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THE FELLOWSHIP TIMES

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Our Collection for Afghan Refugees

Throughout the month of October, members of the congregation and our community gathered clothes, toiletries & other items for Afghan refugees at the Fort Pickett military base. The Community Needs Team along with other volunteers from the church spent many hours sorting and organizing the items into approximately 75 boxes that were then loaded onto a U-Haul and driven by Nelson Sifford, Dan Gardiner, & Barry Nichols to the base. There are approximately 14,000 refugees awaiting new homes to go to across the country. Thank you to all who helped and donated to this important project.



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CARE CARAVAN STRIKES AGAIN

On October 12 members of the Building Meaningful Relationships Team visited several of our homebound members residing in Radford.



On October 10, we welcomed Rick, Christy & Andrew Sparks into our congregation.



The Head Start Program installed new playground equipment this month.



DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

The congregation will ordain two first-time deacons to ministry during the morning worship service on Sunday, November 14. Following Covid precautions, worshipers will have opportunity to express their support and prayers to Shanda Warren and Steve McClellan within safe protocols for social distancing. Please join us, and be thinking of what encouragement and/or prayer you would write down and give to each of these two devoted servants of Christ.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



START SAVING FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER

After the Covid hiatus, we're bringing back Rise Against Hunger! On Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, we'll invite the congregation, lots of college students, and neighboring churches in Radford and Fairlawn to join us in assembling 30,000 meals for the desperately hungry in a struggling nation. Often in the past, that nation has been Haiti. It's going to cost us in excess of \$6,000 to fund our 20,000 of those meals. Please save and donate as you can to help us reach this goal. (Fairlawn churches will provide funding for 10,000 meals.) You can earmark gifts to "Rise Against Hunger," and you can also give on our website at fbcradford.org/give.



YOUTH SALT FOR TEENS RETURNS

Students in grades 7-12 will begin gathering on Sundays in November, each week with a different approach.

- Nov 7, 6:30-7:30 Games and Bible study at the Waynes' in Riner. Call Kent if you need a ride
- Nov 14 12:15 - lunch after worship at Moe's, and then a trip to Pulaski to assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Rides home afterwards will be offered.
- Nov 21 12:15 - lunch at church, then help children and families construct ornaments for home Jesse Trees to use during the Advent season. Rides home afterwards will be available.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 7, 2021 First Baptist Church will celebrate All Saints' Day. This Christian holiday has a rich history. Traditionally, it is a time to remember all those who have gone on before us in the faith. The Bible defines saints simply as the people who are Christian; our celebration of All Saints' Day is in no way an attempt to canonize the departed, but to acknowledge their contribution to who we are as children of God. As we hold them dear in our hearts, these "saints" continue to help us and encourage us on our journey through life. Part of our service on November 7 will be a time to remember those individuals within our church family who, during the previous twelve months, have gone to be with the Lord.





SENIOR ADULT PICNIC AT CLAYTOR LAKE

On Wednesday, September 28 approximately 40 of our senior adult members gathered for a picnic at Claytor Lake hosted by Mary Ann Semone's brother.

- 1 Josiah Wayne
- 6 Marie Nichols
- 7 Nancy Taylor
- 9 Kyle Griffiths
- 10 Georgia Wallace
- 12 Paige Selvey, Ed Oakes
- 13 Pete Beller
- 15 Sue Swindell
- 17 Barry Nichols, Kent Taylor
- 20 Stephen Mah, Pat Yearout,
Meadow Wayne, Laney Cline
- 23 Steve Tickle
- 26 Bonnie Graham
- 30 Preston Fisher





The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Come build your own Jesse Tree on Sunday, November 21 at 12 Noon, immediately following worship. We will meet socially-distanced and masked in the fellowship hall. We will begin with a meal and then begin making our own Jesse Tree ornaments. This event will go until 2 pm to ensure kids have time to make most of their ornaments. Please have at least one adult from each family present. There is no cost. You will be able to take home a tree and each of your ornaments. Each family will also receive the book, *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift* by Ann Voskamp to read in conjunction with the daily ornament hanging.

Please call or email the church office by Thursday, November 18 to sign up so we can have enough food and materials prepared.