




Please continue to pray for the *Pastor Search Committee* as they continue the search for a Pastor who will minister to our church and community.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, April 19, 2020
(following the morning service)



Clifton Forge Baptist Church

Exalt the Savior..Evangelize the Lost..Equip the Saints

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Covered Dish Fellowship Luncheons

March 8th & April 19th
(Note: The luncheon in April has been moved to the 3rd Sunday due to Easter.)



MARION FIELDS CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Marion Fields Circle will meet on March 23rd & April 27th. Their meeting place is at the Highland House at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack to share, and enjoy learning about Missions.

CFBC Clothes Closet

Open On:
March 10th & 24th
April 14th & 28th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Mailing Address



THE GOOD NEWS

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A Smiling Jesus?

I was looking for a picture of Jesus on the internet related to a recent message. I remembered that there was one of a laughing or smiling Jesus, which got me to thinking. So many of the images we have of our Savior have been Americanized, meaning pale skin, blue eyes and a serious look. He might be carrying a lost sheep in his arms or praying in the garden or stilling a storm. But smiling? That would imply that he was having a good time and that he enjoyed being with others. For a public person who was able to perform healings, there were always people reaching out and begging or demanding a miracle cure.

We know that Jesus enjoyed his "time out" moments with Mary and Martha, even when they were squabbling. There were the twelve disciples who not only were frustrating to him, but likely created smiles when they messed up. "Sure Peter, step out on the water," and then he sunk like a rock. Although the Lord directed all his disciples to take a step in faith, he likely smiled at their toddler-like stumbling. One day they would "walk by faith and not just by sight." And Jesus would smile at how far they had come in their discipleship.

I suspect Jesus smiles at us also in our feeble attempts to do well or to be found faithful. He likely weeps with us also when life throws us a curve. Overall we can be comforted knowing that our God tunes into our emotions, our joys, our pains, worries and celebrations.

In one picture I viewed of a smiling Jesus, was his warm, embracing welcome as we entered heaven. That's what I would hope for. I wouldn't want to meet the Lord when he had a questioning or hard look like "how did you get here?" "Why should I welcome you to my Father's household?" That's when a smile would come across my face. "I'm here in heaven because of you." It would not be because of my weak attempts to prove my worth, it would be because of Christ's sacrifice. And then I would begin to hum the children's tune, "Jesus loves me, this I know..."

Next time you think of Jesus, you may think of him as all serious or in agony. But don't forget that he also can smile. *Happy Easter!*

Dr. Thomas Harvey

PrimeTimers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The Primetimer's will be having a covered dish luncheon on *Monday, March 16th at 12:00 pm*. If you are 50 years of age or older come join us!

Our special guest will be Author, Publisher and Motivational Speaker, Stewart Goodwin.

About Stewart Goodwin

Stewart Goodwin served as a law enforcement officer for 17 years. She worked patrol, undercover narcotics and taught the D.A.R.E. program. She also taught students with special needs for 7 years. Stewart currently lives on her farm in Virginia.

"An Imperfect Oath" is her first novel. She is currently working on another. Stewart also was a caregiver for her mother for 10 years. "Lessons Learned; A Practical Guide to Care Giving" is about her care giving journey.

When asked why she enjoys writing:

I write because I have stories to tell and something to say. I am not one to become comfortable in one particular genre. Just like my life, the genre and topics of my books vary. Many are based on my life experiences and places I have traveled. Some are based on 40 years of genealogical research. Some give voice to people who otherwise would not have a voice. I have a passion for life, a passion for telling stories and a passion for getting justice for those who deserve it, even if it is only in a book written many years after they are gone. Yes, passion fuels my writing.

We hope you will join us for the luncheon and program and help us welcome Stewart Goodwin to the Primetime's Meeting.



TLT continues to meet twice a month addressing Constitution & By-Laws updates and a variety of administrative needs of the church.



Jesus said, "do this in remembrance of me." His command or "mandate" was in reference to the Lord's Supper Meal, which was observed Thursday evening prior to his arrest and crucifixion. We will gather in King Memorial Thursday evening, April 9th, at 5:00 pm for a 30-minute observance of the Lord's Supper. Please join us as the Deacons serve communion at the table and for an opportunity to reflect upon the cross and Christ's sacrifice.



*Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.*

*Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.*

*He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.*

*Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.*

*So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!*

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March 8
April 12
May 17
June 14



Deacon Ministry

✝ The Deacons are watching a series called "Partners in Growing the Church." There are 12 Micro Messages that will guide the Deacons on how to better reach out to our church members through prayer, ministering to others, and how we as a church need to be willing to change.

✝ We are hoping to reach our Shut-in's at least Quarterly to serve Communion.

✝ The Deacon's meet on the 1st Sunday of each month.

They include:

Chairman: Susan Meyer

Vice-Chair: Anne Donovan

Secretary: Tondalaya VanLear

Charles Hodges

Gary Showalter

If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

Love and Blessings,

Susan Meyer



In Honor/Memory of Loved Ones

If you would like to place a Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday please fill out the slip which will be on the back table in Sanctuary starting March 15th.

Place slip in the offering plate. Your information for the bulletin needs to be in by Monday, April 6th and your Lily in before Friday, April 10 due to the office being closed on that day.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to

AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

The 2020 theme is "It's All About the Gospel". The scripture verse is "For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 CSB). The national goal is \$70 million.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions (March 1-8) Prayer Guide will be in the bulletin on Sunday, March 1st, along with an Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelope. We will be collecting offerings through the month of March.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

1st and 3rd Wednesday

Bible Study with Gina Dobbs and Drema Tyree at Drema's home at noon

2nd and 4th Wednesday

Bible Study with Dr. Thomas Harvey at CFBC at noon

Take advantage of both Bible studies.
Come and invite others.



ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee will soon meet to consider requests for the 2020 distributions. We are indeed blessed as a church to have these funds to support mission and benevolent activities. Church members wishing to make a suggestion or request for support to a specific activity or worthwhile organization will need to turn in a completed form to the church office by March 22, 2020. The form outlining the details of the request will be used by the committee to make decisions on funding and may be obtained from the church office. The goal is to have all decisions finalized in time for the church consideration and approval during the April business meeting.