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FROM THE PASTORS CLUTTERED DESK

A recent article in the *Christian Science Monitor* revealed that thirty million Americans are "Dones", that is they are finished with the church but not yet ready to give up on their faith in God or their Christian identity. The article was written by Josh Packard, a sociologist that has recently written the book *Church Refugees*. The survey revealed that many Christian believers are looking for new forms of community, places where they can explore their convictions with other believers. Many were not searching for places where others agreed with their convictions, but were looking for places where their disagreement was permitted, even encouraged. Church then can and should be a place where we can disagree with each other as we exchange ideas. The thing that makes us one is our common commitment to Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 5:21 Jesus made a harsh statement about the town of Bethsaida: "Woe to thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."

It is interesting to note that five of Jesus' disciples came from the town of Bethsaida, north of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus performed some of his greatest miracles there. What was it that brought these words of rebuke? Archaeologists have discovered a possible explanation. A pagan temple

was located there, possibly built by Herod's son Philip. Philip was a Jew but he may have built the temple in honor of the recently deceased mother of the Roman emperor Augustus. Five disciples of Jesus coming from a town where there was a pagan temple! Good and evil can exist side by side, even in the same person. The Apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament but he said he was the chief of sinners and that he wrestled with doing the right thing all the time.

There is a great deal of debate going on about the Christian conservative vote in this years election. Some are calling on evangelicals to engage in actions that border on being mean and bigoted. Years ago Rev. Billy Graham wrote, "I'm for morality. But morality goes beyond sex to human freedom and social justice. We as clergy know so very little to speak out with such authority on the Panama Canal or superiority of armaments. Evangelists can't be closely identified with any particular party or person. We have to stand in the middle to preach to all people, right and left. You must remember that the worst part of history was in the Dark Ages when the church ran everything. Too many ministers think they are social engineers." Pray that the Church will always be a place where everyone feels welcome and needed. May we be slow to judge others and willing to demonstrate love and compassion.

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"IF NOT NOW WHEN"

MONTHLY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2016

Mission Friends: 3 - 5
April Smith



NURSERY - WORSHIP

07 ~ Kim & Tim Farmer
14 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall
21 ~ Rachel & Rick Strickland
28 ~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

07 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall
14 ~ Barbara Melvin & Rachel Strickland
21 ~ WOMEN'S DAY
28 ~ Melanie & Madelyn Hall



USHERS - WORSHIP

Mitchell Ackerman
Tyson Banks
Gary Brock
Dale Bullard

Harry Tatum ~ Alternate

Church Conference Recommendation

At the September church conference a recommendation was approved to update our prayer list. Each calendar quarter the prayer list will be wiped clean; with the exception of those who are residents of nursing facilities. This began in October 2015. We want to continue to keep prayer concerns as current as possible, and to remember all of those in need of prayer. If you want to keep an individuals name on the prayer list please let Willa Dean Bullard or Pastor Shook know. This should have been done in December 2015. Thank you for your help and understanding in this change.

Our Sick & Home Shut-Ins

Elizabeth Benton	Sue Hobbs
Jimmie Lou Blake	Herb Hoover
Ralph Brock	Judy Deavers Hyder
Terry Braxton	Dr. Randal Lolly
Adam Bullard	J. D. Melvin, Jr.
Bonnie Mae Bullard	Chris Pollard
Carmon Bullard	Eddie Royal
Ella Grae Bullard	Pauline Simpson
Joan Bullock	Becky Smith
Gwendolyn Campbell	Betty Sue Smith
Stan Daniels	Crystelle Smith
Patty Drukenbrod	Deanna Smith
Mary Ellen Edwards	Harold Smith
Betty Faircloth	Jennifer Smith
Verna Lou Gardner	Margaret Smith
Brenda Hales	Jean Sweat
Earl Hall	W. J. Tippet
Magalene Hall	Alison Walters
Rachel Hall	Gerald White (Hoss)
Vickie Hall	Julia Wile
Jerry Hatcher	Heather Williams
Bill Herron	Bill Yeager

OUR NURSING HOME /REHAB

Retha Autry	Ethleen Harris	Lillian Moore
June Dorton	Nell Holcombe	Sybil Whatley
Dot Gault	Audrey Howell	Lois Wright
Rose Hales	Jessie McCarley	
Harriet Hales		

MILITARY AND PARA/MILITARY *DEPLOYED

• Joshua Bonhomme	Kenny Taylor
Jon Pollard	Daniel Wilson

MISSIONARIES

Ben & Megan Anderson	Allen Seigler
Don & Pam Brownfield	Janna Smith
Eric & Mimi McMillian	Danny & Judith Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOME SHUT- INS, NURSING HOME/REHAB, OUR MISSIONAIRES AND OUR MILITARY IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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(910-525-44351)

Men's Long Sleeve Shirts, Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, 55 Gal. Drum Liners, Winter Clothes All Sizes, Canned Meats & Vegetables, Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins), Decorative items, What Nots.

Our Sympathy goes out to the families and friends that have lost loved ones. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.



FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR

Each Sunday: 9:00 am Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Each Wednesday: 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting,
Mission Friends, GA, RA & Youth
8:15 pm Choir Practice

Feb. 01 ~ 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Feb. 07 ~ 4:00 pm BYW Mtg. (home of Iris West)
Feb. 8-14 ~ WMU Focus Week– Heck Jones
Offering 7-13th

Feb. 14 ~ Valentines Day
Feb. 15 ~ 11:00 am WOM Meeting
7:30 pm Deacons' Meeting
Feb. 17 ~ 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
7:30 pm Church Conf., Mission Friends,
GA, RA, Youth, 8:15 pm Choir Practice
Feb. 21 ~ 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am
Baptist Women's Day

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During the month of February we will observe WMU Focus Week and receive the Heck-Jones Offering for N.C. WMU. On February 21st we will observe our Baptist Women's Day.

As we make our journey from the cradle to the cross during the season of Epiphany, we are reminded that Jesus came to save sinners. Easter arrives early this year, March 27th. Our schedule of activities will be different this year. The sunrise service will be at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast and Sunday School at 8:30. Our Easter Cantata will be at 9:30. No 11:00 a.m. service!

Yours In His Service

Michael Shook

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We at Beaver Dam Baptist, invite you to make a commitment to join with us at this crucial time of our spiritual growth and development.

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GOD LOVES YOU

24” OF SNOW IN WEST VIRGINIA

Well last month when we were writing the newsletter article, we were praying for snow for our annual ski trip while having record high temperatures at Christmas. Be careful what you pray for!

We had 24” of SNOW while on our trip! We were all watching the weather the week before we were to leave and were all wondering if this would be the year that we would have to skip. Two days before the trip, the homeowner emailed me to say "You are welcome to come a day early at no cost so that you are able to get here." We discussed it Wednesday Night, left at 6 on Thursday Night, and arrived by midnight. Tired from all of the quick packing, late night driving, and bracing for a Blizzard, we went to bed around 2am! Winterplace had already received 3 inches of fresh snow on Wednesday, the day before we left, so everything was already white. We awoke to beautiful snow falling. Snow fell all day and all night and all day and all night!!! Twenty-four inches later, it was the most beautiful snow that we had ever seen. We enjoyed over 60 cups of Snow Cream and thanks to Donna Banks for sending me a recipe, our favorite was a "Snow Cream Frappuccino."

We had our wonderful cooks, Kim and Timmy Farmer, with us to keep us fed all during the Blizzard and our Grillmaster Lance Bullard who weathered the storm and prepared some wonderful ribs and chicken on the grill! Thanks to Brooke for always preparing our lesson for our Church Service and thanks to Gary and Eva Brock who chaperoned with

us and helped with transportation of some of our youth! And thanks to all of our Youth Leaders for always being there to support our Youth. Brooke and Gabe Shoffner, Morgan and Lance Bullard, Kim and Timmy Farmer, Donna Maguire, Rodney and Melanie Hall. A special thanks to one of our Youth Leaders who could not be with us this time, but without her expertise in making sure our ski rental reservations are always taken care of, we were able to get our ski equipment with no problems, thank you Donna Banks!

There were nine skiing and two snow tubing. We had two skiers that were unable to ski this year, one who is planning to play baseball in another month and didn't want any injuries, and one who is going to have a sweet little girl here in the next month or so. They both experienced Cabin Fever!

With the help of all 19 of us, we put a 1000, sorry, 999 piece puzzle together. They all worked hard and finished it at 1am on Sunday and there was one piece missing.

All the guys helped to dig out the vehicles and we prepared for a safe trip home. Some of us were afraid of what the road conditions might be, but with the help of the snow plows and prayers, we all made it home safely!

Everyone worked together to make this the Most Wonderful Snow and Memorable Trip Ever! To God be the Glory!!

WELCOME HOME to our Youth and Youth Leaders, we are so happy and thankful you had a safe and happy trip.

