

SECOND'S CHRONICLES



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Staunton VA

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Next **Sunday, October 8**, is our second Invite a Friend Sunday. Last year this day was a big success for us and efforts from this day led to nearly 30 people having the chance to experience our fellowship and worship for the first time. This year, our goal should be nothing less than that again.

But in the end, Invite a Friend Sunday isn't just about wanting more people to attend our church for our own ends. We invite because invitation is at the heart of God, because the gospel is ultimately about reaching out to others, and because at some point in our lives, someone reached out to us. We want to be able to be that source of hope and joy for others.

Because church is about so much than just sitting in pews week after week. It's about community. It's about belonging. And it's about seeking to connect with the God who is so much bigger than we are. And in this coming together, we need one another. There's something special that God does in groups, in community, that far exceeds what God does with lone individuals. And I think it's because that way, God gets the glory, God gets the credit. And know something. God is eager to have his body, his church, be healthy.

This place is a part of your life. Big or small part, it's a part. And you clearly care about it or you wouldn't be here. You would've left and gone somewhere else if you didn't. And so this is me, being frank in the most caring way possible. We've got a lot of great stuff going on here. God's spirit is here and is moving in very cool ways.

And the power to be healthier, to obtain this vision of a healthier church, of the church something within you longs for - that power is within your grasp - literally.

With these invitation cards we're giving you, with every person you invite, you're that much closer to making that vision a reality. And God is with you. With every person you invite, even in the midst of nerves and nervousness or apprehension, the holy spirit will be with you, guiding you and strengthening you. Because every time you take a step in faith for God, God blesses that step, God blesses you. And God is longing for this place to be more well-rounded. To be diverse and have all the parts. And if that is God's heart for this place, and it very clearly is, then you can know - you can have faith that when you step in faith, God will bless your steps.

Pastor Evan

There will be a Patio Party/Friendship Day on Sunday **October 8**, from 9:30 AM until 10:15 AM. Bring a friend and enjoy some refreshments on the patio. In case of rain, it will be held in Parlor.

Worship & Music/Membership & Outreach

The Mission Committee's annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in honor of World Food Day is scheduled for immediately after church on **Sunday, October 15**, in the Fellowship Hall.

We will provide a variety of soups if you will bring your favorite sandwiches or desserts. Join us for a yummy lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1	Heather Snyder Kimble	3	Janet Witcofsky
6	Abigail Hippeard	6	Madeline Hippeard
6	Kelly Johnson	14	Olen Swisher
15	Ryan Hippeard	18	Michael "Pickle" Nuckols
23	Valorie Simmons	24	Talitha Hippeard
24	Evan R. Smith	26	Woodie Wimer
27	Lori Folk	29	Melissa Archer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3	Janet & Joe Witcofsky
11	Melissa & Harry Dice

The annual Martha's Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Supper is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29** at the Verona Moose Lodge at 1510 Commerce Road (Rt. 11 near EyeOne) from 4-6 PM. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and a gluten-free option are on the menu. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and children under 5 are free. Door prize drawings will also take place. Tickets are available from Martha Wilkerson, Sue Gochenour, or any board member. Martha's Meals on Wheels is funded solely by churches, local businesses and organizations, and personal donations. It provides meals to those in need regardless of age, sex, race, or religion. We have a great meal and lots of fun! Come and join us.





Boxes are now available in the vestibule for Operation Christmas Child. You can buy for a boy or girl. Just check the age range and place the label inside the box. These boxes will be delivered to Calvary Baptist on **November 13**.

The shipping fee is \$9.00. Write your check to "Samaritan's Purse" with a note on the memo line for "Operation Christmas Child". Place your check in the envelope, fill out information requested, seal it, and place inside your box. If you're buying for more than 1 child, just write one check for the total amount of postage due and place in the envelope inside one box and put your boxes together. (\$9.00 per box). Place the boxes in the parlor once they are filled, and include your check, information on front of envelope, and secure with a rubber band provided in box.

Rubber bands are in the box and have to be around the box, so it must close all the way. **DO NOT INCLUDE CANDY, TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS, LOTIONS, SNOW GLOBES, AEROSOL CANS, TOY GUNS OR KNIVES, SEEDS, CHOCOLATE OR FOOD.**

All information is in the handout inside box called, "HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT". Thank you so much for your participation in this worthwhile project. And lastly, please pray for these children who'll be receiving your box; you may include a photo and a personal note. Thank you for your participation

Linda Licklitter,

Friendship Circle

OPERATION THANK YOU, SOLDIER

During the month of October, the PW will be collecting items to send to Scott Dice (Melissa and Harry's son), who is stationed in Afghanistan. As we have done with others previously, we will ask Scott to share the items with his fellow soldiers.

Suggestions for items to donate include:

Beef jerky *, chips, Doritos*, cheese and peanut butter crackers, cheese puffs and cheetos*, or any snack food, peanut butter, salsa (plastic bottle), NON-chocolate candy (chocolate melts), cookies, magazines, paperbacks, shoe inner soles, foot powder, cards to send back home, packs of tissues, playing cards, puzzle books, small games, ink pens. (The starred items are what Scott really likes).

The soldiers get all their medical and personal supplies like soap, toothpaste, and shampoo, so they do NOT need that. DO NOT donate aerosols, perfumes containing alcohol, pork products, nail polish.

You are also encouraged to write personal notes to Scott and the other soldiers.

Please leave donated items in the lounge.

We also need donations of money so as to pay for postage. Each box is about \$15. Please write checks to PW with "Thank You, Soldier" in the memo line. Give to Mary Rainey, Pat Blackley, Sue Gochenour or any member of PW.