Chester Baptist Church



Vacation Bible School! August 4-8, 6:00-8:30 p.m.



Youth Sunday! August 11 11:00 a.m., One Service!

Lloyd's Lines—Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor

There are a lot of exciting things that are happening in and around Chester Baptist Church. **Our Vacation Bible School will be August 4 – 8.** VBS is always a lot of fun. I enjoy spending time with the children and sharing with them about the love of Jesus. I want to thank everyone that has been working so hard to prepare for VBS. Take time to pray for our VBS. Pray for the workers, for the children and their families. Pray that children will accept Christ or at least seeds will be planted. Pray that we will help connect families with our church, but more importantly that we will help connect them with God.

Sunday, August 11 is Youth Sunday. We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. and all Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 a.m. I hope you will be able to join us for this special time of worship led by our youth. I am thankful for the youth of our church and those who are leading them. Come to worship. Be prepared to be challenged and inspired in your Christian walk.

As we move into September, children will be returning to school and we will be resuming our Fall activities at church. Our **Wednesday night activities will start back on Wednesday, September 11**th. This year we have decided not to have a weekly meal. The Bible study and activities for all ages will take place 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Annual picnic will be Sunday, September 15th at White Banks Park in Colonial Heights. September 15th will also be our **Back to Church Sunday**. During the summer, we have been experiencing a summer slump. Actually, attendance has been down more than usual. We need to all do our part to get back to church and to reach out to others. I encourage every Sunday School class to go through your rolls and invite every member to attend Sunday School, worship and the picnic on September 15th. Set a high attendance goal for your class. Each member should invite people they know that are not actively involved in church.

In the midst of many positive things within our church, we also need to acknowledge that our attendance and giving have been down. We just approved a new budget for the coming year and had to make significant cuts. That is a difficult process.

We need to all look at what we can do to help build our church back up. We are all needed to do our part. We should all give our time, talents and tithes. More than building up our church, our goal is to build up the Kingdom of God. Each of us need to ask – what is God calling me to do? Who am I to reach out to – to invite to church, to show love & kindness to, to talk about my faith? How am I called to serve God within the church and within the broader community? How am I using my financial resources for God? We are to give our tithes and offerings to church and beyond this use all that we have in ways that bring honor to God.

I am truly excited about our upcoming activities: VBS, Youth Sunday, Wednesday Night Activities, Church Picnic, Back to Church emphasis and more. I am also excited about what God can do in our lives, in our church and in our community as each of us commit to do our part.

God Bless You.

Lloyd

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Sunday, August 4th - Thursday, August 8th

Chester Baptist Church



DINNER FROM 5:30 - 6:00 PM VBS FUN & LEARNING FROM 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for:

- •Dinner •Crafts •Music

- •Games •Bible Studies
- ·Snacks





Chester Baptist Church 4317 School Street Chester, VA 23831 (804) 748-2939

Pre-register at our VBS kick off party on Saturday, 08/03 from 12-4 pm at Chester Baptist. Pick up your registration packet that includes a free VBS t-shirt for each child registered and enjoy bounce house fun, hot dogs, snow cones, face painting, & more!

Thank you!

Friends at Chester Baptist Church,

Thank you for donating toiletries to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond. We give them out in welcome bags which help people staying here feel at home. Thank you for showing your support in this way—we are grateful.

With best wishes,

Ann

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Chester Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards I received for the passing of my brother, Don McBride. I appreciate your love and support.

Roberta Damon

Dear Chester Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for all your cards, support and prayers we received during the recent passing of my mother. And a special thank you to those who made the long trip to her service. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family.

In Christian Love,

Susan, Tim, Julia and Robert Meredith

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Chester Baptist Church,

Friendships are a treasure and truly one of God's special gifts. The friendships made in this church have been that treasure. Your many thoughtful ways, your sincere concern, your generous heart, your willingness to reach out, and your Christian spirit enrich our lives. No words can express how much we appreciate the cards, visits, food, calls, donations, and prayers after the death of my mother/mother-in-law. Gary and I celebrate the gift this church has been to us as it fulfills God's purpose in reaching out to others. A special thanks to Dr. Braswell, and the many of you who visited her these past few years, for you blessed her with your presence, love, and caring.

In Christian Love, Kathy and Gary Lilley

Thank you continued...

Dear Chester Baptist Friends and Family,

Houston and I would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and words of encouragement during this difficult time. We couldn't have gotten through this without God's love and compassion and church family.

In Christ,

Kim and Houston



Dear Christian Friends,

We thank you for all the wonderful acts of kindness during the passing of our dear son, Donnie. Thank you for the luncheon served by so many people. And for everyone who came to the funeral and stood in line for so long, for all the food that was brought to our home, for the many cards, and for the many prayers and visits. We are overwhelmed with all of the love shown to us. We also thank Lloyd Braswell and our nephew, Chris Furr, for officiating the funeral. Also, thank you to our niece, Pam Furr, and Rusty and Jackie Peaks for singing at the service. Thank you Randy McConnell for playing the music.

Thank you again.

In Christ's Love,

Don and Verta Blake and the Blake Family



Chester Baptist Church,

What an awesome church family we have. Thanks to everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls, food, flowers and all other acts of kindness I received while I have been sick. Also, what an awesome pastor we have in Lloyd. May God bless all of you.

Linda Conyers



Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and calls during the sudden death of my sister, Wendy. Your support is important to us and words are not enough to express our thanks. Pat Tucker and Family

Church Family Night- Every Wednesday

We invite you to join us each Wednesday (6:00-7:00 p.m.) for Bible study. We have programs for all ages—children, youth and beyond. We look forward to spending time with you each week! Everyone is welcome to join us!

Join us on Wednesday Nights, Starting September 11!

6:00-7:00 p.m.- Activities for all ages:

- -Nursery (infants-preschool)
- -Children's Programs (K-5th grade)
 - -Youth Group (6th-12th grade)
- -Adult Programs
- *Men's Bible Studies
- *Women's Bible Studies
- *Prayer meeting for all

Meals will not be served this fall.

Call the church office at 748-2939 for more info!



ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 at 4:00 p.m.

WHITE BANK PARK COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Bring a side dish or dessert to share and don't forget your lawn chair.

Deacon's Corner

FAITH



A general definition of faith is to believe in something or someone, to fully trust, and to be so confident that you base your actions on what you believe. To have faith is to be fully convinced of the truthfulness and reliability of that in which you believe.

Faith in God is having the kind of trust and confidence in God and in Christ that leads you to commit your whole soul to Him. Hebrews 11:1 from the NIV translation says, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see."

Living faith always has corresponding actions. We talk what we really believe, and we act according to what we really believe. The heroes of faith like Abraham were considered men of faith because they acted on what God showed them. They acted on their faith.

I would like to read to you portions of an email from Ashley, a friend of my daughter's, who has become a friend of mine as well. I felt very strongly God leading me to share Ashley's story with you. In my opinion, she exemplifies a person who lives her faith in God.

In May at the age of 36, Ashley was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer called Triple X.

Here are some excerpts from her email that I previously read to the deacons:

"I left kindergarten graduation to receive the diagnosis and my first thought was my three small children. They are six, four, and one and I have to do any and everything I can to get through this for our family. Just as I would leave a tough appointment, and before I could even begin to think, 'why me,' He played the exact song I needed on the radio giving ALL praise to Him. I couldn't do this any other way and as so many have asked how am I so positive, it is because of the strength God gives me, the love lavished on me, and the constant reminder to be positive. He has me if I'll just take it one step at a time and trust. These are my circumstances and I can choose to question and doubt, or I can choose to trust and find peace. That is the choice we all have as we face the trials in our lives. This is the only way I can do this and I happily choose the positive any day! Whatever storm you're facing in your life, I pray the same for you. It isn't worth the worry or resentment. The very last song that played on the radio as I was going to treatment today I wanted to share. It came up and I turned it up loud and sang, 'Jesus bring the rain' with tears in my eyes. Not tears of sadness, for I honestly haven't shed many of those - tears of joy knowing I can truly sing "bring the rain" because I know I can face anything with Him. It gave me total peace as I entered that parking lot and a smile on my face as I entered that treatment center.

It's about time to update my status because I am now fighting like a girl! And if you know me at all you know I FIGHT HARD! The battle began today, treatment 1 down, 15 to go! I rocked it with the best looking entourage that kept all those nurses laughing! Take one step at a time. That is how you keep going and you know I will FIGHT every step of the way!

This past week a very sweet friend told me, "You don't deserve this and my immediate response was the only thing I don't deserve, the only thing any of us don't deserve, is our salvation, forgiveness of our sins, Christ dying in our place, and His grace and mercy and the love He lavishes on us. That is the only thing we don't deserve and that unconditional love is the only hope we have. That is the hope that will guide me through this and will guide you through anything you face. That hope is what will give me strength through all the trials of this life and help me 'fight like a girl!' every step of the way!

People talk about facing the hard things in life, how faith can be a struggle when you're faced with the hard things that make you doubt. I will be honest, for this hasn't been a hard thing and that is only because of my faith. He has truly given me peace EVERY step of the way.

Deacon's Corner continued...

This is a girl who is terrified of sharp pointy objects and now gets them often! I am not saying this has been easy by any means, but God has truly given me peace every step of the way, one step at a time. We all face hard things, for that is part of this fallen world; but don't lose heart, the story has been written, the battle has been won. He has overcome and He will give you all you need every step of your way through it all, good/bad, hard/easy.... I just pray you'll trust Him as it is the best decision I have ever made and there is no other way I could live this life." Ashley

Remember to live in faith means to do and say what you believe is right without doubting. Faith in God is wonderful because God is reliable. Faith releases the blessings of God. Ask yourself the question: Am I an example of a life of strong faith in our Lord and Savior which comes from the heart?

Kathy Lilley

Deacon Chairman



Youth Sunday

Don't miss Youth Sunday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have one service and all Sunday school classes will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Back to School Supplies

School will be starting soon! We are collecting school supplies for Harrowgate Elementary School. Please bring notebook paper, glue sticks, crayons, pencils, tissues, erasers and other school supplies to the office foyer. There is a list of items needed in the office foyer.

Celebration Corner

Celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month are:

August 4-Jim and Diana Lee

August 6– Randy and Teresa McConnell

August 16- Ashley and Darlene Williams



Mr. Mac's Music Notes



Teresa and I wish to thank you who have sent cards of sympathy and encouragement during the loss of Teresa's father. Your loving expressions have been a blessing and comfort.

We are approaching the time when the choir will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata. In the past there have been those who were able to join us for this special event but are not able to commit to regular choir membership. We hope that anyone would like to join us will let me know, soon, in time to order enough music books. We generally have part-specific rehearsal CDs that you can take home with you, as well. Please email me at church: Randall4Mcconnell@gmail.com, or text me at: 804-691-2141, or you may leave a message in the church office. I am generally in my office Sunday through Thursday, 8AM until 1PM.

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was written by America's Queen of Gospel Songs, Fanny Crosby. She married Alexander Van Alsteine and a year later gave birth to a child--no one knows if it was a boy or girl--but tragedy struck when the baby died. Fanny would not talk about it, but out of her sorrow she wrote "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Rev. John Hall of New York's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church told Fanny that her hymn had given more "peace and satisfaction to mothers who have lost their children than any other hymn I have every known."

Safe in the Arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast; There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my souls shall rest.

Then Sings My Soul, Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Publishing, 2003

Online Giving Available

Online giving allows you to make contributions anytime, not just on Sunday. You can also set up scheduled contributions. To get started go to our website at www.chesterbaptist.com and select **Donate** and then **Donate Online** from the toolbar, or scan the QR code to the right. You can login in as a member (1st time users must create a login) or as a guest. All contributors will be sent



a receipt to their e-mail address. A pamphlet with more detailed information can be found in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Great Hall. Contact Linda Gwaltney or Susan Meredith with any questions. Church Office: 748-2939.

New in the Library

We have lots of items for all ages to help you stay cool on these hot days. Don't forget to take along some good books and DVD's for all ages when you are on vacation. We invite you to come in and see what's new to check out. The library is located off the back parking lot entrance through the double doors. Come by the library for fellowship, coffee and chat.



Adult

B/KEE Playing for More: Trust Beyond What You Can See by Case Keenum 248.84/KEL Growing Down: Unlearning the Patterns of Adulthood that Keep Us from Je-

sus by Michael Kelley

248.843/SEN The Unseen Companion: God with the Single Mother by Michelle Senters

248.8436/WEA Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busy-

ness of Life by Joanna Weaver

248.845/WEL Raising World Changers in a Changing by Kristen Welch

261/MUR Saving Truth: Finding Meaning & Clarity in a Post-Truth World by Abdu Murray 261.7/LEE How the Nations Rage: Rethinking Faith and Politics in a Divided Age by Jona-

than Leeman

266/MAR Across the Street and Around the World: Following Jesus to the Nations in your

Neighborhood and Beyond by Jeannie Marie

277.48/SMU Once We Were Strangers: What Friendship with a Syrian Refugee Taught Me

about Loving My Neighbor by Shawn Smucker

641.5/COO Cook's County Eats Local: 150 Regional Recipes You Should Make No Matter

Where You Live

F/HAU The Love Letter by Rachel Hauck

F/LUD Love Finds you in Calico, CA by Elizabeth Ludwig

F/PRE The Preacher's Bride Collection: Six Old-Fashion Romances Built on Faith and

Love

F/SMA Small-Town Brides: Nine Romances Develop Under the Watchful Eye of Neigh-

bors

F/WAD/A-03 A Bradford Sisters Romance Series - Sweet on You by Becky Wade

Children

C220/WAL

Meet My Best Friend by Shelia Walsh
C232.3/WAL

Where Do I Find Jesus? by Shelia Walsh

C232.9/HAR Who's Your Daddy?: Discovering the Awesomest Daddy Ever by Lisa & Missy

Harper

CE/DUN We Chose You: A Book About Adoption, Family and Forever Love by Tony &

Lauren Dungy



Rusty's Rap Session

KANGAROOS AS PETS IN ALASKA!

One night a little over a year ago we were preparing for bed. I was in another room as my wife, Jacqueline, was reading a book about Alaska while also watching something on the television about Australia. She asks in a voice loud enough to be heard, but slightly less than a shout, "Do you think people in Alaska keep kangaroos as pets?"

I paused for more than a few seconds trying to process what she was asking me, because I wasn't quite sure how to answer. Then I replied, "I'm not sure about people in Alaska, but there may be people in Australia that do."

We both had a good laugh. When I came into the bedroom I finally understood how her question came to be. While she was reading a book about Alaska and listening to the television program about Australia things just kind of ran together and all of a sudden kangaroos were hopping through Alaska. It's easy to do. Many times when we try to multi-task we may wind up slightly confused, if we are not careful. Sometimes, we may even become over whelmed.

I share this light hearted comical moment in my relationship with Jacqueline to bring about a point that when life becomes busy we can become confused. Certainly when things go well and as planned in life we will undoubtedly face hardship and struggles, along with the good times, joys and celebrations of life. Then there are times when so much comes our way that there may be too much information to process and we become confused. As a result often what we think is correct may only be partially right or even wrong altogether, because pertinent facts may not all be there. This often happens when there are medical concerns regarding our family and friends. Many times a person who is sick goes from one treatment to another, one doctor to another, one medication to another and then confusion sets in. It's the same in our spiritual lives. We hear people speaking about what they do and do not believe, we hear people of influence discuss what should and should not be done. There is so much information coming at us from all angles that one doesn't know who is right or who is wrong. What is true and what is a lie?

I am thankful that if we hold to the truths of scripture, we have a foundation that can filter out the confusion. Paul stated in Romans 3:4...."let God be true, and every man a liar." When confusion and chaos happen in life we need truth to hold onto in order to get through the difficulties that come. Here is some truth from the promises of God's Word:

"I will never leave you nor forsake you" Hebrews 13:5.

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us...and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9.

"In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

If we know His Word, then we will know His Promises. His Promises will help us to believe beyond the confusion and claim the victory that He has already won for us.

I have this steadfast faith that no matter what happens in life or how busy we become, God ultimately is in control. I may not understand everything that is going on or what will happen, but I do trust that God has a plan and He will work things out for His glory and for my ultimate good. When life makes it so that we must multi-task, then we need to rely on Him even more so in order to not become confused.

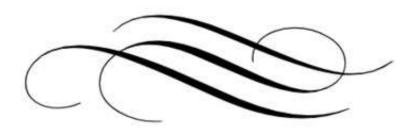
So, if the day ever comes when people in Alaska have kangaroos for pets, I will trust God through the confusion and thank Him for a wonderful wife who allows me to share comical stories to impart the truths of God's Word and His Love.

Message from the Prayer Ministry Team



"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46:10

God sometimes gets lost in our "busyness" with life. We have good intentions but with jobs, school, commitments, television, internet, the ubiquitous phone, family, friends, making money, spending money....on and on, it's easy for God to get squeezed out or just a quick stop on Sunday morning. How do we change this? Make God our FIRST commitment - stop and listen. Spend time with Jesus every day, with His word, speaking to Him (praying). Occasionally stop, be silent, and listen for His word to you for the day. After that everything will be easier. You'll be stronger. Trust me, the world will wait.



Our Love and Sympathy...

...to Kathy Lilley and family. Kathy's mother, Mary Bottoms, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 9.



...to the Blake family. Donald "Donnie" Blake Jr. went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 11.

...to Roberta Damon and family. Roberta's brother, Don McBride, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 13.

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...to Pat Tucker and family. Pat's sister, Wendy Patterson, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 14.

...to Karen Smith and family. Karen's brother, Kevin Berning, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 29.

Here's what's happening in CBC Youth!



Don't miss these upcoming youth activities!

Saturday, August 10: Final Youth Sunday Rehearsal (5:30-7:30 p.m.)

Sunday, August 11: Youth Sunday (11:00 a.m.) and End of Summer/ Welcome new 6th graders Pool Party (Noon-4:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 11: Youth Group starts back up! 6:00 p.m.!

Sunday, September 15: CBC Annual Picnic

November 1-3: CBFVA Fall Retreat at Camp Crossroads!

Fall Retreat!

All youth participating in Fall Retreat must sign up by August 31, 2019 with \$45 deposit to reserve your spot. Any youth who signs up and is no longer able to participate must notify the Youth Team or Church office no later than September 14, 2019.

Stay Connected! Follow Chester Baptist Youth:

Instagram: @chesterbcyouth

Facebook: Chester Baptist Youth

Twitter: @ChesterBCYouth



STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Weekly at CBC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 a.m.	Media Library Open
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study (including Children)
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Ser-

vice (Great Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

(Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Bible Study for Youth, College

& Career, and Berea

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
9:00 a.m.	Media Library Open

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Sept.-May)

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Media Library Open (Sept.-May) 6:30 p.m. Media Library Open (Sept.- May) 6:00 p.m. Activities for all ages (Sept.- May)

Children's Activities (Nursery-

5th Grade)

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

Prayer Meeting Ladies' Bible Study Media Library Open

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Media Library Open 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday-Thursday

9:30 a.m. Chester Baptist Preschool

For an accurate and complete list of all scheduled activities, please access the church calendar at the following website:

http://chesterbaptist.mhsoftware.com

Building Lock-up Schedule

Michael King July 28-August 3

Bill Damon August 4-10

Ashley Williams August 11-17
Bobby Parrish August 18-24
Paul Sebra August 25-31

August

- 2 Grace Orr, Michelle Spencer
- 3 Stephanie Bodenhamer, Gail Davis
- 4 Francis Cook
- 5 Wendy Brown
- 6 Michael Wade
- 8 Timothy Barts, Brenda Lowery, Dylan McLarn, Nancy Meager, Susan Meredith
- 10 Drew Brockwell, Max Cole, Angela Luna, Ed Newman
- 11 Doris Davis
- 12 Tim Meredith, Steve Pruett, Phyliss Shobe
- 13 Gloria Beck
- 14 Dawn Matthews
- 15 Sarah Kinsey
- 17 Yana Allen, Nick Williams
- 19 Linda Puryear, Carolyn Newman
- 20 Buggie Coates
- 21 Sarah Gardner, Katie Williams
- 22 Tom McPherson, Kevin Pennington
- 23 Scott Richard, David Thomas
- 24 Benjie Benton
- 25 David Shepherd, Mandy Sullivan
- 26 Amy Fitzgerald Dubs, Jennifer Kennedy
- 27 MacKenna Daugherty, Max Foreman, Mary Runnels
- 28 Shaelin Cooke, Susan Rehm
- 29 Martha Rodgers
- 30 Alisa Fillion
- 31 Lorie Ann Brooks

Dr. Lloyd Braswell, Senior Pastor Randy McConnell, Minister of Music and Worship Rev. Rusty Peaks, Contemporary Worship Leader Edye Parrish, Church Secretary Susan Meredith, Financial Administrator Ellen Sapko, Pianist



Sunday Child Care During Worship Services

DEACONSFor the Week of



Pam King	August 4	Sue Hart	Ashley Williams Robert Wray	August 4	748-9205 748-5682
Kendall Bozarth	August 11	Robert Wray	Landa Cook Hannah Alexander	August 11	639-0588 715-7234
Judy Morris	August 18		Brenda Riding Kimberly Sasser	August 18	536-2040 530-3179
Gayle Fitzgerald	August 25		Melinda South Bill Damon	August 25	530-0313 796-2787
			Deacon Chairpers	son: Kathy Lilley	748-6576



CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our mission is to create devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday see calendar for possible changes:

Morning Worship Contemporary (Great Hall) 9:45 AM Traditional (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM

Sunday School 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:00 AM