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*Real People
Relevant Ministry
Renewed Hearts*



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June

2- 10:00 am: Senior Adult

4- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
10:00 am: Prayer Gathering

5 - Graduating Seniors Recognition

7- 6:00 pm: Youth Night!

9 - 10:00 am: Senior Adults

11 - Memorial Service for George Neil

12 - 12:30 pm: Church Council

14- 6:00 pm: Youth Night

16- 10:00 am: Senior Adults

17 - 7:00 pm: Multicultural

18- 11:00 am: Father Bowling

19- Father's Day
4:00 pm: VBS Set-Up
4:30 pm: Prayer Walk

20 - 24: 6:00-8:45 pm: VBS!

25 - 10:00 am: VBS Clean-Up!

26 - 12:30 pm: "Get to Know Us"

Wednesday's:

Adult Bible Study: 7:00 pm

TeamKID: 6:45 pm

It's finally here! All those times in the cold winter when you prayed that summer would come and the heat would replace the cold air, well you're prayers have been answered. They've almost been answered a little too well. Now it's hot, humid and bugs are all over the place, especially of the stinky kind. I guess pretty soon we'll all be praying for cooler weather.

I guess that it's just part of our nature. We rarely find contentment in our lives. It's too hot, too cold, too spicy, too bland, too hard, too soft, not enough money, too much money... Well I think most of us would be okay having too much money. But seriously, most Americans are chasing after contentment and the problem is that they're chasing the wrong things. Temporary things will bring temporary contentment while eternal things will bring true contentment.

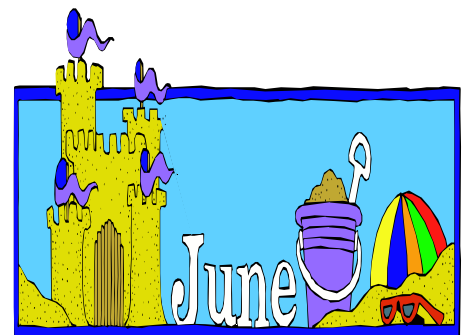
The Apostle Paul knew both extremes of life. He was very wealthy as a Pharisee and lived life with a silver spoon in his mouth. Yet, as an apostle of Christ, he also knew struggle, rejection and even poverty. Most of us are familiar with the verse *Philippians 4: (13) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. Most of the time, we use this verse when we are faced with a daunting task and we know that Christ can strengthen us to complete it. That's a good application, but it's not the original interpretation. In order to understand this verse, we must keep it attached to the preceding verses. *Philippians 4: (11) Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: (12) I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. (13) I can do all things through Christ who*

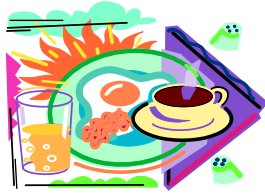
strengthens me. These verses are talking about contentment. Paul wants everyone to know that contentment does not come about by the circumstance. It only comes by knowing Christ.

How long do things in this world satisfy you? Is there any earthly achievement, experience or possession that has brought you complete contentment? As quickly as we become content, we become discontented. Listen to these words from *Isaiah 58: 11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought and strengthen your bones. You shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail*. In a drought, we have a spring of living water that does not fail within us, because it is the presence of the Living God.

So, the next time you go over to the thermostat to try to make your house warmer or cooler remember this: *for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content*. Whether I'm in the state of Maryland or the state of confusion, if I am in the Lord, I am content.

God bless you and your family,
Pastor Robert





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Men, come join us on Saturday, June 4th @ 8:00 am at IHOP in Germantown, then we will return to the church

for Bible Study. All men are welcome to attend. For more information, see Pastor Robert.

Prayer Gathering



On Saturday, June 4th GBC will be having a prayer gathering at 10am in the church sanctuary. Please come join us as cast our cares upon the Lord and call upon his holy name. Prayer is a powerful thing especially when done in unison with those who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Come with open and expectant hearts and let us labor together on behalf of all those the Lord places in our hearts. For more information, please contact Ngata Nganga.

2011 High School & College Graduates

High School:

- Brian Davis- Northwest
- Genesis Gurrea- Watkins Mills
- Ivette Lopez- Hampshire View
- Kevin Nguyen -
- Grace Norman- Hampshire View
- Travis Smith- Riverdale Baptist
- Tyler Walker- Homeschool



College:

- Catherine Foster- Georgetown University Law
- Edwin Kisiel - Liberty University School of Law
- Ngata Nganga- Mount St. Mary's
- Pastor Robert-Master's School of Divinity- Doctorate

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all your love and support during our time of great loss. The delicious meal you provided for our family and the many acts of kindness you showed means so much to us. God bless you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

The Neil Family



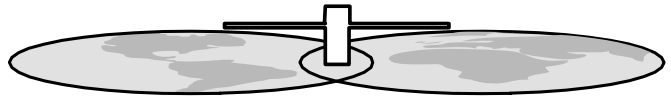
OASIS
(Older Adults Sharing In Service)

Dear Church Family,

With your contribution of items for Health Kits we prepared and delivered 19 kits to the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. These kits will be used in ministry to the injured military personnel at Walter Reed Medical Center, the Inner Harbor, Port Authority, and Student ministries.

Thank you for caring!

Carole Fusco



MULTICULTURAL NEWS!

As you may know that people in Zimbabwe have gone through difficult time especially those living in rural/village area. This project is inspired by our sister, Freda, who has been shipping basic items such as used clothes, dry foods, school supplies, etc. to help them out. We would like to be part of this ministry and are collecting items through out the year. There will be a list of items what we are collecting this month on the Educational wall. If you would like to donate, please put them in the designated box marked "ZIMBABWE PROJECT".

Monthly Fellowship The Multicultural Committee will meet for fellowship dinner and Bible Study on June 17th @ 7pm at Fany Tendeyong's house located at:

10 Ranworth Court
Germantown, MD 20874
ph: 301-528-2253

Direction from the church:

From Germantown Rd, turn Left on Clopper Rd
Right on Steeple Rd
Left on Ranworth Dr
Right on Ranworth Ct
the house is on the right side (brick house)

Please join us and lets enjoy fellowshiping with our brethren. We will do potluck for the dinner, but if you can't bring anything, that's fine, don't worry about it and just bring yourself in. We'll have a devotion time, sharing testimonies, prayers and praise & worship together.

For more information, please contact Gil Gurrea

Ushers for June



5- Matt Markiewicz, Chris McKee, Ngata Nganga, Ryan Lentz

12- Howard Crogan, Dan Cavell, Steve Foster, Chris Lentz

19- Brett Whitworth, Tom Beavers, Tyler Walker, Mike Lentz

26- John King, Ken Solomon, Percy Jones, Eddie Brassell

Greeters for June



5- Brittany Croat & Caitlyn Crogan

12- Janice Crogan & Armelia Brassell

19- Rosel Cavell & Jennifer Jenkins

26- Wimberly King & Mike King



Co-ed Softball Schedule



Come cheer on our 32 softball players. We are halfway through the season! All double- header games are played on Saturday afternoons at 5:00 p.m.

Game Schedule:

June 4 Shady Grove at Strawberry Knoll Park

June 11 Atonement at Nike Missile Park

June 18 Good Shepherd at Nike Missile Park

June 25 Redeemer at Strawberry Knoll Park

Contact the team coaches Eddie Brassell (301-498-7441) or Janice Crogan (301-831-8056)if you have any questions or need directions to the fields.

God is good...all the time!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BIG APPLE ADVENTURE!



Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world.

Dates: June 20- 24*, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm-8:45 pm

***Friday VBS Schedule:**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: VBS Classes

7:30 pm: VBS Family Night Ceremony -During this time parents, family & friends will join their children in the sanctuary for Classroom Presentations, Tour their children's classrooms, and Refreshment reception in the fellowship hall.

Ages/ Grades: 3 yrs. old (potty-trained) - Adults

Cost: Free!

Theme Verse:

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Jesus Christ. - Romans 10:17 (HCSB)

Motto: Hear it! Believe It! Connect It!

Register today at: www.gbcmd.com and look for the VBS link!

SIS (Sisters In Spirit)



Women of Faith

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Women of Faith Conference this year in Washington DC on August 26 & August 27, 2011. We are in section 111. The cost is \$89 per person (includes lunch both days). We only have 5 TICKETS left. Please pay your \$45 deposit now and the remainder in July. See Kimberly for more information or to pay.

Beth Moore Conference

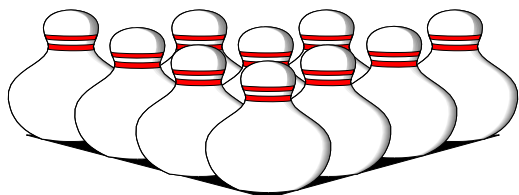
Living Proof Live with Beth Moore will be in Baltimore, MD- Friday, September 30th 7:00-9:30 pm & Saturday, October 1st 8:30 am-12:00 pm. The cost is \$65 per person. **Sign-up by June 12th! All money MUST be paid in full by July 24th.** Please sign-up today or see Kimberly for more information.

Our ladies ministry, "S.I.S" is open to all ladies. Please join us for Bible study or our monthly activities. We would love to have you open God's Word and fellowship with us. If you have any suggestions or would like more information about this ministry, please feel free to contact me. Love In Christ, Kimberly Walker

Father/Child Bowling Outing!

Fathers, you and your children are invited to a fun-filled bowling outing! It will be at Bowl America in Gaithersburg on Saturday, June 18th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please meet at the bowling alley at 10:50 am. The cost is \$5 per person (includes shoes). If you would like to attend, please sign up & pay Pastor Robert no later than June 12th.

bowling!



What's Going GBC Youth?

#1: Tuesday Night Bible Study!

Join the Youth (grades: 7th-12th) every Tuesday night from 6 pm- 8pm! There will be team challenge games, Student Life Character Bible Study, prayer, fun & fellowship! This night is set apart just for YOU! Bring you friends, wear closed- toe shoes, and your BIBLE! If you don't have your own Bible, there are Bibles at the church you can borrow or see Pastor Robert and he will get you one! It's that simple!

#2: Student Life Camp!

Student Life Camp will be July 18-22, 2011 at Liberty University! This summer the youth will be having fund-raiser to help earn their money for camp. Please watch the bulletin for fund-raiser times and locations! You don't want to miss out! Only those Youth who participate in the fund-raisers will earn money towards their SL Camp balance.

For more info on Youth Events, please contact Pastor Robert or Kimberly Walker, Youth Leaders.

TEAMKID CLUB

We invite all kids grades K - 6th to TeamKID on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm. TeamKID is a high- energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID - Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation - connect to teach life lessons to kids. Please come and be part of this exciting club at GBC!

For more information or to register your child, please contact Kimberly Walker

Learning about God - Using the Bible- Living for Jesus

Memorial Service

The Neil Family invites you to a special memorial service for their father, George Neil. The service will be held here at the church on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 am.

JESUS LOVES ME

Directory of Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship & Junior Church 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship Time 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

TeamKID (K - 6th Grade) 6:45 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Ministry 10:00 a.m.

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