

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL:

April 21st: VBS Planning Meeting (3:30pm)

⇒ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Invites for Friends & Family Day are on the side tables as you enter. Take one home and share one with a friend!
- ◆ There is a VBS Planning Meeting happening this afternoon at 3:30 PM.
- ◆ On May 7th, the Young at Heart will be meeting at Prickett's Fort at 11:30 AM. Bring a bagged lunch.
- ◆ The Hutchesons have a new address they wish to share:
200 Huntington Ave. #416 Arlington, VA 22303

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Homefront Crumbling

Douglas MacArthur II (the general's nephew) worked for the government. The Secretary of State once called his home and asked to speak with him. His wife replied, "He's not here. He's where he always is—weekends, nights, Saturdays, Sundays—at the office. You can reach him there."

She had not recognized the Secretary of State's voice or she would not have been so forthright. Nonetheless, the Secretary called MacArthur and sent him home immediately.

His comment was classic. He said, "Your home front is crumbling."

Consider the Current Situation. Many home fronts are crumbling across our land because spouses do not spend enough time together. Between working two or three jobs, keeping children engaged in school, sports, and other activities, and having differing interests, they don't even spend much time in the same room.

A couple can become more like roommates than husband and wife. God instructs couples to enjoy each other, and to do this, they must continue to build their relationship (Proverbs 5:15–19).

One said, "Marriage is given, not that two people should do one thing together, but that they should do all things together. Marriage is the total union of two personalities."



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Consider Two Precepts. In the Old Testament, we find this unusual commandment: “When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken” (Deuteronomy 24:5).

To get a new marriage off on the right foot in ancient Israel, a husband was forbidden to go to war or be charged with any overnight business. Matthew Henry commented, “It is of great consequence that love be kept up between husband and wife; that they carefully avoid every thing which might make them strange one to another.”

The young man’s assignment was to “cheer up” (*samach*, “to brighten up”) his new bride.

In the New Testament, Peter wrote, “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them...” (1 Peter 3:7). “Dwell with” is from a word (*sunoikeo*) found only here in the New Testament. It means “to

dwell together in domestic association.” He also indicates that husbands and wives are “joint-heirs of the grace of life” (*sugkleronomos*). A couple is to avoid unnecessary separation.

Consider an Example. Aquila and Priscilla traveled together, worked together, and were hospitable together (Acts 18:2). They took a missionary trip together (Acts 18:18). They worshipped together and had Bible studies with others together (Acts 18:26). They assisted Paul together, risked their lives together (Romans 16:3–4). They encouraged other Christians together and had the church in their house together (1 Corinthians 16:19). They remained faithful through a lifetime together (2 Timothy 4:19).

When we consider that Acts 18 occurred about A.D. 54 and 2 Timothy, as Paul’s last book, was written in about A.D. 66, they were “together” for a lifetime.

Allen Webster

April Card Distributor: Karen Seyler

April Greeter: Karen Seyler (21st)

Baptismal Garments: Cindy Moore

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Summer Events 2024

May 5th: Dessert Fellowship

May 7th: Young @ Heart Prickett’s Fort Trip

May 19th: Friends and Family Day

May: Ladies’ Tea Party at the Home of Cheryl Kelch

June 8th: VBS

June: FOP Ladies’ Breakfast

July: Back to School Cookout

August: Ladies’ Planning Meeting

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

85

Sunday Bible Class

51

Sunday Evening

28

Wednesday Bible Study

20

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,940

April Birthday / Anniversary List:

4- Emory Armstrong 9- Gabriel Black

12-Brandi Richmond 13-Robbie Buffington

16- Kora Hill 19-Alan & Kelly Shreves (A)

17-Wayne Hartman 24- Caroline Seyler

29- Ed & Sharon Loy (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- ***Our Shut-in’s: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, Ken Fortney, and Becky Britton***

For Our Family & Friends:

- **The family of Louise Kelch upon her recent passing.**
- **The family of Ed Jenkins upon his recent passing.**
- **Brenda Gerkins (Ramola’s friend): She is in Ruby with low oxygen levels and her cancer has returned.**



If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgpichurhofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to the secretary before Thursday.