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SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

2018

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

- Galatians 5: 22-23 (NRSV)

Lists....I will admit that I love a list. A list keeps me grounded, disciplined and helps to remind me of responsibilities and events on the horizon. Grocery lists, Christmas card lists, household to-do lists... I always have a list or two in the works. Whether your lists are on a smartphone, iPad, laptop or just stuck on the front of your refrigerator (old school style), they work to remind us that something needs our attention! We read, process and prioritize, and then work that task into our lives.

Paul felt the church in Galatia needed the same type of reminder list. In his letter to the church, Paul is frustrated and disappointed with the path that the church has taken. He wants to see them get back on track with the work that he started when he last visited. Paul states in chapter 5: 7, "You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?" Like us, when faced with uncertainty and too many choices of our own making, they faltered. The church had become susceptible to agitators and too many outside influences. In Chapter 5 of his letter, Paul warns them against biting and devouring each other and indulging in obvious sinful nature. I like the choice of the word "obvious." In other words, they know it is sinful behavior and not from God. Paul then gives a list of the sinful natures in verses 19 through 21, which includes about every form of the worst part of our human nature, including fits of rage, discord, hatred, sexual impurities, factions and the list goes on. Obviously, this was a Not-To-Do list!!!!

These acts move us away from a relationship with God and keep us from having loving relationships with each other. By contrast, Paul gives us, and the church, a list of practices and attributes that God would have us use in our daily lives. In

Galatians 5: 22-23, he names the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are from the Spirit and will draw us closer in relationship to God and with each other.

There is no law, Jewish or Gentile, against such practices. God offers a harvest of plenty when we cultivate and follow the fruit of the Spirit. Our witness to the world is evident when we follow this to-do list that Paul shares with the church in Galatia.

This list shows us how to treat each other, show our love for our neighbor and stay in fellowship with God. Love each other. Spread Joy with your daily attitude of thanksgiving. Surround yourself with a presence of Peace. Have Patience with the things of the world which frustrate you. Be Kind to everyone. Show Goodness in your actions. Hold onto a Faithfulness that God is in control and knows our every need. Have a nature of Gentleness when caring for each other. Practice Self Control in your words and actions.

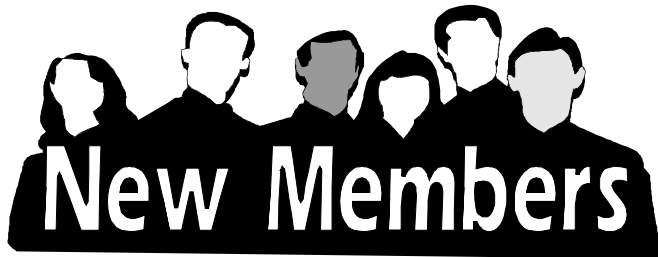
Keep this reminder list on your heart as we continue to walk together in step with the Spirit. God bless each of our churches in the Virginia District as we prepare to gather for District Conference. My prayer is that we will strive to bear good Fruit and increase the Harvest of God's Church. See you at Conference!

Debbie S. Humphrey
District Conference Moderator
for 2018

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NEW MEMBER REPORT

Beaver Creek - Cora Thompson by letter, January 21, 2018, Elizabeth Marshall, Bethany Miller and Chris Stilwell by baptism on May 6, 2018, Tracie Stilwell by re-affirmation on May 6, 2018, Clarence Phillips and Ben Phillips by letter on May 20, 2018.

Jeters Chapel - Cindy Lawhorn by letter on July 15, 2018, Jesse Lawhorn and Kristina McCain by re-affirmation on July 15, 2018.

"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE" - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Williamson Road Church, located at the corner of Oakland and Pioneer in Roanoke, invites you to join us for "I Can Only Imagine," on Saturday, September 15th, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. This movie was released in 2018, with a cast including Academy and Golden Globe winning actors, and a chart topping song! The plot is described as, "The inspiring and unknown true story...that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness." Bring family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a current fan favorite that's uplifting and entertaining for all ages to enjoy! All are welcome for showings at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AND ANXIETY IN THE CHURCH

You are invited to attend Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective, a one-day workshop that looks at the challenges presented by the rising levels of anxiety being experienced in churches today. You will learn practical skills that will help you defuse anxious situations and maintain a non-anxious presence. This interdenominational workshop will be hosted by First Mennonite Church in Richmond, VA on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Discounts are available for individuals and church groups who register by September 12, 2018. For more information, call the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at (630) 627-0507, email them at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org, or visit their website at www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF

James H. "Jimbo" Ingram, Jr., aged 73, of Bassett, VA died on Saturday, August 4, 2018. He was born in Bassett, Virginia on April 26, 1945 to the late James Huford Ingram, Sr. and the late Annie Freeman Ingram. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Anita Haran; sister, JoAnn Shively; brother, Robert S. "Bob" Ingram and an infant grandson, Caleb Isaac Turner.

He was a longtime member of the Bassett Church of the Brethren. Jimbo started working at a young age as a shoe

shiner in downtown Bassett. He later worked for Bassett Superior Lines and enjoyed many years at DuPont before retiring. Jimbo was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved playing his guitar with friends. In recent years, he could be found in his garage workshop crafting bird houses and other wood workings. Above all, everyone knew his first love was his family.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

BETHEL - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

BOONES MILL - Part time position, no profile available - *Harry W. Shelton has retired effective July 31, 2018.*

CHRISTIANSBURG - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Glen H. Sage serving as Interim Pastor.

COULSON - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - *Pulpit supply, John G. Edwards.*

EDEN, FIRST - Full time position, profile pending - *Tom Aufer has announced his retirement effective December 31.*

GERMANTOWN BRICK - *William Gregory Broyles will begin on a full time basis effective November 1, 2018.*

JONES CHAPEL - Part or full time position, profile circulating - Emma Jean Franklin Woodard serving as interim pastor.

LYNCHBURG - Part time position, no profile available - *Jack Karpenske has retired effective August 31.*

MAPLE GROVE - Part time position, no profile available - Timothy Sink serving as interim pastor.

MASONS COVE - Part time position, no profile available - Jack W. Lowe, Jr. serving as interim pastor.

MONETA, LAKE SIDE - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply, Christian Becker.

NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS - Part time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.

OAK GROVE, SOUTH - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

PETERS CREEK - Full time position, profile circulating (P) - Johnny Thompson (AG) serving as interim pastor.

PLEASANT VIEW - *Daniel Ludwick, an ordained minister of the West Marva District, has been called on a part time basis effective September 15, 2018.*

POAGES MILL - Full or part time position, profile circulating (P/I) - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote not determined.*

RED HILL - Part time position, profile pending - Carlton R. Hodges serving as interim pastor.

SAINT PAUL - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor.

SAUNDERS GROVE - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - James R. Worline serving as interim.

SHELTON - Part time position, no profile available - Joseph D. Smith serving as interim pastor.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY - Full-time position, profile circulating (P/I) - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote on October 7.*

TRINITY - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - J. Neil Varner is serving as interim pastor.

REUNION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND YOUTH - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

All National Youth Conference 2018 participants, family members, and potential NYC 2022 participants, are invited to a reunion at Camp Bethel on Sunday, September 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Since this is Labor Day Family Weekend at Camp, folks attending the reunion are welcome to arrive earlier and spend some time at the pool beginning at 1:00 p.m. The reunion will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Ark Dining Room and will conclude prior to the all-camp potluck which will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Shelter by the Spring. Folks are welcome to stay for the potluck, but we ask that you bring a dish or food/drink item to share. This event is free but Camp Bethel will accept donations for the use of the space and pool. If you need overnight accommodations, or if you have any questions, please contact Tabitha Rudy (540) 362-1816 or virlina2@aol.com. There is no need to register. We hope to see you on September 2nd!!

"OPEN ARMS, OPEN DOORS" - SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

The Virlina Disabilities Ministry Committee's focus has been expanded to include persons of all age groups and abilities. Our goal is: "To include everyone who is "other abled" in the life, worship and activities in all Church of the Brethren Congregations in Virlina District." To do so, we are offering a time to come together for a "needs survey", through round table sharing with each other. We hope that this will give you a voice to share your needs. It will also assist us to develop a plan as we work to meet the needs of our Virlina members and congregations. This conversation will take place at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, VA on September 8, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To help us prepare, please pre-register by August 24th. Visit www.virlina.org/events; for a downloadable registration form and flyer, or to register online. Contact Tabitha Rudy at (540) 362-1816 or virlina2@aol.com if you have questions.

DISASTER WORKERS NEEDED IN ST. THOMAS

Brethren Disaster Ministries is sponsoring several weeks of clean-up help in St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands). Volunteers can sign up for one or more weeks during the period of September 9-22. The Disaster Response Committee of the Virlina District will provide a total of \$750.00 to help with airfare to and from St. Thomas if going during this time period. There is a limit to \$150.00 per person. The committee may decide at a later time to extend this same aid to trips scheduled in 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact us about this opportunity!! Volunteers from Virlina congregations can contact Ed or Susan McKimmy (540-354-5345) if interested in going and if interested in applying for financial aid.

"THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE" - PRAYER FOR PEACE SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

The Annual Day of Prayer for Peace Service will be held at the Roanoke, First Church of the Brethren on Sunday, September 23, 2018, at 3pm. Gimbiya Kettering, the Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren, will be the speaker. The theme, "The Things

that Make for Peace," is from Luke 19:42. This service is sponsored by the Virlina District's Peace Affairs Committee. Check out www.virlina.org.events; for more information as we finalize other details.

LISTENING TO GOD IN A NOISY WORLD - OCTOBER 13, 2018

Television, the internet, cell phones, social media updates, constant "breaking news" alerts, and many other distractions, make it hard to listen to God. Join the Spiritual Development Retreat Committee at Camp Bethel on Saturday, October 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for our annual Fall retreat. We will learn and reflect together on how to be more attentive to God's voice and presence. The event leaders, Hannah Oakes and Dick Gottshall, will each offer their own guidance and perspectives on this topic. The cost of the event, which includes lunch, is \$25.00. Visit www.virlina.org/events; to download a flyer/registration form or register online.

DISASTER VOLUNTEER DINNER - OCTOBER 21, 2018

The annual Disaster Response Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Germantown Brick Church on the evening of Sunday, October 21 and will begin at 5:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to volunteers, but all persons interested in disaster response or those who have supported disaster response through making kits, financial aid, or prayers are invited to attend. 2017-2018 volunteers will be recognized as part of the program. To reserve your place, contact the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816, (800) 847-5462, or virlina2@aol.com.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018

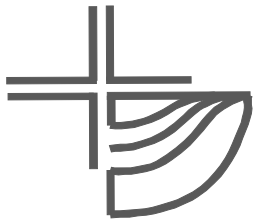
Save the date for the 2018 Virlina District Conference! We will gather as a district to worship and fellowship together, and to do business together, at Bonsack Baptist Church on November 9th and 10th, 2018. The schedule will be similar to last year, as will some of the age group activities. There will be some changes, however, to how and when delegates register. Registration information will be sent to congregations and made available online in August. Please look out for this packet and read all of the information carefully! Most of this information will also be available in the September/October edition of the Headliner. Check the conference site for the most up-to-date information: <http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>.

ROANOKE - FIRST CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

125 years is an amazing accomplishment! Come celebrate this with Roanoke First Church of the Brethren on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2:00 p.m. A meal will follow. There will be no charge for the meal. Please call the church office (540-344-8196) by Saturday, Sept. 15 for your meal reservation. The speakers will be our former pastor, David Racy Miller, and others. See you there! Save the date!

NOVEMBER HEADLINER DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25

The deadline for items to be included in the November 2018 HEADLINER is September 25, 2018. All material should be e-mailed to EHedliner@aol.com or mailed to 3402 Planatation Road, NE, Roanoke, Virginia 24012.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2018

3			District Resource Center Closed - Labor Day
7	2:00	PM	Historical Committee - DRC (DKS)
8	11:00	AM	"Open Arms, Open Doors" - Roanoke, Summerdean (THR)
10	8:30	AM	Northern Area Ministers Meeting - Troutville (DKS/THR)
11	6:00	PM	Mission Resourcng Committee - DRC (DKS)
12	4:15	PM	Staff Counseling Committee (DKS/THR)
14	6:00	pM	Outdoor Ministries Executive Committee - Camp Bethel (BSL)
	6:45	PM	Outdoor Ministries Committee - Camp Bethel (BSL)
15	9:00	AM	District Board - Topeco (DKS/THR)
17	6:00	PM	Southern Area Ministers Meeting - TBA (DKS/THR)
18	6:00	PM	Disaster Response Committee (THR)
23	3:00	PM	Peace Day Service - Roanoke, First (THR)
23-28			Vacation (DKS)
25	6:00	PM	District Conference - Officer's Meeting (THR)
29	2:00	PM	Roanoke, First 125th Anniversary Service (DKS/THR)
30	4:00	PM	Ordination Service for Samuel T. Light - New Bethel (DKS/THR)

OCTOBER 2018

1	8:30	AM	Northern Area Ministers Meeting - Green Hill (DKS/THR)
	5:30	PM	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida/IC del Buen Pastor Steering Committee (DKS)
5	6:00	PM	Commission on Ministry (DKS)
6			Heritage Day at Camp Bethel (DKS/THR)
12	7:00	PM	Commission on Stewardship (DKS)
13	8:30	AM	Spiritual Development Retreat at Camp Bethel (THR)
17	2:00	PM	Disabilities Ministries Committee (THR)
21	5:00	PM	Disaster Response Volunteer Banquet - Germantown Brick (DKS/THR)
22	6:00	PM	Southern Area Ministers - TBA (DKS/THR)
26-27			Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee - Elgin, IL (DKS)
29	7:00	PM	Blacksburg Facilities Committee

VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



2018 Virlina District Conference
November 9th and 10th at Bonsack Baptist Church
4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, VA 24019

Join us!

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- Galatians 5: 22-23***

ALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

~ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~

Ministers & Spouses Dinner

Registration - 4:30 p.m.

Meal - 5:00 p.m.

Program by Jeff Carter

Childcare provided

(Reserve yours by October 26th)

All-Conference Registration, Hospitality & Exhibits

5:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

Hymn Singing and Worship

7:00 p.m.

Preacher: Donita Keister, Moderator of the
2019 Annual Conference

Childcare provided.

Youth leave for Camp Bethel - 8:30 p.m.

Young Adult Ice Cream Social - 8:30 p.m.

**Delegates must
register by
September 28th!**

~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 ~

Registration, Hospitality & Exhibits

Opens at 7:30 a.m.

Also during lunch and breaks.

Childcare, Children's Activities & Youth

Childcare (infant-preK): during worship and business

Children (K-5th): Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - end of business

Youth (6th-12th): Friday, 8:30 p.m. - end of business

(Register by October 26th!)

Hymn Singing and Worship

8:15 a.m.

Preacher: Jeff Carter, President of Bethany
Theological Seminary

Lunch

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

(Reserve yours by October 26th.)

District Board & Outdoor Ministries

Committee reorganize during this time.

Business Sessions

9:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Moderator: Debbie Humphrey

Moderator-Elect: Roy Turpin

Clerk: Pam Clark

All forms and information are available online!

<http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>



VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

~ DELEGATES & NON-DELEGATES ~

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

A registration form has been mailed or emailed to the pastor or contact person of every congregation. Please send a check made payable to Virgina District and the completed registration form to the Virgina District Resource Center. Registration for delegates closes on September 28th! Delegates will need to check in during registration times on the Friday or Saturday of conference. This will be located in the foyer of the Community Life Center. Delegates will receive their delegate packet at check-in. Please note that the registration form for delegates does not automatically register one for meals.

NON-DELEGATE REGISTRATION AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Registration for non-delegates will also take place in the foyer of the Community Life Center during the scheduled registration times. Non-delegates cannot pre-register unless it's for the children's and youth activities.

CONFERENCE BOOKLET

Booklets will be mailed to congregations in October. Pastors or contact persons are asked to distribute the booklets to the delegates. Delegates should bring their booklets to conference. The 2017 District Conference Minutes will be published in the 2018 District Conference Booklet. We will order books this year based on how many delegates register by the deadline. A number of booklets will be reserved for non-delegates and office holders. Parts of the booklet will also be available on the website once those pages are finalized.

~ MEALS ~

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES DINNER - Reservation required!

The Ministers and Spouses Dinner will be held on Friday, November 9 in the Roanoke Hall at Bonsack Baptist. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Free childcare will be provided for all ages during the dinner and program. Chanticleer Catering of Roanoke will cater the dinner. Following dinner, Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Theological Seminary, will have the program. An invitation with a reservation form has been mailed or emailed to all ministers. Reserve yours by October 26th.

LUNCH ON SATURDAY - Reservation required!

There will be a buffet lunch of sandwiches (turkey, baked ham, buffalo chicken, chicken salad, vegetarian wrap - or gluten free turkey and cheese roll-ups), mixed greens salad, pasta salad, cabbage slaw, mixed fruit, cookies, chips and beverages (lemonade and water). The lunch is catered by Chanticleer Catering and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations forms have been sent to congregations by mail or email. Meal tickets will be distributed on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the meal ticket table in the registration area. The deadline for lunch reservations is October 26th.

~ GENERAL INFORMATION ~

EXHIBIT AREA

The Exhibit Area will be in the main gathering area between the sanctuary and the Roanoke Hall, in the Community Life Center of the church building. It will be open Friday, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. and following worship, and from 7:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibits may be set up after 1:00 p.m. on Friday and should be removed by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. To reserve table space, fill out the form available at <<http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>>. Contact the District Resource Center with questions.

HOSPITALITY AREA

The Hospitality Area will be located in the café area outside the Roanoke Hall, and will be open while exhibits are open.

All forms and information are available online!
<http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>

CAMP BETHEL

2018 SUMMER CAMP SUMMARY:

Our 92nd consecutive summer camp season ended on August 3. Campers spent one or more of eight excellent weeks learning about "Boundless Belief: God's Universe." 1,195 campers participated in Resident Camps, Adventure Camps, Trips, Skills Camps, and Day Camps including 330 participants in our seven Traveling Day Camps and 35 participants in our Family Fun nights. We are blessed with excellent staff, helpful partner organizations, and dedicated volunteers who served as Chaplains, counselors and helpers. 188 children and youth received Good-As-Gold funding from Virginia congregations totaling \$47,583. Watch our weekly summer camp videos at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/videos>

GIVE A CHILD A CAMPSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP

In summer 2018, 75 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$20,430. Please give \$340, which is the 2019 cost for a child to attend one week of camp. You may mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate>

CAMP BETHEL WELCOMES WESLEY SHRADER

Wesley Shrader began as Food Service Coordinator on a full time basis effective September 1. He served as the Interim Food Service Coordinator from May until August. During that time he oversaw 12 consecutive weeks of summer camp food services and served over 26,000 meals to campers, staff and guests. Wes previously served on the summer staff from 2010 until 2015 and as summer kitchen staff in 2013. He is a 2013 graduate of Johnson & Wales University's culinary program (Charlotte, NC). He most recently served as Banquets Supervisor at Hotel Roanoke from 2014-2018. Say "Hello" to Wes at <CampBethelArk@gmail.com>.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 6, 2018

Our Annual Heritage Day Festival will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Please encourage everyone in your church to participate and help in this vitally important event for Camp Bethel. Tell your friends and help us advertise. Forms, fliers and information are available at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day>, or from your Pastor or Camp Representative.

FALL WORKDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Our Fall Workday will be on Saturday, November 3. Please help us prepare for the fall/winter conference season by leaf raking, tree work, splitting firewood, clearing trails, clearing gutters and winterizing facilities. Projects are available for all skill levels. FREE (limited) lodging is available on Friday night, a FREE breakfast on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and a FREE lunch at 1 p.m. We especially would like to see all youth of the District here! Please RSVP meals to <campbetheloffice@yahoo.com> or (540) 992-2940 by October 28 so we know how much food to prepare. More information is at <<http://www.campbethelvirginia.org/workday.htm>>

OMA NATIONAL RETREAT, NOVEMBER 11-15

YOU ARE INVITED to learn, share, play, sing, and worship at the Outdoor Ministries Association of the Church of the Brethren's annual Retreat at Camp Bethel with the theme, "Waters of Grace." Join leaders from across the country for

excellent-and-fun workshops, worship, and networking. Register at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMA>

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET - DECEMBER 6, 2018

Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. This includes an excellent dinner and a fun Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your gift of \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted) will provide much needed year-end funding for Camp Bethel. Our collective support of Camp Bethel puts TOGETHERness into practice as described in Acts 2:43-47. Please RSVP your family or group by November 29 to (540) 992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>.

WINTER CAMP YOUTH RETREAT - DECEMBER 29-30

The Winter Camp Youth Retreat is a fun and spiritual holiday Retreat for children and youth led by our reunited Summer Staff. \$70 includes four meals, lodging and program including Group Games, Glow-in-the-Dark Gym Party, a big bonfire, Bible study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits, sledding and other snow fun (if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, 2019 camp preview... and Camp Bethel stickers! Register at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/winter-camp>.

PRELIMINARY "RV VILLAGE" SITE DESIGN AVAILABLE

Site layout and images for Camp Bethel's long-planned "RV Village" camping area are available for view at <www.VirlinaFuture.org>. Plans include 15 new campsites, each with water, electric, sanitary sewer, a picnic table, campfire ring, and parking for 2-3 cars. Site sizes range from 60'x23' to 65'x28'.

HAVE YOU HEARD - SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN?

"Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation" is the theme of the mission resourcing campaign for the Virginia District which runs through 2020. The goal is to develop resources to fulfill the District's commitment to ministry with our children, youth and young adults, to continue new church development and multi-cultural ministry, to provide assistance to our smaller, struggling congregations, to encourage development of set apart ministerial leadership, to minister to our college students at Radford University and Virginia Tech, and to provide necessary enhancements to fulfill Camp Bethel's future potential. As of August 7, 2018, there are 264 pledges totaling \$523,723 with receipts totaling \$351,439.

Would you like to help? It's easy. You can make a one-time gift or pledge an amount to be paid over three years. Contact Roger Keffer (540) 725-1595 for more information.

TREE COOKIES NEEDED

Can you help supply THOUSANDS of Tree Cookies for our upcoming programs and 2019 summer camp? Ideal "cookie" is hard wood cross cut showing tree rings, 2.5" or larger diameter and less-than 1/2" thickness. Cut 'em, drill 'em, deliver 'em, or contact us (540) 992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>. THANK YOU!



VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

LOCATION - DIRECTIONS TO BONSACK BAPTIST

From I-81, take Exit 150-A. Stay on Route 220 Alternate / Cloverdale Road for five miles. Bonsack Baptist is on the left.

From Route 460, take Route 220 Alternate / Cloverdale Road and the church will be on the right before the next stop light. If traveling west on 460 from Bedford/Lynchburg, this will be a right turn. If traveling east on 460 from Roanoke, this will be a left turn.

PARKING

Bonsack Baptist has plenty of parking in front of the Sanctuary and the Community Life Center (to the left of the Sanctuary). All spaces are accessible from the first or second Cloverdale Road entrance. Parking volunteers will be present to greet and direct you to the right place.

LODGING AND MOTELS

Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, Virginia - (540) 992-2940; CampBethelOffice@gmail.com
Quality Inn, 3139 Lee Highway South, Troutville, VA 24175, (540) 257-3111

~ AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES ~

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS - PRE-K CHILDREN

Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers during Worship and Business Sessions: Friday (November 9) 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday (November 10) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:10 - 4:10 p.m. (or when business ends). Please fill out the registration form and deliver or mail to the District Resource Center by October 26th.

CHILDREN: KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

The activities for children are Saturday, November 10th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m. (or when business ends). Activities will include a Bible lesson, crafts, recreation, music, snack and an off-site trip to Camp Bethel for lunch and hiking. Children will need to wear suitable clothing for outdoor play. Booster/car seats will need to be left with the leaders. A more detailed schedule will be available online and onsite. The cost is \$7.00. Registration forms are available online and have been mailed or emailed to congregations. Register by October 26th.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: 6TH - 12TH GRADE

Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to attend an overnight trip to Camp Bethel following worship on Friday night (7 p.m.). Vans will transport youth and advisors to Camp Bethel at 8:30 p.m. from Bonsack Baptist. Participants will play games, do low ropes, go on a hike, and help rake leaves. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please bring appropriate clothes, shoes, gloves, a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, any other over-night belongings, a rake, and snacks to share if you wish. Vans will leave Camp Bethel at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday to return to Bonsack Baptist by 3:00 p.m. Youth who cannot make it to Bonsack Baptist by 8:30 p.m. on Friday can be checked-in at Camp at the Deerfield Gym Conference Room any time after 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per youth. Registration forms are available online and have been mailed or emailed to congregations. Register by October 26th.

If advisors plan to attend, please contact Sarah Stasik - (540) 525-5061.

YOUNG ADULTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join other young adults from around the district Friday evening following worship for an ice cream social.

All forms and information are available online!
<http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>



