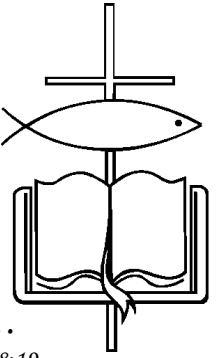


Discipleship News



Therefore go and make **DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING** them
in the name of the **FATHER** and of the **SON** and of the **HOLY SPIRIT**....

Matthew 28:19

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According to Hoyle

What if you knew you only had one month to live? Why you know that, or how you know that is not as important as the knowledge of having that on your mind. What would be different for you over that 30 day period? Would you quit your job? Would you go on a long vacation and see things you always wanted to see? Would you spend more time with your family? Would you have some serious discussions with God that you have been avoiding? Would your life be different?



But the greater question is, “Why would my life change?” if I knew I only had one month to live. Outside of quitting your job, what is it that makes life different, more valuable, or more carefree because you have a 30-day countdown? I think many changes we would make occur because we are not living our lives now as we should. We call ourselves followers of Christ, but do we really follow?

Beginning the last Sunday in September, we will begin a sermon series entitled “One Month to Live.” It is based on the New York Times bestseller by the same name. We will spend time reflecting on living life passionately, completely, humbly and boldly. Ultimately, I want you to have a life, that when God does call you home, you go to Him with no regrets. “One Month to Live” is actually about a lifetime, not just 30 days.

But this is more than just a sermon series. This is about interacting with other Christians. You will have the opportunity to be a part of a 6-weeks small group. The greatest benefit from this time together will be working through these issues with fellow Christians. In the next few weeks, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a group. Debbie and I will be leading a group and there will be others. Some of you may want to interact with this material in your Sunday school class instead of your regular material. I want to challenge you to take part in this great study together. Who knows, one month of reflection could be a valuable lifetime of change. Live life each day like it actually does matter.



YOU(th) SCUM
 September 24
 at the Bopp's house

Bring: A fold up chair, clothes for the weather, yourself, and a positive attitude

Sign up by September 21 with Kim Bopp

There will be fun, hamburgers, hot-dogs, pizza, marsh mellows, and more.

Don't forget to wear your zaniest hat!

Hang Out Time—"HOT"

Every Wednesday that school is in session.

Parents of youth should give Paige Green a permission form before they begin attending "HOT". The parent needs to supply their child's school with a permission form stating their child has permission to be picked up after school by the Louisa Baptist Church bus as well.

FREE TO LIVE

September is the month for emphasis on the Alma Hunt State Mission. Please take time each day to pray for our state mission projects. You will be hearing a lot more about Alma Hunt September 11 to 18. This year's theme is **Free to Live**.

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life... (so) use your freedom to serve on another in love, that's how freedom grows." Galatians 5:13

Here are a few projects supported by the Alma Hunt:
 Impact Camp Crossroads Muslim Ministries
 Developmental Disability Ministry
 Standing Rock Indian Reservation

SPOT-LIGHT ON...

Deacon

Ministries

Deacon Team Ministry is a new face on Deacon Ministry that looks to "identify specific human and spiritual needs" of people in our church family and in the community. This new face leans forward to "listen for hurts, lend a hand of comfort, and speak a word of *good news*." Following their spiritual gifts, deacons will lead our congregation to respond to identified specific needs in ways that reflect the compassion of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Deacon Team Ministry is to be a partnership ministry that enlists the congregation to walk alongside deacons in this "caring" ministry.

There are six teams that make up the Deacon Team Ministries; Hospital Visitation, Bereavement, New Member, Prayer, Homebound and Severe Weather. In this issue and future issues of the Discipleship News we will be highlighting a specific Deacon's Ministry Team. The first of the series is from the Hospital Visitation Team. Our Focus is "To visit persons who are hospitalized and/or who have recently returned home from a hospitalization. There are times that we have members hospitalized in Richmond, Charlottesville or Fredericksburg that need our care." Our Message is "You are not alone in your time of crisis and healing. We want to be a safe harbor to you and your loved ones before, during and after your hospitalization."

"Is there any of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is there any of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick well; the Lord will raise him up." James 5:12-15

The goal is that more people might be touched by a "caring" congregation. If any of you feel led to help us in this capacity, please contact one of the following hospital visitation team members:

Dave Andes 540-894-0769
 Shirley Collins 540-872-0294
 Eddie Loy 540-223-1166



Don't put a question mark where God put a period.



To the right is the home Fred and his crew needed to replace while in Culpeper working for Impact Virginia. Above is Fred and his Culpeper crew. Fred is in the middle of the back row.

The Projects That Impact Virginia Built

Fred Massie enjoys spending his summer vacation as a crew chief for Impact Virginia. This June he spent a week in Culpeper leading youth to remove and then replace a leaky roof. Then in July he spent a week in Buckingham building a ramp and making a stoop and railings safe for an 89 year old women. The crew was excited to see the joy they brought to the lady as she shuffled out of the house to use the ramp. Those who attended the Mission Forum on August 17 were able to enjoy the riveting presentation about Impact Virginia by Fred Massie. Here is a little bit of what Fred had to say, just not in Fred's comical fashion: Impact Virginia builds decks, ramps, roofs, and various other projects throughout the state. The people impacted by Impact are just like you and I, but are in a little need of help since they are not able to afford the work at this moment in time. Youth come from all over the state to build or repair people's homes. In doing those tasks they show love and compassion for others. The work and people involved with Impact will most certainly be blessed by God. Fred looks forward to his next summer vacation with Impact and would love to have a few folks come along. ~ S. Woolfolk

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SEPTEMBER

Greeters

- Listed Back, Front, and Side Door Order*
- 8:25 a.m. Roy Hopkins , Ernie Thacker & Ralph Vick
 - 9:30 a.m. Eileen Lautenslager
 - 10:40 a.m. **Help Needed**, Jimmy Blankenship & Madge Bane
 - 8:25 a.m. **Help Needed**. Ralph & Sherry Vick
 - 9:30 a.m. Anne Long
 - 10:40 a.m. Linda Swanson, Gary Sites & Bobby Sites
 - 8:25 a.m. Bill Smith, Walter Foster & **Help Needed**
 - 9:30 a.m. Eileen Lautenslager
 - 10:40 a.m. Shirley Campbell, Teresa Cheshire & Al Campbell
 - 8:25 a.m. Roy Hopkins, & Ralph & Sherry Vick
 - 9:30 a.m. Shirley Collins
 - 10:40 a.m. Bobby Sites, Gary Sites, & **Need Help**

Children's Worship

- Cheryl Sites
- Joan Mayal
- Paige DeCatur & Judy Stone
- Cheryl Sites & Judy Stone

Ushers

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| | 8:30 a.m. | | 11:00 a.m. |
| 4 | Ernie Thacker | A M | Don Nelson |
| 11 | Stephanie Woolfolk | L O | Dave Andes |
| 18 | Rob Woolfolk | L N | Bobby Riddell |
| 25 | Shirley Collins | T | Tucker Swanson |
| | | H | Jimmy Blankenship |

THE TRIP THAT ALMOST DIDN'T HAPPEN

The mission trip to Brazil was different right from the start. It had its challenges and its special moments. It was so hard to read how things were going to work out from the beginning. There are personal aspects of this mission which I won't share here, but the ones that I will share are:

Initial prayers about this opportunity left us asking but with no clear sign as to whether God was in this or not. We opted for a "no news is good news" interpretation.

The money to fund the chapel, the location and all aspects on the Brazilian side came together quickly and without challenge.

The initial date was set and the best we could muster was about four people to commit to the trip.

With some challenges on the Brazilian side, we negotiated a date change and we were ultimately able to enlist sixteen-people for this trip. Some of them with clear leadership from God to join.

Money became an issue. It looked dark and like we might have to cancel the trip due to the travel costs.

Despite the challenges, money came through, and we ended up with a surplus.

A lot of details were left out, but if that doesn't feel a bit like a rollercoaster ride, then all I can say is you should have been in my shoes. It just made this trip so hard to "read" in terms of God's presence. But many people made sacrifices to make this trip a reality. And that included you, as a church congregation, in your participation in the fundraising events, as well as three special people who God led to support us in an extra special way. Thank you one and all for the sacrifices made.



L to R: Wally Bopp, Kim Bopp, Brendan Collins, Caitlyn Crummett, Tucker Swanson, Steve Dutton, Jimmy Rast, Anne Long, Andy Buckwalter, and Mike Hopkins.

Not pictured: Evan and Paige Green.

that I think touched nearly everyone present. There were several sisters from the First Baptist Church of Iguacu Falls that prepared a lot of our lunches and dinners (they and the meals were awesome). We would share our meals with all present and communicate the best way we could. This one night, we had our meal and I was sharing the table with Jamil. After we were finished eating, one person grabbed a tambourine, another grabbed a guitar, and before we knew it, a impromptu worship service had begun.

Some songs were familiar and when possible, we sang the words in English with them. But many others the Portuguese left little for us to understand. The pastor of the chapel we were building was called up, he opened his Bible, read scripture, and began a short sermon (again in Portuguese). The service was finally capped off with a few more songs by Jamil and crew.

As I said, I was sitting at the table with Jamil with my back to the rest of the room. I had become so caught up in all that was going on that I had honestly forgotten about everyone else. I sort of panicked a little inside because I had fifteen other people there and I had totally failed to consider that this might have been great for me, but they might have been tired, bored, lost, and wishing I was leading them to the van to get back home to the hotel. But to my joy, I later found out from many that this was one of the most memorable moments of the trip.

So was it worth it? Was God in this or not?

There are many things about this trip that made it much more than just a "good" mission trip, it was a great mission trip. Words don't capture all the things that were experienced by us while we were there. Speaking personally, this had to have been one of the best, if not the best trip to Brazil.

We were joined once again this year by a group of Brazilian brothers in Christ who led us in the construction effort. Last year we met Jamil and his crew while building the chapel in Araucaria. There were five to six of them on that trip. When word spread that our church was returning this year, the number of workers that wanted to join multiplied. I think there were close to fifteen workers that wanted to work with us on this chapel. What a blessing they are to the people of Brazil, and what a blessing they were to us throughout the work on the chapel.

We had one moment with Jamil's crew on the trip



Is it a new nursery rhyme,
the butcher, the baker,
and the brick layer?



Our crew and the “brothers” enjoying each others fellowship.

I remind you again that this all transpired in a native tongue and we had no interpreter present. Yet everyone experienced the worship that flowed out of that gathering. I have said before, that sometimes when you take the language out of worship, there is another level of worship that can be experienced. I was beginning to believe this to be a personal experience, but this event reinforced

Roger Roller made this trip unique. While our focus was clearly on getting a chapel built, his focus was on presenting the Gospel at every opportunity he could get. It included Roger, Anne, Wally, and Kim (forgive me if I have left your name out here)

going out door-to-door, in the community where we were building the chapel, to sharing the Gospel and leading people to Christ. I don’t know the numbers, but there were somewhere between 25-50 professions for Christ and recommitments to Christ that occurred during our stay. How Glorious is that news!

Having Roger and his focus on this trip made this the most rounded Christian mission experience for me to date. It really brought the following passage to light:

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.”* There were many gifts present on this mission trip and God used them all to His Glory!

This could go on for pages, perhaps it is too long already, so I am going to offer some summary statements for the rest of the article:

The pastor of the chapel of Porto Belo Foz do Iguacu was an awesome man. He worked hard and tirelessly alongside us. I think he moved every piece of dirt that was in front of the chapel structure to make it level and more presentable. He had a love that flowed out of his eyes and straight into your heart. You weren’t going to be standing close to him for long and not find yourself infected by his smile and warmth.

We were blessed with two tours. One was of Itaipu Dam, which is the largest electricity producing hydroelectric dam in the world. We received a personal hardhat tour which was amazing.

The second tour was of the Iguacu Falls. This was moving and incredible to behold. I think I could have spent an entire day just looking at the beauty of the falls. They weren’t tall, but they were spread out over what seemed to be between three-quarters to a mile of length. Rainbows were everywhere. The sheer power of the falls and the beauty was almost too much to take in. I have to put Iguacu Falls, alongside the Grand Canyon, as most spectacular natural wonders.

There was a special ceremony that was performed at the dedication of the new chapel. An English Bible and a Brazilian Portuguese Bible were buried in the floor of the church. Roger passed the Bible around for us to sign and write in memory of anyone we chose. It was very special, to dedicate the chapel in loving memory of Ruth Gilmer. It was a very moving and tearful experience.

What a blessing are the people of the First Baptist Church of Iguacu Falls (PIB). They give generously to promote the growth of the Kingdom in their area and throughout the state of Parana. They possess that same passion I experienced many years ago with the Pastor Claduo and the church of Agua Verde in Curitiba. I am forever changed by the seed that was planted by Agua Verde in the past and renewed by PIB in the present. May God spread this seed throughout His church and throughout the world!

Reflecting on the opening statements of this article I can only restate something shared by other great Bible teachers, we must never interpret God by our circumstances, but our circumstances by God. ~ Steve Dutton



The Brazilians teach the Americans a little thing about soccer.



Two different countries, two different men, both with the same heart for God. Steve Dutton and Flavio Alves worked together to coordinate this memorable and Christ inspired trip that brought so many together for one purpose.

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 Support—David Andes & Don Nelson
 Caregiving—Deacon Body



Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering

Saturday, September 17
 Second Baptist Church, Richmond
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FREE!!!

Register online at www.vbmb.org/baptistmen or contact Billy Hutchinson at 800-255-2428 ext 7265.

UPCOMING DATES...



OCTOBER

2 Communion Sunday
 9 World Hunger Day
 25 Goshen Fall Mtg at LBC
 31 Trunk or Treat

Is the Annex a Better Choice?

Considering the air conditioner problems the church has experienced and the hot summer, please consider using the Annex, if it is not already booked, for meetings of less than 35 people.



Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

3 Cynthia Long
 5 Joyce Talley
 Evelyn Carter
 Richard Carr
 6 Leigh Castle
 7 Kimberly Bopp
 Mariah Johnson
 Noah Castle
 8 Jarratt Davis
 Anthony Pullen
 13 Elaine Barnes
 14 Alyssa Hopkins
 15 Pat Morgan
 16 Paige Green
 Joel Woolfolk
 18 Mikenna Fidgeon
 19 Kaylyn Hopkins
 Wally Bopp
 20 Buddy Collins
 Sherry Vick
 21 Sandra Clune
 Amanda Leadem
 22 Jaime Nuckols
 23 Carol Jacobs
 24 Lindsey Spruill
 Lauren Spruill
 Rebekah Collins
 26 Doretha Halsey
 Laura Loy
 28 Tom Clune
 30 Bobby Bradshaw

STOP HUNGER NOW

Keep collecting your quarters for Stop Hunger Now. Only one quarter per meal!! Goal is \$10,000 for 40,000 meals. We will be packing meals again at the fall Missions Celebration **October 9** at 3 p.m. at Craigs Baptist Church.

It takes many hands, both young and old, to bag and prepare for shipping 40,000 meals. So mark your calendar

and become a part of this effort which will touch lives around the world.

Stop Hunger Now has identified a trusted partner to distribute our meals in Somalia where the UN has officially declared famine.



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Wednesday

Evening Activities

Wednesday activities occur every Wednesday that Louisa County Public Schools holds a full day of classes.

Schedule:

“HOT” 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Dinner 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.
Classes 6:30 to 7:35 p.m.

Big Apple Adventure

October 21-23 at
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg

This retreat is for all persons with developmental disabilities, ages 12 and above, their families, Sunday School teachers and workers, pastors, and staff. Reservations are being accepted at www.eagleeyrie.org
The weekend will include...
Bible study, fellowship, talent show, music, a dance, and fun.

Deadlines to Know

Discipleship News

The 3rd Friday of the Month

E-News on the Go

Wednesday at Noon

Bulletin

Wednesday Evening

Sunday

Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Meet & Greet
8:40 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Deacons of the Month

SEPTEMBER

Roy Hopkins
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Dwayne Barnes
540-223-2188

Thunder in the Hills

2nd Annual

Motorcycle Rally

Sept. 30 to Oct. 2

Eagle Eyrie Baptist
Conference Center

Visit

www.thunderinthehills.com
for more information.

DQ4 Outreach Open to All

One does not have to be on the Outreach Ministry Team, or even do physical labor, to help out. Next time you can join the fun just by helping with refreshments, talking to members of the family, and sharing your faith stories. For more information and questions please contact Mike Fidgeon @ 540-446-3472 or mfidgeon@provcorp.com
The next organized community service activities are scheduled for **September 25**.

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