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JANUARY 2016
WEST WAYNESBORO
WITNESS

God Loves



Deacons & Elders
will meet
January 5th
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM



Sunday, January 3rd @ 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

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INTRODUCING

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

WHAT YOU BELIEVE DRIVES EVERYTHING.

This fall, we are embarking on a 30-week journey called Believe. We want believers of all ages to be able to answer three driving questions:

- What do I believe?
- What should I do?
- Who am I becoming?

Join us as we learn together how to think, act and be like Jesus.

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS.

Believe Church Wide
Study Continues...

After hitting "pause" in our Believe study, to celebrate Christmas, we are diving back in.

On January 3rd, we will be in Chapter 11, "Worship." This chapter begins the next section of our study which focuses on the 10 key practices, which allow the 10 key beliefs to move from our heads to our hearts.

You can be prepared by reading Chapter 11 in your copy of Believe.

Defending Life

As I write this we are in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and it's hard to believe, that we are about to enter a new year. That's right, 2015 is almost a memory and by the time you read this it will be, and the new year 2016 will be a fresh slate of sorts, filled with loads of opportunities to serve God, build His Kingdom and do better serving Jesus than we did last year. As we leave 2015 and enter 2016, allow me to say thank you to all of you have served faithfully and put the good of others and the well-being of the Lord's Church ahead of yourself and your own desires. As I have said before, the success of this mission Jesus has given us depends on each and everyone of us, because truly we are better together. Specifically, thanks to all of you, who chose to give life and hope to people in our community and around the world recently through Christmas gifts for children at the Grundy Mountain Mission School, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign and filling the sleigh in support of the WWCC Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Our mission as a church, no matter what year the calendar says it is, is one of defending life, all life, from those who have yet to be born, to those who are near the end of life on this earth and everyone in between. January 17th, 2016 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is a day set aside to raise awareness that EVERY LIFE is precious and deserves to be recognized. We have a responsibility to minister to and defend the lives of all people, especially those who do not have a voice of their own.

In our community, we have an incredible ministry called Comfort Care Women's Health, which ministers to women AND men AND the unborn on a regular basis. Since this organization began in 1983, almost 20,000 individuals have been served and just last year, through the support of people like you, almost 1,000 patient visits, 453 pregnancy tests and 307 ultrasounds were conducted. As a result of these ministry visits, 68 women who were vulnerable to abortion chose life for their children and 9 women chose to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The ministry of Comfort Care is desperately needed in our community and worthy of our support, especially when you consider that the Virginia Department of Health reports that there were 361 abortions conducted in 2013 in our local planning district. In 2014, Charlottesville abortion clinics conducted almost 1,000 abortions and all Virginia clinics performed 20,187 abortions.

Ministries like Comfort Care not only partner with the church in shining the light of Jesus in a dark world and advocate for the life of the unborn, but they also provide much needed training for new parents and they minister to women who are dealing with the affects of having chosen to abort a child, through the ministry of HEART (Healing Emotions and Renewing the Heart) groups. They report that one out of three women in our country will have an abortion by the age of 45.

As we begin a new year, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you could not only support this fantastic mission partner, but also what God is calling you to do to build His church and move it forward in a culture that requires some different methods in order to reach people with the hope and life changing message of Jesus Christ. What will you do?

Celebrating & Defending Life,

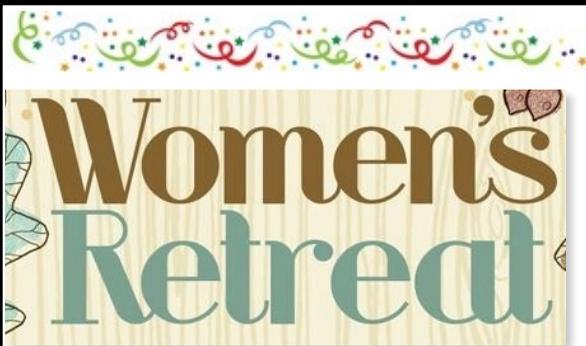
Chad

Happy New Year everyone! I hope this past year was a great year for everyone! As we go into this new year I have been thinking about a lot of things that I would like to do with the youth. So far there is too much to list in this article, so you all will have to keep your eyes open in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. I hope that all of the things that we have planned will be a blessing to each and every one of us who is involved. I have also started planning out some awesome trips that we would like to go on in the next 4-5 years, so that goes to show that we are not going to be going anywhere anytime soon. (I know some of you were concerned about that with the upcoming arrival of Baby Fisher.)

In this upcoming year, the one thing that I would like to tell you a little bit about is a mission trip that is in the works for this year. We are going to be doing a local mission trip in the community with Habitat for Humanity. This will be the first of hopefully 4 mission trips that we would like to do the next 4-5 summers. I along with the Youth Committee are excited for these opportunities that are going to be coming up. We just need your prayers so that these trips will happen and make a difference in the lives of many. Also, if you have any interest in helping out with our Habitat Mission in the late Spring or early Summer, please let me know as soon as you can. I need to know soon because I need to let them know who all would be willing to help out and to give them a firm date(s) that we would like to help. This is open to all ages from kindergarden all the way up to 100 years old. So if you have a heart for missions in the community, please let me know and keep a lookout for upcoming details in the year ahead.

The plan that we have for the upcoming mission trips is to start off local, then go somewhere in the state of Virginia, then go somewhere in the US and finally go somewhere in the world, probably overseas. This process is found in the Bible, first in the Great Commission where Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." We also find Jesus saying something similar in Acts 1:8 (ESV) which says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Throughout the year and the years to come I would encourage each and everyone of you to say a prayer for the planning and the execution of these trips and that we as a church can show the light of Jesus in this dark world, because everyone needs to know who Jesus is and what He is about. And as a church, we can make that happen in our daily lives and helping out in the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Be sure to mark these important dates on your 2016 calendars!

**Chilled But Spirit Filled at WWCC
Saturday, February 6th**

Come be warmed by the Holy Spirit, good hot soup, great fellowship and awesome singing. Bring an already read book to exchange! Look for the sign up sheet at the Mickey Center/Information Counter.

**Spring Retreat at Sandbridge Beach
April 21st - 24th**

A \$50 deposit is due on January 17th. We will have a meeting immediately following the worship service for all ladies on January 17th. See Cathy VanEpps or Diane Spurlock for more information.

**Fall Retreat at Blessings Lodge
October 21st & 22nd**



**Elementary & Middle/High
School Youth Groups**

Sunday Evenings @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (September - May)

Invite your friends and look out for special events.

Middle & High School Lock-In
Friday, January 1st - Saturday, January 2nd
8:00 PM - 8:00 AM @ WWCC



Please bring a snack and drink to share with everyone. Also, bring a pillow,

**Elementary & Middle/High School Youth
Group Snow Tubing**



Saturday, January 9th
at Wintergreen

Come on out for a night of fun in the snow! The cost is \$20, if 20 or more people sign up. Sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Anyone going must be **signed up and paid by January 3rd, this is a firm date.** Please give money to Andrew Fisher. We will leave the church building at 5:45 PM and return around 10:00 PM. All kids 12 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



Virginia Preteen Convention
www.vapreteenconvention.org
Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th
"Jeremiah and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, VERY BAD DAY!"

John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world."
Prices: **Early Bird** - \$40 by Jan. 31st; **Regular** - \$50 by March 20th; **Late** - \$60 by March 21st.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Faith Promise Missions

We want to thank everyone for supporting our mission points through your faith promise offerings.

Total committed for 2016: \$26,625.00

As a reminder, 2016 Faith Promise pledges begin on January 1st.



**Ordination Sunday for
New Leaders -
January 3rd**

Welcome elected leadership 2016: **Elders:** Frank Dunlap, Dick Moyer, Al Taillon; **Deacons:** Paul Gochenour, Jim Hayes, James House, Greg Mabry, Gene Potter; **Financial Secretary:** Amy Emerson; **Treasurer:** Teresa Wilt; **Church Clerk:** Angie Critzer; **Sunday School Superintendent:** Diane Spurlock; **Congregational Chairman:** Roger Slack. May the Lord bless you with the gift of servanthood, revelation, knowledge, wisdom and understanding as you go forth in your leadership roles. May you continue to build relationships and be salt and light in the world.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, January 16th @ 8:15 AM
Join the WWCC Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast at Golden Corral.




Ladies Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 16th @ 9:00 AM
Please join us at PANERA BREAD. All ladies are invited to come fellowship.



Building Usage Policy Change
Effective January 1, 2016, there will be a \$35.00 usage fee for private parties in the fellowship hall.



**Equip U
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM**

What you believe drives everything. The way you behave, the habits you form, the character that defines you at your core - all are driven by what you believe. So, how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs.

Can we articulate what we believe, and why it matters?

The BELIEVE experience helps Christians of all ages answer three significant questions:

- What do I believe?
- What should I do?
- Who am I becoming?



**January 6th - Quarterly Congregational Meeting
No Equip U**

**January 13th - Carry In Meal @ 6:00 PM
Hosted by: Round Tables Class**

**Equip U @ 7:00 PM
Chapter 11: Worship &
Chapter 12: Prayer**

Psalm 95:1-2 & Psalm 66:18-20

**January 20th - Chapter 13: Bible Study
Hebrews 4:12**

**January 27th - Chapter 14: Single - Mindedness
Matthew 6:33**

KeenAgers

Tuesday, January 19th @ 12:00 PM

We will be having a Carry In meal & bingo in the WWCC Fellowship Hall. Please bring items for bingo prizes and invite a friend.




Free Daily Devotional Books
The new quarter of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books are available at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. For a daily blessing from God's Word, pick one up and enjoy!

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 January?

Preparing Communion

Carrie Leeson
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
 To Be Determined

USHERS

Gene Kline & Jeff Gurkin

SECURITY

Randy Benson

WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Alyce McAllister

WEE WORSHIP 2 (Ages 4 & 5)

To Be Determined

GREETERS

Carrie Leeson

IN THE NURSERY

3 Sunday School Worship	Betty Parker Angie Critzer & Bev Hite
10 Sunday School Worship	Betty Parker Donna & Paul Crosby
17 Sunday School Worship	Betty Parker Karen Beegles & Dylan Seal
24 Sunday School Worship	Betty Parker Barbara Zimmerman & Miranda Harris
31 Sunday School Worship	Betty Parker Jessica VanDevander & Debbie McCracken

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 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM Middle & High School Youth Group Lock-In New Year's Day Office Closed  	2 
3 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Ordination Sunday 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth  	4	5 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	6 6:00 PM Praise Team 1 Practice 7:00 PM Quarterly Congregational Meeting 8:00 PM Choir Practice	7 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	8	9 5:45 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth Group Snow Tubing
10 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth 	11 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	12	13 5:30 PM Praise Team 1 Practice 6:00 PM Carry In Meal 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	14 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	15 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 	16 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread 
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth 	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 12:00 PM Keenagers 7:00 PM Youth Committee 	20 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	21 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	22	23
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