

The Vision

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION OFFERING BEING TAKEN

- Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
- World Hunger through Baptist World Aid
- NorthStar Church Network Missions
- 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 have now been mailed and are available in the pew envelope racks.

Baptist World Aid is the Consolidated Mission Offering emphasis for October. Baptist World Aid is the arm of the Baptist World Alliance that responds to crises around the world, including such things as the recent earthquakes, tsunamis, and typhoons. They also have ongoing ministries to the world's underprivileged, including those facing starvation and refugees. They are often able to work through local Baptist churches and unions already in place in these areas to be the presence of Christ.

MISSION NIGHT

Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.

(Note date change for November!)

Rev. Stephen Welch
NorthStar Church Network

CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Can you believe it is only 4 Sundays until our annual Thanksgiving dinner? It's time to start planning. Everyone is invited to share a Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 22 at 12:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. The church will provide Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy, Ham, and Beverage.

Each single individual should bring one menu item; a family is asked to provide two menu items:

Potatoes (white or sweet, casserole or plain)*

Vegetables

Salad (including cranberries)

Dessert

(*We need 2-3 people to bring a crock-pot of mashed potatoes (about 5 pounds per pot).

Help is needed for the following tasks:

1. Set up on Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Set up beverages and accept food at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 22.
3. Serving & assisting with meal.
4. Clean-up after meal.
5. Dishwashing.

Contact Gerry Sue Young if you will help

**Reservations are not required, but are requested.
Sign up sheets in Sunday morning bulletins.**

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

On the occasion of my 65th birthday, I offer this from my files. Unfortunately, I don't know the original author to give him or her credit. So, with no apologies and some of my own editing, here are some ***"Things It Took Me 50 (in my case, 65) Years to Learn"***:

1. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
2. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
3. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
6. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
8. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one person who knows a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
9. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
10. Never lick a steak knife.
11. Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
12. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
13. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time, age 11.
15. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.
16. When God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories, decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
17. Life is a journey...not a destination, so enjoy the trip!
18. The best things in life aren't things.
19. Life is not an emergency, so relax!
20. Your friends love you anyway.
21. Jesus wasn't kidding. Not about turning the other cheek. Not about loving your enemies. Not about the first being last. Not about losing your life if you try to save it. Not about loving others as He has loved us. Not about being willing to give up everything else in order to gain that one "great pearl" of unsurpassed value. Not about being unable to serve two masters. Nor was He kidding about loving us in spite of our failure to live up to any of the other things about which He was not kidding. Therein lies the wonder of God's grace, about which I hope to continue to learn.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

October

- 26-30 ACCA Medical Transportation Week for UBC
- 28 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:30 p.m. Knit & Crochet Club
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 29 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 31 9:00 a.m. Youth Paintball Trip

November

- 1 2:00 a.m. **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**
8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
10:55 a.m. Communion in Worship Service
12:15 p.m. November Birthday Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Mission Support Team Meeting
- 3 **ELECTION DAY – Vote!**
- 4 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalist's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. MISSION NIGHT: NorthStar (Steve Welch)
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

ACCA CHALLENGE GRANT

The Washington Forrest Foundation has challenged ACCA to raise \$17,500, and two anonymous donors have added \$7,500.00 to the Foundation's challenge – making our 2009-2010 Challenge Grant a total of \$25,000. To maintain ACCA's level of response to requests for assistance from our neighbors, our goal is to raise \$5.00 for each \$1.00 of challenge. The Challenge Grant campaign started on October 1 and ends on January 31, 2010. We need everyone's help to reach our goal.

Donations for the Challenge Grant may be sent to ACCA, Inc. at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. On the check's memo line, note "Challenge Grant." Help ACCA continue to provide a safety net for our needy neighbors in this time of economic recession.

Mission Support Team Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the Mission Support Team following the After-Worship Fellowship on Sunday, November 1.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions will meet on Wednesday night, October 28. We will also meet on November 4. We will meet at the Youth office at 6:15 p.m. We will be working in the library and on decorating new chrismons for our Sanctuary Christmas tree. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

This Sunday in **Youth Sunday School** we will work on the fast forward and weekly challenge of week one of leg 2 of the Amazing Bible Race. Read the book of **Joshua** in the Bible this week to be up to date with your reading. You will have until Nov. 1 to complete any missed quizzes from Leg 1. (We will help you get caught up on them on Wednesday nights if you want to work on the quizzes you have missed.) If you were not present last week, you will also receive the first and second quiz of Leg 2 on Sunday morning. We need you as we start on this new journey of our Bible study.

Make plans now to attend the **Halloween Big Game "MARS ATTACKS"** at **Skyline Paintball** on October 31st. Notify Twyla as soon as possible if you intend to go and bring any friends to the game. Cost is \$35.00 per person for registration/expenses. Your meals are at your own expense—so eat or pack breakfast, pack lunch and pack snacks and beverages for the entire day. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return back at approximately 8 p.m.

Thirteen children, youth and adults enjoyed fun in the sun and a great afternoon at the Fall Festival at Cox Farms. Thanks to Leigh Whitcraft, Emily Sturges, Erin Gallagher, and Kaitlin Martindale for their help in keeping up with all of the children at this event. Our next Kid's Club event will be on Nov. 15 after church. Put it on your calendar so you can join in the fun.

Major Fall Student Ministry Events---

Mark these events on your calendar now so that you can participate

- * October 31—Youth Paintball
- * November 14—Youth Paintball
- * November 15—Children's Faith & Fun Day (Kid's Club)
- * November 24—Thanksgiving Mission Project
- * November 27-28--Youth Lock-in/Deck the Worship Hall
- * December 12—Youth Paintball
- * Dec. 13—Kid's Club Christmas Event
- * Dec. Christmas Mission Project
- * Dec. 20—Youth Christmas Event

The 2009 Special Education Retreat was held October 16-18 at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly in Lynchburg, Virginia. The theme was "Boomerang Express." UBC participants included Bob Lawton who drove the bus, Erma and Rocky Rockholt, Rev. Bobby Joe Small, Elliott Benham, Jenny Thompson and her mother Marlina, Robin Wright, and James Fisher. We stayed in a house, the "Hemlock." Bobby Joe entertained us all the way down, playing the banjo and harmonica. There was lots of singing with Bob, Bobby Joe, Elliott and Marlina.

The classes were excellent for the students. The sanctuary afternoon Talent Show was excellent, many church groups performed. Elliott, Bob, and Bobby Joe sang "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain," Elliott sang "This Little Light of Mine" with Bobby Joe accompanying on the banjo and harmonica. They were the big attraction of the afternoon. The square dance on Saturday night was great fun for all.

For worship service Sunday morning, Elliott was invited to sing "Amazing Grace" and Bobby Joe accompanied on the banjo. For the choral benediction, Elliott sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Everyone enjoyed the weekend. Thanks to United Baptist for supporting the group.

Erma Rockholt for the Special Ed Group

Thank You ...

... Thank you for the recognition on Sunday, October 25th for my years with the Special Education Sunday School. The plaque will always be a special memory. Thank you to United Baptist Church for your support and love.

Charles (Rocky) Rockholt

... Please accept our thanks for your cards, calls, hugs and expressions of caring upon the recent death of my sister, Marilyn Bahm. You have been a real blessing to me and my family.

Sue Korcel

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.

Turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR
before going to bed Saturday night.