June

# 2025
# SMOKE SIGNAL

Our Mission Statement
Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people.

"*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

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Before the pandemic and disaffiliation derailed everything, BFC put together a vision and master plan for the *Burnt Factory Reflection Park* to be established. The Servant Board of BFC along with the Long Range Planning Team, wanted to revisit that dream and let the church know that we have been working behind the scenes to make this *Reflection Park* a reality. We will be sharing more soon!

***"Burnt Factory Reflection Park"***

**1934 JORDAN SPRINGS ROAD, Stephenson, VA**

**Dream & Vision:** To develop 15 acres of pristine Frederick County farmland into a spiritual, outdoor place of reflection, contemplation, prayer and peace where all are welcome. The Reflection Park would embrace the three foundational principles of the universal church in that they would offer a nurturing environment, an outreach to the greater community and a witness to the Gospel.

**Background:** In 2018, property was purchased across the road from our church. It contains a circa 1802 farmhouse along with fifteen acres. With the continued growth in Fredrick County, available recreational property & green space is shrinking and in fact, disappearing.

Burnt Factory Church made the decision to use this property for the glory of God and to create a park, gardens, and a walking trail that would reflect the Gospel.

At Burnt Factory Church, we believe that this property, which God blessed us with, should be used for God's glory!

**We believe:** the Burnt Factory Reflection Park would be a lasting asset to the church and community while at the same time, proclaiming the truth of the gospel, in a loving, friendly and inviting presentation, for years to come!

The walking trail would be just short of a mile, and along the way, there would be sites that would display the Christian story.

There will be a prayer site, including a prayer labyrinth and a small chapel or gazebo. There would be a Garden of Gethsemane site, a crucifixion site and a resurrection site with an empty tomb representation.

There would be a baptism site and also an incarnation site complete with a stable.

There will be benches for rest, reflection and contemplation.

There will be several gardens along with other representations of the Gospel.

There will be a small pavilion for church events.

We hope, one day, to also have a playground area for all children that would include equipment that would cater to differently abled children.

**We see:** families with children strolling along the trail on a summer evening, reading about Jesus and His love. We see families having picnics and enjoying the beautifully landscaped property. We see Easter egg hunts and live Christmas nativity scenes. We see people walking the prayer labyrinth or reflecting in the prayer gazebo. We see people stopping at the sites and perhaps reading about Jesus for the first time. We see Youth Groups from all over the area coming to visit and experience the park. Though not a large park, it could be a very important and meaningful one that could, quite possibly, give hope and peace to many people.

There is nothing like this in our community and we believe this would give glory to God above all things and that perhaps, through this park, someone would come to accept Jesus as their Lord!

# June Birthdays

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| 1st | Marcia Etu |
| 2nd | Madison Somers |
| | Megan Jenkins |
| 7th | Kyle Bouck |
| | Sue Swimley |
| 8th | Tessa McClinton |
| 9th | Hannah Keenan |
| | Sam Melester |
| | Lucinda Lentz |
| 10th | Diana Smith |
| | Martha Inglis |
| 11th | Elener McFarland |
| | Tom Miiler |
| 12th | Wade Bryant |
| | Bob Rodeffer |
| 13th | Willie Umbenour |
| 15th | Rich Henry |
| 18th | Terri Malone |
| | Tim Perrault |
| 21st | Greg Powell |
| | Rylee Repine |
| 22nd | Mark Duvall |
| 23rd | Erica Owens |
| 24th | Carrie Fair |
| | Julia Bouder |
| 25th | Kim Bursey |
| | Beth Neff |
| 27th | Charlie Beaver |
| | Charlotte Goode |
| 28th | Becca Ratliff |
| 29th | Paige Flinchum |
| 30th | Amy Jenkins |
| | Pat Dawson |

# Happy Anniversary

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| 2nd | Jay and Harriett Hanke |
| 4th | Drew and Tita Place |
| 8th | Mark and Aimee Taylor |
| 10th | Lander and Page Manual |
| 11th | Sonny and Iris Sibert |
| 14th | Paul and Susie Gerometta |
| 16th | Jen and Andrew Bryant |
| 19th | Dave and Charlene Winter |
| 21st | Randy and Karen Willis |

## Congratulations to all our 2025 Graduates!!

# CONDOLENCES

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

- Brad Strickler has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Billy Cline has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Johnny Boyd has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Wayne Haines has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Please keep the Stultz/Mowery in your prayers as they suffered the death of a cousin.
- Please keep the Lambert Family in your prayers as the suffered the loss of Debbie, Darlene & Penny's Uncle.
- Debbie Bayliss's brother Gary has claimed the promise of the resurrection.

*"Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love."*
*- Lamentations 3:32*

# Children's Ministries!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!!

June 16th-20th

From 6-8:30pm

Fun, Food, Crafts, Music, Games

It's going to be a wonderful/colorful/meaningful week learning about Trusting in Jesus!

Register Online
www.vbspro.events/p/truenorthbfc

or see Miss Carrie for a form!

*Mission Project---Hope Blankets

**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:

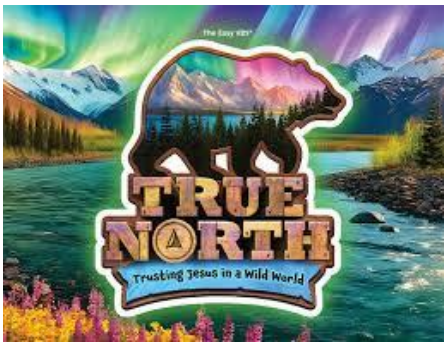
"Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution"

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

**June 15th:** VBS Help

**Time:** 12-4 pm

Youth will be helping Ms. Carrie set up for Vacation Bible School. Lunch will be provided!




**June 28th:** Motel Ministry

**Time:** 11-2 pm

**Where:** Youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall to prep food to take to APM (motel next to Five Guys on Route 7).

Youth will serve lunch for those in need along with providing toiletries.

**Please RSVP to Miss Erin for any of the above events**
**youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283**

# Greetings from Outreach

## 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."***

Here in this verse from 1 Peter, we are told to use our gifts "to serve others". The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word "serve" as: *to be a servant; to be of use; to be favorable, opportune, or convenient; to be worthy of reliance or trust; to help persons to food or set out portions of food or drink; to wait on customers, to be a servant to; to answer to the needs of; to provide services that benefit or help*.

I like the last definition "to provide services that benefit or help". We have many opportunities through our missions and ministries at Burnt Factory Church to be of benefit *and* help. Whether you donate items for The Laurel Center, CCAP or funds to the Motel /Hotel Ministry, Helping Hands Cancer Outreach, or volunteer for the Handyman Team, Family Promise Meals, or join the Mission Team travelling to North Carolina - you can be of service.

Service to others doesn't have to involve loads of money or hours of time. It can be just a small kindness, an empathetic ear or a gentle word to someone. One devotional describes true service as "reflecting Christ's love in tangible ways, as an expression of our gratitude for what Christ has done for us." We are all called to serve. Please prayerfully consider joining us in sharing the love of Jesus through one of our missions and ministries.

**Thanks to all who donated to the Laurel Center during the month of May. They are very appreciative of your generous gifts!

Sharon Woodard

Outreach Committee Chair

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# CCAP Corner

***CCAP Mission: Guided by our faith in God and love of our community, CCAP is committed to helping our neighbors to meet basic needs with food, clothing, and financial resources.***

**SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE FOR CCAP during the month of June. Many cuts to critical programs have caused interruptions in the food intake at CCAP. We at Burnt Factory can make a difference to those suffering from food insecurity. We will be collecting Canned meats (chicken, tuna, salmon, sardines) and brown or white rice to help fill the pantry at CCAP. You can drop your donations off in the red bins in the Narthex anytime during the month of June. Like we noted in last month's CCAP Corner, 'it's far easier to prevent homelessness than to fix it".**

**Looking ahead to July, we will be doing our QUARTERLY CCAP Collection**. We will be collecting new Men's boxer briefs in sizes M, L, and XL, white Men's T-shirts in all sizes except small and Men's white socks.

**We are looking for Volunteers to work the Saturday Food Pantry at CCAP on *Saturday, July 12th* from 9am until noon.** Volunteers will set up, welcome guests, take them shopping through the pantry, hand out meat and produce and then cleanup for the day. We will arrive at 9am for set. Customers services begin at 10 and end at 11:30. Please contact me if you can help on July 12th.

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED to work in the Clothing House this summer.** The house is open to clients Mon, Tues and Thurs each from 9am until noon. Volunteer hours can be flexible if needed. Kathy Dick, Kathy Dixon, Cheryl Jones and I volunteer weekly at the house and would love to show you how we help our clients and enjoy working with our fellow volunteers. It's a great time for mission work, fellowship and sharing God's Love.

**CCAP is the perfect place to REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE your clothing!! We need the following gently used items:**

- Gently Used Summer clothes - baby thru adult sizes - *especially* Men's Jeans, Men's regular T-Shirts, Men's Shorts and Women's Shorts,

- **Adult** Backpacks & gently used/clean linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, & towels),

***Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday between 9am and 2pm at 112 S. Kent St. Call CCAP at 540-662-4318 for a scheduled donation drop off if these hours don't work with your schedule.***

# CCAP Corner Cont'd

**Our Friendly Neighborhood Freedges** are community refrigerators that are open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy. The Freedges are stocked by your neighbors and community members with fresh produce, items they don't want to go to waste, pre-cooked meals, etc! Find them at these 3 convenient drop-off locations:

**329 N Cameron St (location of this Freedge was recently moved to 329N Cameron)** on the Our Health Campus – you can park on Cameron St and walk across to the Our Health Campus to drop off donations

**102 Montague Avenue** at the Methodist Church

**700 Aylor Road, Stephens City** at Abundant Life Church

Please know your continued support is making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep

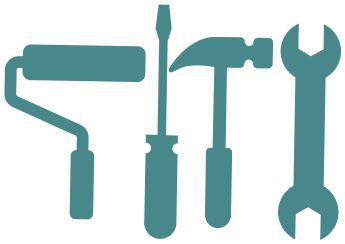
# Opportunity to Serve

**What:** BFC Mission Trip

**Who:** Burnt Factory Church Mission Team

**Where:** Ashville, North Carolina

**When:** October 5-11, 2025



**Why:** God calls us to serve those in need! The Ashville area is in long term recovery from the devastating floods of Hurricane Helene in 2024 and more recent wildfires. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our team heading down.

# Faith and Health Corner

**In case you missed the church blood drive, here is another opportunity to help save lives.**

**Blood Drive**
**Stonewall District**
**Ruritan Club**
**Banquet Room**

136 Ruritan Lane
Located Next To Frederick Co Fairgrounds
Clear Brook, VA 22624

**Wednesday, June 11**
**12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StonewallRC to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

**Come give June 1 to 30 for $15 Gift Card emailed plus chance to win $7K prize. See rcblood.org/Count**

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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***"For the life of every creature is its blood."*** ***Leviticus 17:14***

*As always, I pray that you will both be a blessing and be 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.

HELPING HANDS Cancer Outreach
A non-profit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients financially

## June is National Cancer Survivor Month

The month of June is a time to honor and celebrate those how have survived cancer. This month is dedicated to recognizing the strength and resilience of cancer survivors and the efforts of those who support them. It also provides an opportunity for reflection and remembering those who have passed away from cancer.

We are excited to offer a fun night to create a beautiful hydrangea picture, fellowship with friends and raise money. Limited availability. Please contact me to confirm a spot.

**Believers Paint Night**

Join us for some fun as we raise $$ for Helping Hands Cancer Outreach

Thursday, July 10th at 6:30 PM in the church social hall

We have room and supplies for 10 more people and the cost is $25.00 per person
Please call (540) 247-5612 to reserve your spot

A big thank you to Carl Spurlock for your continued support of The Believers.

Your donations will directly help local cancer patients through Helping Hands Cancer Outreach.

***"Cancer can touch you, but not your soul; neither your thoughts, nor your heart."***

Theresa Gilbert
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# Burnt Factory Sisters in Faith

***Purpose: "Burnt Factory Sisters in Faith is a community of women whose purpose is to connect and nurture women so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global ministries".***

**When:** June 14 at 10:00 AM

**Where:** In the fellowship hall

**Who:** All women invited for fellowship, food and program.

**What:** For our next meeting, Sharon Woodard will be sharing the resources that are available at the local libraries.

Any questions please contact Karen Willis at krwillis1@comcast.net or 540-539-6989

## *Chorus Spotlight*

**How Great Thou Art**
Stuart K. Hine
(1949)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder**
**Consider all the *worlds thy hands have made,**
**I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,**
**Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

***Refrain***

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:***
***How great thou art! How great thou art!***
***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:***
***How great thou art! How great thou art!***

# June 2025 Calendar

| Date/Time | | Event |
|---|---|---|
| Sun 1st | 8:30 AM | In-Person Worship |
| | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | In-Person Worship |
| Tues 3rd | 5:30 PM | Praise Team Practice |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 PM | Outreach |
| Wed 4th | 9:30 AM | Pastor's Office Hours |
| Thurs 5th | 6:30 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 63 |
| Sun 8th | 8:30 AM | In-Person Worship |
| | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | In-Person Worship |
| Tues 10th | 12:00 PM | 2/4 BLT |
| | 5:30 PM | Praise Team Practice |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| Wed 11th | 9:30 AM | Pastor's Office Hours |
| Thurs 12th | 8:00 AM | Boy Scouts Troop 63 |
| Sat 14th | 10:00 AM | Sisters In Faith |
| Sun 15th | 8:30 AM | In-Person Worship |
| | 9:30 AM | Blood Pressure Checks |
| | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | In-Person Worship |

| Date/Time | | Event |
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| Mon 16th | 6:00 PM | Vacation Bible School |
| Tues 17th | 5:30 PM | Praise Team Practice |
| | 6:00 PM | Vacation Bible School |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| Wed 18th | 9:30 AM | Pastor's Office Hours |
| | 12:00 PM | Pathfinders |
| | 6:00 PM | Vacation Bible School |
| Thurs 19th | 6:00 PM | Vacation Bible School |
| | 6:30 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 63 |
| Fri 20th | 6:00 PM | Vacation Bible School |
| Sat 21st | 10:00 AM | Intentional Prayer Group |
| Sun 22nd | Graduate Sunday | |
| | 8:30 AM | In-Person Worship |
| | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | In-Person Worship |
| Tues 24th | 12:00 PM | 2/4 BLT |
| | 5:30 PM | Praise Team Practice |
| | 6:00 PM | Boy Scout Ceremony |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| Wed 25th | 9:30 AM | Pastor's Office Hours |
| Thurs 26th | 6:30 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 63 |
| Sun 29th | 8:30 AM | In-Person Worship |
| | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | In-Person Worship |

For more info, view the calendar on our website:
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