

CONNEXION

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of

Peters Creek Church of the Brethren



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WHOSE WORDS?

We live in a world of unprecedented communications. We can speak to people all around the world in a matter of seconds. Breaking news takes only moments to reach radio and television broadcasts. The print media are all facing extinction as Kindle and iPod casts and Blackberry's allow us to access television, radio, and books diminish the number of subscriptions. And I confess, that I use the internet to access more information every day.

We have complained often of the biases of the news media. Readers complain of the political bias of The Roanoke Times. We often choose which newscast to watch on TV according to our own biases. Yet, it seems to me as though many young people – and maybe older people as well – do not discriminate the messages they receive by internet as carefully as they do other media. There are many good reasons to use the internet. Unfortunately, there are many wrong uses of the internet and those who seek to use the internet for wrongful purposes.

The heading above asks the question "Whose words?" Whose words do you believe and whose words don't you believe? It's not only a matter of faith and belief, it's a matter of our way of living. We send along e-mails to others, which gives them an idea of what we believe and who we are. We quote those we believe, and refute those we do not believe.

Face-to-face communications – except by electronic means – does not happen as often any more. Except for our families, we don't do

much visiting either. But words are important, and of greatest importance in faith.

We believe that the Bible contains words inspired by God to tell us how to live our lives for God's purpose. We believe that Jesus Christ is the living Word. We believe that the Holy Spirit inspires our reading of the Bible and helps us perceive how to live in a changing world. And although we do not know the names of all those who wrote the books of the Bible, we believe that God inspired the words that they wrote.

The Bible is the words of life for the true believer. The old gospel hymn calls them "Wonderful Word of Life." In the 1st verse is a line that says: "words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty." In essence, the Bible is the training manual for Christians. It is the discipleship training book for all Christians.

Now, we all have our favorite passages of the Bible. We all have scriptures that we would rather ignore as well, since these passages remind us of our lack of faith, our failure to be disciples, and our sinful nature. Still, these words – the words inspired by God – are meant to give us life – and new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whose words will control your life? Whose words are you will to follow to make your life more fulfilling? Whose words are you reading? And whose words are you passing on to your children and grandchildren—God's Word or the words of other's?



Worship Services

WORSHIP IN THE WORD IN JUNE !

The theme for our worships and messages during the summer is **"Another way of living in the 21st Century."** We are given many messages about the way to live from any number of media and advertisers, to internet blogs and facebook messages, self-help books, and counselors. As Christians though, we believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. And the Church of the Brethren urges us to another way of living. During the summer worship experiences, we will focus on the words of Jesus and the apostles of the early church to examine what they offer as another way of living for every generation and century.

Our worships will be enhanced by the musical talents of many individuals and groups. And if you have suggestions for special music, please give them to Betty Lou Carter, our Director of Music.

JUNE 6: GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY **Special music by the Camp Bethel Staff**

Scripture: The Gospel of Matthew 5:1-16
Message: "PST! Another Way of Living."

JUNE 13:

Scripture: The Letter of James 4:1-12
Message: "Submit to God"

JUNE 20: FATHER'S DAY

Scripture: The 1st Letter of Peter 4:1-11
Message: "Stewards of Grace"

JUNE 27: NYC 2010 COMMISSIONING **Special music from Vacation Bible School**

Scripture: The 1st Letter of John 3:11-24
Message: "Love in Truth and Action"

Pastor Jack and Lorna will be at Annual Conference on July 4 and on vacation on July 11. Look for information on the guest speakers in the July CONNECTION.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



WILL FABRIE, son of Jim and Karen Fabrie and grandson of Earl and Wanda Atkins, graduates as an Honor Student from William Byrd High School. Will will enter Roanoke College in the Fall.

AUSTIN CARROLL, son of Mike Carroll, grandson of Wayne and Sandra Carroll, and great grandson of Jewell Tyree, graduates from Salem High School. He will enter the United States Marine Corps in July fall with basic training at Camp Lejuene

ANDREA MARASIGAN, daughter of Merle and Rose Heckman, graduated from Hollins University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. She will enter the Roanoke/Botetourt Fire and Rescue Academy in the fall.

JESSICA CARROLL, daughter of Mike Carroll, granddaughter of Wayne and Sandra Carroll, and great granddaughter of Jewell Tyree, graduated from Radford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish. She will enter Law School in the fall.

ROXANNE SPENCER received a Master of Education degree in Special Education and with Teacher Licensure, with High Honors. Her emphasis was Severe Disabilities and Autism. Roxanne teaches in the Roanoke City Schools.

WE WELCOME GAY BULACH AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



We have a new Administrative Assistant following the retirement of Judy Shields in mid-May. Gay Bulach is a retired social worker with DePaul Family Services, and a member of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren. She is also a foster parent. Gay also has a daughter, Tima Hambleton, who is a student at Bridgewater College.

Gay's hours will be 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please welcome her to Peters Creek as you meet her.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE! (Part II)

Earlier we had suggested that all church members become active in Sunday School. Classes are available for all ages with experienced teachers who have well-prepared lessons.

Our youth would like to share with you what they enjoy about Sunday School and why everyone should attend:

Laura--Sunday School is fun, and you get to learn about God. Everyone should come to learn about God.

Roni—I like Sunday School because of music. Others should come—it's fun!

John Nash—I like Sunday School because of my teacher. Everyone should learn about God and Jesus.

Philip—I like to come to Sunday School because I can learn more about the Bible and can ask questions about it when necessary. I think others should come so we can have more people to do projects and take trips with.

Spencer—I like my classmates and my teacher. It's lots of fun, so I recommend it to everyone.

Kathy Otey (teacher)—I love Sunday School because I learn more about God's word and how God wants me to live my life. I love the fellowship. Others should come to hear and learn God's word.

The youth have excellent reasons for attending Sunday School. Let's take their advice!

BUSY BEES

The Busy Bees' hot dog luncheon will be held on July 7 and will celebrate Margaret Saul's and Jean Frazier's birthdays.

On August 4th, we are having a quilt show. We will be celebrating Frances Marshall's and Norma William's birthdays with a covered-dish lunch. This is the month we will show and tell. We've shared aprons, pillows, dishes, and now we will bring quilts. These can be any you've made or received, baby quilts or quilts you've given and hope they will let you have it back for a day. Come join us for a wonderful morning of fun and great fellowship!



Dear Church Family,

Once again, I am helping save lives from cancer by taking part in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, and I'm hoping you will support me. Our team will be camping out overnight on June 18, 2010, ensuring that there is someone on the track 24 hours in honor of survivors and in memory of those who have lost their battle with cancer. Relay For Life helps raise much-needed funds and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer and create more birthdays.

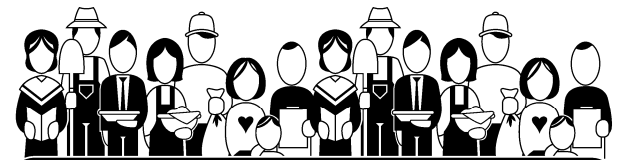
You may support this effort by donating cash, giving me a check made payable to The American Cancer Society, or donating online at <http://saalemrelayforlife.org>. Go to "Donate to a participant" and type in my name.

Thank you for your support in the right against this dreadful disease.

Charlene Lester

A Prayer When Challenged...

God of wisdom and love, help me and all others who are struggling with difficult circumstances find direction and strength to face our challenges. Give us the assurance that underneath us are your everlasting arms, which will sustain us through everything we face day and night. In Jesus' name. Amen.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

- 1 – Muriel Turner
- 4 – Todd Clingenpeel
- 4 – Rachel Linkous
- 5 – George Hunter
- 7 – Joyce Bailey
- 7 – Carolyn Montgomery
- 8 – Raymond Clark
- 17 – Aubrey Plunkett
- 19 – Kathy Otey
- 19 – Pauline Hungate
- 21 – Aundria Wilson
- 24 – Glenna Hungate
- 27 – Philip Casteel
- 27 – Spencer Halverson
- 28 – Jon Casto
- 30 – Lavene Hylton



Counters:

Joyce Mullens and Richard Wright

Deacons:

Merle and Rose Heckman

Sound System:

Darrell Hungate

Children's Storytime:

6/06 Melanie Graffeo

Greeters:

6/06 Ray and Pam Clark

6/13 Merle and Rose Heckman

6/20 Missy Carter and Rick Halverson

6/27 John and Carolyn Montgomery

Ushers:

6/06 Cox, Graffeo, Louthen, Mau

6/13 Clark, Kropff, Walters, Wise

6/20 Ammermann, Carter, Montgomery, Wright

6/27 Cox, Graffeo, Louthen, Mau

Sunday School Nursery:

6/06 Cathy Keith

6/13 Jeff Ball

6/20 Joel Keith

6/27 Melanie Graffeo

Worship Nursery:

6/06 Saudi Broughman and Linda Pulz

6/13 Cathy and Joel Keith

6/20 Jenn and Zoe Castro

6/27 Jeff and Regina Ball

Scripture Readers:

6/06 Merle Heckman

6/13 Rick Halverson

6/20 Cathy Keith

6/27 Charlene Lester

Children's Church:

6/06 Warren and Denise Ory

6/13 Enid and Katherine Mau

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6/27 Joel and Cathy Klein

- 1 – Elmer and Margie Hash
- 5 – Jon and Jennifer Castro
- 6 – Jeff and Melanie Graffeo
- 6 – Raymond and Pam Clark
- 11 – Darrell and Glenna Hungate
- 16 – Randy and Cynthia Compton
- 16 – Ted and Ruby Spradling



Please notify the church office if you wish to be included in or make corrections to the birthday and anniversary list.



Please Pray For:

Adalee Bailey, Georgia Coffman, Nancy Corbin, Margaret Dougherty, Penny Francisco, Larry Gibson, Tara Graffeo, Sarah Green, Carol Harris, Raymond Martin Tracy Keesee and family, John Mauk, Mary Ellen Mellon, Gavin Metz, Ralph Plunkett, Eddie Stinett, Jewell Tyree, Aiden Underwood, Faye Williams

Please notify the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Royal Bond, Ida Bower, Judson and Virginia Bowles, Julia Conner, Katherine Hamblin, Don King, Olive Pauley, Anna Belle Plunkett, Geraldine Plunkett, Joe Rhodes, Katie Rhodes, Muriel Turner



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held June 20 through 25. The theme is "Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!"



Preparing for Dad's Day

How about taking your father out for breakfast before worship or for lunch after the service? Or both!

Consider starting a Memory Book for him. Collect papers such as his birth and baptism certificates, photos of him as a child, a student, a graduate, a groom, a father, at his job and so on. If your mother has any special letters from your father she would be willing to share with the family, put them in the scrapbook.

Some time during Father's Day, ask him to tell stories about his most exciting adventures, meaningful religious experiences, his greatest joys, etc. Record these wonderful memories and then share them again on future occasions such as his birthday, anniversaries, family gatherings, Thanksgiving, etc.

Thoughts for Parents



- Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Wake children with humor. Caress them lovingly. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.
- Make home life joyful and memorable. Play games, tell funny stories, take walks and eat together. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them. And tell them God loves them!

June Meeting

The Deacons will meet on June 13 immediately following the worship service.

NEW DVD IN THE LIBRARY: "THE ULTIMATE GIFT"



"The Ultimate Gift" is a story about a young man's inspiring journey to discover the ultimate gift. At his grandfather's death, this young man is presented with an unlikely inheritance—a crash course on life—taking him on a path that will change him forever and answer the ultimate spiritual question: "What is the relationship between wealth and happiness?"

A Bible study guide is included with this DVD.

Look on the shelf labeled *NEW BOOKS* to check this DVD out!

From the family of Lewis Peters:

We are so grateful to have so many friends in Christ. Thanks to all of this congregation for all the prayers, cards, visits, and acts of love and support during Daddy's illness and when he passed away. Your thoughtfulness is a true blessing.

We think our Heavenly Father gave us the best earthly father and Paw-Paw ever.

The fullness of Dad's life will never end since he touched us with everlasting love and gave us all memories to cherish.

May God bless all of you for the peace lily given. And, please use the generous memorial gifts of \$890 to the greatest benefit of the church and continuing the good works of God.

**Peace and love, Ann and Arthur Dyer,
Sharon, Steve, Travis, Josh and Cory
Schmitt**