IMPORTANT DATES

- **2** - Clothes Closet
- **4** - Deacons Mtg
- **7** - CoR3 Pizza and Pictionary
- **9** - Worship/Churchwide Prayer Mtg
- **11** - End Times Study Starts
- **12** - Board of Directors Mtg
- **13** - Missions 401 Class
- **15** - MTBA Intercessory Prayer Gathering
- **17** - MTBA Prayer Gathering
- **19** - WMU Mtg
- **21** - End Times Study Starts
- **23** - MTBA Rise Against Hunger
- **24** - Clothes Closet
- **25** - Senior Life

**September 2020**

**Sun**
- 10:00am Clothes Closet
- 10:00am Woman's Bible Study

**Mon**
- Prayer Thursdays 8:30am Senior Men's Prayer Mtg
- 10:00am & 6:30pm Churchwide Prayer Mtg

**Tue**
- 10:00am Woman's Bible Study
- 6:00pm End Times Study

**Wed**
- 7:00pm MTBA Intercessory Prayer Gathering
- 10:00am – 12:00pm Clothes Closet

**Thu**
- 10:00am Woman's Bible Study
- 6:30pm End Times Study

**Fri**
- 10:00am Clothes Closet

**Sat**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm Woman's Bible Study
- 6:30pm End Times Study

**Occ Item of The Month**
- 7:30am Childcare
- 10:00am Adult Women's Bible
- 6:30pm CoR3 Session
- 10:00am – 12:00pm Clothes Closet
- 10:00am Childcare
- 6:30pm End Times Study

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Unprecedented!

Many words have been used to describe our amazement over weather events, the coronavirus Covid-19, and who is running for president. There have been new records set, new unimagined events happening, and new barriers broken. We are easily amazed, enthralled and shocked. Human history is full of surprises.

In a top 10 list of amazing, curiosity provoking, and awe-inspiring historical events, the greatest beyond comparison, are the Acts of God.

Paul writes of the power of God at work in us ... God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20 God’s acts are beyond our thinking, beyond our imagination, and beyond duplication. They are Unprecedented!

Unparalleled, Unmatched, Unequalled, Exceptional, Unique and Extraordinary are synonyms to Unprecedented. They are words used in an attempt to describe the indescribable. Such are the acts of God Almighty!

God is anything but ordinary or commonplace. He is Holy, Righteous, and Gracious. His acts are Just, Powerful, and Loving. He is Love, Truth, and Light personified. We use philosophical words to try and describe Him: Omnipotent - all powerful, Omniscient – all knowing, Omnipresent – present everywhere, Eternal – beyond time, Infinite – bigger than all we see.

Scripture includes a record of the mighty acts of God in “His Story”, from Creation to Judgment and Re-Creation, from eternity to eternity.

Looking at the UNPRECEDENTED MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD helps put our current events in perspective in the midst of economic instability, election hype and discord. God’s relevant truth refreshes and strengthens our faith for today. God is Unprecedented!

September
06 Unprecedented: Creation with Purpose Genesis 1:1; 21-26
27 Unprecedented: Covenant for Witness Genesis 12:1-3

October
04 Unprecedented: Exodus to Freedom Exodus 3:1-10
11 Unprecedented: Kingdom of God 1 Chronicles 17:3-14
18 Unprecedented: Prophecies of Truth Amos 3:7
25 Unprecedented: Incarnation of Christ John 1:14

November
01 Unprecedented: Salvation by Grace Acts 4:12
08 Unprecedented: Resurrection of Saints John 11:25-26
15 Unprecedented: Commission of the Church Matthew 28:18-20
22 Unprecedented: Return of Christ 2 Peter 3:9-15

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE END TIMES?

“End Times” Study in September
September 23 – November 11
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm
Join Pastor Mike in an eight-week study.

COVID19, extreme weather, “popular” conspiracy theories, and quick moving societal changes, have people asking about the end times. No one except God knows when Jesus is returning (Mt. 24:36), but the Bible gives many clues about the “signs of the times.” From Ezekiel to Revelation we will be exploring the scriptures to better know God’s plan that gives motivation, even urgency, for sharing the gospel and making disciples.

NBC Senior Life first event is Worship!
September 29, 12:00 Noon
Hymns, Fellowship & Bible Study - “Age is Relative!”
Bring a Brown Bag Lunch
Tea, Water & Coffee Provided
Discussion afterwards about direction, ministry, projects and travel.

Student Christmas Program:

I am planning to work with the children starting in August on preparing a Nativity Program during KidzWorship. It will be very different this year as we spread out across the stage, find safe ways to sing, and allow for flexibility in practice, but I’m excited about how we can be creative and still tell the story of Christmas. Our program this year will mostly be a Reader’s Theater presentation, and I’ll be asking our middle school students to help out with the readings as much as possible. However, in the weeks ahead I will be asking all of the kids ages 4 through 5th grade in children’s church who they might like to be: Joseph, Mary, a shepherd, a sheep/donkey/cow, a wise “person”? If your child would like to participate but hasn’t yet returned to church, please let me know no later than September so I can include them in all the planning. Thanks so much!

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**SPRING'S RETURN**
By Carolyn Tyree Feagans

A unique story of a Sioux Indian, called Spring, who was raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Her heart is torn between these gentle mountains and the mystical Black Hills of South Dakota, where her true ancestors lie buried...and she continually bounces back and forth between the two. She is haunted by the memory of one mysterious Monacan from her youth.

This novel unfolds in the year 1965 and concludes in 1990. Within its pages, you will witness unparalleled excitement midst a disastrous tornado, a tragic death on Lover’s Leap and the intriguing trial that follows. Experience life on Oak Mountain and in a small southern town in the sixties and seventies, and feel the trauma of that restless era as the Vietnam saga and racial strife crushed its spirit.

Through all this drama, you will find comfort in the never changing mountains, and in the love and faith of the Barrett family and their special friend Roxy.

Other books by Carolyn Tyree Feagans:
- The Dogwoods are Blooming
- In the Shadow of the Blue Ridge
- Sharp Top

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**Newington Courthouse Preschool**

Newington Courthouse Preschool will be in full swing starting September 8th. It's a new year with many changes. Brandi Cherkauer has taken over the director position and will continue as the three year old teacher. Marie Auker will continue teaching our four year old class. Please pray for us as school begins!

The first thing we do is get each child settled and comfortable in the classroom by getting involved in projects and academics. The three year old group will start working on a color, a shape, a number and a vowel. The fours will focus on colors, shapes, vowels, pets and transportation. Each class will learn a Bible verse and some fun poems and music.

Please be in prayer for us this year! 2020 has given us many changes, but with GOD and your prayers it will be the best year yet!!!

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**Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**

In Virginia, the month of September turns many hearts and minds to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, so befitting of Miss Alma. Through the love of her family, friends, teachers and pastors, this energetic, outgoing child, who loved Jesus and people, developed into a leader, encourager and woman passionate about missions and ministry.

Alma Hunt taught school, served as a principal, and Dean of Women at a Missouri college before serving 26 years as the WMU Executive Secretary.

Miss Alma believed in the power of prayer to change the world, the course of mission history and so she voiced this prayer for us:

"O God, may these women created in your own image, gifted with potential by You, chosen to give to this generation a faithful accounting of your will, be able to contribute mightily. May they move churches to see farther and to reach higher than those who have gone before us were able to do. Oh, God, help these women to give of their very best. Help them to lean heavily on You, that the years ahead may be full of Your glory. Amen."
**Christmas Choir for Youth and Adults:**

We are preparing for a new choir season this fall and that means it’s time for Christmas music! The Christmas Choir is open to all singers from 6th grade on up, and we hope many will join in to make this truly an intergenerational choir. Our cantata this year is *Glory Touching Earth: A Christmas Worship Musical for Multi-Generational Choirs*, arranged and orchestrated by Cliff Duren.

In order to be safe and follow the current recommendations for group singing, we’ll be doing some things in a new way. Our goal is simply to worship!

For anyone interested in finding out how the Christmas choir will work this year, please come to a “Choir Conversation” on either Sunday, August 30th after church or on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will not be singing at those times. This is just an opportunity to answer questions, hand out books and practice CDs, etc.

For those who want to attend in-person rehearsals, our first choir practice is on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be practicing in a large space and may even practice outside some weeks (weather permitting) if it’s safer for us to do so based on the size of our group.

For those who can’t practice in-person, you will be able to practice at home with a book and CD and I’ll make periodic practice videos to keep you connected. The one thing I really need, though, is just to know who is participating! If you are practicing virtually and want to be part of the choir, please be sure to let me know by October so that I can include you in all choir updates, practice videos, and performance planning.

This will be the perfect year for you to join in whether you want to practice in-person or from your own home, whether you are free on Wednesday nights or you’re busy on Wednesdays, whether you are in Virginia or out of state, whether you attend Newington or another church. We have ultimate flexibility this year as we combine recorded singing and live singing/ readings so that we can be safe and worship God together!

Please let me know if you have any questions: heatherking@cox.net, 757-592-7632

~Heather King~

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**Virtual School and Wi-Fi Ministry**

Being a blessing as we Love Like Jesus!

Newington has a spacious building and good Wi-Fi access. We are working on plans to make it available to be a blessing to families and students. Botetourt Elem. School has over 50 families with Wi-Fi issues - none or extremely limited. They need Wi-Fi for virtual school the first nine weeks.

Working in partnership with Grace Covenant, and in consultation with the principal and vice-principal, we are working on making our facilities available in the evening, from 5-7 pm, 3-4 nights a week.

Be praying about volunteering as a study room monitor, as parents help their children with their schoolwork. If you would also like to help as a tutor, that is a plus, but is not expected. Watch for details to follow.

Our COR3 Youth are also working on holding a study time to encourage and help each other on Thursday evenings. Adults will be needed. Again, watch for details.

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**NBC Sermon Series**

*Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. Deuteronomy 4:39*

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