

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### North Regional

#### Sunday School & Discipleship Leader Training

Saturday—August 26, 2017

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Athens

If you are interested in going please call the office at 256.381.1662 to make your reservation.

#### College and Career Class Outing

##### Back To School Grill

Saturday—August 5, 2017

At the Home of Leon & Charlotte Borden. Please see Charlotte Borden for more details.

## EACH ONE INVITE ONE

We will be starting a second service on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The service will start at 8:00 am.

Please be in prayer for our services.

Start inviting your one person for that day.

Visit us on the web & make your contribution online at: [www.valleygrove.com](http://www.valleygrove.com)

Like us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142416005804026/>

The Clothing Ministry Page - <https://www.facebook.com/vgclothingministry?ref=bookmarks>

### SENIOR ADULT GAME NIGHT

Thursday—August 24, 2017

5:30 pm

At Valley Grove Baptist Church

Bring a friend, your favorite game(s) and finger foods

### Bible Class Teacher Training

Wednesday, August 16 @ 6:00 pm - Children's Teachers

Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:00 pm - Youth Teachers

Wednesday, August 30 @ 6:00 pm - Adult Teachers

### MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, August 27 @ 5:00 pm

Movie to Be Announced

### CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 3 - After morning worship

At Valley Grove Baptist Church

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Dr. Greg Beasley, Pastor

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Bro. Frankie LaBoone, Senior Adult/Outreach Director

Mary Underwood, Children's Director

Bro. Ted Vafeas, Education/Young Couples

Bro. Jeremy Scott, Youth Director

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One day a woman named Louise fell asleep in her bed and dreamed a very fitful dream. She dreamed that someone in Hell wrote a letter to her, and it was to be delivered to her by a messenger.

The messenger passed between the lakes of burning fire and brimstone that occupies Hell and found his way to the door that would lead him to the outside world.

Louise dreamed that the messenger walked to her house, came inside, and gently but firmly woke Louise. He gave her the message, saying only that a friend had written it to her from Hell.

Louise, in her dream with trembling hands, took the letter and read:

*My Friend,  
I stand in Judgment now,  
And feel that you're to blame somehow.  
Never did you point the way.  
You knew the Lord in truth and glory,  
But never did you tell the story.  
My knowledge then was very dim;  
You could have led me safe to Him.  
Though we lived together on the earth,  
You never told me of the second birth,  
And now I stand this day condemned,  
Because you failed to mention Him.  
You taught me many things, that's true.  
I called you "friend" and trusted you,  
But I learn now that it's too late,  
You could have kept me from this fate.  
We walked by day and talked by night,  
And yet you showed me not the Light.  
You let me live, and love, and die,  
You knew I'd never live on high.  
Yes, I called you "friend" in life,  
And trusted you through joy and strife.  
And yet on coming to the end,  
I cannot, now, call you "My Friend."  
Marsha*

After reading the letter, Louise awoke. The dream was still so real in her mind and sweat dropped from her body in pools.

She swore she could still smell the acrid smell of brimstone and smoke from her room.

As she contemplated the meaning of her dream, she realized that as a Christian, she had failed in her duty to "go out to all the world and preach the gospel." As she thought of that, she promised herself that the next day, she would call Marsha and invite her to church with her.

The next morning she called Marsha, and this was the conversation:

"Hello Bill, is Marsha there?"

"Louise, you don't know?"

"No, Bill, know what?"

"Marsha WAS KILLED LAST NIGHT IN A CAR ACCIDENT. I thought you knew."

Fellow Christian, is this your testimony? Are you witnessing to your friends that you are with every day? Or will there be friends of yours in Hell, asking you why you did not tell them about JESUS?

As your friend. . .

If you don't know Jesus, here's how:

If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 - 10)

If you have not done so, just pray this prayer:

"Dear God, I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus is your son and that He died on the cross for my sins. Jesus, forgive me of my sins and come into my heart and become my personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus's name, Amen."

PS. If you are a believer - new or old, send this to others and let them know you are a true friend

**REACH  
TEACH  
MINISTER**

# BEING A DISCIPLE

We have talked a lot in the past several years about being a disciple. There are really three characteristics of man: self, family, and

possessions. Anyone who places these before the Lord Jesus cannot be His disciples. This is clearly stated in the words of Christ.

- ◇ Matthew 16:24 - *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."*
- ◇ Luke 14:26 - *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."*
- ◇ Luke 14:33 - *"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."*

There you have it. From Christ Himself. Are you being a disciple of Christ?

Bro. Greg

# the Youth

One of the wisest things we can do in the midst of difficulty is to engage the assistance of someone who knows how to talk to God.

The body of Christ depends upon cooperation. When the people of Judah began to pray, God provided a solution through a trusted prophet. Jehoshaphat was humble enough to listen and wise enough to follow his directives. As a result, the Israelites were saved. The advancing armies turned against each other and destroyed themselves completely. Without shooting an arrow or drawing a sword, Judah's forces suffered not even one casualty. Because their humble king listened, they witnessed the Lord's remarkable victory.

We have to attune our ears to God's voice in order to hear Him. Sometimes He speaks through people we would not choose to follow, and He often says things we're not expecting to hear. But He will provide us with solutions to our problems if we are willing to heed His words.

Much Love,  
Bro. Jeremy

# Music

Church Family,  
We are so excited about what's going on in the music ministry! There are some really cool things we are getting ready for! Come and join us for one of those things on July 24 at 6:30 pm. That night we will have Christmas in July and we will be unveiling our music for our adult Christmas musical! We would love to see everyone there!

In Christ,  
Bro. Zach

# FROM Senior Adult Outreach Director

Some have said our lives are the only Bible some people read. If we are not in the Bible, how do we live?

It is not enough to own a Bible; we must read it.  
It is not enough to read it; we must let it speak to us.  
It is not enough to let it speak to us; we must believe.  
It is not enough to believe; we must live it.

"Be ye doers of the Word; and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)  
FRANKIE

# A BUZZARD A BAT AND A BEE

If you put a BUZZARD in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary BAT that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A BUMBLEBEE if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people like the BUZZARD, the BAT, and the BEE. They are struggling about with all their problems and dilemmas, not realizing that the answer to their frustrations is right there... "above" them.

# Church Events For August

- 5 - College & Career "Back to School Grill"
- 6 - Deacon Meeting
- 6 - Youth Sharing about Trip
- 7 - Monday Morning Ministry Visiting
- 9 - Business Meeting
- 13 - Sharing about Mission Trip
- 14 - Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study
- 15 - Newsletter Article Due
- 15 - Long Range Planning Team Meeting
- 16 - Bible Class Teacher Training - Children
- 21 - WMU
- 23 - Bible Class Teacher Training - Youth
- 24 - Senior Adult Game Night
- 26 - North Regional Sunday School & Disciples Training @ Lindsay Lane
- 27 - Movie Night
- 28 - Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study
- 30 - Bible Class Teacher Training - Adult

# AREAS OF SERVICE

## NURSERY CARE

- Wednesday, August 2** - Wanda Berry, Linda Counts  
**Sunday, August 6**  
 am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Rodney & Cassie Sparks, Amy Gregory  
 pm - Amber Shell, Tonya Reid  
**Wednesday, August 9** - Mary Jane McDonald, Shelia Creasy  
**Sunday, August 13**  
 am - Tina Tverberg, Rhonda Keenum, Freddie & Carol Morris, Katie Looney, Breanna Newell  
 pm - Norma Hallmark, Brenda Nixon  
**Wednesday, August 16** - Faye Hester, Vada Landers  
**Sunday, August 20**  
 am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez, Doug McDonald, April Simon  
 pm - Joy South, Carol Aday  
**Wednesday, August 23** - Lura Agee, Susan Young  
**Sunday, August 27**  
 am - Sue Jeffreys, Patricia Gomez, Penny Townsend, Wanda Downey, Brandon & Rebecca Burleson  
 pm - Lura Agee, Phyllis Myhan  
**Wednesday, August 30** - Wanda Berry & Linda Counts

## SECURITY TEAM

- 6 - Justin Gasque  
 13 - Zach Tverberg  
 20 - Larry Allen  
 27 - Gary Cravens

## PRAYER TEAM

- 6 - Tommy & Debbie Counts  
 13 - Brandon & Rebecca Burleson  
 20 - Jim Sanderson & Jimmy Tedder  
 27 - Gary & Heather White

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, August 2**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Don Bradford  
 Van 2 - Barry Minor, Betty Bradford  
**Sunday, August 6**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell  
**Wednesday, July August 9**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Shelia Creasy  
 Van 2 - Larry Creasy, Susan Young  
**Sunday, August 13**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, John & Sharon Permenter  
**Wednesday, August 16**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Hillard South  
 Van 2 - Jim Sanderson, Joy South  
**Sunday, August 20**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Maxine Shelhamer  
**Wednesday, August 23**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Justin Gasque  
 Van 2 - T. C. Hallmark, Norma Hallmark  
**Sunday, August 27**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Randy Tate  
**Wednesday, August 30**  
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Maxine Shelhamer  
 Van 2 - Barry Minor, Lura Agee

# EDUCATION & YOUNG ADULTS

Someone said, "Life is too short for chess." For Sunday School teachers and substitutes, Saturday August 26th gives us a great opportunity to make the most of our time. That morning at Lindsay Lane Baptist in Athens we have the opportunity to increase our knowledge in teaching God's Word and there's help for every age group. Plan on this opportunity, Lord's willing.

"Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." (Ephesians 5:16)

Ted Vafeas

# Children's Corner

## Back-To-School Prayer

With the start of August, our church children are heading back to school. They have school supplies and are eager to see their friends. As a church and parents, we need to pray for them.

*Dear Lord, Please bless our church children by protecting their heart, soul, and mind from the evils of this world. Give them peace by helping them to trust You and by letting go of the things they cannot control. Instill in them a heart of a servant willing to be generous and kind to their peers. Working diligently to learn and to do their best. Focusing on You, Lord each and every day. Amen.*

- August 2 - Worship Only God
- August 6 - Who is Saul/Paul?
- August 9 - God Reminded His People of His Covenant
- August 13 - Paul
- August 16 - Joshua and Caleb
- August 20 - Epistles
- August 23 - The Bronze Snake
- August 27 - Paul's Letters
- August 30 - Reward Night/The Promised Land and Jericho

Love Mary

# Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 - Sammy & Joyce Dennis   | 11 - Tommy & Patsy Peters  |
| 4 - Mike & Susan Rackley   | 12 - Danny & Sherri Myhan  |
| 5 - Ralph & Barbara Martin | 14 - Bill & JoAnn Hare     |
| 6 - Doug & Phyllis Myhan   | 29 - Gary & Tammy James    |
| 11 - Rickey & Connie Posey | 31 - Steve & Peggy Houston |

# Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Kenneth Kimbrough | 17 - Betty Bradford   |
| 2 - Mary Meadows      | 18 - T. C. Hallmark   |
| 3 - Regina Lackey     | 18 - Maria Simon      |
| 4 - Levi Gilley       | 21 - Agnes Thornton   |
| 5 - Blake Eddy        | 22 - Gary James       |
| 5 - Sarah Wright      | 23 - Todd Kuykendall  |
| 6 - Jimmy Arnold      | 23 - Heath Willis     |
| 7 - Mark Counts       | 24 - Lloyd Baker      |
| 8 - Brenda Hudson     | 24 - Denise Hodge     |
| 8 - Alden Morris      | 24 - Sandra Kimbrough |
| 9 - Sharon Permenter  | 25 - Greg Beasley     |
| 10 - Barbara Martin   | 26 - Wanda Berry      |
| 11 - Shirley O'Dell   | 28 - Floyd Aday       |
| 12 - Charles Lamar    | 28 - Joan Curtis      |
| 13 - Lily Burleson    | 28 - Rod Priest       |
| 13 - Logan Burleson   | 28 - Pat Wear         |
| 13 - Keely Massey     | 29 - Heather White    |
| 14 - Anna Nix         | 30 - Mary Lou Posey   |
| 15 - Betty Fuller     | 30 - Marilyn Tedder   |