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Dear Church Family,
 Thank you all for your cards, phone calls and visits when our mom, June Cahoon, was hospitalized with pneumonia and then at her passing. We appreciate your prayers and support, your kind expressions of sympathy. We know she is with the Lord, and we will see her again.

Tom Cahoon and Family

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FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH

Christ's Ambassadors and Reconciliation

One of my favorite and most cherished descriptors for Christians is found in 2 Corinthians 5:20 - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors." Although I talk about our role as ambassadors often, I am certain many of us (myself included) do not fathom the depth, importance and privilege of bearing this title. We are Christ's ambassadors!

If there was any doubt what Paul meant by referring to Christ-followers as "ambassadors," it is cleared up later in the same verse. Paul writes, "as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be Reconciled to God." The implication is clear - we are God's mouthpiece in the world. We are expected to live in such a way that others want the same salvation we have through Christ. Our ultimate responsibility is to share the love of God that is proven in the Gospel of Christ.

Christians often protest and declare that sharing Christ is the job of evangelists, pastors, and missionaries. This passage nullifies that idea, for verse 17 declares that this new title, position and responsibility of "ambassador" is for "anyone in Christ." Christian, you have a great responsibility. You have literally been entrusted by God to lead others to a right relationship with Him. You bear the title "ambassador for Christ."

The practical implications here are many, but I want to touch on one now. To begin, as people charged with bringing others into reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ (reconciliation with God means the relationship is restored and brought back to a right standing) we must practice reconciliation in our human relationships. In other words, how can we lead someone to know reconciliation with God if we refuse to reconcile with them? Why would a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, church member or casual acquaintance want to know the God we claim to know if we cannot or will not strive to set our relationship with them in order?

Ultimate reconciliation is with God, but the practical ramification of our relationship with the Lord and salvation is played out with others. Are you harboring resentment toward others? Are you hanging on to the past hurt or indiscretions of others? While the hurt you have experienced is real and you may have been woefully treated, you must seek reconciliation with them for the cause of Christ.

How do we begin down this path? First, pray and ask the Lord to help you see others the way He sees them. In other words, if they are Christians they are ultimately righteous in Christ, and His blood has paid for their sin. If they are not Christians they need the forgiveness that comes through Christ, and you can trust that God is the one to whom they ultimately will give account. All this means you can let "love cover over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). You can and ought to let it go because of the Gospel. Next, the situation may dictate you go to them to ask forgiveness or work things out. If this is the case, go in humility. Go with a heart to reconcile, not with a heart to prove you are right and they are wrong. Finally, remember God's love for you. Remember and focus on the grace and mercy He gave you in Christ. Remember that God is the most offended and sinned against being in all the world and all of time. Yet, He went to great lengths to bring about and allow us to reconcile with Him.

My encouragement for each of us now - ponder the reconciliation we have with God through Jesus Christ, and pray God will lead us to live lives of reconciliation with others. Ask Him to reveal unreconciled relationships in our lives, and do it for the cause of Christ.

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Sunday Services

9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Kids Worship



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 JMBC Goal - \$9,000

North American Missions Week of Prayer
 March 3 – 10, 2019

People search for hope to give their lives meaning. They need hope that, in spite of circumstances, things will get better. They place their hope in relationships, jobs, money and what the world has to offer. But the apostle Peter tells us where we can find true, lasting hope. It's lasting because it is living and can be found only in Christ.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Eastern Shore Mission Trip – July 7 – 13, \$375 per person, application available in church office (Application and \$75 deposit due May 1 to Brenda and Mike Smith.) Contact Brenda or Mike Smith at 488-1464 for more information.

Standing Rock Mission Trip – July 21 – 26, approximate cost is \$1,200 - \$1,500. See Linda Baines for application (Application and \$125 deposit due by May 1 to WMUV in Richmond.) Training for volunteers is May 11 in Richmond.

Robert G. Thompson Memorial Endowment Fund Request for Assistance – applications available in church office and due to PBA office by the **first week of April**. If approved, this will help with approximately \$250.

SPRING FORWARD!
 Daylight Saving Time
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
 2:00 am

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm – Choose either “3:16,” a Max Lucado study in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Tommy, or Kingdom Disciples (a study for anyone) led by Pete Peterson in Room 108.

MARCH OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Tony Emberton & Ronnie Vance



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – Sign up with Betsy Gardner on Sunday mornings or call the church office (484-5568) **no later than noon** on Tuesdays. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger. Menu is subject to change. Please check weekly bulletins.

Menu:

- Mar 6: Chicken and Shrimp Chow Mein, Chow Mein Noodles, Rice, Dessert
- Mar 13: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Dessert
- Mar 20: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Mar 27: Pepper Chicken over Rice, Green Beans Almondine, Roll, Dessert



Don't miss these exciting events!



- * Fri, March 8
- * 8:00 pm
- * Fellowship Hall
- * Sign-up by March 3

Video Game Tournament



- Friday, March 29th
- 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Free
- Snacks & Drinks provided



Jackson Campers' Fundraisers



Saturday, May 4 - Breakfast at Captain D's – Western Branch Boulevard location
7:30 am – 9:00 am
Tickets on sale beginning April 14th - \$5 each

Saturday, June 1 - Yard Sale/Bake Sale/Car Wash - As spring-cleaning begins, please consider donating items to the yard sale. For more information contact Mary Terwilliger or Jake Gentilini.

Thank you for your support!



Help is needed with making little gifts for our Senior Support Group to deliver to our seniors who are unable to get out or in need of visits. Our Easter favors (string Easter baskets) will be made in two parts – **Fri, Mar 29 (place TBA)** and **Fri, Apr 5 (Room A-13)** from **10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. We need narrow lace, narrow ribbon, trims and small silk flowers to decorate the baskets. Please bring any scraps you may have at home. Thank you!

- March 20 – April 27 This Wednesday night six-session video-based small group Bible study, taught by Laura Floyd, offers an innovative approach to creating a healthy lifestyle – rooted and framed by five life areas: faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. *The Daniel Plan* focuses on an abundance of healthy choices, giving you the encouragement and inspiration needed to succeed.
- 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
- JMBC Room A-08
- Cost - \$3.50 each

“Feast on something bigger than a fad.”

- Session 1: Faith: Nurturing Your Soul
- Session 2: Food: Enjoying God's Abundance
- Session 3: Fitness: Strengthening Your Body
- Session 4: Focus: Renewing Your Mind
- Session 5: Friends: Encouraging Each Other
- Session 6: Living the Lifestyle

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

- 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
- 10:30 am Worship Gathering
- 11:00 am Kids Worship
- 4:00 pm Financial Peace (Overflow Room)

MONDAYS

- 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room A08)

TUESDAYS

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
- 6:30 pm Zumba Fun Class (God's Clubhouse)

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room A13)
- 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Wing)
- Youth Music Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Preschool Choir (K3-K – God's Clubhouse)
- Children's Choir (1st-5th Grade – Room 222)
- 6:15 pm John 3:16 (Fellowship Hall)
- Kingdom Disciples (Room 108)
- 6:30 pm Children In Action (Room 222)
- Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
- Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
- Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS

- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 332 (FH & Overflow Room)
- 6:30 pm Zumba Fun Class (God's Clubhouse)



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Call the office (484-5568) and let us know which game would be better for you.

Orioles vs Tigers **OR** Nationals vs Marlins

Both are home games on Memorial Day (May 27) at 1:05 pm. We will go to the game that has the most interest. \$50 per person includes ticket and transportation. Call the office to **sign up by Mon, April 15**, with the number of tickets you want and which game you choose – or either game if no preference.



MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 FRI**
10:00 am JOY Group Crafts (Room A13)
- 2 SAT**
9:30 am North American Mission Prayer Brunch (FH)
- 3 SUN**
2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
- 5 TUES**
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 102)
- 7 THURS**
6:00 am Feeding the Homeless (OASIS)
10:30 am WMU Carol Knight Group Mtg (Room A14)
6:30 pm Security Team Mtg (Room 103)
Worship at The Crossings
- 8 FRI**
8:00 pm Youth Lock-In (Fellowship Hall)
- 10 SUN** **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**
12:00 pm 2nd Sunday Lunch (Parent Adventure Class) (FH)
- 11 MON**
6:30 pm Personnel Committee Mtg (Conference Room)
- 14 THURS**
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem
- 15 FRI**
9:30 am Load vehicles for Ignite Conference
- 16 SAT**
10:00 am JOY Group to Botanical Gardens Orchid Show
- 18 MON**
6:30 pm Budget Committee Mtg (Conference Room)
7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Mtg (Overflow Room)
- 21 THURS**
12:00 pm JOY Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 26 TUES**
6:30 pm Backpack Ministry Packing (Fellowship Hall)
- 28 THURS**
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem
- 29 FRI**
10:00 am JOY Group
7:00 pm Youth Video Game Tournament (Fellowship Hall)
- 31 SUN**
12:00 pm PB&J at the Park (Community Park – Bruce Rd.)

