

The Vision

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June Mission Night...with prepared meal!

June 17, Dinner 5:45 P.M.; Program 6:30 P.M.

Members from our sister church, Ravensworth Baptist
Presenting a program on the Middle East Situation
As They Recently Experienced It During an On Site Visit

Come and Welcome our Sisters and Brothers! We Birthed Them!

(NOTE: This will be the last Wednesday night meal or discipleship study until September 16. Our cook has to be away dealing with a family emergency and we will take our usual summer break in July and August.)

Vacation Bible School Is Coming! The Third Week in August

If you are a child or the parent or grandparent of a child, we hope you will schedule your child to attend. Speak with Twyla Turner immediately about your intention to attend! The curriculum theme this year is *CAMP EDGE*.

Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

It's on the horizon! Fathers Day! Let me jump in and jump off! Here goes! Let me warn you, this may not refer to that which you are expecting to find in a church paper article. Fathers Day would not be, save for their children. Obvious! Fathers are "driven" to make their day possible by making children. That is God's fault! Fathers like to be able to say and think, "This is MY kid!" It takes one BEING plus another BEING; one LIFE plus another LIFE. It takes one "is" becoming interested or *curious* about another "is." And then it takes *courage* on the part of the two "is" to submit or be *humble* before the other "is" thinking that maybe each "is" might be more "is," than their "is" is by themselves. And, eventually their two "is" might produce another "is" that will be yet the same as them, but preferably more than their two "is." And, when that new "is" comes about, the demand placed on the two older "is" for more *curiosity* (and the humility that permits *curiosity*) rather than giving in to rejection of the new "is" when that "is" does not perform as either of the two earlier "is" expect, is huge! As comedian Bill Crosby said, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out of it." It is a wonder that there is not more child sacrifice as in the days of Abram and Isaac! [You might need to read this paragraph again.]

Whimsically, maybe God created the two "is" known as Adam and Eve, just to make all the "is" experience His choice creating frustration and benevolence. He did a good job if this is the case, don't you think? But we keep on creating more "is." Is it just so we male/female "is" can have our "is" create a Fathers Day/Mothers Day? I think not! I somehow hear the Bible say we keep creating more "is," is because we are like THE "IS"; THE FATHER. That is, we have *curiosity* about our world and want to see what might happen. We realize deep down, that while the "is" with which we are most familiar—ourselves—is okay, we have enough *humility* to want to be *curious* about what might occur with another "is." And so, we build up enough *courage* to seek another "is" to let share our existence to see that new "is." Oh, I know, the original "IS" throws His weight around. He gave all the "is" beings, not just minds, but hormones. That somehow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

June

- 17 8:45 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner (Hamburgers)
- 6:15 p.m. NO Youth Missions
- 6:30 p.m. MISSION NIGHT (Ravensworth Baptist group – report on visit to Middle East visit)
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 20 4:00 p.m. ONBC Wedding (Sanctuary & Fellowship)
- 21 FATHER'S DAY
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 22 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 23 6:00 a.m. Youth Leave for Virginia Beach Trip
- 24 8:45 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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complicate the choices. But, then, that just demands discerning exercise, of *curiosity* and *courage*, to be two abundant "is". Jesus would say, "This kind [of "is] comes about only with prayer" (from last Sunday's Sunday School text: Mark 9:29) And, oh yes, *curiosity* and *courage* are the primary characteristics seen and felt when engaged with what Jesus called the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, i.e. God (John 15:26-27).

So, on this Father's Day, I will decide to turn to The Father in order to remember what His Spirit is, and what mine really is, unless I select to distort it or miss apply it. Distortion (sin) does happen! It happens when *curiosity* and my *courage* to be *curious*, are allowed to shut down by my choosing to be *defensive* and *fearful*: (1) as in white supremacists recently at the Holocaust Museum; (2) as in nations and ethnic groups deciding not to be *curious* and courage with other groups—examples named on every day's front pages, (3) and as in different religions—and even groups within the same religion, rejecting *curiosity* and *courage*, for *defensiveness* and *fear* of the other. Right now, I choose to jump in The Fathers Day, and jump off!

So, to all my other "is" of "beings" out there: Happy Fathers Day! Let *curiosity* and *courage* abound! Amen (meaning, "in truth")

Youth News...Twyla Turner

There will be **NO Youth Missions** on June 17 because Twyla will be in Iowa. We will resume Youth Missions on June 24.

A special thanks to Emily Sturges for leading **Sunday School** while Twyla was in Iowa. This week, in class, we will complete the Amazing Bible Race quizzes for weeks 6 & 7. We will start week 8 on Monday June 22nd. Try to complete some material at home this week and bring it to Sunday School on Sunday morning so that you can contribute to the group effort. Please bring your runner's log and Bible so that you will have the information you need for the quizzes.

If you would like to earn some **Disciple Dollars or need service hours for school**, please contact Twyla. Some of you have already talked to me about this and I have opportunities available. If others are interested or need hours please let me know so that we can help others and at the same time help ourselves.

PLEASE NOTE ---DATE CHANGES---

The youth will have their special focus **Mission Project** on Wednesday, June 24th. We will meet at the usual time of 6:15 p.m. to find out more about our location and to plan the activities that we will do with the young homeless children we will be ministering to during the summer.

June 23rd will be a day trip to **Virginia Beach**. Depart 6 am return 10 pm. Cost \$20.00. If you plan on attending, please notify Twyla by email at ttbeachliver@gmail.com by June, 16th.

June 25th will be a day trip by bus to **NYC**. Depart 4:30 am return 12:30 am. Cost \$45.00 plus food. You may bring food or buy, but you must eat. If you plan on attending, please notify Twyla by email at ttbeachliver@gmail.com by June, 15th.

Paintball is coming on June 27. Cost \$25.00 per person. If you plan on attending, please notify Twyla by email at ttbeachliver@gmail.com by June, 20th.

The youth **End of School/Summer Kick-off Pool Party** will be one week later (June 28) than usual this year to allow students to spend the day with their Dads on Father's Day.

June 30 will be a special event for the children in our congregation. It will be **Children's Fun Day** and will include a Bible story and craft and a pool party.

July 1-2 will be a **lock-in** for the members of the **Amazing Bible Race Team**. We will be completing the team challenges of leg 1 in order to get credit for them for our team. If you are on the team please plan to attend this lock-in. Everyone is needed for maximum points.

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer. If you have **any** interest in helping or attending, and have not yet spoken with Twyla, please do so immediately. Feedback from potential attendees and workers show that mid to late August will be a better time for our VBS this year, so we will be working toward that.

Health Corner . . . Gerry Sue Young, RN

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you should replace your toothbrush every 6 months, or after you've had a cold or the flu?

Did you know that you should have your at-home BP devices calibrated every 3-6 months?

Did you know you shouldn't eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice if you take Lipitor?

Did you know you should let your doctor know of any over-the-counter medicines or herbal products you take?

Did you know that garlic and ginkgo biloba inhibit blood clotting?

Did you know that you should wait 2 hours after taking thyroid medication before taking calcium or any calcium product?

Did you know that you should replace your mascara every 6 months?

Now you know.

BUS TRIP TO THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of
Annandale-Springfield

WHEN: Tuesday, July 28, board bus at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at Annandale United Methodist

WHAT: Tour of Washington National Cathedral

COST: \$20, paid in advance (by June 26)

Includes bus trip and tour of Cathedral

MAIL: To SCAS, 7610 Newcastle Dr.,
Annandale, VA

Include your name and phone number

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