins (he served as pastor for Mathews Baptist Church from November 1975-March 1982) and Matoaca, Virginia and served as interim pastor in several churches in retirement. He was a caseworker at the Virginia Baptist Children's Home in Salem, Va., for 14 years. He drove a school bus for Chesterfield County for seven years following his retirement. He loved softball and bowling in his younger days and bingo and shuffleboard during his retirement. After retiring, he was devoted to his church, Bethlehem Baptist, for many years. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Anne Jennings Russell; as well as two sisters. He is survived by his children, Dedra Barker (Lee), Debi Adams (Dave) and Kenneth H. Russell (Sandy). He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Due to COVID-19, plans included a private family graveside service. A Celebration of Life service will be planned at a later date. Condolences may be registered at www.ealvinsmall.com. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to Bethlehem Baptist, 9600 Midlothian Turnpike, North Chesterfield, Va. 23235.



Please Pray for...



†Cathie Wahlers having a procedure later this month.
 †Stephanie Anthony who has started chemo/radiation treatments.
 †Ivan Schaible who was in the hospital recently
 †Ricky Callis who was in an accident and in the ICU at VCU Medical Center.
 †Stephanie Lowe with knee problems.
Praise God for...
 †A new year with new opportunities
Nursing Home/Assisted Living...
 † Martha Hall (Mathews)
Homebound...
 † Ed Haufler, Julie Harvell, Louise Diggs, Estelle Tankard
Long Term illness/condition...
 † Archie Owens † Derek Zwiers
 † Gloria & Jim Travenski
 † Raymond Harris † Sam/Mary Vogel
 † Leonard Downs, Jr. † Cathie Wahlers
 † Don & Christy Talbott
 † Stephanie Anthony & her son Chris
 † Lynn Braun's mother Claudette
 † Carol Buckley (Delena Nelson's mom)
Our Church Families' Missionaries...
 † Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigators)
Our love and sympathy go out to the family and friends of...
 † Cathy & Bill Nelson at the passing of Cathy's mother Elaine Cameron on Dec. 7, 2020.
 † Randy & Christy Cooksey at the passing of Randy's mother Sheila Cooksey on Dec. 8, 2020.
 † Ed & Lori Shull at the passing of Ed's father Boyd Shull on Thurs., Dec. 17.
 † Eric Edgecomb of Susan, VA who passed away on Dec. 21, 2020.
 † Chris Hubbard (Frannie) & Hope Lowe (Jonathan) whose grandmother Minnie Hubbard passed away on Wed., Dec. 23, 2020.
 † Our former pastor, the Rev. M. Kenneth Russell, who passed away on Tues., Dec. 29, 2020.
 † Lisa Buchanan & Joan B. Miller (David) whose mother Barbara M. Buchanan passed away on Wed., Jan. 6, 2021.
 † Yvonne Adams of Yorktown, VA who passed away on Thurs., Jan. 7, 2021.
 † Gregory Smith (Luann Smith's brother-in-law) who passed away on Fri., Jan. 8, 2021.

Church Attendance-Dec. 2020

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
12/06/20	90	n/a	27
12/13/20	80	52	13
12/20/20		68	13
12/27/20	40	38	16

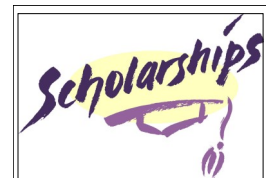
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 scholarship
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—Virginia Baptist Foundation
 scholarship applications due by Jan. 31, 2020.

For more information, go to vbfinc.org/scholarships.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:**

As of 12/31/2020, we have received \$149,909.15 towards our goal of \$400,000.

Loan Balance as of 11/30/20: \$246,780.34
 Payments 12/01/20-12/31/20: \$ 2,980.65 (prin.\$2,240.31 int. \$740.34)
 Loan Balance as of 12/31/20: \$244,540.03

Mission News

Thank you to all who gave to help support our missionaries. Our Lottie Moon Offering was **\$7,019.²⁵** as of 1/10/2021. Our goal was \$7,500. Your generous donations will be used to help spread God's Word through our International Missionaries!!

**Coming in Feb:**

2nd: Blood Drive
 7th: Super Bowl
 8-14th: FOCUS on WMU Week
 14th: Valentine's Day
 15th: President's Day