



Chamberlayne



Baptist Church

Our vision is to be a diverse and inclusive Christian community engaged with God in our neighborhood and world.

Ministry Spotlight

Commuting from Newport News to Richmond on a regular basis, I have many chances to think about my day, to meditate on my life and to unwind from work or school. I have also found myself becoming very observant of the things going on around me as I travel these roads over and over again. It seems that each time I drive to or from Richmond, I end up seeing something that I missed before. Sometimes it is just something new that was only there at that particular time, like a specific car or something overhead. However, there are plenty of times when I am looking at my surroundings that I see something that seems to have been there for a good amount of time and I had just overlooked it in the past.

It makes me wonder how many things I have overlooked in my walk with Christ. Sure, over the past 20 years or so I've seen some wonderful things done while on my Christian journey through life. I've seen people dedicate their own lives to Christ, I've seen scenery that some would classify as miraculous, and I've seen the faith of people bring them through some of the toughest times imaginable. But as I look back at where I have been in my Christian walk, there are still many things that were overlooked. As I remember them, they become brand new things along the journey, things that had been there the whole time.

I encourage each one of you to begin looking a little closer at what is going on around you as you walk with Christ. Perhaps it is a onetime experience that you see, or maybe it is something that was there all along but you never really noticed it. God is constantly working in our lives and in this world, and we must remember to take the time to actually see what new thing he's got going on today. *Chris Gourley*

CBC YOUTH!!! Summer sign up sheets are now being put up in the SPOT. Please sign up for summer activities as soon as you know you can attend. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Gourley.

Vacation Bible School: All children, youth, and adults are encouraged to participate in this year's VBS. VBS will begin on Tuesday, June 21st and will finish on Friday, June 24th from 6 to 8 PM. Our theme is Christmas in June and there is a class for everyone. Registration forms can be found by the library on Sundays and by the cashier on Wednesday nights. Contact Jillian Andrzejewski for further details.



MEET OUR GRADUATES...

College Graduates

Mary Fields
Ashford University
Sarah Majette
Old Dominion University
David Moss
Virginia Commonwealth University
Cameron Rust
The College of William & Mary
Drew Webb
Virginia Commonwealth University

High School Graduates

Erin Majette
Tucker High School
Brittany Newcomb
Lee Davis High School
Jennifer Newcomb
Lee Davis High School
Nicholas Toombs
Henrico High School

Wednesday Night Activities

◆ **Summer Schedule:** catered dinners for our Wednesday Family Night Suppers concluded at the end of May. June and July are designated as "Covered Dish Dinners." Please remember to bring a dish to share with others.

◆ **Adult Bible Study:** on Wednesdays June 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6, we will take a deep look at the Lord's Prayer and examine what this prayer expects from us.



Backpacks for Chamberlayne Elementary School:

We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for CES. Backpacks filled with supplies will be due back in late August. Details: contact Jillian.

Undies for Sunday: Time, Love, and Care will be collecting children's underwear for the Richmond Baptist Association during the month of June. Please bring these items to the office.

Children's Church Summer Schedule: For the months of June, July, and August we will have a modified Children's Church Schedule. We will have Children's Church twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. We will return to our normal schedule in the fall.

JUNE

Mark Your Calendar...

6-8 Family Night Supper & Regular Activities
6-12 Sunday School & Worship
Graduate Recognition
6-15 Family Night Supper & Regular Activities
6-19 Sunday School & Worship
Father's Day
6-21 Vacation Bible School
6-22 Wednesday schedule altered due to VBS
Vacation Bible School
Finance Committee Meeting
6-23 Vacation Bible School
6-24 Vacation Bible School
6-26 Sunday School & Worship
6-29 Family Night Supper & Regular Activities



◆ Reuben Shrader
◆ Bryant White

Christian sympathy is extended to Joyce Gilleland on the death of her husband J.B.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jeanie Toombs on the death of her grandfather, Olas Jennings.

Thinking of You...

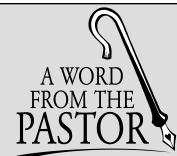
Please take a moment to send a card to the following homebound member:

Hugh Jones
9336 Chamberlayne Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Financial Details

through 5/29/11

YTD Budget: \$ 151,558.00
YTD Receipts: \$ 136,786.38
Weekly Need: \$ 6,889.00



Dear Good Friends in Christ,

People have been asking me about my trip to South Africa and I'm happy to share. If you have an hour, I'll talk about South Africa for an hour. If you have all day, then I'll talk all day. The challenge lies in where to begin the conversation. I experienced so many different things that should be shared, but I'm often limited by time (and how much others really want to hear!).

I would love to tell you about the fantastic ministries taking place in the slums of Cape Town. I would like talk about my friend George who pastors a church in the suburbs of Johannesburg. I would like to share with you about the great passion I witnessed among South African ministers-in-training. I would also like to talk about the children of South Africa; I saw children from all socio-economic levels and their bright smiling faces are a sign of hope to me.

In the midst of these various experiences, my professor from Columbia kept asking the group, "What is God doing in South Africa?" As students of theology,

we carefully studied this country and its people. We learned some of its history. We became familiar with their stories of struggle and triumph. And as outsiders, we could see how this country transformed itself from an apartheid state into a nation in which all people are free - and we knew this was nothing short of a God-given miracle.

My trip to South Africa reminded me there is no area in life off limits to God. I think we are quick to acknowledge that the Lord is working within our own hearts, transforming us into more Christ-like people, but we are sometimes slow to recognize that God is also working on a larger scale among the nations of this world. We can't always see how the Lord is transforming the likes of tyrants and oppressive governments, but as people of faith, we take hope in knowing that God will prevail.

I would like to turn my professor's question to you, with one small alteration. What is God doing in America? I suggest you try to answer that question by reflecting on what you see happening on both a personal level (how is God transforming individual people?) and on a corporate level (broadly, how is God

working across our nation?).

I imagine every one of us will answer this question in a different way, but as you consider the ways in which God is working in and transforming this world, what are you going to do about? Our response is important. Remember, we often say we are God's hands on this earth and we pray that we will be an instrument of God's will, but do our actions measure up with our words? When they do, we seem to have made the connection that everything we do can be an act of worship.

Consider how different our world might be if every action was an act of worship to God. If every phone call we made, every interaction we had with a store clerk, or every chore we did around the house was an act of service to the Lord, then the work of God might not be as obscured by our sinfulness. A whole lot of God's light would shine forth. Of course, everything we do might not yet be an act of worship, but let's challenge ourselves to grow in this way.

Grace & Peace,
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