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The Beacon

We are a Christ-centered community; a light to the world through our response to God's Word.

Men's Ministry

Shrove Tuesday Dinner - a huge success!



Dewey McDonnell greets the arriving guests.

Despite the fresh snow, the turnout was excellent for the Spaghetti Dinner on Shrove Tuesday! 110 smiling people enjoyed fellowship and our excellent variety of home-cooked spaghetti sauces. We raised over \$400 in Free Will offerings for a very important charity in our community - the Culpeper Food Closet.



Lenten Worship
Wednesdays 12 Noon & 7 pm
Soup Supper at 6 pm
 Holy Communion & Children's Sermon
Please invite your friends and neighbors!

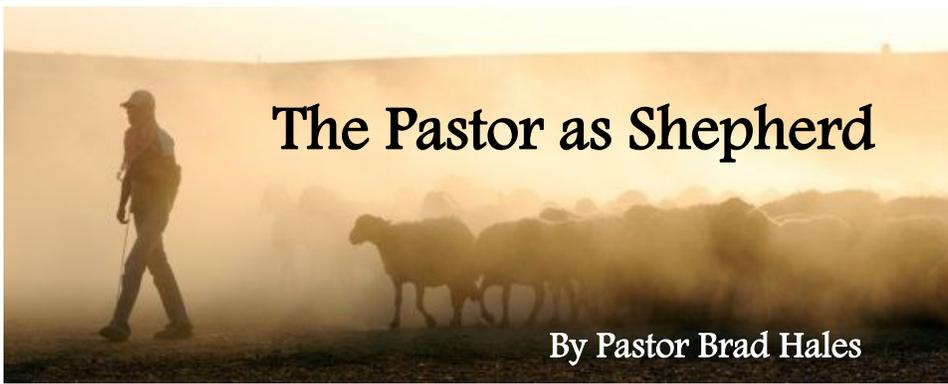
The Men's Ministry thanks all who came and all who donated food, time and the materials for this annual event. We also thank Carl Barb for coordinating the dinner on behalf of our congregation and Men's Ministry.

The Spring Yard Sale is coming! Saturday, May 2nd

Bring your donated items to church, or call Wayne Baker to arrange for a pickup. Individual Sales Tables are available again this year at \$20 each, on a first-come basis.

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The Pastor as Shepherd

By Pastor Brad Hales

shepherds of the flock that God gave you and to take care of it willingly, as God wants you to, and not unwillingly. Do your work, not for mere pay, but from a real desire to serve. Do not try to rule over those who have been put in your care, but be

Over the last month, I've been thinking a lot about what it means to be a pastor today. Some think that a pastor should be a coach. Some think that a pastor should be a motivator. Some even think that a pastor should be a CEO. While some might believe that these are proper descriptions for the pastoral role in the 21st Century, I believe that the Biblical understanding for a pastor still holds true for today, and is needed more than ever. In God's Word, a pastor is still described as a shepherd. A shepherd whose role is to guide the flock, the congregation.

In Greek, the word "poimen" means herdsman (shepherd), one who leads an assembly (congregation). There are different Biblical texts which describe this role of a "shepherding pastor." In Acts 20:28 it is written, "So keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock which the Holy Spirit has placed in your care. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He made His own through the blood of His Son." In John 21:15-19, the resurrected Jesus tells Peter, the first pastor, to "take care of my sheep."

But one of the main Biblical texts which speaks of pastor as shepherd is found in I Peter 5:1-14, as it says:

"I, who am an elder myself, appeal to the church elders among you. I am a witness of Christ's sufferings, and I will share in the glory that will be revealed. I appeal to you to be

examples of the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the glorious crown which will never lose its brightness."

So what does it mean for the "shepherding pastor" to care for the flock (congregation)? Its means that the pastor must teach and preach the Word of God. It means that the pastor must love the congregation and lead the flock through both good and difficult times. The pastor is also called to keep unity in the congregation, always keeping Jesus Christ as the center. The pastor is called to tend the flock, ministering and visiting members as they go through life's events. And the shepherd, the pastor, is called to protect the flock from evil, the devil; and false teachings against God's Word and the Savior Jesus Christ.

I Peter 5 reminds us that the pastor does not do their work just for pay, but they are called to the task. Hopefully, they will willingly obey God's call and serve. Not trying to "boss everyone around," but be examples of Christ-like living. Hopefully, a pastor's ministry will please the great Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ!

So, how can you help a pastor to fulfill their role as a "shepherd?" Please pray for them and encourage them. This will make all the difference!

In Jesus' saving love,
Pastor Brad

GOD Commanded it. ISRAEL Celebrated it. JESUS Fulfilled it. PASSOVER



An example of a traditional Seder plate.

What exactly is a Seder?

A Passover Seder is a ritual service held at home as part of the Passover celebration. It is observed on the first, and sometimes second, night of Passover. On both nights, the Seder concludes with a dinner. Participants use a book called the Haggadah to lead the service. "Hagaddah" means "the telling," in Hebrew, and it contains instructions for the Seder, blessings, and the Passover story.

The word "Seder" means "order" in Hebrew. The name is derived from the 15 parts of the service, all revolving around the Passover dinner. Food is a very important symbolic element of Passover.

The Congregation is invited to attend a Passover Seder Meal Monday, March 30 at 7 pm In the Fellowship Hall

David Liebman from "Jews For Jesus" will be here at Reformation to guide us through the Passover Haggadah (Seder) in the traditional manner.

Our Fellowship Hall will be set up - thanks to Rose Kendrick - as if we are in the dining room of someone's home. We'll hear the story of the Passover and sample the elements of a Jewish Seder Plate.

***Seating is limited to 60 people; sign up early!
Reservations are required! Contact Jerrie
Rosenfeld in the Parish Office (540) 825-1376.***

Order your Easter Lilies

We will display Easter Lilies again this year on Easter Sunday. A Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table in the sanctuary. Cost is \$11 each. Use a tithing or pew envelope, and under "Flowers" write Easter Lily. You may take your Lily home after the 11 am service on Easter Sunday, March 5. Last day to sign up for Easter Lilies is Sunday, March 22.

Any questions please call or email Nancy Aitken (540) 825-1057, nancyandal@vabb.com. Thank you.



Early Summer Announcement ...

Vacation Bible School will be held
The week of June 22 - 26.

It will occur during the daytime this year from 9 am till 12 Noon.
Our theme is "Jesus Working Through Us"

** Many volunteers will be needed. **

Please watch for upcoming registration materials. Until then contact
Jennifer Wilson (540) 937-5699 or Carrie Waltz (540) 317-5279.

Ministry & Small Groups: Meetings & Happenings

Administration -

Finance - Stewardship - Property

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm. Contact Pat Wittich (540) 718-1193.

Currently seeking new Chair!

Christian Education - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Becky Stewart (540) 775-9818. *Looking ahead to VBS!*

New time 9 am - 12:30 pm

Council - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 17 @ 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Contact Diane Kelly (540) 348-1580.

Evangelism - Next meeting Tuesday, March 19 @ 6 pm. Contact Lilja Powell (540) 825-3347. *Planning for the Family Fun Fair on Sat 5/16! Come join us!*

Fellowship - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Barbara Rhodes (540) 727-8989.

Men's Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, March 14 @ 8 am @ Country Cookin'. Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact Wayne Baker (540) 825-2966.

Prayer Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, April 11 @ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Meets every other month, on the "even number" months. Contact Nancy Crow (540) 825-2642. *Prayer changes lives!*

Senior Ministry - Next meeting is Friday, April 10 @ 8 am @ The Place. Meets the 2nd Friday of the month Contact Ingrid Gormley @ The Place (540) 727-8989. *Spring Dance Sat 3/21 @ Reva Fire Hall! Tickets available!*

Social Ministry - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Mickey Miller at (540) 972-3375 or (540) 538-1232.

Women's Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, March 21 @ 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Amy Harwood (540) 341-7084. *Learn about Square Foot Gardens Sat 3/21 @ 10 am! It's almost time to plant!*

Worship & Music - Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 @ 3:45 pm. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Janet McDonnell (540) 272-4395.

Youth Ministry - Meets with students every Wednesday night from 6 - 8 pm @ church. Contact Lorraine Carter (540) 827/-7168 or Pastor Brad. *Speaker Series during Lent! Meet @ The Place for pizza, speaker & fun games with your friends.*



Reformation's Mother Group –
New day/time - Beginning April 10
2nd & 4th Sundays 10 - 10:50 am at Church!

Carrie Waltz, (540) 827-4845
Joyce Cohoon, (540) 317-5279



Prayer Shawl Group –
Meets Mondays 10 am - Noon
at The PLACE

Dianne Vanderhoof, (540) 604-0068
Barbara Tomayko (540) 972-6497



PieceMakers Quilting Group –
*Meets *Saturdays 9:30 am - Noon*
*at The PLACE *not the 3rd Saturday*

Dianne Vanderhoof, (540) 604-0068

Holy Week 2015

Holy Week is a wonderful time of the year to invite others to meet the Lord Jesus. Please ask your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to come with you to any of our Worship opportunities.

Lenten Worship

Lenten Services continue to be held on the Wednesdays in March: March 4, 11, 18 & 25th. Worship is offered at 12 Noon and 7 pm. All the services include singing, prayer, confession, an interactive Bible study and Holy Communion. Our theme is "The Parables of Lent".

At 6 pm, we share a Soup & Bread Supper in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Sign-up sheet on the round table in back of the church if you can provide Soup.

Lent is a 40 Day period of repentance, reflection and renewal. It is a time of preparation, as Jesus is walking to the Cross for us. Lent draws us closer to Christ and his life giving Word.

Lenten Worship is a great opportunity to study God's Word, and grow in our relationship and devotion to Jesus Christ.



Holy Week Services



Palm Weekend March 28-29

Saturday Praise Worship - 6 pm
with Prayer & Healing
Sunday Festival Worship - 8 & 11 am
*We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry
into Jerusalem as Lord and King!*

Monday, March 30

Authentic Passover Sedar Meal 7 pm*

with David Liebman/ Jews for Jesus
* *Reservations Required*

Tuesday, March 31

Stations of the Cross 12 Noon & 7 pm

Holy Wednesday - April 1

Community Prayer Vigil
from 9 am - 9 pm
"Encountering Jesus"

Maundy Thursday - April 2

Worship at 12 Noon and 7 pm
*Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples,
and Christ's command to Love.*

Good Friday - April 3

Prayer Service 12 Noon
Tenebrae Service 7 pm
*Service of the Shadows -
The Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ of Nazareth*

Holy Saturday - April 4

Praise Worship 6 pm
*We remember Jesus crucifixion
and celebrate his resurrection.*

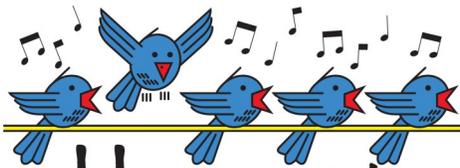


Easter Sunday - April 5

Sunrise Worship- 6 am
Continental Breakfast - 7 am
Festival Worship - 8 & 11 am
(No Sunday School)



*The resurrection of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ of Nazareth!*



Add Your Voice to the **Joyful Noise Choir**

Our "Joyful Noise" choir meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 am to rehearse a familiar anthem that is sung at the 11 am Sunday Service after the 1st lesson. Then the choir gathers around the piano to lead the communion singing at the same service.

Our church musicians, Becky Stewart and Mark Ward have coordinated a set of choir anthems to be sung over the next three months for which the schedule is found below. YouTube computer links are also included to be able to listen and practice

the anthems before coming in on Sunday. Please contact Becky Stewart beckyt@crosslink.net or (540) 287-3722 if you'd like to join with us on any 3rd Sunday and need to get music.

The March through May schedule is:

March 15, 11 am

Anthem: SEEK YE FIRST

Listen to YouTube Video (by Marantha Singers, the 1st three minutes of video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH8bV7rUVaU>

April 19, 11 am

Anthem: HOSANNA

The link on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoz5wpycqvw>

May 17, 11 am

Anthem: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

Becky Stewart arrangement with Becky on flute and Mark on guitar



*Christian
Children's Theatre*



*Miss Becky plays for us, and we love to sing praise songs and dance to the music!
Photo from 2009 - "Wonderful Wednesdays"
Children's Ministry.*

The week of July 13 - 17 (M-F) from 6 - 8 pm, there will be a Reformation Children's Summer Music Theater for children in grades 1 - 6.

Lorraine Carter and our youth group will be assisting with this amazing production of "Jonah and the Big Fish", written by local Playwright, Malanna Henderson of Fredericksburg, together with our very own musician, Becky Stewart, who wrote the music and lyrics for this 2010 production.

On Friday, July 17, the youth will host a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 pm, then the play will be presented to the community at 7 pm.

Questions? Please call Becky Stewart at (540) 287-3722.



Carl & Brenda Barb and family, Adam Bendeson, Karen Bendeson, Judy Brennan, Brenda

Breneman, Nancy Crow, Chris Greene, Mackenzie Greene, Amy Harwood, Pete Harwood, Doris Luniewski, Maggie Martinez, Ann & Paul Melisurgo, Daniel & Paloma Mills, Alicia Morgan, Calvin Pettie, Mary Ann Rinker, Wayne Rinker, Gramma Glo, Lisa Solomon, the family of Gary Van Ness, Rodger Walcker, Alda Ward, and all others in need of healing.

Reformation's Prayer List

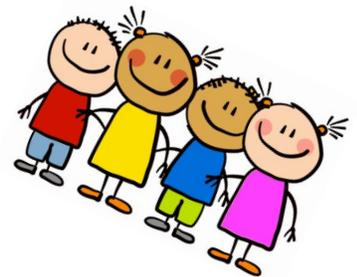
Holy Week Prayer Vigil

"Come and Encounter Jesus"

Wednesday, April 1
from 9 am – 9 pm

In the midst of the busy-ness of our lives
may we encounter
the living and hope-filled Jesus.
In prayer, Christ becomes real
and present to you.
Sign up to be a greeter or an intercessor.
Questions? See Nancy Crow.

Jesus Loves the Little Children



And Reformation loves the little children, too! No matter the size of the crowd - one or twenty - children are a big part of each Worship service. Ms Jennifer leads 8 am and Pastor Brad on Saturday night. Thank you Lord for the kids!

Men's Ministry CHARITY YARD SALE

The Men's Ministry CHARITY YARD SALE is coming up rapidly, May 2. It will be right here on the grounds of RLC.

We have repeat customers who come here every year to buy. We also appreciate our congregation responding every year to our requests for supplying us with a good variety of things to sell! Our men have sponsors for small expenses, so rest assured that everything you commit to us for this event gets turned over 100% to charities in the area.

Can you support us again this year? If you are unsure of, or want clarification,

of what to donate, please do call our coordinators, Wayne Baker or Morris Foster. They can also advise you on our immediate storage capability.

VENDOR SALE -- Same day and same place. Right here at RLC. For a small fee, (\$20.) you can have a vendor spot with great visibility to the street. You sell or promote, and you keep the proceeds of your work. Last year, our vendors had terrific results!

Again, for general information, you can contact either Morris or Wayne. We thank you in advance for supporting our annual Spring yard sale and vendor sale.

Article by Jerrie Kintz

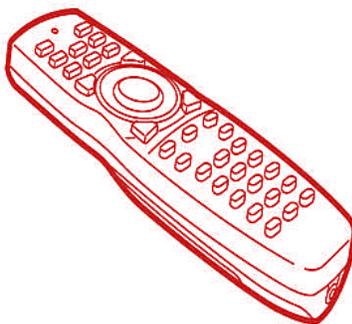
In a Nursing Home Without a Working TV Remote

Article by Jerrie Kintz

I have a friend in a nursing home. He is 94 years old and his name is Pat (short for Pasquale). Early in January, Pat dropped his t.v. remote and broke it. For two weeks, when asked about it, he kept saying the "people here" were taking care of it for him. Pat could never remember how to manually change channels so he ended up just watching one that had a bunch of westerns on it.

Finally, after figuring out this was not going to be solved anytime soon, we got a replacement at Walmart for Pat

and he was very pleased. Did I mention that he hates asking for help!



Pat has a family (son and daughter) he never gets to see. They all have moved to other states and rarely come back. He has seen his daughter once in 5 years. And Pat

tells me he feels sorry for his son because he has so many responsibilities and is so busy. But I know his son, and he is retired and in good health and loves to drive on vacations. Did I mention that Pat has a great imagination?

Pat likes to sing. He is Italian and I think he thinks he is the second coming of Frank Sinatra. More often than not we have a "sing along" of whatever old song he starts out with. When he is in a good mood, he says during our conversations "there's a song there somewhere" and he will start

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Good-bye to Our Friend

We were all saddened at the passing of our President, David Graham. David was a terrific leader who was involved in everything we do as a group. Who could forget, for example, Dave going around with the "dots" and pricing and re-pricing items at our Yard Sale and helping all the people making decisions. Dave "connected" with anybody and everybody and his leadership will be missed.

The 2015 Men's Ministry Officers are:

- ⇒ Jerry Kintz, *President*
- ⇒ Wayne Baker, *Vice President and Men's Contact: (540) 825-2966; tlbaker39@gmail.com*
- ⇒ Tim Rinker, *Treasurer*
- ⇒ Al Swann, *Secretary*



The "kitchen staff" on Shrove Tuesday served up some delicious food!

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crooning out songs like "if you knew Susie like I knew Susie". But in this case, O what a guy! He makes me laugh.

Don't get me started with his menu complaints. Except for when he was in the Army, Pat had home cooked meals all his life. The staff knows his complaints so well by now (he has been there 4 years) that Pat only has to stare at his plate of food and they get the message - and they hurry up with a hot dog for him! Pat says, "at least with a hot dog, you know what you are getting". Did I men-

tion that Pat is always very sure of his own opinions!

The nursing home staff really like Pat because even though he complains a lot, he is a talker. And, sometimes he even thanks them. Did I mention that he likes to argue? Did I also mention that not once in 20 years have I heard Pat curse or tell a "dirty" story. Until he was approaching 90 years old, he walked to church every Sunday. Little kids loved him because he always lets out a musical "hello!" to them, with a smile and a chuckle.

My friend is lonely. Just when it seems his life is coming

down to just hot dogs and a working clicker, Pat still amazes me with his ability to communicate with people around him. Did I mention that for some years now, Pat has been deaf. I write things on paper for him to read. He eagerly reads and responds on any subject, but favors sports and politics - and we agree on nothing in those areas. Maybe one day I will learn to not aggravate Pat with such writings as his beloved Yankees are such "losers"! Maybe I'll treat Pat better and just agree with everything he says. Boy, would he be shocked!

Article by Jerrie Kintz



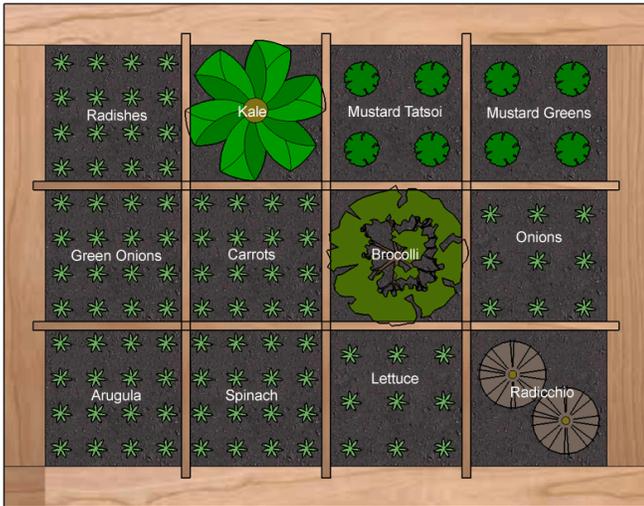
The Art of Square Foot Gardening

Presented by John & Dianne Vanderhoof
Saturday, March 21st at 10 am



Everyone is welcome! Come discover your green thumb!

Sponsored by Women's Ministry - Reformation Fellowship Hall



The Vanderhoofs' Square Foot Garden

Cooler Ministry



The Reformation Cooler Ministry is back in action and we want YOU to be part of it!

I hope that many of you are wondering, "What is the Cooler Ministry?" Please let me explain. Many times,

members of our church family have a need for help with meals.

Whether recuperating from an illness, surgery, or struggling through a death in the family. Whatever the reason, help with meals is a welcome blessing. Here's how you can help. Just contact me at **(540) 829-0585** or put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the back table in the Sanc-

tuary. When a need arises, either Virginia Wortman or I will give you a call. We'll let you know what you can provide and when. And If you, or someone you know has a need of meals, please reach out to Pastor Brad or me and we'll spring into action.

One last thing. This is where the name "Cooler" Ministry comes in. RLC will provide a cooler outside the door of the home receiving meals. That way, if the family is not home or unable to answer the door, the food can be safely dropped off in the cooler.

So, let me hear from you! I'm looking forward to establishing a nice long list of volunteers! Blessings to you all and thank you!

Lois Brobst



Got Old Jewelry?

We have an exciting project!

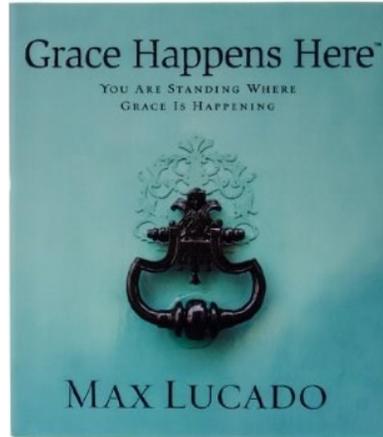
We're taking up a collection of previously worn, but gently used, jewelry.

*Rings - Bracelets
Necklaces - Pins
Costume or Fine Jewelry*

We'll host a Resale Market for the ladies of Reformation at a later date. Funds gleaned from the resale of the jewels will help support our many charitable projects.

Will You Donate? Please bring in your jewelry starting Sunday, April 12th. Look for Women's Ministry during coffee hour after each service in the Fellowship Hall. OR contact Amy Harwood (540) 341-7084 or harwoodmail@aol.com to make arrangements. Thank you!

**Join Us For Monthly Bible Meditation
"Grace Happens Here"
By Max Lucado
Led by Ada Foster**



Ada Foster shows us her Mardi Gras spirit during the annual Men's Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner.



Big Hats and High Tea

It's that time of year again
To begin thinking of how you'll
Decorate your hat for the

Annual Women's Ministry Tea Party

Saturday, April 25th

1 - 3:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

A Fine Assortment of
Teas, Sweets and Savories
Exciting Silent Auction to Benefit
Reformation Vacation Bible School
Watch for Your Invitation in the Mail



A Message From Missionary Pastor Kevin of Sowin' Love

Dear Friends,

I wanted to express our sincere appreciation to all of our friends at RLC Culpeper, for your prayers and support of our ministry, and my family.

As of this writing Joshua Kaleb, born July 7, 2014, seven months old now, is at the birth weight of our three other children. He was born weighing just 1 1/2 lbs, taken early to save the life of his mother Joann because of hypertension.

He has thrived through seven operations now, two on each eye, double hernia surgery, which was done on an emergency basis, as well as other procedures necessary in his young life, He is back home as of February 11 and doing well.

It is hard to express my deep gratitude to everyone, as well as the wonder of seeing yet another miracle in my life, and on the mission field. In The Philippines where so many children don't even make it to their 5th birthday, let alone thrive through all the challenges of prematurity, and the operations, Joshua Kaleb continues to thrive. This is one of the reasons I gave him this name, because I knew he would have to be a fighter. The very words that I told him, as

I prayed over him, so many, many times.

In our ministry we saw another record breaking year, in attendance, discipleship, membership growth, children fed, (over 500 per week) vitamins, medicine, and Bibles given out, some 132,000 doses, and over 175 hardcover Bibles given out, as well as New Testaments, and devotionals.

As we look back over a year filled with challenges, and many difficult moments, we "lift up our eyes to where our help comes from", The Lord; our great GOD and Savior Jesus Christ, who's limitless love, and awesome power continues to validate HIS promises that are all "Yes, and Amen". We do so with a grateful heart that we are partners with HIM, and with you, in this ministry that continues to exceed our expectations so much, that we know, it is all HIM, not us.

We thank You again for your prayers, generosity, and faithful and dedicated support, which enables us the privilege to serve and help so many.

Pastor Kevin Harris

Sowin' Love Ministries
 kevin@sowinlove.org
 (703) 895-8468



*Little baby Joshua Kaleb and his siblings
 Kendra Mae and with Jovin*

Sunday School Schedule

Cooperative Teaching



Sunday School

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please contact Jennifer Wilson @ (540) 937-5699

Date	Lesson	Teacher	Phone No,
3/15	4	Val Saunders	710-3066
3/22	5	Candice Rinker	547-3179
3/29	6	Brian/Susan Wortman	727-8286
4/5	Easter	---	---
4/12	7	Sarah Pendleton	538-0392
4/19	8	Sue Hromyak	672-2308



Miss Fran teaching an excited Sunday School class !



Miss Fran always inspires her students

- ⇒ New Members approved in January: Robyn DeJarnette, Matt Reiner, Vicky Reiner, Emmalyn Reiner; members re-instated: Jason and Chandra Watson (Quinton, Alexis, and Oliver Watson)
- ⇒ Council is excited that Reformation's Youth In Christ group is growing – up to 12 to 15 members meet each Wednesday – Council approved petty cash for community lunches and for purchase of a new church projector for youth and other ministry groups to use.
- ⇒ Kemper Quaintance (Realtor/Property Manager) provided a report on the good progress of plans to renovate our future 2016 church site located at the old Rappahannock Electric building near the hospital. The city of Culpeper, VDOT, and other city planners are in preliminary support of the project that is estimated to take 1 year to complete after initial ground-breaking in May/June 2015.
- ⇒ Council encourages parents with young children to bring their children to service and to fully involve them in the life of the church! Child care and/or church school is provided during most services.
- ⇒ Child care provided during Maundy Thursday (4/2/15) and Good Friday (4/3/15) Services this Easter season.
- ⇒ Ministry reports are attached to the monthly Council Minutes (hanging on the bulletin board outside of the church kitchen) and are available upon request.

Council Corner



Please contact Council President Diane Kelly if you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other Council highlights or matters at (540) 348-1580.

God Speaks To Us

Submitted by *Jerrie Rosenfeld*

I would like to share with you a vision and a Word from the Lord -

On the day of the healing service, I try to stay as quiet as I can, no telephone, no TV, no radio or music, no computer and I do not leave the house until it's time to go to the church building. I read my Bible and devotional booklets. The day of the January healing service, I followed this same routine.

Sitting quietly I began to have a vision of our church building. I saw an angel going from room to room with a flaming coal. The angel was cleaning every room and closet from top to bottom. I thought of the live coal that touched Isaiah's mouth as part of his commissioning (Isaiah 6:1-13). When the angel had thoroughly cleansed every inch of our building I saw Jesus sweeping everything that wasn't supposed to be in the building out the front doors. Everything that wasn't from Him was swept away, gotten rid of and He made all of RLC His Holy Ground! God was specific in telling me to share that we are on Holy Ground the moment we enter the building. In fact, if you can and if you are willing, you may want to remove your shoes: take a look at Exodus 3:1-5. There are also times when we may want to kneel before our God. The refrain of a song started to run through my mind and at first I wasn't quite sure it was a real hymn, until God gave me the hymn title - Holy Ground (I later found out it was written by Geron Davis). I knew I had to do something I don't normally do: turn on my computer and find these words. The very first verse says it all! Read through the verses of Mr. Davis' beautiful hymn and let the words speak to you.

I didn't understand at first why God was talking about shoes off and kneeling and then He showed me: shoes off and kneeling are indicative of humbleness and humility. He wants us to receive His Word in humbleness and humility. He wants to anoint and commission us in humbleness and humility to go out and work for the Kingdom ministering to His people, our sisters and brothers. He is calling us as individuals and as a congregation.

Please read prayerfully the "Word to the Congregation" and ask Jesus to reveal to you where and how He wants you and the congregation to minister and serve. I pray that we will be able to share with one

another what God reveals.

Finally, before going to bed I generally read the day's devotion from Our Daily Bread. Below you will find the devotion for Saturday, January 24th - the day of the healing service.

*In God's Love,
Jerrie Rosenfeld*

A Word to the Congregation:

I have been calling, the Holy Spirit has been calling, the Father has been calling and yet you have not answered. You have not answered to serve, to minister, to give your time and talents. I have equipped you with all that you need to give of yourself to my people and yet you hold back. Why? What are you afraid of? I did not hold back my love from you. I gave all for you. I gave my life for you. Do not be afraid for I have prepared the path for you. The Spirit walks with you.

Open your heart to love one another, to serve one another, to minister to one another, to bear one another's burdens and joys.

January, 2015



Prayer changes things.

Holy Ground

Geron Davis

Verse

As I walked through the door
I sensed His presence
And I knew this was the place
Where love abounds
For this is a temple
Jehovah God abides here
We are standing in His presence
On holy ground

Chorus

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there
Are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in His presence
On holy ground

Verse 2

In His presence
There is joy beyond measure
And at His feet
Peace of mind can still be found
If you have a need
I know He has the answer
Reach out and claim it child
You're standing on holy ground

Chorus 2

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there
Are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in His presence (3X)
On holy ground

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Answer the Cry

Submitted by Jerrie Rosenfeld

Read: Isaiah 30:15-22

When my grandchildren were young, my son took them to see the stage production of *The Lion King*. As the young lion, Simba, stood over his father, King Mufasa, who had been killed by his evil uncle, little Simba, afraid and alone, cried out, "Help, Help, Help!" At that moment, my 3-year old grandson stood on his chair in the hushed theater and shouted, "Why doesn't somebody help him?!"

The Old Testament contains many accounts of God's people crying out for help. Although their trouble was often self-imposed due to their waywardness, God was still eager to come to their aid.

The prophet Isaiah had to deliver a lot of bad news, but in the midst of it he assured the people that "the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion How gracious he will be when you cry for help!" (Isa. 30:18-19 NIV). Yet God often looked to His own people to be the answer to that cry for help (see Isa. 58:10).

Today, people all around us are in need of someone to take action to help them. It is a high privilege to become the hands of God as we respond on His behalf to cries for help.

- Joe Stowell

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Captive Free Visits Youth

On February 11th, Captive Free East Coast came to lead Youth in Christ. Captive Free is a part of Youth Encounter, a Christian non-profit organization that has been offering relational youth ministry resources to Christian communities for over 50 years. Rooted in the Christian Scriptures and shaped by the Lutheran tradition, Youth Encounter partners with Christian communities of all denominations throughout 30 countries.

We had so much fun worshipping and playing games with Charlie, Sam, Rebecca, Rachel, and Steven! We were also so blessed to hear their testimonies and ask questions regarding their experiences as they travel across the eastern U.S.

We look forward to seeing them again as they visit Reformation in April!

Lorraine Carter, Youth Director



Reformation's youth group, Youth in Christ, enjoys time with the members of Captive Free East Coast.



Consecration Weekend April 18 - 19

We give - because He gave

Enjoy a special Fellowship Meal
after each Worship Service

This is the one time each year we are asked to pledge our time, talent, and treasure to support the Ministry of Reformation, so we can continue to share the Great Good News and saving love of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

Captive Free brings special music!

For more information, please contact

Pat Wittich (540) 717-1193.

Join us at the next Admin meeting

Tuesday, April 14 @ 6 pm!

Youth
ENCOUNTER



**Family
FUN
FAIR**
Saturday, May 16
10 am - 3 pm

Contact Lorraine Carter
(540) 825-4647



Pastor Brad waves & welcomes folks to the Family Fun Fair!

Mark your Calendar for the Family Fun Fair

Evangelism meeting 6 pm Thursday, March 19 • Refreshments served!

It's time to start planning for the Fun Fair!

Last year, we welcomed over 500 visitors to the Fun Fair. Focus is on Fun for the whole family at this Outreach event - and sharing the Good News of Jesus' love. Can you help?

We're looking for Leaders to organize and run the many features of the Fun Fair. We learned a lot from last year, and know we need good people for area management. Some Leadership Positions we seek:

Site Manager

Vendor Coordinator

Catering Coordinator

Games Master

Set-up Manager

Gate & Security

If you have organizational skills, and can share your talents for the Fun Fair, please come to the Evangelism Ministry meeting at 6 pm Thursday, March 19th.

Or, contact Lorraine Carter 825-4647; lorriebug2001@yahoo.com, or Lilja Powell 829-3206; lilja@starpower.net





Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult, but celebratory time for myself, Carolyn, and the rest of the family. John Garrison Van Ness is at eternal peace now, and sharing dance moves with mom. I especially want to thank Pastor Brad, and those church members who made the Memorial Service easier for all of Dad's family.

In Jesus' Love,
Bruce Van Ness

RLC Family,

Thank you so much for the flowers, telephone calls, prayers and cards during the recent passing of Carl's mother Laura. Special thank you to Jerry Kintz who came and shoveled my driveway while Carl was in the valley with his mother prior to her death.

With Love,
Carl and Brenda Barb

Dear friends -

Thank you for all your prayers over the past 16 months during my illness. I have seen first hand what faith, hope, and love looks like and it looks like all of YOU good folks. My family and I appreciate your acts of kindness in meals and calls, cards and visits, too. Now I am thankful to be cancer free! AMEN to that!

Pete Harwood

Dear Church Family -

I want to thank you very much for the lovely Fellowship and celebration of the Beacon. I love working on this newsletter so much. It started out as something for me to do but it has truly become a ministry for me. I get to work with the dynamic members of our congregation and have fun at the same time. I especially want to thank my daughter Bethany for asking our dear friend Rose Kendrick to help her with the fellowship.

Bless your hearts,
Amy Harwood xx

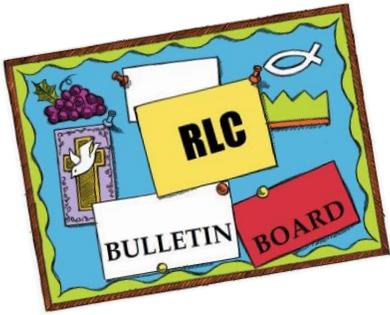
Dear Amy,

The Men's Ministry would like to thank the ladies of Women's Ministry of RLC for all your support (desserts and the labor) at our Annual Shrove Tuesday dinner. AND of course, thank you for all the excellent work with "the Beacon". Much appreciated!

Best wishes,
Jerry Kintz
Men's Ministry

The Culpeper Heat Shelter Program wants to extend their gratitude for the time and effort the "quilt makers" put into the quilts for the homeless. Knowing these quilts were made with such prayerful and loving hands and then blessed by your Pastor is a real blessing for the homeless. You should take great joy in knowing your labors of love are being used by many of the Heat Shelter guests on these cold winter months. The many churches involved in this ministry are so happy Reformation is a member of the team.

Sincerely, *Jill A. Devine*



*Is this a dream come true?
A garage full of Girl Scout cookies?*



*Mrs Carrie brought a few of her favorite little people to
Ash Wednesday service. They were good as gold!*



Wayne & Thelma Baker
Don & Pat Wittich
Dave & Pam Lambert
Harlan & Jeannette Gaddy
Scott and Connie Walters

*Did we miss your big day? Please let us
know. Email the church office at:
officeast@culpeperlutherans.org*



- 3 Roger Walcker
- 5 James Maiers
Dawson Parker
- 6 Robyn Gray
- 7 Ada Foster
John Kendrick
Nancy Richmond
- 10 Valerie Dryer
- 11 Rose Kendrick
- 13 Ken Tomayko
- 14 Doris (Mickey) Miller
- 19 Bruce Van Ness
- 20 Lily Briceno
- 21 Sterling Smyth
Allen Swann
- 22 Jared Arnold
- 23 Christopher Hunt
Chloe Kelly
- 25 Cole Shaffer
- 27 Sean Bauer
- 29 Collin McClanahan
- 30 Wanda Beard
Christa Ann Saunders

**New
to Our
Family**



*Pastor Brad welcomes Victor King, Robin Dejarrette, Matt, Vicky and Emalyn
Reiner to the Reformation family. We're so happy you're here!*



*Jennifer Wilson's family can't wait to
BBQ by the pool! Frosty got a head
start in his grilling gear. Great job!*

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† Holy Week Services †

March 28	Saturday Praise Worship Palm Procession	6 pm
March 29	Palm Sunday Worship Palm Procession	8 & 11 am
Monday, March 30	Passover Sedar Meal Led by David Liebman, <i>Jews for Jesus</i>	7 pm Reservations Required
Tuesday, March 31	Stations of the Cross (Protestant Version)	12 Noon & 7 pm
April 1	Holy Wednesday - All Day Community Prayer Vigil	9 am - thru 9 pm
April 2	Maundy Thursday (Last Supper)	12 Noon & 7 pm
April 3	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	12 Noon 7 pm
April 4	Holy Saturday Praise Worship	6 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship Continental Breakfast Festival Worship No Sunday School	6 am 7 am 8 & 11 am