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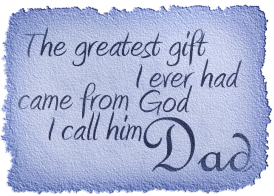
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# June 2016 West Waynesboro Witness

God Loves



"The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace."  
Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

**Have a blessed Father's Day!**


**Deacons & Elders  
will meet  
June 7th  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 5th @ 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM  
Hosts: John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse**

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## Christmas in JULY

It's time to give a special blessing to some of the children at Grundy Mountain Mission School. Be on the look out for Christmas Trees this month. Simply take a name off the tree, shop for the child, and return the gift wrapped or in a gift bag by July 17th. Attach the child's name and information to the outside of the gift. The Missions Committee thanks you in advance for showing kindness in this tangible way. If you wish to contribute money or gift cards, please, see Stephanie Grondin.  
[www.mmskids.org](http://www.mmskids.org)



**"Lets Go Out to  
the Ballgame!"**

WWCC to Host  
Waynesboro  
Generals Baseball  
Game!

Friday, June 10th

Sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter to help sell tickets, hand out water, do face painting, etc. Game starts at 7:00 PM, but we will be setting up at 5:30 PM at Kate Collins field. Put the date on your calendars to "...Go out to the ball game."

\*We have a limited number of free tickets available on a first come first served basis. Contact the office.

### Don't Lose Focus

It's so easy to lose our focus and forget what really matters and where our hope is found. This is especially true in an election year, when seemingly everywhere we turn, we are bombarded by political advertisements and campaign promises. Everyone seems to think that their candidate is the solution to the ills of our nation and to a certain degree, place their hopes in this candidate being elected. I for one dislike what politics has become and it would seem that I am not alone in this, as in my opinion, this is a large part of why we're seeing the tremendous popularity of a candidate like Donald Trump. Trump is an outsider, a businessman and not a part of the establishment and I believe that this is a key reason why so many people are supporting his bid to become the next President of the United States. Simply put, like me, a large percentage of people are fed up with politics as usual! Some polls are now showing that many people are dissatisfied with any of the potential voting options for President!

For me personally, I cannot wait until this election year is over. Don't misunderstand me, I love our country, our freedoms and as a veteran I am proud to have served this great nation, a nation that even with all of our many problems, is still the greatest nation in the world. I also believe that the Bible teaches that we have a civic responsibility to vote for political candidates that are best aligned with our Biblical values. However, in the midst of all the politics and all the false hope that is conjured up with every political promise, we must not lose focus and forget that our hope is NOT in politics, nor is our country the hope of the world. Our hope is in none other than Jesus Christ and the hope of the world is the Church.

In an article in the March 2016 issue of the Christian Standard magazine, Jim Tune (President of Impact Ministry Group, an international church planting ministry) said it this way:

*"Many evangelicals live, behave, lobby and vote as though the hope of the world rests upon worldly kingdoms. But the Bible teaches that hope lies in a kingdom not of this world. It is a kingdom that doesn't operate through retaliation, but with a completely different understanding of power. It is a kingdom established by Jesus Christ and a kingdom expanded by people committed to following him only. They may be pacifists, Democrats, and oppose capital punishment...even at the ballot box."*

So, let's be careful not to lose focus of what really matters and where our hope is found. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, that we all would be reminded of why we are here on earth and why the West Waynesboro Church of Christ exists. And as we fix our eyes on Jesus, may we seek God's help in not getting wrapped up in our own selfish agendas, which cause us to elevate our own personal wants and desires above what is best for the church and the Kingdom of God. Let us be totally devoted to the our mission of **"Pointing People To Jesus,"** and **our vision of becoming a church that builds authentic and loving relationships, graciously extends invitations and is intentionally involved in our community.** Thank you to everyone who humbly surrenders their desires and will for the greater desires and will of our awesome God, in the fulfillment of this mission and thank you to all who are helping to make our vision a reality.

Focused on Christ,

*Chad*

As I was thinking about what to write for this article, I tore off the page of the previous day of my desk calendar and read the sports trivia/interesting fact for the day. The fact for the day was talking about how back in the 1932 World Series, Cubs fans were taunting Babe Ruth, probably because of the way he was playing in the Series and in the Game. With the score tied four all in the fifth inning of game three, he took strike one from Root. As the Cubs players heckled Ruth, and the fans hurled insults, Ruth held up his hand, pointing at either Root, the Cubs dugout, or center field. No one knows for sure what his intentions were. He then repeated this gesture after taking strike two. Root's next pitch was a curveball that Ruth hit at least 440 feet to the deepest part of center field near the flag pole (some estimates are as high as 490 feet). The ground distance to the center field corner, somewhat right of straightaway center, was 440 feet. The ball landed a little bit to the right of the 440 corner and farther back, apparently in the temporary seating in Sheffield Avenue behind the permanent interior bleacher seats. Calling the game over the radio, broadcaster Tom Manning shouted, "The ball is going, going, going, high into the center field stands...and it is a home run!" Ruth himself later described the hit as "past the flagpole" which stood behind the scoreboard and the 440 corner. Ruth's powerful hit was aided by a strong carrying wind that day. The Yankees went on to win the game 7-5 and also the series 4 games to 0. (Story found on Wikipedia)

So what does Babe Ruth calling a home run to center field have to do with our walk as Christians? Well let me explain. I am sure there are many times where we as Christians feel like we are being heckled/mocked for what we are doing with our lives.

There is a story in the Bible found in Nehemiah 4:1-5 that kind of fits with what happened to Babe Ruth. Here in this story we find that Nehemiah and the Jews are rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem after they got back from their captivity in Babylon. There was a man named Sanballat, the Governor of Samaria, who when he heard they were rebuilding the wall, along with some of his followers, were upset and they started to mock them for building the wall. But Nehemiah kept working on the wall and prayed for God to protect them. He was not praying that God would carry out revenge on their enemies, but instead that God's justice would be carried out for the best of the situation. The work on the wall continued throughout the mockery and ridicule because the people had their minds set to a task and wanted to get that task finished. They didn't want to give up, but instead used the mockery as fuel to get the work done so they could be protected from their enemies.

These two stories are similar in nature, but the context is very different. Babe Ruth was playing in a baseball game, while Nehemiah was building a wall around Jerusalem so they they would be protected from their enemies. The only thing they have in common is that they were both being mocked for what they were doing and both of them came through in the end and quieted down those who were mocking them. I hope that everyone will take the time to read this story from the book of Nehemiah. There is a lot of good that can be found in this book that we can relate to our lives today. So when the things of this life "mock" you or get you down, as they inevitably will, remember the task that God has set before you to serve and love him faithfully.

# Youth News



## Elementary & Middle/High School Youth Groups

### Summer Schedule (June & July)



Instead of meeting every week, we are going to try something new. We will be meeting **every other week (2nd & 4th Sundays)**, and it will be for 2 hours instead of 1 hour. Summer time schedule will be 5:00 PM - 7:00PM. On the 4th Sundays, we are going to try to meet at someone's house for the group time, **so if you would be willing to be a host home for June 26th and July 24th, please contact Andrew.**

June 12th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Church Building  
 June 26th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Will Meet @ someone's house TBD.

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July 10th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Church Building  
 July 24th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Will Meet @ someone's house TBD.

### Family Sunday - June 19th

No Children's Church.

All children, except Nursery & Wee Worship, are to remain in the sanctuary.



### Massanutten Water Park All Are Welcome to Come!

On Wednesday, June 22nd we will be going to Massanutten Water Park. The cost for tickets is \$38 (but will be \$20, if signed up by June 12th), \$26 (for 42' and under), (\$13, if signed up by June 12th). We will leave the church building at 9:00 AM and return at 4:00 PM.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25TH - 29TH



VBS is right around the corner! Our theme this year is **Back to the Future!** Please sign-up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter if interested in helping. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

### Youth Movie In Harrisonburg



We will be going to the \$1 movie in Harrisonburg on Wednesday, June 15th. We will meet at the church building at 9:00 AM, once the van is full, everyone else will have to carpool. The movie starts at 10:00 AM. The movie that we will be seeing is "Max" (descriptions of the movie are available on the internet).



### Camp Rudolph Schedule

Get packed and ready for loads of fun learning about Jesus and building relationships. Below you will find the 2016 Camp Rudolph Schedule and for more information go to [www.camprudolph.org](http://www.camprudolph.org).

- First Chance 1 - Grades 2nd - 3rd: June 22-25
- JR Wilderness - Grades 5th - 8th: June 22-25
- Solid Foundation - Ages 7-12: June 26-July 1
- High School - Grades 9th - 12th: July 3-8
- Middle School - Grades 6th - 8th: July 10-15
- Family Camp - All Ages: July 17-20
- First Chance 2 - Grades 2nd - 3rd: July 20-23
- Adventure Camp - Grades 10th - 12th: July 17-22
- Junior - Grades 4th - 5th: July 24-29
- Wilderness Extreme - Grades 9th - 12th: July 31 - August 5
- Expressions of Worship - Grades 6th -12th: August 8-13
- End of Summer BASH - All Ages: August 13

# What's Happening

### FEED THE HUNGRY VALLEY MISSION OUTREACH



Join us as we prepare and serve the 4:00 PM meal to serve our brothers and sisters at Valley Mission on Saturday, June 25th. Contact Bea Benson to find out how to help.



### Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, June 5th, we will be honoring the high school & college graduates in our church.



Work Group #1: Saturday, June 11th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Work Group #2: Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We are meeting at the site, and as soon as we know the location we will let everyone know. Questions? Contact Andrew.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the "Campbell's Labels for Education" program is being discontinued, therefore we will no longer be collecting these.

We will however, continue to collect "Box Tops for Education," in support of the Grundy Mountain Mission School.

Please, place only "Box Tops for Education" in the collection box at the Mickey Center/Information Counter.



### CHURCH LAWN MOWING

If you would like to help, sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter to mow or contract out a week for lawn mowing. Cost is \$55.00 to contract out a week. The office will call for you to arrange that.

### Ladies Salad & Dessert Social Tuesday, June 14th @ 6:00 PM



Please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter.

All ladies are invited! Please bring a salad or dessert. Ladies, lets fill the Fellowship Hall by bringing a friend. Let's have an evening full of laughter and fun. Any questions, see Mary Moyer or Drema Rickard.



### KeenAgers

We will be taking a day trip to Douthat State Park in Milboro, Virginia on June 21st. We will be leaving the church building at 10:00 AM and will be enjoying lunch on the deck overlooking Douthat Lake. There is a sign up sheet at the Mickey Center/Information Counter and all are welcome. Come and bring a guest! Cost will be \$3 for transportation and money to purchase lunch.

### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saturday, June 18th @ 8:15 AM  
 All men are invited to join us at Golden Corral.



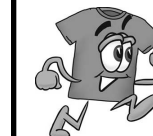
### Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 18th @ 9:00 AM  
 All women are invited to join us at Panera Bread.



### Ladies Fall Retreat

The retreat originally planned for Oct. 21st & 22nd has been **rescheduled for Friday, October 14th and Saturday, Oct. 15th.** Questions? Contact Cathy VanEpps.



### Youth Ministry Shirts

We have 180 Student Ministry shirts still available, if you would like to purchase one, please contact Andrew.

# June

Sunday School 9:15 AM  
 Worship 10:30 AM  
 Equip U Wednesday 7:00 PM (Sept. - May)  
 Office Hours 9-3

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# 2016

## Who's busy in June?

### Preparing Communion

Bob & Drema Rickard  
**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

Al Taillon & Dick Moyer

### USHERS

Owen Frye & Gene Potter

### SECURITY

Tim Simpson

### WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Candace Anderson

### WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Tina Critzer

### GREETERS

Carrie Leeson & Patsy Ferrier

### IN THE NURSERY

5 Sunday School Worship  
 Debbie McCracken  
 Drema Rickard &  
 Marsha Dean

12 Sunday School Worship  
 Debbie McCracken  
 Angie Critzer &  
 Dylan Seal

19 Sunday School Worship  
 Debbie McCracken  
 Susan Gochenour &  
 Carrie Leeson

26 Sunday School Worship  
 Debbie McCracken  
 Ashley Gauldin &  
 Teresa Gauldin

### CONNECTION CAFE

John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse

## Newsletter Preferences

This newsletter can be received by postal mail, email, viewed on the church website or picked up from the Mickey Center/Information Counter in the church foyer.

In an effort to be better stewards of God's resources, if you would like to opt out of receiving it by postal mail, please notify the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice	2 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	3	4
5 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Graduation Sunday Worship	6	7 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet	8 6:00 PM Praise Team 1 Practice	9 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	10 5:30 PM Generals Game	11 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Work Group #1 Habitat for Humanity®
12 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth	13 Sr. Minister Vacation 9:30 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	14 Flag Day 6:00 PM Ladies Salad & Dessert Social	15 9:00 AM Youth Movie In Harrisonburg 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice	16 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	17	18 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread
19 Father's Day 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	20	21 10:00 AM Keenagers 7:00 PM Youth Council	22 Camp Rudolph: First Chance 1 Camp Rudolph: JR Wilderness	23 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	24	25 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Work Group #2 Habitat for Humanity®
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