



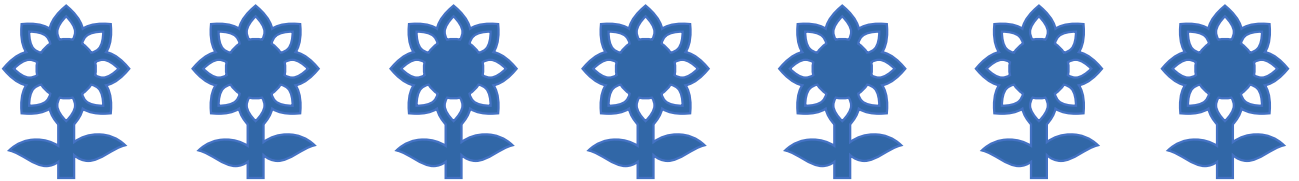
2025 SMOKE SIGNAL

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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The Outreach Mission Statement

"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." 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

We have an active and varied set of outreach ministries at Burnt Factory Church. Through these ministries we work to fulfill our mission to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Volunteers are the engine that make our ministries run and our generous and dedicated volunteers are the hands and feet of Christ in our community and in the world.

Very recently, we lost a most beloved and vital part of our volunteer engine. Hope Owens was tragically taken from us and we at Outreach will feel her absence acutely.

Hope had a talent for organization and efficiency. When she volunteered at CCAP she had the food pantry shelves cleaned and stocked and inventory counted. During COVID she volunteered her home for volunteers to meet and assemble “take out” meals to be distributed at CCAP. She continued to volunteer her home when we partnered with the Family Promise organization to provide hot meals for homeless families staying in hotels. Volunteers meet once a month and prepare/assemble meals for families that are delivered to local hotels. Hope had assembly lines all set for volunteers to “plate” then bag main course, side, dessert, napkin & utensils. She gathered and kept track of the supplies for the meals and organized which bags went to which hotel.

I met Hope over five years ago during COVID when I helped with the CCAP food pantry and meal service. But it was in 2020 while volunteering for serving breakfast during WATTS week that I really got to know her. Hope cooked all the breakfasts at home and brought them in at 5:00 am to be served. I met her at 5:00 am everyday but she’d been up since 3:00 am cooking!

Service was in Hope’s heart, and where she devoted her considerable energy, but it was Hope’s quiet witness that stands out to me. Her life was not always easy, but her unfailing faith and gratitude for God’s blessing in her life shone in her positive outlook and generous spirit. She truly inspired me. Although I’m sure she would laugh at that idea.

I am certain that I am just one of many who have stories and memories and who have been blessed by knowing Hope. She was, as Pastor Steve says, “a Saint of the Church”. I know she is joyful today to be home with Jesus. But I will miss her and Outreach will feel her absence. Thank you, Hope.

Sharon Woodard
Outreach Committee Chair
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August Birthdays

2nd Stephen Kerns
 4th Daniel Renner
 5th Lindsey Perrault Barros
 Duane Swisher
 6th Katie Mowery
 7th Ben Ratliff
 8th Pat Perry
 9th Jo Anna Grayson
 10th Darrin Bursey
 Rachel Hayton
 Cheyanne Owens
 Lisa McClinton
 11th Dave Bodkin
 12th Theresa Gilbert
 13th Sandy Grove
 15th John Renner
 19th Deanna Simmers
 Colby Groce
 23rd Jacson Boudier
 26th Dave Winter
 Lillianne Ownes
 27th Connor Lewis
 30th Jay Kackley



Happy Anniversary

1st Rick and Lisa McClinton
 3rd Rich & Sue Wells
 Dave & Linda Bodkin
 4th Rick & Debbie Walker
 5th Bill & Jani Shope
 Josh & Christina Jenkins
 9th Paul & Sarah Shoremount
 16th Sean & Laine Everhart
 29th Renee & John Stump
 30th Steve and Tammy Cunningham

Joys

Let us celebrate together the joys in our wonderful faith community. As we are told in Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Our church family is excited to welcome three beautiful babies recently.

Allison and Riley Melvin welcomed their son Adam into the world.



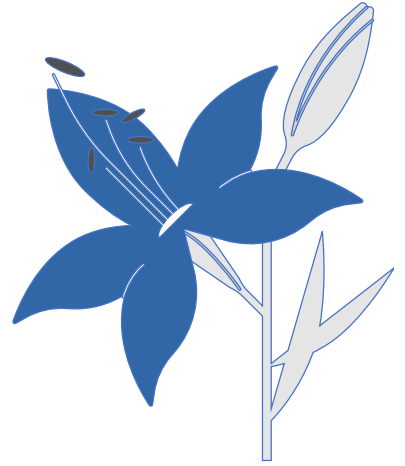
Ben and Becca Ratliff welcomed their daughter Emilia.



Madison and Zac Somers welcomed their daughter Sadie into their life.

CONDOLENCES

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



- John Mason, one of our original Heart Havens residents, claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Patty Leonard's friend claimed the promise of the resurrection when she was struck by a car while cycling.
- Hope Owens has gone home to be with the Lord after injuries she sustained in her accident were just too severe to overcome. She was an inspiration and has now claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Jane Conoboy claimed the promise of the resurrection. She is the sister-in-law of Sandy Grove.



“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

- Revelation 21:4

Children's Ministries & Administration!!

Hello church family,

It might seem like the world is in chaos to us, but we can remain calm resting in the knowledge that God holds all this world in His hands. Our children might be feeling the effects of so much destruction and fear might be lingering in their little hearts. Remind them that God is good and in charge so when not so great things happen, we can **TRUST GOD!** We will have our church picnic August 9 and Promotion Sunday will be August 17.

Blessings

Miss Carrie

Museum of the Bible Trip!!

We will be traveling to DC to visit the Museum of the Bible September 20th. We will be chartering a Varsity Bus down. We have 60 adult tickets and 10 youth. You can sign up Sundays after service with Miss Carrie. The cost is \$20 plus your lunch pick up \$15 or \$18 depending on your food needs. They do not allow outside food and large groups are required to pre purchase Lunch boxes. You can pay miss Carrie at any time. For more information you can email her at n2dscriptures@hotmail.com

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"



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

August 2nd — Pool Party!

Time: 7-9 PM

Place: Clearbrook Park Pool

This will be a fun get together for both the youth AND their families. Pizza/drinks will be provided. You are welcome to also just drop off and pick up your youth; however, I am asking that ALL parents/guardians stay for the first 15 minutes to fill out new paperwork and learn about the format of youth meetings. If younger siblings want to come, I do ask that one parent/guardian stays the whole time to supervise their younger children.

August 23rd — Motel Ministry

Time: 11-2 pm

Place: Meet in the church fellowship hall to assemble food/toiletries. We will carpool to the APM from there.

Motel Ministry is a powerful mission opportunity for both our youth and adults! We set up outside the motel and provide free food/supplies. We are always in need of extra items to add, so please contact me if you are interested in donating supplies.

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

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.

During the 2nd quarter of this year, CCAP served 1469 households from the pantry, of these, 192 households were new clients. We served 759 households from the Clothing House, 301 individuals were new clients. We assisted 210 households and 660 individuals in need of water, electric and rent assistance.

During our SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE FOR CCAP in June, we collected 584 cans of different meats, vegetables and other items. We also collected 106 bags of rice. This was a much-needed collection of good, healthy, staple foods. Thank you, Pastor Steve, Carrie and Church Council, for coordinating this special collection. Federal Funding has shrunk in the past months and our client numbers continue to grow. This collection helps fill the gap.

Our Quarterly CCAP Collection is happening now: We are collecting:

Men's White T-shirts in all sizes except small

New Men's boxer briefs in sizes Medium and Large

Men's white athletic socks.

The Red bins are available in the Narthex for drop-off of these items through **Sunday, July 20th.**

We had 7 Burnt Factory members work the Saturday Food Pantry at CCAP on July 12th. We were responsible for set up, clean-up and restocking the shelves and personal shopping with the clients. Thank you so much Susie and Paul Gerometta, Bonnie Henry, Melanie Melester, Marcia Etu and Dave Darcie. We served 25 families in 1 and ½ hours. The Clothing House has a **BIG** need for **gently used men's jeans and shorts and also women's shorts in ALL sizes.**

Donations may be dropped off Monday thru Friday between 9am and 2pm at 112 S. Kent St. If you need help getting your donation to CCAP, please call me at 540-664-6973 and I will be happy to pick up your donation.

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

CCAP Corner Cont'd

5th Annual Bike Tour Benefit ride for CCAP. **Saturday, August 23rd.** Volunteers and riders are needed. Go to the www.ccapwinchester.org to register or volunteer. Volunteers are for hospitality purposes only. The ride will start at the Wellness Center on the Valley Health Campus at 8am. All proceeds from this bike tour will go to CCAP. There are several different rides including 10 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 70 miles and 100-miles.

A **Pickleball Tournament** with proceeds going to CCAP is tentatively scheduled for Oct 11th – save the date!! More details to follow.

Golf for a Cause Tournament will be held Oct 24 at Sly Fox Golf Club in Middletown, Va. There will be 1st and last place prizes and a RAFFLE prize for a 5-day Cruise for 2!! All proceeds will be going to CCAP and Literacy Volunteers of Winchester. Thanks so much for your continued support of this important ministry.

Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep
540-664-6973

Apple Butter 2025

When: October 23rd to 25th

What: This will be a church wide event where everyone can join in including family and friends who are invited to help. Some preparations are already in progress. This year we will process 50 to 60 Bushels of apples from "Timber Ridge Fruit Farm". A "Sign up Genius" will be available the first week of September for volunteers to sign up for various activities that are spread out over several days. Such as:

- Apple Peeler operation and transport of apples
- Snitting Apples
- Set up shelter and overhead tarps
- Staging of materials
- Washing apples/cleaning kettles
- Fire starters and maintainers
- Stirring Kettle folks
- Pouring apple butter and processing jars
- Breakfast Preps
- Clean up



As you can see this is a major effort and is something that Burnt Factory Church has been successful at in years past. Please come and join in on this wonderful opportunity to fellowship and make new friends!

Five Myths About Aging

Myth 1

The older you get, the less sleep you need.

We might wish this were the case, but older adults still need 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Adequate sleep can help reduce your risk of falls, improve your overall mental well-being, and help reduce your risk for certain health conditions.



Myth 2

Depression is normal in older adults.

Although depression is a common mood disorder, it is not a normal part of aging. Talk with your doctor if you begin showing signs of depression, such as irritability or decreased energy.



Myth 3

Older adults can't learn new things.

Not true! Older adults can still learn new things, create new memories, and improve their performance on a variety of skills.



Myth 4

Memory problems always mean Alzheimer's disease.

Not all memory problems are a sign of Alzheimer's disease. Talk with your doctor to determine whether the memory changes you're noticing are normal or whether they may be a sign of something more serious.



Myth 5

Older adults do not need to exercise.

Older adults have a lot to gain by being active — and a lot to lose by sitting too much. Exercise and physical activity can help manage some chronic conditions, improve mental and physical health, and maintain independence as you age.



Visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/10-myths-about-aging for more information about aging and older adults.



National Institute
on Aging

Faith and Health Corner

“Even to your old age I am he, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry you and will save.” Isaiah 46:4

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.



**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places.”**

Ephesians 1:3

The Believers



August is Appendix Cancer Awareness Month

An amber ribbon is a sign of support for those battling appendix cancer. Appendix cancer is rarer than many other cancers. According to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, there are only about 0.15 – 0.9 cases of appendix cancer per 100,000 people.

We had a great time of fellowship, laughter and encouragement for each of the pictures that we developed at our very first Believer's fundraising paint night. In fact it was so much fun creating watercolor paintings that we are already planning one for the fall. A huge **THANK YOU** to Christie Yates for teaching the class, donating all of the supplies AND making a donation to The Believers. This event raised \$310.00 for HHCO.



Thank you to Carl Spurlock for your continued support of The Believers.

All 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.”

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Opportunity to Serve

What: Blood Drive

Where: Burnt Factory Church

When: September 11th 12 – 5:30 PM

Questions: Contact Dennis Loeffler at chesteratwinchester@gmail.com



Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry
(1876)



Chorus Spotlight

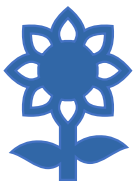
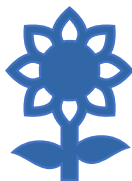
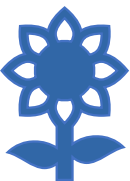
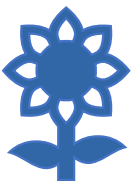
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

August 2025 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Sun 3 rd	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Mon 4 th	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Leader Meeting
Tues 5 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 6 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 7 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 9 th	1:00 PM	Church Picnic
Sun 10 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 12 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 13 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 14 th	8:00 AM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 16 th	10:00 AM	Sisters in Faith
Sun 17 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship

Date/Time		Event
Tues 19 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 20 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
	12:00 PM	Pathfinders
Thurs 21 st	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 24 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 26 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 27 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 28 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 31 st	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship



For more info, view the calendar on our website:
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