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Question: Are you at peace with where you are financially? There was a time in life where Brian and Lisa Hardy would have answered that question with an emphatic, NO! Brian and Lisa, and their son Alan, are three of our newest church members and in getting to know them I learned that Brian has a passion for helping people gain control over their finances through Financial Peace University. This passion was born from an experience the Hardy's had several years ago.

Lisa says, "Our money management was fairly one sided with Brian making most of the decisions. We were doing all right, but there was tension regarding money at times. We were heavily invested in real estate and when the 2008 economic down turn happened our financial planning was thrown into a tail spin. The debt and stress began taking a toll on us and we were making little to no progress. We were introduced to Financial Peace University (FPU) in October 2011 and we decided to use their principals to change the direction of our finances. We added up all of our non-mortgage related debt and it was \$107,000. Our plan was to try to pay it off in three years. Something that was important to us was to make sure we continued to tithe during this time. We knew this was going to be a long process, but with the Lord's help, we believed we could do it. In early 2012 we decided to sell a lot we owned at Lake Anna. The trouble was there were over 2,700 other lots for sale at the same time! Despite the number of lots for sale we actually received a cash contract for the Lake Anna lot on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Also during this time I had a nice surprise when my incentive pay increased by 10% of my salary and that was in addition to a cost of living raise. With my raise and with the sale of the lot we believed we could actually move up the time frame for paying off our debt to May 2013, instead of September 2014. But then the unexpected happened."

Brian continues the story, "On Monday September 17, 2012, Lisa's parents came over to let our dog Maisy out while we were at work. They came in the back door and were greeted with water pouring

through the ceiling and an inch of water on the kitchen floor. I remember standing in the driveway after the Servpro truck pulled away at 10 pm and Lisa and I both said the words from scripture and popular song on Christian radio at the time "God works all things together for my good" and God did just that. The lot closed quickly and we had the



sale proceeds in the bank by October 7<sup>th</sup>. The insurance check we needed to rebuild the house was lost by Bank of America. So we used the proceeds of the lot sale to pay for the rebuilding of the house and would you believe the proceeds of the lot sale were almost an exact dollar match to our insurance settlement! What a blessing it was to have the lot sell and close at the precise time we needed that money. If the lot had sold sooner we would have already used the proceeds to pay debt. If it sold any later we would have not had funds to rebuild our house and we would not have completed the house before the holidays. Because I work for a builder the insurance company let me be the general contractor and that saved us that margin. Would you like to guess the amount it saved? It was enough to pay off the balance of our debt on December 21, 2012. In 14 months we put a fork in \$107,000 in debt and I had no idea the burden that it was until I felt what it was to be free from that non-mortgage debt. We are truly blessed, and thankful for the leading hand of God and we have a great anticipation for our future journey."

I love Brian and Lisa's story. They were faithful to the Lord and the Lord was certainly faithful to them. The Lord guided and provided for them, even through trying circumstances.

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Perhaps you're going through some trying circumstances with your finances. The good news is financial peace is on the way, literally. Beginning on Thursday June 14th Brian is going to lead a "Financial Peace University" class at Bethel. The class will meet in the evening for 9 weeks. You will learn a number of financial principals designed to help get you out of debt and on your way to financial peace. If you'd like to know more about the class please contact Brian at 804-432-8728. Finally, I'd like to welcome Brian, Lisa and Alan to the Bethel family. May God bless them and may God bless Bethel Church. Amen.

Todd

#### **Worship Schedule**

We now meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.



Bethel Baptist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on June 16. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with the member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$25 discount you must call 1-877-380-1743, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. You can also text the word circle to 797979.

#### Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, June7, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, June 7, at 12 noon. We will meet at the **Italian Delight** in South Creek Shopping Center in Powhatan. Everyone will be responsible the cost of their own lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can make the appropriate number of reservations. All men are invited.

#### A Note From Your Associate Pastor and Music Minister: by Gayle Taylor



"Graduations and Other Important Time Markers"

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.' I Samuel 7: 12

Samuel, the Old Testament judge, had two problems: first, his people had turned to foreign gods, forgetting that they were to worship the only true God; secondly, the Philistines had begun gathering to attack the Israelites. Samuel implored the people to rid themselves of the foreign gods and to set their hearts back to God. The people complied and Samuel gave a burnt offering to the Lord. Soon after, the Philistines began to advance on the Israelites, but the Lord was with His people who conquered their attackers. The confrontation ended at a place called Beth-car where Samuel set up a stone which he called *Ebenezer* to commemorate the occasion. The stone's meaning is "Thus far the Lord has helped us." The Scripture tells us that the Philistines did not enter this territory again during the days of Samuel.

In a sense, the Israelites experienced a graduation of sorts. Their leader taught them the importance of staying true to their faith and their values. After they learned this lesson, they applied it as they worked with the Lord to accomplish the task of ridding themselves of a foreign power. Samuel used the stone as a mark of achievement to show what the Israelites had accomplished through God "thus far."

To our graduates this year, I, too, implore you to stay connected to God and to your values. Your instructors taught you information which you absorbed and mastered. This has paid off as you accept your diplomas and go on to further your education or to begin a career. Remember also the instructions of your parents, your Sunday School teachers, and pastor. Take your Bible with you in whatever direction your life goes. Let it be your personal marker that helps to protect you from those who would try to divert you from your faith. In every circumstance or obstacle that you encounter, may you say with certainty "thus far the Lord has helped me."



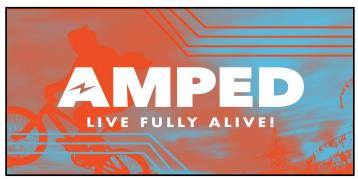
# Thursday, June 7, at noon Ladies Fellowship Lunch

Please join us on Thursday, June 7, at noon at **O'Charley's on Rt. 360** for our Ladies Fellowship Lunch. Please text or call Margaret Gillis at 804-305-6931 to let her know if you will attend. All women are invited.



# What's Happening in June





This summer, Jigsaw will be all about CONFIDENCE. Since God is stronger than anyone, He can do things that would be impossible for you and me. We will be asking the guestions:

"Why does Jesus matter?

How could God use you?

What happens when you trust yourself more than God?

How would you live if you believed God could do the impossible?"

Join us for an AMPED UP summer!

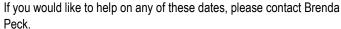
#### **Charlotte's Pantry Schedule**

#### Upcoming pantry schedule:

June 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m. June 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

July 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

July 27, 9 to 11 a.m.



#### Parish Nurse

Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, June 17, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your questions.



# Next Business Meeting will be June 13, 7 p.m.

The June Business meeting has been moved to Wednesday, June 13, since CARITAS is the first week of June.

#### **Connect**

YOUTH NEWS by Lauren Moore



This month brings the excitement of graduation, summer, Caritas, camp, and a new missions opportunity through Chick-fil-a! We will be taking over the preschool Chick-fil-a spot the 3rd Wednesday in June, July, and August. The proceeds will go toward a mission project of the youth group's choosing that will be completed in the fall. Please come out to Chick-fil-a on June 20 from 5-8 pm to help raise funds to impact our local community!

Please be prayerful as we head to camp June 24-29. Please pray for safety, for relationships to grow deeper between each other and most importantly with Christ, for there to be spiritual breakthroughs and that we all would experience God in a new way. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for myself, Shawn Moss, and Bobby Beasley as we get the privilege to walk alongside these amazing students in their spiritual journey. We thank you, again, for your support and participation in our fundraiser in April!

#### June

- 2: Caritas move in, 10 am (time could change) This is a very eye opening experience to help set up bedding and move in the belongs of the women who will be staying with us during Caritas. Please plan to participate in this act of service for these women. This only takes an hour and really opens your eyes to the conditions these women live in week to week and how fortunate we are to be blessed with homes, jobs, and support.
- **3: Camp meeting after service.** Passport info meeting for students and parents.
- **6: Serve dinner for Caritas.** Each family will be asked to provide a side for this meal. More details to come.
- **10: Graduation Sunday:** We will be recognizing and celebrating with those that are graduating.
- 13: No Connect (Business meeting).
- 16: Hope Supper Table, 2:45-4 pm. Powhatan Fairgrounds.
- **20:** Chick-fil-a night, 5-8 pm. We will run Chick-fil-a night and the proceeds will go toward a mission project. We 'man' the station, collect receipts, run the wheel and give out prizes. Meet at Chick-fil-a as you can and leave as you need. We will eat together as usual at 6:30pm.
- 24: Leave for Camp.
- 27: No Connect (Camp)

#### والمنطقة Spirit Night

The next Spirit Night fund raiser will be Wednesday, June 20, between 5 and 8 p.m. Money raised will go toward Bethel Baptist Preschool. Please remember to mention Spirit Night when you place your order. Please also note: If you use a gift card with your order, your order will not count toward Spirit Night. Don't forget to spin the wheel, you can win free food, drinks or other items.

#### **Opportunities for:**

#### Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir (See 
   Gayle Taylor)
- Adults on Mission (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- Charlotte's Pantry (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (See Errin Hasty)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See Gayle Rogers)
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Library Volunteers Needed (See Barbara Bell)
- Care Team Ministry (See Shirley Lewis)

#### Fellowship/Discipleship

- Men's Fellowship Lunch 1st Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- Women's Fellowship Lunch 1st Thursday of each month at noon (See Margaret Gillis)
- Youth Group Meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. (See Lauren Moore)
- Bible/Discipleship Study
   Wednesday evenings at 6:30
   p.m. (See Pat or Bruce
   Bartlam)
- Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Zumba every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (See Megan Luck)
- Brotherhood Breakfast (every 5th Sunday)
- JIGSAW children's ministry, every Sunday (See Tina McNeel)
- Children in Action meet every
   5th Sunday, during the Sunday
   School hour. (See Frances
   Morris)



Calling all campers ages 9-17. Summer camp @ Crossroads in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of VA begins in June. I will be volunteering the week of June 18-23 which is Missions Week all girls and the week of July 9-14 which is Co-Ed and our largest week. It is time to start registering and choosing the track that you want. If you have any questions please call me at 804-598-4431 We do have some scholarship money to help with the camp fee if needed!

Blessings to all, Cheryl Grubbs

#### Missions News

by Frances Morris

#### **Mission Opportunities**

<u>Adults on Mission</u> will meet Monday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel. Everyone is invited to attend.

<u>CARITAS</u> will be hosted at Bethel June 2-9. If you are able to help, please contact Frances Morris at 794-6130

<u>Kroger</u>: Please register your Kroger card so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to <u>www.Kroger.com</u> and sign in. Then click on "Community" on tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is 83564. You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.

<u>Bethel Preschooler Cards</u>: If you have signed up to send a card to a preschooler, please be sure to remember his/her birthday and any upcoming holidays.

## Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

VBS registration is open! You can find the registration form on the church website, in the church office, or in the People of Hope Center. Feel free to take forms to families who may be interested in having their children attend. We want to reach as many families in our community as possible! We invite kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and



tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. VBS will be July 22-26 from 6-8:30pm. We hope you will come out and join us for the best week of the entire summer! It's not too late to volunteer. We'd love to have you join us in ministering to our Bethel kids and the kids in our community. Please contact Lauren Moore (laurenelmoore@gmail.com) or Shawn Moss (shawnmoss5114@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

### Morning Devotional at Chick-fil-A



Join us at Chick-fil-A at Westchester Com-

mons Shopping Center each Monday morning at 8 a.m. We will enjoy breakfast and a devotional time together. This is a wonderful time of fellowship. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

#### June Birthdays



| 2  | Jennifer McLeod     | 17 | Tyler Dickerson  |
|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 3  | Joyce Cole          | 18 | Ardelle Florence |
| 3  | Debby Stagg         | 18 | Tammy Gillespie  |
| 6  | Betty Tooley        | 18 | Pat Herndon      |
| 6  | Stuart Turner       | 18 | Gordon Henry     |
| 8  | Michael Bell        | 18 | Jane Watkins     |
| 8  | Dennis Glazener     | 19 | Forrest Yeager   |
| 8  | Deborah Mayberry    | 20 | B.B. Whitley     |
| 10 | Todd Tooley         | 21 | Tyler Barden     |
| 10 | Russell Wright      | 23 | Anne Cullen      |
| 11 | Paige Rider         | 23 | Dave Jeter       |
| 13 | Eddie Stagg         | 25 | Myrna Perkins    |
| 14 | Nancy Blankenship   | 25 | Billy Redmond    |
| 14 | Mary Dance          | 26 | Bob Hale         |
| 14 | Christopher Whitney | 30 | Julia Boykin     |
| 16 | Bob Hansen          |    |                  |

#### Wednesday Night Programs in June



**June 6**—No Bible Study due to CARITAS. Choir rehearsal will be held in the old sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

June 13—No Bible Study due to Business Meeting at 7 pm. June 20—Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A and the conclusion of the Andy Stanley study at 6:30 pm. Please support the Youth Group and go to Chick-fil-A Night. You can eat there before class or get it to go and bring it to class with you.

June 27—Hospice Seminar at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 6.

#### **Many Thanks**

Dear Bethel Baptist,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that really cheered up my dad as he recovered from a stroke. The many visits, calls, cards, and prayers from the church family were greatly appreciated. The outpouring of love from the church made him get better much quicker!

With Love, Tammy and David Gillespie and Bud Hines

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, gift cards and the many notes and well wishes I received for "Administrative Professionals Day". Thank you so much for making me feel special. I appreciate each of you. God bless you.

Love, Linda Gardner



**What?** It's a 9 week course designed to help you get out of debt and on a path towards having financial peace.

When? Classes begin on Thursday night June 14th at 7 p.m. Classes will last about an hour and a half and the course runs for 9 weeks.

Where? Classes meet at Bethel in the People of Hope Center

**Who?** Brian Hardy will facilitate the class. He's been practicing the principals taught in this class since 2011. To sign up for the class or for more information on the class please contact Brian at 804-432-8728.

**Cost?** The cost of the class is \$99. Scholarships are available if someone needs some financial assistance to participate.

Why not take a step toward financial peace and sign up for FPU today! Sign-up sheet is on the table in the People of Hope Center.

#### Patriotic Program Sunday, July 1, 5 p.m.

This year our patriotic program will feature a presentation from Checkpoint One, an organization in nearby Doswell, Virginia. Please see the article below for information about Checkpoint. This organization was selected based on their work with our veterans and military personnel. A love offering will be received to help with their ongoing expenses. You may also donate any of the following items: bottled water, toilet paper, hand soap and paper towels.





Our guest speaker will be the co-founder of Checkpoint One, Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel, Andy Kaufmann (pictured left). Andy served for more than 20 years all around the country and the world. Andy was an OH58D Kiowa Warrior Pilot and retired in 2009. Andy moved through various phases post-retirement to find what his next mission was and after a life changing experience found his love of horses and how they help heal. Andy is a Certified Equine Specialist and on the EAGALA Military Task Force. He is also a Registered Yoga Instructor, teaching at Checkpoint One and in the local community.

Checkpoint One is a 501c3 non-profit located in Doswell, Virginia. They offer a non-riding Equine Assisted Therapies and Coaching (specializing in mental health and personal development), yoga, and other stress management-nature-infused services to our First Responders, Military/Veterans, and their immediate families and caregivers. With a focus on PTS (Post

Traumatic Stress) as well as ERES (Emergency Responder Exhaust Syndrome) they have developed a unique "out of the box" program that provides tools and methods to give to our clients which can help move past the trauma and turn it into growth. They specialize in assisting the Military community including any currently serving, retired, medically retired or discharged and their immediate family members. The First Responder community consists of any currently serving Fire, EMS, Police, SWAT, Dispatcher, 911 Operator, Special Agents, ER Doctors/Nurses, Trauma Surgeons/Nurses and their immediate families. This list is not all inclusive, so if you have a question about whether or not you may find what we do a need - please contact them.



# God Bless America a patriotic celebration

Sunday, July 1, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Fish Fry – Everyone Welcome! (fish, chicken tenders, hush puppies)

6:00 p.m. - Patriotic Program (recognition of veterans, music, multi-media presentations)

#### **Special Presentation & Guest Speaker**

#### **Checkpoint One**

A non-profit organization providing a non-riding equine assisted therapies, mindfulness, meditation & yoga program for our military/veterans and first responders, as well as their immediate family or caregivers - at no cost to them.

Guest Speaker, Andy Kaufmann,
Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and Co-founder of Checkpoint One

#### **Love Offering**

A love offering will be received to benefit Checkpoint One

7:00 p.m. - Dessert Fellowship

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#### WORSHIP TIMES 9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship



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