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The Beacon

The quarterly publication of Colonial Beach Baptist Church



Hot off the Press

The Beacon has officially restarted! Published on a quarterly basis, the newsletter covers a variety of information and events happening in the life of the church. Pick up a copy in the foyer of the sanctuary!

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PASTOR'S REPORT

"Remembering to Breathe Along the Way"

WRITTEN BY REV. KENNY DANIEL

I'm not sure about you, but 2022 seems to be starting off with just as much woe and concern as 2021. Each year it feels like we pray for a "better" year next year, yet we always feel like there is a distant hope laying off somewhere in the near to distant future. Last year we had a continued pandemic, and now this year we have the Ukraine situation and praying to avoid WWII. I don't say this to be a Debbie Downer, but in fact quite the opposite! What I want to call our attention to is the race being run, and remind us to breathe along the way.

As we shift to the spring of 2022, I firmly believe that God is active and alive both within our own individual community and the world at large. Before I get ahead of myself, let's take a moment to reflect on Hebrews 12: 1-3 which says:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer, and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The two words that spring to the forefront of my mind when I read this passage are **faith** and **perseverance**. Back in the days of my camping ministry, this was one of our theme verses for the summer. It became a sort of rallying standard for campers. Though somewhat jokingly, we would cite the scripture on long hikes up the mountain whenever the kiddos started feeling weary and tired, when they felt like they couldn't make it to the top, and when they simply became toooo tired. Sometimes convincing them that they COULD do it was just as much of a challenge as the hike itself. Once we would finally get to the top of the mountain, we would all collapse onto the overlook rock, and a beautiful view was our reward for a job well done—a journey well-traveled.

When Paul wrote this letter, he most likely was not referring to a physical race or trial that we are called to run, but rather a spiritual one that we are called to endure. In recent years, I think we can all relate to this very notion a little bit more closely. When global issue after global issue strikes at our hearts and minds I am reminded, "Okay, Kenny, this is a race after all. It's not all supposed to be easy."



Shifting back to the sporting metaphor, I wonder if sometimes we focus so much on the pain, that we forget to breathe and take in the view.

Like a first-time jogger taking on a 5K, up and down the harsh terrain at a muddy vineyard in Charlottesville, if we aren't careful we might get to the end of our race and realize we forgot to smile along the way. Now hopefully as the journey continues we gain some experience, condition ourselves, learn how to stride and breathe appropriately, and the race becomes more and more comfortable. But every now and then, there is sure to be a hill that surprises all of us, catching even the most veteran runner off-guard. In these moments, just breathing becomes a nice mantra...just keep on keeping on!

Now shifting this sporting metaphor back into spiritual practicality, we know that the race we run is called life. We know the obstacles we face are not solely physical but also mental and spiritual. We recognize that the experience we gain along the race is akin to wisdom from our past. We attest that the race strategies that we develop are rooted in finding rest in our Maker and Lord. We know that the surprise trials are no match for our God at the end of the day. When we begin to realize all of these things, then our perspective can begin to shift.

Instead of focusing so much on the difficulty of breathing, the aches and pains in our legs, the heaviness of our stride, once we turn our attention and focus to God and look up, we can begin seeing all of the beauty around us.

On a church level, I have been encouraged to see new ministries begin to blossom over the past half-year such as the GA's, Men's Group, Youth Group, and all of our many ministry teams. On a local level, I have been thrilled to participate in planning meetings for the WMUV, the BGAV, and the FABN. On a national level, I have been deeply moved at our response to the desperate situation of Ukraine as we become united in prayer and support for 'the least of these.' On a word level, there have been various reports that suggest 30% more people have experienced God through the pandemic than before.

Simply put, God is on the move, and if we aren't careful, we can miss the exciting things that the Lord is doing in and around us! Yes, we are running a long and challenging race; however, we have been invited to participate in something bigger than ourselves. The race we are running is not one that we are attempting to complete on our strength, but rather through God's Grace. Therefore, when things seem impossible, don't forget to breathe, don't forget that God is in control, and don't forget that there is beauty all around.

We just have to look for it.

In breath and prayer,
Pastor Kenny

125th Anniversary

Celebrate with us all year long!

Our church is celebrating its 125th year in which God has blessed us to continue reaching out to our community and its needs.

Starting in 1895 when we separated from our sister church, Round Hill Baptist, our first church was on the corner of Bancroft Avenue and Jefferson Street. In 1896, we asked to be a separate church then called First Baptist Church of Colonial Beach and our first pastor was Reverend Monds. In 1924, our church moved to the corner of Washington Avenue and Dennison Street where Reverend C.W. Stokes served. Our church was growing and continued to grow in the community.

In 1959, our church bought the present-day property to build a brick sanctuary and educational building. Groundbreaking was in January 1961 and the service was held on April 1, 1962. Reverend Earl Cox was our leader at that time and in 1967 our name was switched to Colonial Beach Baptist Church.



The church added to the additional new building for more classrooms on November 12, 1989, and dedicated on October 7, 1990, under Reverend Steve DeVane's leadership.

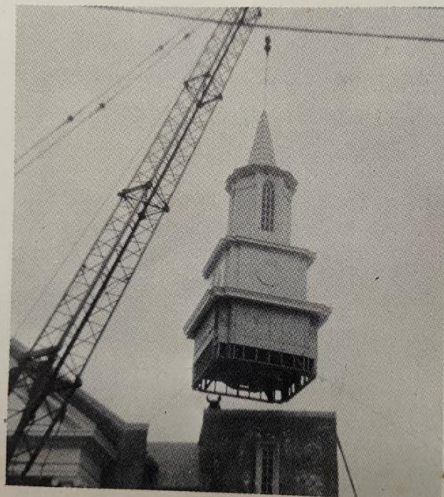
Thinking also of the present—hiring our present Pastor Kenny Daniel in March 2020 just as the pandemic started and how he has carried us through with grace and encouragement.

God continues to bless us as we continue teaching His Word and helping those in need. A special thank you for the great and precious history kept by our Historian, Jessie Hall, who I hope is looking down and smiling that we are keeping it up.

Celebrating this year with monthly gifts to remind us of our blessing and God's love. We are looking forward to the big celebration in October 2022!



Ground Breaking



Construction

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: MARCY FELTNER

The Family Ministry Team consists of those who are currently working with children, youth, and young adults in Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Church, Youth Group, Royal Ambassadors (RA's), and Girls in Action (GA's). However, this Ministry Team is not limited just to those who are currently serving with those groups. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for any and all planned events, as well as serving in one of the areas listed above, Children's Church and Nursery specifically.

One of the goals of the team is to plan activities for the children and youth and their families and provide outreach opportunities for fellowship. The team held its first meeting on Monday, March 21st to discuss and plan some upcoming events for children and their families:

- *The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at 2 PM.*
- *The dates have been set for another summer camp opportunity for our children and youth to attend Camp Crossroads, which will be June 13th-17th. An interest meeting will be held at the church on Sunday, April 24th at 6:00 for parents and those children and youth interested in going to the camp this summer.*
- *Vacation Bible School planning is underway, and the dates have been set! VBS will be held from July 11th-15th and the theme will be MONUMENTAL - Celebrating God's Greatness.*

RA'S UPDATE

WRITTEN BY MARCY FELTNER

It's time to catch up and share news from the infamous RA Room and what the crew has been up to these past few weeks. Our room is full of energy each Wednesday night as we welcome our crew of six: Robert, Lewis, Tucker, Drew, Christopher, and Terrence. They are a great group of boys to work with as they learn more about RA's, the lives and the work of missionaries both in the United States and other countries around the world, and how they can reach out and be missionaries in their own community here in Colonial Beach.

We begin each Wednesday evening with a little bit of recreation and the ever-present snack-important and much anticipated parts of the night as they simply enjoy being with each other. We recite the RA Pledge and examine one portion of the pledge each week. They are becoming quite proficient with reciting it and join in the discussion of what each phrase means.

In March, our missionary study was about Victor and Ludy Moura, who lived in Brazil, where he pastored a church and Ludy was a lawyer for the government. After visiting his friend in Boston, Victor became aware that there were more than 500,000 Brazilians living in New England, and many of them did not have a relationship with Christ. Upon returning to Brazil, they made the decision to move to Boston, Massachusetts, to start a church for Brazilians there.

April will bring discussion of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the support of North American missionaries. We will also be learning about Arc and Rachel Crownover and their family of three and the missionary work in Germany as they serve there as church planters.

May will be our final month of meetings for RA's until fall. We will close our RA year with a celebration yet to be planned. In the meantime, we will focus our May study on a missionary initiative called Begin Anew in Nashville, Tennessee. This ministry shares the gospel message with people in poverty in the Nashville area and how we, like those working in Nashville, can honor God by caring for people in need.

I am thankful for "OUR SIX" and for my faithful helper Alice Wilkerson who is always there to help and encourage the boys and has such patience with my "messiness." It continues to be a great RA season and we are blessed every Wednesday night by their presence.

GA'S UPDATE

Written by Della Young

When I restarted GA's back in January, my goal was simple: inspire young girls and continue leading them on a good Christian path during an important developmental stage in their childhood. The years of first grade through sixth-grade shape who they will become as teens and young adults. As GA "alumni," I wanted to give back to our young ladies.

We begin each Wednesday night by reciting the GA pledge, verses, and their favorite, the motto: Go forward! Over the past three months, the GAs has learned what it means to be a Girl in Action—having a reputation of strength, courage, humility, and faith. Weekly memory verses, hands-on exercises and activities, and fellowship with one another define what we're all about. Oh, you can't forget the importance of snacks too!

Girls in Action is built on the work of missions near and far. The girls learn about missions, support missions, pray for missions, and even have the chance to do missions locally. They enhance spiritual growth, developing a greater understanding of how they can make a difference and share the Word of God. There are eight learning areas in our GA Journeys curriculum, and once one is completed, the girls get to earn a badge and place it proudly on our Badge Board. In addition to missions, the girls get to learn more about the aspects of Christianity such as Ash Wednesday, Lent, Annie Armstrong, and Easter.

April will be an exciting month in GAs as we celebrate Easter and work on the "I Learn the Bible" growth area. May 25th will be our final meeting until fall. We will end our time with a big baking night and celebration. More details to come!

Thank you, Rosy, KennedyAnn, Kari, and Eliza for being blessings to the Girls in Action program. I have enjoyed each Wednesday night filled with silly conversations, Memory Match games, and our GA's lessons. I'm looking forward to all that's to come and hopefully increasing our group of four to even more!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: CAROLYN WILKINS

As part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration, there will be a cookout following the service on Sunday, April 10th. April will be the 60th anniversary of the current church building, when it was dedicated in 1962. At that time, it cost \$207,000.00.

For the cookout, the church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share.

If COVID-19 conditions continue to improve, our first covered dish dinner will be Wednesday, May 4th.

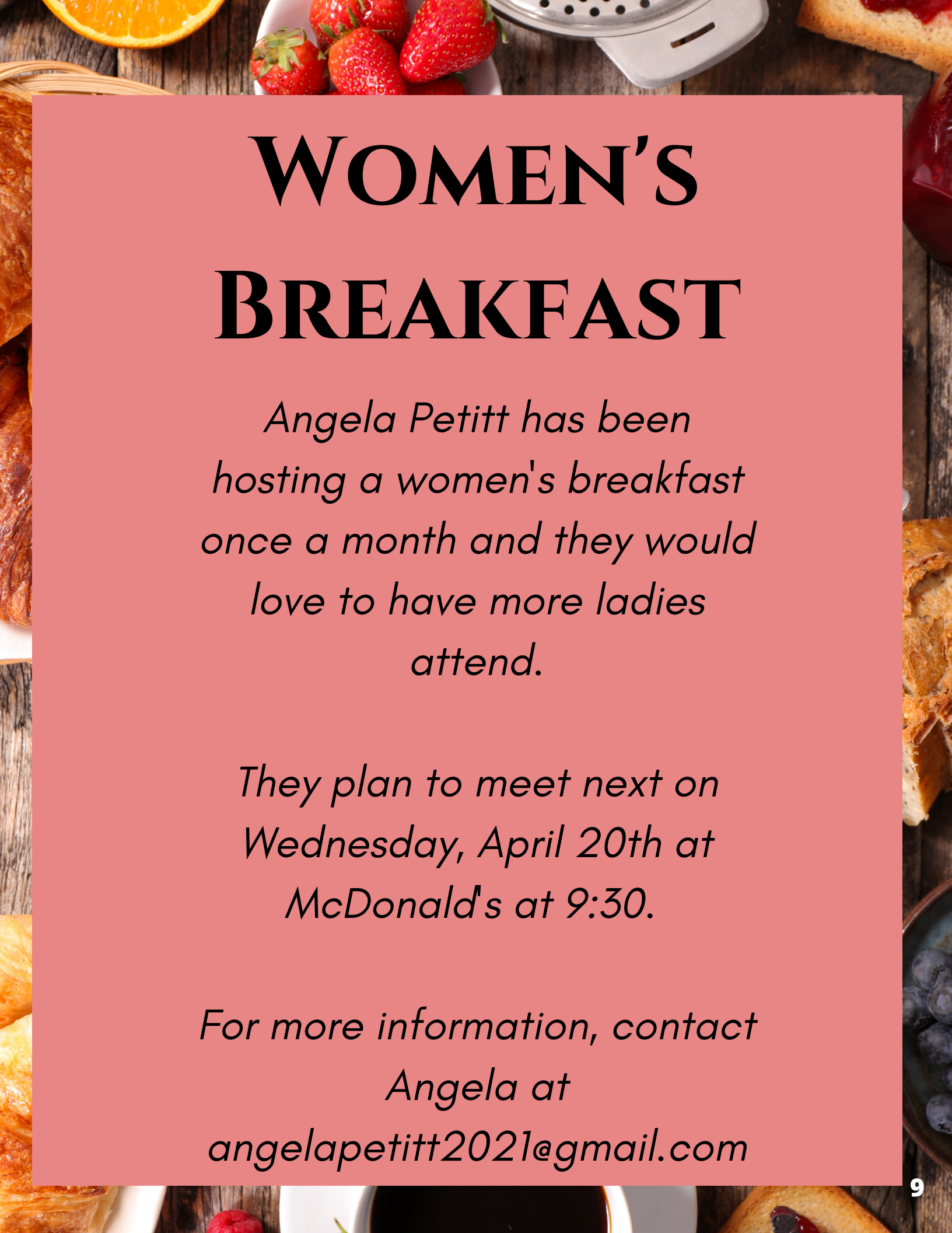
WMU MINISTRY UPDATE

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

With every fiber of her being, Annie Walker Armstrong threw herself into gospel mission in 19th-century Baltimore where she grew up. She showed the love of God to her neighbors as she helped people in need. She dug deep into the Bible to better share the good news with others. She cried out to God for the souls of her neighbors and fervently interceded for missionaries all over the world.

She had a vision of Christians and churches rising up, all across the country, to give themselves wholeheartedly to the mission of showing and sharing God's love. She spent many hours writing long letters that challenged others to obey God's call to mission. Through her persistence, Annie rallied women to give more, pray more and do more to reach people for Christ. Her passion proved contagious, and churches everywhere rose up in response. Annie organized the Woman's Missionary Union.

Annie Armstrong's passion for God's kingdom has been reflected and multiplied through new generations of believers as we follow her example and give ourselves wholeheartedly to the kingdom-movement in North America. Every year, when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions, we honor the life and mission impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938).



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Angela Petitt has been hosting a women's breakfast once a month and they would love to have more ladies attend.

They plan to meet next on Wednesday, April 20th at McDonald's at 9:30.

For more information, contact Angela at angelapetitt2021@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: RELDA SCHICK

We had a great turn-out for our start-up meeting! Pastor Kenny gave an overview of the redesign of CBBC ministry teams and explained the three parts of the Hospitality Team's focus:

- *Visitor Experience - greeters at service, welcome packets, communication forms, follow-up*
- *New Resident Ministry - welcome letter sent to new residents, team member visits, and database tracking follow-up*
- *Friday Friends - visiting/calling shut-in members*

Our next meeting is Saturday, April 2nd at 10 AM in the church library. We will be organizing to go in teams for visits that day. If you would like to know more, please contact Relda at 804-761-1230 or reldaschicke@hotmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: MAHALA BECKER

Picking up after COVID has been no easy task, but the music team has thrived despite setbacks. The choir did a wonderful job starting up in the fall and, despite a brief interlude earlier this year, is back in swing for spring! The choir is also busy preparing for our Easter cantata, "Mighty to Save." The praise team is full steam ahead and learning to work as a team while leading worship on Sunday mornings. During practices, we learn a fun mix of old and new, modern and traditional songs.

Both the choir and the praise team are looking for new members. If you love to sing in a group, consider joining the choir! No music experience is necessary, and it's a great opportunity to learn how to sing choral music. The praise team is also looking for new additions; there is a specific need for vocalists to sing harmonies and musicians that are comfortable playing in a group. Even if your instrument isn't a traditional instrument, feel free to stop by Wednesday night practices and we will find a way to incorporate you.

We also invite you to keep participating during the Sunday services! Seeing such enthusiasm during worship is an encouragement to those who volunteer to minister with their gifts.

OUTREACH & TECHNOLOGY

TEAM LEADER: BART YOUNG

Jesus was a master at connecting with people. In a like manner, we as believers today should strive for new and innovative ways to connect with people – all with the goal of bringing them to Him.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that church technology and social media have become integral parts of our outreach ministry. Pastor Kenny's first official sermon as our pastor was delivered live on Facebook via an iPad from his living room. Now, as we return to a more normal in-person worship, technology and social media continue to be vital tools that we use to spread the word of God.

We are experiencing such an exciting time in the life of our church! Pastor Kenny's sermons and the joyful music of the Chancel Choir and Praise Team are not only reaching our local community and those that attend in-person service each Sunday, but in far reaching areas of the world! Since the beginning of the year, our social media and YouTube accounts have been accessed by visitors from Great Britain, Italy, Germany, Greece, Chile and many small countries throughout Africa - not to mention all across the USA! God doesn't want us to stop there! Through the use of technology and social media we can deliver His word to shut-ins, those who live in distant places, and to our church family when they are traveling.

OUTREACH & TECHNOLOGY

In addition to technology, the Outreach Team has been busy designing promotional flyers for our events, posting updated content and announcements across our social media channels, and actively updating our website. In our efforts to reach a wider audience, in addition to Facebook, we now offer our livestream via YouTube. You can easily access our YouTube live stream by visiting our website: colonialbeachbaptistchurch.org and clicking the Live Stream tab. You can also go directly to YouTube and search for Colonial Beach Baptist Church!

As we continue to capitalize on the use of technology and social media to tell the story and message of Jesus Christ, we are excited to announce the donation of two 55" flat screen smart TVs and a 75" flat screen smart TV for our educational wing. God is continually working in our lives and in our church! He blesses each of us every hour of every day. New doors and opportunities are opening for CBBC and we continue to listen to Him and remain prayerful.

After a successful Spring Fruit Sale fundraiser, the Outreach Team is also planning additional fundraising opportunities. Fundraisers not only help to offset the cost of future technology initiatives but are great for outreach in our community. As new residents to our community are evaluating their choices for local worship, we want to show them that Colonial Beach Baptist Church provides a place for people in every season of life - in whatever stage they may identify themselves. Our ministries are focused to meet the needs of a variety of age groups, as well as transitional points in people's day-to-day living.

There is excitement in our church! We are blessed to have such a loving God and church family. The Outreach Team is excited to see where He takes us!

SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Pastor has been in the process of prayerfully rethinking and redesigning the ministry aspects of our church so that we might best meet the needs of the congregation as efficiently as possible. One of the ministry teams coming together is called Spiritual Care! This group will oversee hospital visitation, bereavement care, prayer ministry, and all of the many nuances that relate to each of these ideas.

We will be providing spiritual care for those who have lost loved ones, writing get-well and sympathy cards, encouraging people who are going through difficult seasons, and the list goes on. The prayer ministry component, also known as the Prayer Warriors, will be setting up several opportunities for congregational prayer in the near future. These prompts and events aim to create deep and meaningful opportunities for the congregation to come together and pray for the many different aspects of our church.

This team is still in the process of visioning and dreaming, and we would love to have you aboard! If you are interested in any of the areas mentioned above and might consider joining this important group, please reach out to Pastor Kenny for additional details. We are excited about what God is already doing in our community and look forward to telling you more about the spiritual care of our church in the upcoming future.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY UPDATE

The purpose of this team is to minister to church family members who have experienced a death of some member of their family or to those who have experienced other significant losses or crises. The team strives to carry the message of the following Bible passages:

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." – Romans 12:15

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." – 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Since May 2021, we have lost the following members and relatives of members or friends of the church:

Tom Harrison, Barbara Laughman, Ernie Gardner, Elizabeth Lee, Walter Gallahan, Charlotte Ann Clarke, Jean Kleinknecht, Joseph Adkins, Ron Okrasinski, Tom Cox, Walter Kern, Angel Brand, Martha Mastin, Jeff Taylor, Dave Mullen, Craig Morrison and Blanche Ransome.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Sunday School — 9 AM
Worship Service — 10:15 AM
Youth Group (Grade 4+) — 6 PM

Monday: LiteWaits — 10 AM

Wednesday: LiteWaits — 10 AM
RAs (Grades 1-6) — 5:30 PM
GAs (Grades 1-6) — 5:30 PM
Vespers — 6 PM
Choir Practice — 7 PM

Thursday: Food Pantry — 10 AM-12 PM

Friday: LiteWaits — 10 AM

SPECIAL EVENTS

April

4th — Deacons Meeting, 7 PM

10th — Easter Cantata, During
Worship Service

10th — Cookout, Following Worship Service

11th — Book Club, 6 PM

14th — Maundy Thursday Service, 6 PM

15th — Open Sanctuary, 9:30 AM - 1 PM

16th — Easter Egg Hunt, 2 PM

17th — Easter Sunrise Service
(High Tides Tiki Bar), 6:30 AM

25th — Book Club, 6 PM

27th — 1st Quarter 2022 Business
Meeting, 6 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

May

2nd — Deacons Meeting, 7 PM

4th — Covered Dish Dinner,
Time TBD

7th — Men's Fellowship
Breakfast, 9 AM

8th — Women's Day

9th — Book Club, 6 PM

15th — Baccalaureate
Service, Time TBD

23rd — Book Club, 6 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

June

4th – Men's Fellowship
Breakfast, 9 AM

6th – Deacons Meeting, 7 PM

13th–17th – Camp Crossroads



april

3RD – VICKIE & DINAH
10TH – LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA
17TH – TRACEY & CAROLYN
24TH – MARCY & BECCA

may

1ST – VICKIE & DINAH
8TH – LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA
15TH – TRACEY & CAROLYN
22ND – MARCY & BECCA
29TH – VICKIE AND DINAH

june

5TH – LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA
12TH – TRACEY & CAROLYN
19TH – MARCY & BECCA
26 – VICKIE & DINAH

children's church rotations

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April

Tommy Feltner — 2
Fran Ware — 5
Della Young — 12
Russell Gouldman — 24
James Wilkerson — 24

May

Linda Gouldman — 1
Randy Feltner — 6
Arbutus Sanford — 10
Sylvia Buffkin — 10
Martha Jenkins — 13
Jimmy Jett — 26
Colleen Trivett — 28

June

Stan Mangleburg — 8
Lee Feltner — 16
Bart Young — 27



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