

July Happenings

Regular SUNDAY Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast (1st Sun.)	7:30 a.m.
Prayer Warriors	9:15 a.m.
Media Library Open	9:20 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Mission Friends (1st & 3rd Sun.)	11:15 a.m.
God's Little Angels (2nd & 4th Sun.)	11:15 a.m.
CHAT...Comfort Hope And Tea (3rd Sun.)	3:00 p.m.
SBBC Praise Team	4:00 p.m.
Deacon's Meeting (2nd Sun.)	5:00 p.m.
Youth Building Open (7th-12 Grades)	5:32 p.m.
B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Study (7th -12th Grades)	6:18 p.m.
Building & Grounds Mtg. (1st Sunday)	6:00 p.m.
Crossing Boundaries (7-12 grade band & singers)	7:30 p.m.
Clown Ministry Team	7:45 p.m.

Regular MONDAY Activities

Women on Mission/WMU (2nd Mon.)	6:30 p.m.
Stewardship Meeting (Monthly)	7:00 p.m.
Outreach Visitation	7:00 p.m.
Children's Ministry Team (1st Mon.)	7:00 p.m.

Regular TUESDAY Activities

God's Patchworkers (3rd Tues.)	6:00 p.m.
King's Daughters (2nd & 4th Tues.)	6:15 p.m.
Hearts & Hands Puppet Ministry (1st & 3rd Tues.)	6:30 p.m.

Regular WEDNESDAY Activities

Music Library Staff	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Regular THURSDAY Activities

Young Seniors of SBBC (3rd Thurs. Sept. through May)	10:00 a.m.
Production Team (2nd Thurs.)	7:00 p.m.

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Homecoming and Revival

re-viv-al – An act or instance of reviving, the state of being revived as in a renewed attention to or interest in something; an often highly emotional evangelistic meeting or series of meetings. (from Webster's Online Dictionary)

Are you there? In need of a need for a renewed interest? Mark your calendar now – Sunday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 14 for our Homecoming and Revival services! The 11:00 a.m. service will be our Homecoming Service, and revival services each evening will be at 7:30 p.m. Following the Sunday morning worship service, be sure to stay with us for the covered-dish lunch. Be sure to bring a dish or two of your favorite dish – enough for your family plus one or two more.



Our speaker will be Dr. Rick Via, a traveling missionary evangelist from Blue Ridge, VA (near Roanoke). Rick Via is a native of Roanoke, Virginia and is the former pastor of Rainbow Forest Baptist Church in Troutville, Virginia where he served for thirteen years prior to going into full-time evangelistic work.

Since 1995, Rick has directed Rick Via Ministries, a non-profit evangelistic ministry committed to taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in need of hope. He has preached the Gospel in over thirty foreign countries including some difficult areas such as Vietnam, Cuba, and Cambodia. In addition to his international ministry, Rick also preaches regularly in the U.S. leading revival meetings for churches, directing chaplain services for disaster relief projects, and much more. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary and an honorary Doctorate of Theology from Mid-Atlantic Bible College. Rick and his wife, Janet, have five grown children who are involved in ministry in one form or fashion. They are also the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren.

Go to www.rickvia.org for more information about the ministry the Rick Via is involved in.

"An act or instance of reviving...a state of being revived..." Would you join me at this year's Homecoming and revival services? And would you join me in praying, not only for Rick, but for our church family as we prepare?

Thanks for all you do!
Steve

DID YOU KNOW...

Independence Day is the day we celebrate our freedom in this country. In our spiritual lives we can have freedom. We can be held captive to sin or we can choose to follow Jesus, accepting Him as Lord and Savior, and be free from our sins. That sounds easy, yet many are blinded by Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4).

From a sermon by Dr. R. L. Hymers, Jr., I found this to be true of unawake sinners. They are literally blind to the Gospel, it is hidden. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (II Corinthians 4:3). According to the Bible, you are either saved or lost and if you are not saved, the Gospel is hidden from you.

The "gospel" is the good news that Christ died to pay for your sins and rose again from the dead to save us. Those sound like very simple words, but the reality of them is completely hidden if you are lost. You can memorize the words, "Christ died for our sins [and] rose again the third day" (I Corinthians 15:3-4), but if their reality and importance are only memorized, they remain completely hidden from you. A person may be intelligent, he may make high grades in school and have a very good mind regarding his academic work. He may be a first-rate business man, or be a highly regarded scientist, or a popular college professor; or he may have attended a Gospel-preaching church for years – and yet be utterly blind concerning salvation in Christ. Why? The Devil has blinded the mind concerning the Gospel.

What is even more remarkable is that a man may know a lot about the Bible. He may know a lot about theology. He might answer many questions from the Bible, yet be blind to the reality of the Gospel.

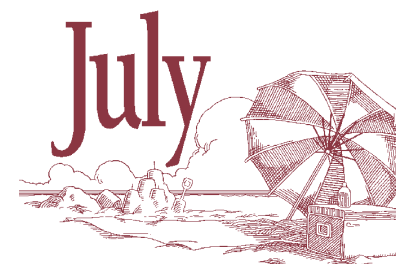
We often hear people talk about grace and sin and salvation, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who have never had any real experience of the meaning of those words. They see, but perceive not. They hear, but do not understand. And, Satan, has blinded their minds.

Why not help set someone free and tell them about Jesus and His love for them?

Answer to last month's question: Luke, a doctor.

This month's question: "What must a person do to be saved?"

Happy 4th of July and God bless each of you! I'll see you at church! - MJ



Newsletter Deadline for August issue is July 10th.

Our Music/Drama Departments

Coming up for July we have the choir sharing in song on the 4th, followed by the V.B.S. commencement. For the revival, we will be using our own local grown talent (some may have grown up in other states!). Our own Crossing Boundaries will lead us in a song for Homecoming, and our own King's Daughters will also share in song, and our own local congregation ... YOU ... will also share in some good gospel congregational singing.

The Sanctuary Choir will be taking vacation after the revival, so we will be relying on special music from our own folks. Oh, we may have a special guest once in a while, but our own folks really make for good music.

Bit-O-Humor: "I'm speechless! If only you'd stay that way!"
"If you were my husband, I'd feed you poison: If I were your husband, I'd take it."

What do you call a dog that stands behind home plate? *The catcher's mutt.*

Did you know that smoking is mentioned in the Bible? Yep! Genesis 24:64 records "...when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel." (KJV) Look it up

Buddy Collins, Interim Music Director



People of Faith

Since the beginning of our church fiscal year on October 1, 2009, our People of Faith contributions have averaged \$4,000.26 per week. Our mortgage payment requires a weekly receipt of \$4,531.05. Prayerfully seek God's will in how you will support this important obligation of our church.

TeamKID

Congratulations to our Raingutter Regatta winners. They are: Trevor Caish (1st), Morgan Livesay (2nd) and Jade Escobar (3rd). The preschooler race looked like this: Emma Rambo (1st), Allison Garcia (2nd) and Joshua Caish (3rd). Look for upcoming curriculum information for the new year which will begin on September 8th. Be a part of TeamKID. . . it is definitely what Jesus would do! Everyone have a great summer~!

A quick word about the Kids' Summer Bible Study. Did you know that 82% of young adults who "grew up" in an evangelical church have doubts about the Bible's authority or trustworthiness? We're going to be offering a summer Bible study for kids (ages 3 yrs. through 6th grade) where they will learn about the absolute authority of the Bible. In this galactic adventure, kids will learn how God reveals Himself through His world and His Word. Each week, we'll learn more about our great Creator as we crisscross the cosmos answering questions about space. We'll also meet God on the pages of the Bible as we have a close encounter with His Word. This is a 5-week study that will be on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 beginning July 28th and runs through August 25th. Register your kids now! If you have questions or comments, just contact Pam Rambo or Rain Hamilton.

TGBTG, Rain



Deacons

The members of the Deacon Board desire to make a meaningful impact on the ministry at SBBC. We hope to achieve this by assisting the ministerial staff and acting as an extension of them whenever needed. While some of a deacon's duties are carried out in the public eye of the church, please understand that we are also available to assist discreetly with needs, physical, spiritual, or otherwise. Please note which deacon is assigned to your family and feel free to contact him. Thank you, and we look forward to serving you.

A – Boykin: Paul Stath

Bradbury – Cooley: Bob Duty

Crawford – Flory: David Harris

Foreman – Hepner: Ben Howard

Hershey – Knowles: Steve Hawkins

Koscinski – McPease: Claude Derrick

Millefolie – Rambo: Don Wilburn

Ray – Spencer: Harry Moore

St. John – Walton: Craig Hardy

Watson – Znotens: Mark Hagood



Hearts and Hands Puppet Ministry

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..." Ecclesiastes 9:10a

On June 5, the Hearts and Hands Puppet Team performed for the first time outside of Second Branch! We were graciously received at Lucy Corr. We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support for our ministry. The residents really enjoyed the show and asked if we could come back.

We would like to list our puppeteers here and thank them for all their hard work!

Gary Foreman, Daniel Bradbury, Brendan Hamilton, Chad Hensley and Mikayla Stath. We had four extra people to join us for our trip. We want to thank Mr. Joe Abell, Whitney Carter, Amy Allen and Ben Millefolie- Thank you for your willingness to help us with our performance.

The Hearts and Hands puppet team is taking a summer vacation. In September, we hope new puppeteers will join us! Be in prayer about your role with our Team!!

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SBBC Media Center



Summer is here. The kids are out of school. Soon it will be time for the annual trips to see family, to the beach, or to other vacation destinations. Why not make the most of the time in the car. The Media Center can help keep you entertained while the miles fly by. All you need is a CD or DVD player in your car. Worried about not having enough time in the Bible reading while on vacation? Check out our dramatized New Testament on CD. Nothing good to listen to while in the car? Why not pick up some family friendly "radio dramas". Titles include the "Narnia" series, the "Luke Reports" which dramatizes the efforts of Luke the physician as he investigates and writes his Gospel, C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters", "Ben Hur", "Les Miserables", and others. We've also got the kids covered with selections from "Adventures in Odyssey" and the "Jonathan Park" adventures, which follows Jonathan and his friends as they explore the world of creation science. You can also choose from any of our DVD selection. Of course our books will travel well too. Stop in and get your selections today!!

The library is open
on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Be sure to come by!

CHAT—Comfort Hope And Tea



Our cancer support group for women meets the 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Parlor. Join us and bring family or friends or caregivers on July 18 at 3 o'clock for fellowship, prayer and Christian caring.

God's Patchworkers



Blessed are the Quiltmakers...

This quilt-sewing group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry

Our next Children's Ministry meeting is on Monday, August 2nd. This meeting will be at the home of Pam Rambo. Children's Ministry calendars are available each month. You can get your copy from the Children's bulletin board in the main hallway, on the desk in the foyer, in the SS office, and they are sent home with children on the 4th Sunday every month.

Up-Coming Events

Homecoming and Revival: Homecoming is on Sunday, July 11th and revival runs from the 11th through July 14th starting at 7:30 each night.

Summer Bible Study: We are planning a five week Bible Study for children from 4 yrs old up to 6th grade beginning on July 28th. It will be on five consecutive Wednesday nights and run from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., very similar to a TeamKID meeting. The study is a space theme – A Close Encounter with God's Word. Any questions see Rain Hamilton or Pam Rambo.

Looking Ahead

Children's activities – **RA, GA, Happy Voices, Sonshine Singers**, and **TeamKID** are breaking for the summer. They will resume again in September.

Children's Sermon Schedule

1st Sunday – Jennifer Znotens / Mission Friends
2nd Sunday - Hearts & Hands Puppets / God's Little Angels
3rd Sunday - The Clown Troupe / Mission Friends
4th Sunday - Children's Choirs / God's Little Angels
5th Sunday - Steve Hawkins

Hearts & Hands Puppet Schedule

Will break for the summer and resume again in September.

Bible Trivia for Parents and Kids

Look up an event (the flood, parting of the sea, birth of Jesus, etc.) of your choice in your bible and answer the following questions:

1. What book, chapters, and verses did you find this event?
2. What do you like most about this event?
3. What did you learn from it? How can that help you today?

