

Christian Education Corner

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

Or a View from Afar

Communication is important. I think we'd all agree on that, right? The staff at WBTS strives to keep all of you updated and aware of what is happening at church (with the exception of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee which was top secret!). Jeff and Kristin put announcements in the bulletins each week, many submitted by our members. Jeff makes many announcements at the beginning of each worship service. Cecil Rice has an excellent website that is constantly updated (www.wbts.org). Our church calendar is even linked to that page. I keep up our Facebook page with daily devotions and announcements. We do the Town Crier – a weekly email blast that goes out to everyone in the church (and friends who have asked to be added). It gives reminders of what is happening that week. Then we have this document, “The Spire,” a monthly in-depth newsletter with submissions from many people. Kristin makes a lot of phone calls with reminders for people and keeps our shut-ins connected with weekly mailings. And yet, one day recently, in the span of 5 minutes I had four different people tell me of various things they had not heard about or didn't know were happening. I had to laugh and remind them that we provide the information – it is up to them to actually read it! We can't do that for you. So, if you've made it to the end of this article, give yourself a pat on the back. YOU are informed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 20 is the last day of Sunday School for this school year. We will recognize students, teachers, and leaders at both services on May 20.

NURSERY

This month, graduation is on the minds of many families. This includes our WBTS nursery! Congratulations to Calvin Sumner and his parents, Chris and Amanda AND Grammie and Boompa (aka Mary Ann and Jeff) as he graduates from the nursery and celebrates his 6th birthday. Calvin has literally grown up in the church, spending many Sundays and VBS weeks sharing his wisdom, humor and enthusiasm. As with all our nursery graduates, we love to see their smiling faces when they pop in to say "hello". Best wishes to the entire Sumner clan!

Ms. Sherry, Ms. Denise, Ms. Aileen and Ms. Courtney

ELEMENTARY

Join us as we study “Growing in Grace and Gratitude.” In May we'll be learning about the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and the beginnings of the church.. Come join us in rooms 5/6. We have stories, music, crafts, and other fun activities each week.

YOUTH CLASS

The combined middle/high school class continues to meet in Room 3 – the Beach Room – each Sunday using the Submerge curriculum. Join Cecil and Chip for these fun-filled and inspirational classes each Sunday. Yes, there are usually donuts!

LAST SUNDAY

We won't have Last Sunday in May since Sunday School ends the week before the last Sunday!

ADULT CLASSES

The Bible From Scratch

Tobias Caskey, Peninsula Hall

We are continuing The Bible from Scratch (the New Testament). Come join us as we bone up on our scripture, break old habits, and learn from

each other to become closer as the Church of God. This study will take you into different practices with old ways of studying and new ways of thinking with old traditions of thought. Please come join us!! Books are \$7.00 and are available in class.

Leviticus/Deuteronomy

Jan Toles, Room 12A

We are continuing our march through the Bible after completing Genesis and Exodus. We are switching studies to the Wesley Bible studies. Books are available in class for \$2.25.

YOUTH GROUP

Denise & Jim Mueller and Cecil Rice

June 10-15, will be our Summer Mission Trip to the Raleigh Youth Mission in North Carolina.

Any youth that would like to invite a friend, please do so! If they participate in all our fundraising events and youth events, we would love to have them attend!!

Be sure to get your forms in ASAP!

We thank all of you for buying baked good, getting cars washed, and generally contributing to us. We're getting close to our goal for the trip.

CONFIRMATION

The class has begun working on the final drafts of their Statements of Faith. They'll go before the Session on May 15 to read them and be examined by the elders. They're almost to the finish line and will profess their faith and join the church on June 3.

DISCIPLE

Disciple 2, part 1 is complete. Part 2 will start in the fall. We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Disciple 5 with Pete Zahn meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. The study is Jesus in the Gospels and is a comparison of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE

OUR GOOD OLD DAYS

Kitty French

Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 1:00

The Garden Room

Where did you grow up, in the north -- south -- east -- west? Did you live on a farm, in a small town, or were you a city kid like me? Pittsburgh was my home back when it was known as the "Steel City" and the "Smokey City". Both well-deserved titles at that time. Not anymore. It is no longer the home town I remember. It is a beautiful city now but there are important things my family should know about Pittsburgh back then. Any changes since you were a kid? Like me, do you get lost when you go back home? Tell your family what things were like back in your "Good Old Days". Come and join us! TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Sumner

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

We are continuing with The Present Word. Our book this quarter is "Acknowledging God" It focuses on ways God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God. The quarter begins with guidance for following God. Then, with Easter, the quarter turns to ways Jesus provided a channel for giving God glory and honor. The quarter concludes with a look at times when the Hebrew people sang praises to God. Unit III, "Give Praise to God," has four sessions that emphasize the people's response by bringing offerings and dedicating their lives to God's work found in Exodus, Leviticus, and 2 Corinthians. The unit concludes with one session drawn from Psalms and Hebrews that rejoices in God's reconciling action on behalf of the people. Books are available in class for \$4.50.

GUITAR CLASSES

Michael Williams

Mondays from 2:00-4:00

Guitar Classes are only on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., not on Mondays and Thursdays. We

have plenty of loaner guitars and two or three former students who are working on songwriting.

CARDMAKING/RUBBER STAMPING

Mary Ann Sumner
Thursday, May 24 at 9:30
Room 5/6

Join Mary Ann as we create four all-purpose cards. No experience necessary! There is a \$5.00 supply fee for this class and sign up is necessary so that kits can be assembled.

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Jan Toles
Wednesdays from 10:00-12:30
Peninsula Hall, Room A

All are welcome to come and play, experienced or not! Contact Jan for information: 386-265-5805.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rolling River Rampage

July 9-13 from 9:00 – 12:30

Set up July 2-6 (skipping the 4th!)

We need lots of volunteers and it's time to sign up now. Please fill out the form enclosed in this issue of the Spire and return it to the box in Fellowship Hall (or mail it to the church). We'll let you know when it's time for our children to register. It will be soon!

Thanks to all of you who donated Christmas trees. We now have a forest! We'll probably be asking for more items so watch this column.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 13, we will be recognizing our graduates as they have reached this milestone in their lives. Here are our graduates:

Zac Anderson is graduating from Spruce Creek High School (IB program) and will be attending the University of Central Florida to major in Computer Science.

Garrett Klisz is graduating from New Smyrna Beach High School and will attend Daytona State

College. He then plans to transfer to FSU or UCF. He is interested in studying business and finance but music (trumpet) is his passion.

Jarrett Moorhouse is graduating from Spruce Creek High School and will attend the University of North Georgia, in the Corps of Cadets, to study Criminal Justice. Congratulations to Jarrett who was awarded a \$1000.00 Richard Hills Memorial Scholarship by the Port Orange Ministerial Association.

Dylan Rice is graduating from University High School and hopes to attend Daytona State College.

Matthew Staudt is graduating from Spruce Creek High School and had not submitted his information at press time.

WBTS SESSION

ELDERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE

ELDER	DIVISON	CLASS
Eric Lindfors	Operations Leader	2018
Herb Fix	Administration	2018
Ginny Kent	Congregational Life	2018
Carla Moorhouse	Worship	2018
Lisa Peck	Worship	2018
Steve Timbs	Operations	2018
Lowell Wynn	Administration	2019
Patricia Ford	Administration	2019
Rodney Bookhardt	Worship	2019
Leanne Coleman	Congregational Life	2019
Ann Benway	Congregational Life	2019
Edith Moser	Outreach	2019
Deanna Minaberry	Clerk of Session	2019
Tobias Caskey	Outreach	2020
Cecil Rice	Christian Education	2020
Ted Stedman	Operations	2020
Gayle Osiborski	Christian Education	2020
Sandra Stephenson	Christian Education	2020
Bill Hottenstein	Outreach	2020