



May

2024 SMOKE SIGNAL

Our Mission Statement

Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people.

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"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16



Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95: 6-7

Carrie and I visited a church several months ago to support a member of our staff that had suffered the death of her mother. We were there to let her know we loved and cared about her. When we entered the sanctuary, we were both moved and inspired by a saying that was inscribed over the entrance doors to the sanctuary. The inscription was,
Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve.

We come to church for many reasons, but the main reason is and always will be to worship the Lord our God and to praise the name of Jesus. There are hundreds of scriptures that speak to the truth that God desires our worship. The church happens when we go out into the world to serve. We cannot have one without the other. Worship and service go hand in hand. Worship and service is the church! They are complementary and they are of one accord.

I think 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 speaks to the mandate of worship quite clearly.

“Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation
day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous
deeds among all peoples.
For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is
to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols, but
the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy
are in his dwelling place.
Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an
offering and come before him.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
Tremble before him, all the earth!
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them
say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

Let us never grow weary of worship and let us never forget: church is who we are, not what we are. It is only through worship and service that we can find unity, purpose, meaning and peace in this old broken world.

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve

I like it. How about you?
Pastor Steve



May Birthdays

- 1st Tom Shepley
Dan Hayton
- 2nd Eloise Woods
- 5th Danette Heinlein
- 9th Susie Gerometta
- 13th Emilia Rodgers
Regina Baldwin
- 17th Gracyn Corrón
- 19th Ben Melester
Jerry Baldwin
- 21st Rob Clemons
- 24th Jason Smith
Annellee Buchele
- 28th Harriett Hanke
- 29th Lizzie Miiller
Lily Hayton
- 31st Lily Thompson
Vickie Thompson
Beth Kerns
Dave Darsie



Happy Anniversary

- 16th Edgar & Doreen Coffelt
- 20th Dan & Rachel Hayton
- 25th Mike & Denise Repine

Remembering Buddy's Jokes

Question: What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo?

Answer: A pouch potato



*Pulled from the May 2021 Edition of Smoke Signal.

WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THE WORSHIP ROAD

May is an exciting time in the life of the church! Every Sunday in May is exceptionally special as they speak to wonderful truths of the church!

May 5th The first Sunday, we celebrate Holy Communion, and we will continue to explore the 15th chapter of John.

May 12th The second Sunday in May is always Mother's Day. This year, it is also Ascension Sunday, the day that Christ ascended back to heaven to take up all authority and power. The title of the sermon for this day is, "Mary's Treasure" based on Luke 2: 39-52.

May 19th Pentecost Sunday is a celebration of the day when the Holy Spirit descended anew and indwelt within the heart of believers. One of the greatest days in the church! Acts 1: 1-5 & Acts 2: 1-21

May 26th The first Sunday following Pentecost is designated as Trinity Sunday. We will be exploring that mystery of all mysteries. Romans 8: 12-17

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Psalm 95:6

Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 9 at 10 am any knitters, crocheters, quilters etc can come- and gather together to the first gathering of the prayer shawl ministry. If you have needles, hooks, and yarn bring them along! Mark your calendars for this fun time of fellowship and ministry. We will meet in the fellowship hall. More information can be found by contacting Martha Inglis at- 540-888-8407



Did you know about our Car Magnets?

These were designed by our Witness Chair, Glen Fair with purpose in mind.

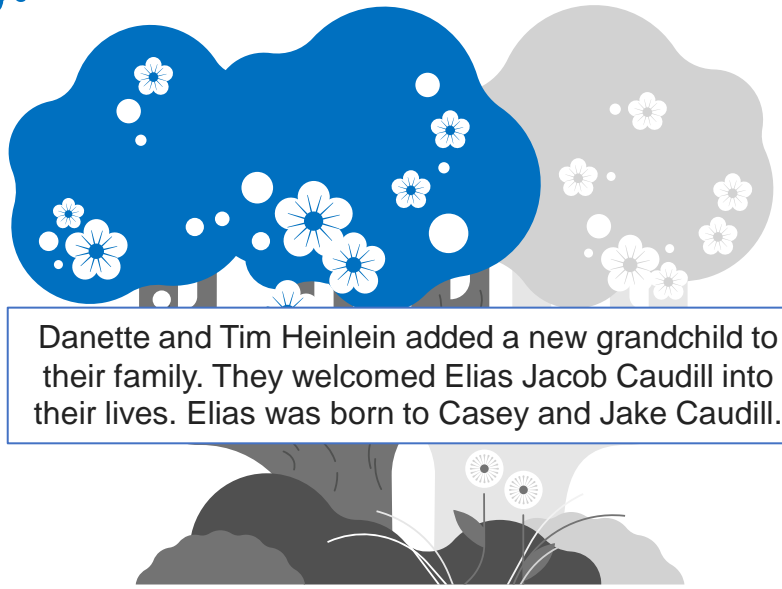
The Cross is at the center, with the whisps of wind representing God's Spirit which is uplifting us as God's light shines down on us, embodying Christ's love and our dedication to mission work.

Burnt Factory is unique in its calling, ministry, and mission work, this is a wonderful display of that very uniqueness and sending out a message to all we come across out in the world!

Pick one up this Sunday!



Congratulations!!



Danette and Tim Heinlein added a new grandchild to their family. They welcomed Elias Jacob Caudill into their lives. Elias was born to Casey and Jake Caudill.

Did you know our Church Family is growing?

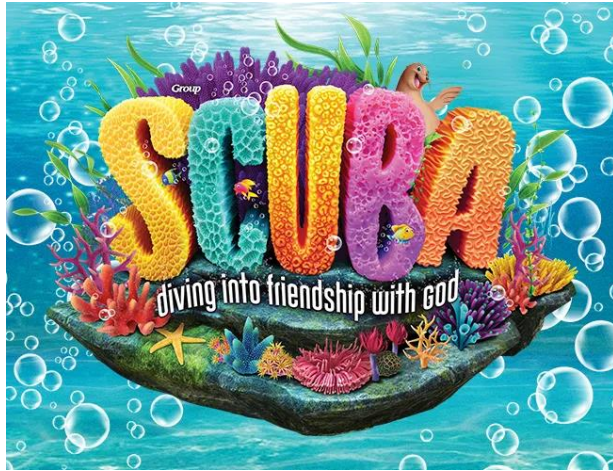
Burnt Factory Church welcomed five confirmand students into full professing membership on April 7th. What a great blessing they are to our church! They are:

Zoey Corron Colby Groce
Ayda Rodgers Layla Rodgers Hayden Stinnette

Burnt Factory Church also welcomed sixteen new members on April 14th

We are so thankful and blessed. God is so GOOD! They are:

Junior & Sadie Blanchfield	Sam & Cathy Rhodes
Debbie Rhodes	Dee Emma
Tom & Patty Edens	Terry & Kyle Bouck
Janet Phillips	Willie & Joyce Umbenour
Mike Sipe	Kelly Hayes
David Hardesty	



IT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME!!!

When: June 17-21

From: 6-8:30pm

Ages: Pre-school- 3-5yrs old

Elementary-K-5th Grades

Music, Activities, fun, games, snacks, experiments, and
Miss Carrie's favorite, GREAT BIBLE STORIES!!!

You can register online www.vbspro.events/p/scubabfc

Or you can see Miss Carrie for a paper form!

This is our biggest and most fun event of the year!

Don't miss it!!



Burnt Factory Youth

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the following events:



May 5th: Toby Mac Christian Concert!!
Time: 2-5 pm
Where: Tolley Dental Zone at Shenandoah University
James R. Wilkins, Jr Athletics & Event Center

May 18th: Jubilee Soup Kitchen.
Youth will meet at First Presbyterian Church to help prep and serve lunch.
Time: 10-12:30
Where: First Presbyterian Church

Please RSVP to Miss Erin for any of the above events

youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283

CONDOLENCES

As many have experienced the loss of a loved one, please remember them in prayer:



- Ruth Ann Snyder claimed her promise of the resurrection. Please keep Scott Snyder and family in your prayers.
- Jay Kackley's sister, Margret, claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Jay Garver's Father, Jerome Garver, claimed the promise of the resurrection on April 27th.



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Living in the Moment



Living in the present is a big key to living a stress-free life. *Matthew 6:34 says, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."* This was Jesus' guidance about how to live with stress. The present moment is where life can be found and if you don't arrive there, you miss your appointment with life. If we spend too much of our time and energy dwelling on the past and worrying about the future, we miss the gift of the moment we have. This month take a few minutes just to breathe deeply. When you breathe in, say, "This is the day," and when you breathe out say, "that the Lord hath made." Enjoy the calm and peaceful feeling of being in the moment. No need to worry about tomorrow or think about yesterday. Do not dwell on past occurrences. They are over and done with, just let them go. Do not let them poison your present life. Just enjoy being alive in the moment.

As always praying for your health and well-being. Praying that today you will both be a blessing and blessed.

Theresa

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresahgilbert@gmail.com or by phone at (540) 247-5612

As your faith community nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.



Burnt Factory Women's Group

The Burnt Factory women's group met on April 13th, with 20 ladies in attendance.

Doris Duvall presented the "Call to Prayer" with an incredibly detailed report on the horrific amount of persecution and deaths suffered by Christians throughout the world. *Doris, thank you for your devotion to this project, we will continue to pray for our brothers and sister.*

Martha Inglis shared information on a Prayer Shawl ministry.

Sondra Boudier also had information on a Prayer Blanket ministry.

Our next meeting is June 15th. Hope to see you there.



Have you given your email address to Keith Roberts, yet?

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

Keith keeps an email list in his computer for just such purposes. Your email address is protected, and emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Kindly send your email address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message:

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”

Would you like to receive the Smoke Signal Newsletter by email?

Kindly send an email to Becca Ratliff at beccalea.ratliff@gmail.com with a subject:

“Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution”





Greetings from the Outreach Team!

The Outreach Mission Statement

1 Peter 4:10-11 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

I am happy to report that our Mission Team had a successful trip and safe return from Pennsylvania where they worked to repair homes damaged during Hurricane Ida in 2021. Team members got to fellowship while improving conditions for homeowners. Thanks to Maria Etu for leading this effort. Be sure to check out the church Facebook page for photos!

We will be collecting for the Laurel Center this month. Look for a list of requested items and collection dates from Donna Gallagher.

Thanks to Robin Russell our Family Promise organizer, and to Laine Everhart for being Team Leader on our fourth monthly Family Promise meal. Family Promise is an organization that works with vulnerable families who are homeless or on the brink of it. Many of the families are living in short stay motels/hotels and do not have access to cooking facilities. On April 21, through the generosity of this church body we prepared, packed, and delivered 80 meals. Thank you to all who volunteered to cook, assemble, and deliver meals. I know God is working through you all.

It was a joy recently to see 16 new members welcomed to Burnt Factory Church. What a blessing! It made me think about all the ways and in all the areas that this church shares the love of Christ through Outreach. We will spotlight each of our mission areas in upcoming newsletters. **Project Esperanza** will be the first to be featured. Look for it in June!

If you would like to find out more about our Outreach efforts, please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the lower cottage.

Grace and Peace,

Sharon Woodard, Outreach Chair
sfwoodard111@gmail.com



CCAP Corner

May 2024

CCAP is a cooperative effort of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and religious communities in Winchester and Frederick County. They have unified to provide financial, material, and supportive assistance in a loving way. Even with the help of existing social service programs, CCAP clients are unable to meet their needs and responsibilities. CCAP's desire is to do God's work in a world where many basic human needs are simply not met.

Diapers for Red Wagon Ministry: Thank you church for the wonderful collection of 1678 diapers at our Maundy/Thursday Service. Jody Stephenson, the founder of Red Wagon, was on-site to pick up our donation. Thanks to Steve Cunningham for helping us load the donations. Polly and Jack Duvall started this ministry with Jody many years ago and Outreach is thrilled our church continues to support the Red Wagon Ministry.

Thank you to the Loyal Volunteers from our church – Our church has several volunteers that serve CCAP weekly and CCAP and the community are so thankful for their time and dedication: **Donna Bonjo** has worked in the Financial Area for many years; **Dave Darsie** is a faithful Tuesday donation pickup driver and also picks up several loads of cardboard weekly and takes them to the recycle center; **Kathy Dixon** has been volunteering in the Clothing House, and **Cheryl Jones** has been in the Baby/Toddler Room for several years. Their commitment and devotion to CCAP and our clients is wonderful to witness. If you are interested in volunteering at CCAP, please see one of these folks or anyone on Outreach.

Notes from the Quarterly Church Rep meeting held on 4/19: Andrea Cosans, the CCAP Director, reported we are serving more clients each year and are doing it with love and respect. CCAP will be hiring a part-time Operations Manager. This position will include managing the Pantry. This job is very important and needs a high level of accountability. The Board and Church Reps approved a new Mission statement for CCAP: *Guided by our faith in God and the love of community, CCAP is committed to helping our neighbors to meet basic needs with food, clothing, and financial resources.*



CCAP Corner Cont'd

Needs at CCAP:

- A small team of volunteers is needed one Tuesday a month to restock the Pantry at CCAP. We expect the shift to be 5 until 6:30 or 7:00. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this team.
- Gently used Spring and Summer clothes for all sizes and genders and new underwear and socks. Men's Jeans!!
- Gently Used Tennis Shoes (all sizes and genders), Men's belts, Women's purses, adult backpacks, and gently used bath towels, bedding and blankets.

Upcoming Events:

June/July - 50 Donations to celebrate 50 Years – more information to follow.

Saturday, August 24 – 4th Annual Bike Tour – all riders are welcome and teams of volunteers are needed to work the rest stops.

Wednesday, Sept 4 – Golf for CCAP Tournament – 18 Hole, 4 Person Scramble

Thursday, October 24 - 50th Birthday Gala for CCAP at the GW Hotel – more information to follow

THREE FREEDGES: **3** community refrigerators open **24 hours a day; 419 N Cameron St, 700 Aylor Rd (Abundant Church) and 102 Montague Ave.**

These are for low-income residents. Everyone is welcome to donate. Please label and date your items. Examples of Items needed: Fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, soups, prepackaged sandwiches, garden foods, and yogurt.

Please contact me with any questions. We would love for you to join the CCAP Community.

Patty Leonard, Outreach Rep

The Laurel Center empowers and supports victims of domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing, advocacy, support services and education through awareness programs.

The following items are on the May wish list. Your donations can be placed in the red bins found in the Narthex until May 18th.

Here's some items we can use right now that help the residents stay organized:

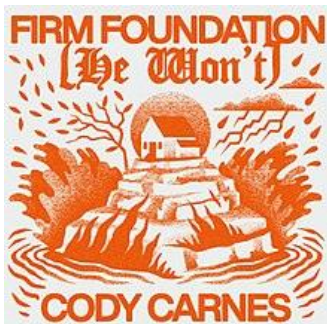
1. 2024 day planners
2. small accordion folders
3. Binder Clips - small and large
4. pens and pencils
5. adult backpacks

Of course, we can always use bottled water, snacks and drinks for the kids when they get out of school

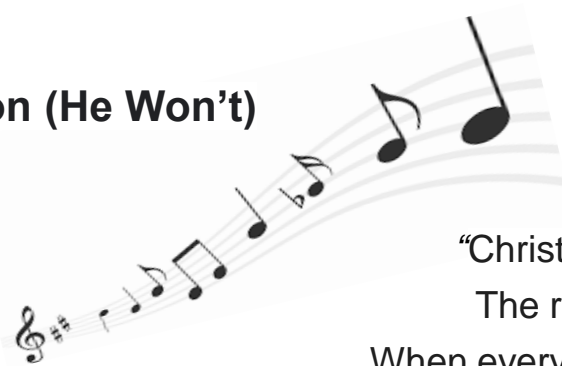
Thanks for all you do.

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

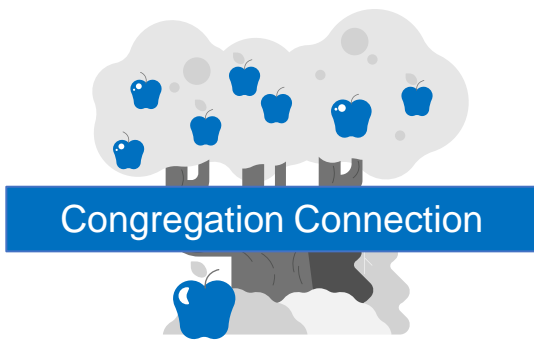
Cody Carnes
(2021)



Chorus Spotlight



“Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?
He won't”



Name: Jo Anne Bromley Baker

Hometown: Berryville, Virginia

Time attending Burnt Factory Church: Roughly 80+ years! My first time attending Burnt Factory Church was in 1942 when I was still in my Mother's womb.

What service do you regularly attend? 2nd Service

What would you encourage others to get involved with? Burnt Factory offers so many events and activities for all ages. It is a great way to meet people and make new friends. Make sure to read the Smoke Signal newsletter as it provides articles on most of our church events.

Favorite part of Burnt Factory Church: I have so many childhood memories from growing up in Burnt Factory Church. We enjoyed Halloween parties held in a barn at our farm. We held old fashioned yard parties on the Church front lawn and summer picnics along the Opequon Creek in Harvey Fishpaws meadow. I had so many wonderful Sunday School teachers such as Miss Isabelle, Margie, Jean and Jack. As an adult, I enjoy attending our services and events. I also enjoy the warm welcome of all in attendance.

Favorite hymn:

How Great Thou Art

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

Here I Am Lord

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night*

Favorite scripture: Psalm 23 has guided me through many events in my life.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

May 2024 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Wed 1 st	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thur 2 nd	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
	7:00 PM	Outreach
Sun 5 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 7 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 8 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thurs 9 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 12 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tue 14 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 15 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 16 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 18 th	10:00 AM	Jubilee Soup Kitchen

Date/Time		Event
Sun 19 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 21 st	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 15 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thur 23 rd	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 26 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tue 28 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 29 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 30 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63

For more info, view the calendar on our website:

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