

The Vision

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The United Baptist Church Vision is "to develop an intentional relationship with God, as in Jesus, so that our lives demonstrate the transforming effect and supreme importance of such a relationship for us, our society, and our world."

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION OFFERING TO BE TAKEN

The Mission Support Team has decided to try a consolidated Mission Offering this year. Beginning this month and continuing through the end of the year, we will periodically be emphasizing one of four mission partners:

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
World Hunger through Baptist World Aid
NorthStar Church Network Mission Offering
CBF Global Missions Offering

All money given to this Consolidated Missions Offering will be divided equally between these four mission causes. You will still be able to designate your offering to be divided some other way, but you will need to clearly mark that on the envelope. Envelopes for this offering will be available in the near future. The emphasis kicks off with

MISSION NIGHT

Emphasis: Virginia Baptists

Wednesday, September 16
Prepared Meal begins at 5:45 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jim Ailor, Northern Virginia Field Strategist for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board

Church Leadership Council ***Sunday, September 13*** ***12:30 p.m.***

Wednesday Night Schedule ***Resumes September 16***

- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner (all three meals in September will be prepared meals)
- 6:30 p.m. Singing and Prayer Time, followed by Discipleship Study or Mission Night
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

George Mason Friends USED BOOK SALE

Rare and unusual books, children's books
George Mason Regional Library
7001 Little River Turnpike

Oct. 22, 5-9pm Oct. 23, 10am-6pm
Oct. 24, 10am-5pm Oct. 25, noon-5pm

Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

I'm sick of it. But it works! It captures my attention. It is a television commercial for an investment company whose name I will not promote here. It features a female company salesperson urging a male investor to "stay on the green line" on the floor, as he walks out of the company's door, down the sidewalk, and wherever he travels. The green line continues to project down the street on the sidewalk. For the company the message is: invest your financial resources with the company; don't follow other firms/investments, and you will be successful! The male in the commercial leaves the firm, walks down the sidewalk right past a classic automobile showroom. He pauses, starts to turn in, step off the green line and is tempted to invest in an expensive automobile, when the female investment company salesperson who has chosen to walk behind him as he leaves the investment company, speaks up urging him "to stay on the green line." In other words, pick the best investment for your funds and don't waver.

As one attempting to follow the "line" that is drawn on the "sidewalks of life" by Jesus, I was reminded that the message of the Jesus that people choose to follow is like the different investment the man was tempted to take. So, I ask myself, what is the message of the Jesus I want to follow? One green line of Jesus is as the provider of security: daily (often financial—give me this day my daily bread and plenty of it), but also after this life (pictured in many ways). Physical security and emotional security is the basic human need we first become aware of when we are born, because we soon thereafter realize we also have an end. So **our need** for security can drive how we interpret Jesus and his green line. Another green line of some people's Jesus is driven by **God's need** for us to live together respecting one another's gifts and applying those gifts, not for our individual success (material and spiritual), but for the enhancement of ALL. The picture associated with this green line of Jesus is Jesus kneeling before his apostles, and washing their feet! Amazingly, that green line while not primarily for the purpose of security does create the most secure relationships because those relationships are not self-centered. As I examine Scripture about Jesus, this second green line is all about following the green line of treating people humanely, as we'd like to be treated. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Luke 6:31) But then, I must get what I really want to be what Jesus wants. Maybe that is why he said, take up your cross (his cross was his way of using his gifts with love every day) and follow my way of bearing my life, for the good of ALL. Maybe this is why those kind of human touches are the things most often remembered and celebrated about the deceased at the funeral. What is my Jesus green line to struggle to stay on? And, yours?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

September

- 9 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 13 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
12:30 p.m. Church Council
- 14 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 16 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:45 p.m. Serving Dinner Begins (Chicken & Rice)
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. MISSION NIGHT: Jim Ailor (BGAV)
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

2010 Budget Request Forms

Now Available

Next to the Information Center
by the Lower Elevator Entrance
Support Team and Committee Members
should submit projected 2010 Expenditures
for church actions on these forms, by
returning these forms to the Finance
Committee's Communication Center Box
by September 12, 2009

Health Corner ... Gerry Sue Young, RN

Today's world is very stressful, and stress can affect your health. We all talk about being stressed. But do you know the physical, behavioral, and emotional symptoms of stress? Physical symptoms include headaches, indigestion, sweaty palms, back pain, sleep difficulties, tiredness, and a racing heart. Behavioral symptoms include excessive smoking, bossiness, excessive criticism of others, grinding your teeth at night, overuse of alcohol and compulsive eating. The emotional systems are ones we usually relate to stress; crying, nervousness, boredom, and a feeling of powerlessness to change things. There are both healthy and unhealthy ways to deal with stress and these symptoms. The next Health Corner will have healthy ways to deal with stress and it's symptoms.

We are working to set up a date for our annual **Flu Shot Clinic** to be held on a Sunday following the worship service. When we do, we will need to have 30 people sign up. Watch for details to follow.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's School Backpack Youth Mission Project with donations. We will be working on and completing this project this week with delivery scheduled for next week. I spoke with Mrs. Lawrence at Westlawn Elementary this week and she is eagerly awaiting these donations for her students. Thank you once again for stepping up to the plate and being the presence of Christ in the lives of our students as you help them with this project, but also for being the presence of Christ in the lives of the students who will receive these backpacks and who will be able to start the new year on better footing for having these supplies.

We will have Children's Faith and Fun Day on Saturday morning September 12th, so be ready for some fun!! I'll be bringing a friend so why don't you bring one too!! Meet Ms. Twyla at her office on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. We will have pizza for lunch and be finished at 1 p.m.

Please read Deuteronomy 1-22 for **Sunday School** for September 13. Hopefully, we will all be back together this week and we can work on the Amazing Bible Race quizzes for this reading together on Sunday morning. I look forward to see everyone after all of the traveling you have been doing in the last couple of weeks.

The End-of-Summer pool party for this year will take place on Sunday, September 13th, after church. We will go to Manassas, where we will spend one last day enjoying swim fun in the sun this summer. Do your homework early on this weekend so that you can really enjoy this day. Bring your suit to church and I'll see ya at the pool one last time for this year!!

For inquiring minds that want to know, plans are currently in the process of being made for a canoe or canoe and camp trip/retreat in September. The tentative dates for this event are September 25-27. The plan is that we will travel to Meadows Farm Friday evening, camp out, canoe on Saturday, camp out Saturday night and return home on Sunday. Part of this activity will include some activities for the Amazing Bible Race. If you are on the Amazing Race team, please make plans to participate in this event as we will be concluding leg one and beginning leg 2. Your presence is truly important.

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Staying Ahead of the Game with Safety Awareness

*presented by Columbia Baptist Church and NorthStar Church
Network Churches on Mission Group*

October 3, 9am – 12noon
Columbia Baptist Church
103 W. Columbia St.
Falls Church, VA

NorthStar Church Network Ministry Conference 2009

Saturday, September 12
9am – 12noon

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street

Workshops for teachers, deacons, pastors, and leaders of women's ministry, music and worship, missions groups, spiritual development, single adults, youth, children, preschoolers and more!!!

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ANNANDALE SPRINGFIELD

Adventures in Learning:

Open House Registration

September 30, 10am - 12noon

John Calvin Presbyterian Church
6531 Columbia Pike

Two Classes: *Concepts of Sheol...Gehenna...Hell*
History and World Affairs

Shepherds Center Fundraiser

Tuesday, September 22 at 8:00 p.m.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria presents

The Foreigner

Tickets: \$20

Next Lunch n Life: October 22

PROGRAM: *Jerusalem Women Speak*

Three women from Abrahamic faiths speak