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Holidays Are Coming...

The year may be winding down, but we're gearing up for exciting fall and Christmas events for the whole family!
From the Happy Harvest Drive-Thru to the Christmas Cantata, it's the most wonderful time of the year at CBBC!

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PASTOR'S REPORT

WRITTEN BY REV. KENNY DANIEL

This past month, the book club spent some time reading a story titled, Living a Narrative Life by Keith Herron. This publication served as an awesome tool that opened up an important dialogue about life reflection and the importance of storytelling. The general theme, or idea, is that our lives are all unfolding stories that can be lost if they are not intentionally focused on.

While we can never truly capture or seize any one individual moment, we can take notes or scribe journal reflections on both unfolding events and experiences from past portions of our lives.

As we begin to do that, we can begin to see how our experiences have shaped us into the people we are today; likewise, how we respond to unfolding situations will mold whom we are becoming.

Therefore, I would implore everyone to explore the past chapters of your life, spend some time dwelling on them, and ask how all of these different seasons, all of these different stories, have helped shape who you are. As a bit of praxis, allow me to share a personal story and then relate it both to a portion of my pastoral identity, what I've learned, and my hopes for the church as we begin to boldly venture into our next 125 years.

Several years ago, while I was working as an intern for a non-profit in Richmond, a

few of my coworkers and I decided to spend a weekend hiking the Appalachian Trail. Now admittedly, I hadn't done much serious backpacking, despite my outdoorsy background, leading up to this moment.

In my previous experience of summer camp, we always had a cabin to sleep in and everything was pretty much within a short walking distance. That said, we were all very excited to get out of Richmond and explore the beauty of God's creation. As part of the preparation, I had a great idea, "Oh, it's summertime, wouldn't it be so nice if I got a new pair of hiking sandals for our trip..." and that's where things would begin to go downhill.

In my excitement and grandeur vision for the trip, I did not recognize how challenging hiking 12 miles a day would be, weaving through the mountains...and I especially did not recognize how challenging it might be to break in a new pair of hiking sandals. We drove out from Richmond, all piling into the back of an overstuffed sedan that chugged its way to and through the mountains until we finally reached our trailhead. Just like that, we were off!

Everything was going great, exactly according to plan...at least for the first few hours. We were soaking in the beautiful splendor of the Lord's handiwork, watching squirrels and other wildlife scurry up and down trees, watching green leaves dance in the sky all around us, and feeling the earth and rock beneath each step we took; however, I was feeling a little bit more than splendor after a while.

Eventually, I would begin to feel God's notso-nice "splendor" of friction, more specifically friction burn from the sandal straps. I put on a



game face though and decided to tough it out. A few more hours passed, and I felt more of the Lord's handiwork in blisters which quickly consumed all parts of my feet.

I had to stop...there was too much pain. What had originally promised to be a 25 mile weekend of fun, turned into a hobbling game of survival, and the blessing of Good Samaritans on mile 9.2. We would return to Richmond and my friends would all reassure me that it was ok, however not before giving me the new nickname, Tenderfoot.

As I reflect on this story and this season of life, I begin to see the inherent value and risk of trying new things, of taking on the next great adventure, of being willing to put it out there, with only visions and hope as our guide. I also begin to realize, well, things don't always go perfectly according to plan.

As dramatic as the story may sound, I would certainly hike again, in fact many more times, but with a key difference, appropriate footwear. Learning from my past, I would never hike in new shoes again, I would always wear good socks, and I would balance "hopium" with a grounded sense of practicality (i.e. not trying to hike 25 miles without training beforehand.)

This past season continues to shape how I see life today in some regard. I continue to walk by faith and vision, praying for God to be my guide. I continue to risk, going where the spirit leads me, even if it's to a place that I haven't seen or been before. There are so many beautiful adventures waiting for us.

We just have to be willing to try! I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 5: 7, which simply suggests, "We walk by faith, not by sight."

And Amen, isn't that so true! While we may not know exactly what our next season looks like, all we can do is take our next step of faith, boldly believing that the Lord will guide our walk.

We are bound to get some bumps and bruises along the way, perhaps even pick up some new blisters, but it is all worth it when we are seeking to follow where Christ would have us go!

Therefore, let us all be tenderfooted together, naively dreaming, hoping, and striving to fulfill God's mission before us.

May we lean on the wisdom of those who have gone before us, and learn what spiritual socks and shoes to wear; and may we act in bold confidence as we approach the trailhead together as a family of believers.

Amen.

In breath and prayer, Pastor Kenny

A NEW RA JOUNEY BEGINS WRITTEN BY MARCY FELTNER

The familiar noise, chatter, and energy returned to the RA Room and the hallways on Wednesday nights as we began our 2022-23 RA Journey together on September 14th. Our faithful six returned this year, Christopher (CJ), Terrence, Robert, Tucker, Lewis, and Drew and we welcomed Hunter and Liam to the RA CREW. This CREW is full of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement about being at church and RA's for another season.

We began our September lessons learning about the work of missionaries Jonathan and Yesenia Santiago and their work in Puerto Rico as they share the hope of Christ with people there who have endured so much. Part of the RA pledge they say each week to end our meetings is "to have a Christlike concern for all people." A week after we began this study, the people of Puerto Rico were impacted by a hurricane. This was a perfect opportunity to share with the boys how we needed to pray for the people there and the missionaries working with them and to have that "Christlike concern" for the people of Puerto Rico.

The boys are also introduced to a Bible focus each month and for September we will share the story of Paul encouraging Timothy to set an example for believers and will stress to them that they are not too young to share God's love with others.

A NEW RA JOUNEY BEGINS

October will bring studies of missionaries serving in Central Asia and Europe and they will learn about church planters, Sam and Olivia Martyn* and their family as they follow God's calling and leave their home in Atlanta, Georgia, and the challenges they face traveling to other countries and their blessed work they are doing with refugees by sharing the love of Christ with them.

In November, the boys will learn about the missionary journey of Jason Tipton and his family in Denver, Colorado and his work with the Send Relief Ministry Center located in East Colfax, one of Denver's poorest neighborhoods.

The boys will be busy as we approach the holiday season and our annual trek to the Dollar Tree to shop for items to stuff their Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, and our annual Caledon hike in November. We will always find time for some outside play as they just enjoy the fellowship and friendship they share.

I am very thankful for this faithful group that gathers each Wednesday and for my faithful helper Alice Wilkerson. They are such a blessing. And a BIG THANK YOU to the parents and our church family for your continued support.

Season Two Premiere of GH's Written by Della Young

To say I was excited for the first GA's meeting of the fall would be an understatement. I was ecstatic and inspired. The Girls in Action were given their own room for Wednesday night meetings, which made preparations, planning, and even cleaning much easier. Thank you to everyone who helped make that possible!

GA's grew tremendously. Our September 14th meeting brought five girls—three of whom were new. The following week I was proud to lead a group of seven total! It was amazing and heartwarming.

Like the RA's, we learned about the Santiago family's missionary efforts in Puerto Rico and the monthly theme of never being too young to share God's love with others. I couldn't have picked a better core message as we resumed GA's. Our program Scripture Verse from Isaiah 12:4 tells us to"...Tell the nations what He has done. Announce how honored He is." It compliments being missionaries in our own way and spreading the Lord's love.

Central Asia will be the mission focus in October while we'll be studying a location a little closer to home for November— Denver, Colorado. Additionally, lots of fun activities for the GA's are on the horizon as the holidays draw near!

Season Two Premiere of GA's

The GA's are also studying the 2022-23 theme for children's missions, Joyful in Hope. The theme verse comes from Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope. Be patient in suffering. Be faithful in prayer."

I wanted to include an extra yet brief study on children's missions. Joyful in Hope uses a nautical theme, symbolizing a lighthouse as hope and God's light showing us the way—much like sailors needing a guiding light to bring them home or warn of dangers out on the water. Our church's nickname is "A Lighthouse for God," which again, I felt was fitting for the GA's.

As always, GA's welcomes all girls from first to sixth grade and we meet every Wednesday from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM. GA's provides a foundation for spiritual growth and development in addition to the study of missions near and far, the power of prayer, and fellowship among each other and the community.

I would like to thank all my GA girls: Rosy, Kari, Allyson, Gracie, Harper, Jennifer, and Sadie for an awesome and enthusiastic start to the fall! I also want to thank everyone's support from the very beginning and to the parents and guardians who bring the girls each week. For any questions, please contact me - dellayoung2001@gmail.com

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: MARCY FELTNER

Our dedicated members of the Family Ministry Team continue their good work with the children, youth, and young adults in Sunday school, nursery, children's church, youth group, Royal Ambassadors (RA's), and Girls in Action (GA's).

We are always looking for additional volunteers to work with the young children. Currently, we could use some extra help on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (9:00-10:00) with the 4 and 5-year-old class and the 2 and 3 year old class. We very much would like to begin a nursery for babies and toddlers for both Sunday school and worship time. If we can get four teams of two workers, each team would only serve once per month. Ideally, the same team would be in the nursery for the Sunday school and worship hour. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please e-mail Della Young at cbbc.officeecolonialbeachbaptistchurch.org or you can e-mail Marcy Feltner at Ifeltnereverizon.net if you have any questions.

Youth group continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 and the Royal Ambassadors (RA's) and Girls in Action (GA's) meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:45.

Our team meets on a quarterly basis to discuss and plan activities for the children and youth and their families and provide outreach opportunities for fellowship. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for any and all planned events involving the children. Our big event for October is our annual Happy Harvest Drive-Thru which will be held Sunday, October 30th, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Plan to bring the kids by and get a bag of treats and show off their costumes! We are hosting a Christmas drive-thru on Friday, December 16th, which will include a live nativity scene for the third year by CBBC!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: CAROLYN WILKINS

There will not be a covered-dish dinner in October. Our next covered-dish dinner (probably soup or chili) will be on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. More will be in the bulletin as November approaches.

Our Christmas dinner will be on Sunday,

December 11th, at 5 PM. Check your bulletin for

more information as the date approaches.

WMU MINISTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies for the local school. The supplies are always greatly appreciated. As of September 18th, the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions totaled \$369.

Christmas is several months away, but it's time for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be available in the foyer. Last year, ninety-seven shoeboxes were donated. One hundred boxes would be wonderful for this year. Please read the brochure attached to the box (especially items not to include). There is also an envelope for shipping that is to be mailed and not put in the shoebox. The boxes are due by Tuesday, November 15th.

Once again, this year we will be preparing our Thanksgiving food boxes to be distributed on Friday, November 18th. If you would like to contribute monetarily for items for these boxes (turkeys, etc.), an offering marked "Thanksgiving Boxes" can be put in the little church with other offerings.

During December, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is received. Lastly, the Angel Tree will be in the foyer on Sunday, November 20th. If you are able, please select an angel from the tree and purchase items for that child. More will be in the bulletin about when the gifts are due at church.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: RELDA SCHICK

The fall season is a great time of year to meet new residents in our area. Everyone's starting to think about the coming holidays and family plans are already in the works. CBBC has a lot to offer the community during this time of celebrations and challenges.

Our Hospitality Team visit is a simple way of inviting folks to the worship services, Bible study, youth and children's groups, book club, special seasonal events, food pantry, and much more at this "Lighthouse for God."

The team would like to thank all of you for your warm, enthusiastic way of welcoming newcomers every time the doors are open. And, a special appreciation for all of those that encourage our Team with your prayers. If you would like to join us, please contact Relda at 804-761-1230 or reldaschickehotmail.com.

OUTREACH & TECHNOLOGY

TEAM LEADER: BART YOUNG

2 Corinthians 2:14 says: "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere."

Colonial Beach Baptist Church outreach spreads the fragrance and good news not only with in person worship, but to our local community, across our great nation, and far reaching areas of the world through the use of technology.

In addition to welcoming new visitors to in-person worship, we continue to see steady growth in viewership and engagement on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Members of our congregation who often travel for work or leisure aren't missing a single word of Pastor Kenny's messages and our beautiful worship music.

Since July, we've gained new virtual visitors from all across the U.S., Haiti, India, Pakistan, Philippines, and South Africa. These aren't just one time visits to our Facebook page and YouTube channel, but recurring visits. This reassures us we are spreading the knowledge of Him everywhere and visitors are coming back for

OUTREACH & TECHNOLOGY

more! But we are not done! We need your help! Please make sure to hit the thumbs-up button and "Like" our Facebook page. On YouTube, hit the "Like", "Subscribe" and notification bell so you don't miss any uploaded videos, or to be notified when we "go live" for worship or a special event. Your engagement on our social media platforms tell the algorithms or "robots" to continue promoting our social media platforms and pushing our content out to more potential visitors - folks we can bring closer to Him.

We also need your help in the technology department. We have a very small team who produces the audio and live streaming for in-person worship and for our livestream. Occasionally we may need to be out of town on Sundays due to family obligations or when we don't feel well. We can really use the backup help! Whether you have a technical background or are just curious about how we produce our worship services, please reach out to Bart Young at audiovisual@colonialbeachbaptistchurch.org or call the church office. Our team would be happy to show you how you can help us spread the good news.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall season. Peace and blessings to you and your family!

CBBC FOOD PANTRY

The Colonial Beach Baptist Church Food Pantry continues to serve as an important outreach ministry in our community and we are forever grateful for our dedicated volunteers who serve so faithfully each week and for those who so generously donate food to help fill the shelves.

As a reminder, the Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and we serve residents in the Colonial Beach area within the 22443 zip code. We are a USDA certified food pantry and are affiliated with the Healthy Harvest Food Bank in Warsaw, VA.

We continue to serve between 35 and 40 families a month.
For example, in August 2022 the total number of households
served was 40 and the total number of individuals served was
86, with 26 of those being seniors.

Donations are always welcome and can be brought to the church between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. We also will have a basket in the sanctuary where you may bring your donations on Sunday mornings. What a blessing it is to able to serve those in need in our community. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

TEAM LEADER: MAHALA BECKER

The season change is upon us again. The leaves are starting to turn colors, and the days are beginning to cool down. This means it's about time to start working towards the Christmas cantata!

After a successful Easter cantata, I am very excited about this next music production. The projected date is Sunday, December 11th, with rehearsals starting on the 26th of October. Listening CDs will be circulating soon.

Are you considering joining the choir but are still unsure? Please come to our introductory practice on Wednesday, October 19th, at 7 PM. We will be going over some basics and working on a single piece to sing on the following Sunday. This is the perfect opportunity to learn a new skill, develop a singing voice, or even bring a friend! No previous experience is needed.

There is also a need for musicians and vocalists on the praise team.

If you have a heart for music, we are happy to plug you in. Please see

me for details!

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

Since our last Beacon, there has been one death--Tracey Dawson. She had been on our prayer list for many weeks.

Kitty Norris has faithfully worked on a new directory. I looked through the directory published in 2010 and decided to list all those who have passed since that directory. These are just the names listed in the directory at that time:

Lawrence "Pee Wee" Atwell	James Balderson	Margaret Laughon	Ernie Gardner
Ben Lester	Shirley Beavers	Ruth Lewis	Dennis Brummeyer
Tim Massey	George Melson	Frank Coates III	June Miller
Joyce Coates	Ann Mothershead	Laura Cole	Shirley Owens
Bill Crawford	Henry Parker, Jr.	James Crisp	Doris Price
Bob Cross	Blanche Ransome	Robert Curtis	Katie Dickinson
Gloria Rogers	Mitzy Driskell	George Rowzee	William Rutherford
Terry Gilliland	Mary Sanford	John Gleason	Dale Sawdy
Ed Gunderson	Donald Shinn	Robert Guyer	Roy Simheuser
Thelma Hales	Richard Sindelar	Fred Smith	Peggy Hall
Donna Speiser	Luke Sydnor	Lita Henderson	Hilda Taylor
Carlton Hudson	Janet Trigger	Walter Kern	Betty Wilson

Sally Zimmerman Jean Kleinknecht Connie and Joe Klopsis James Reamy, Sr. and Pat **Ellie and Doc Caruthers** Joe and Helen Fletcher **Donald and Jessie Hall** William and Joyce Hall

"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

SPECIAL ENTS





19th — Introductory Choir Practice, 7 PM

23rd — 3rd Quarter Business Meeting, Following Worship Service

> 30th — Happy Harvest Drive-Thru, 6-7 PM

26th — Women's Fellowship Breakfast (McDonald's), 9 AM

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NOVEMBER



2nd - Covered Dish Dinner, 6 PM

5th — Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9 AM

7th — Deacons Meeting, 7 PM

15th — Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due

18th — Thanksgiving Boxes Distribution

23th — Community Thanksgiving Service, Time TBD

26th — Church Christmas Decorating, Time TBD

SPECIAL ENERS



5th — Deacons Meeting, 7 PM
11th — Christmas Cantata
11th — Christmas Dinner, 5 PM

16th — Live Nativity & Christmas Drive-Thru, Time TBD

> 24th — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

28th — Women's Fellowship Breakfast (McDonald's), 9 AM

october

2ND - TRACEY & CAROLYN

9TH - MARCY & BECCA

16TH - VICKIE & DINAH

23TH - LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA

30ST - TRACEY & CAROLYN

children's church rotations

november

6TH — MARCY & BECCA

13TH — VICKIE & DINAH

20TH — LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA

28TH — TRACEY & CAROLYN

WE APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCH! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO **VOLUNTEER** AND BE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE, CONTACT THE CHURCH

OFFICE.

december

4TH - MARCY & BECCA 11TH - VICKIE & DINAH 18TH - LARRY/MERRIE & RELDA Oct.

Timothy Trivett, Jr.— 2

Dianne Scutt -5

Kenny Daniel — 9

Carol Massey — 10

Margie Staples — 16

James "Sonny" Jett, Sr. — 17

John Anderson – 20

Patti Catlett - 21

Lorelai Lawson — 26

Fred Mears — 27

Nov.

Tammy Wilder— 4

Merrie Olsen – 13

Tracey Trivett — 21

JoAnn Drummond — 27

Dec.

Mary Ann Barrack — 1

Lucy Sindelar — 13

Larry Wilder — 18

Jason Trivett -22

Tim Trivett — 27

Becca Daniel - 30





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