

NETWORKS



TAX & COMPENSATION PLANNING SEMINAR

February 20, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Fredericksburg Baptist Church

Purpose: To help church staff and church lay leaders understand and comply with the tax laws

To help with financial support planning for church staff including

Retirement and insurance

To help with handling ministers' taxes

Federal reporting requirements for churches

Contact Melody Fowler at 1-800-255-2428 Ext 5293

or

Email melody.fowler@vbmb.org

DAY WITH DOUG MURREN

Thursday, March 8, 2012

9:15- Noon

FABN Resource Center

Lunch Provided by Reservation

Topics:

1. Integrating three generations in your congregation
2. Neutralizing Cynicism in your church
3. Reverse Mentoring

Reservations at steveaycock@vacoxmail.com or 540-373-3999

FRESH EXPRESSIONS NATIONAL GATHERING

MARCH 16-17, 2012

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

SPEAKERS: Graham Cray, Reggie McNeal, Jo Saxton
Fresh Expressions is a movement that empowers and equips God's people to reach the increasing diversity of our society by developing creative expressions of church alongside existing congregations.

Register at www.freshexpressionsus.org/nationalgathering/register

Standard Price \$109 through February 29

On-Site Price \$129 beginning March 1

BGAV churches receive an additional \$25 off by entering "bgav"



BAPTISTS DEDICATE SCHOOL IN HAITI

Almost exactly two years after a devastating earthquake struck Haiti, Baptists dedicated a building housing a school and orphanage for children impacted by the disaster. The Source of Light complex in the Delmas 19 neighborhood of Port-au-Prince was funded by the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist World Alliance, and Hungarian Baptist Aid. Funds given through Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network were channeled through the BGAV for the building. "This is a major step for the Haiti Baptist Convention to fulfill one of its dreams and for us to be a part of that has been very meaningful," said Dean Miller, disaster relief coordinator for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. The school for about 200 preschool, kindergarten and primary students has begun classes. The orphanage, which will house about 50 children, will begin operations in early February. There will be opportunities for a long-term presence by Baptists in the building of Haiti.

FOREVER FAMILIES MARRIAGE TUNE UP CONFERENCE

MARCH 23 & 24

HELD AT: Caroline Community Center
17202 Richmond Tpke
Milford, Virginia 22514

Sponsored by area churches

Led by Jeff and Debby McElroy

For more information call 804-633-5583

Or visit salembaptist.org

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Jennifer Davidson (Bethel)
- 5—Carson Riley (Round Oak)
- 6—Leslie Powers (Falmouth)
- 12—Beth Hedges (Oakland)
- 18—Karen Widener (Montague)
- 24—Steve Barnum (Round Hill)
- 28—Giva Conner (Gateway)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 -Hyo & Sun An—(Stafford Emanuel Korean)
- 17—John & Ruth Gray (FABN)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Eric Goforth (Chancellor)
- 8—Teri Campbell (Hull's Memorial)
- 12—Zac Ashley (Mt. Ararat)

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12—Ted & Sharon James (Round Hill)
- 12—Peyton & Gail Wiltshire (Two Rivers)
- 24—Duane & Mary Lou DeHart (Ferry Farm)
- 25—Larry & Karen Widener (Montague)
- 28—Bob & Betty Sizemore (Fairview)
- 30—Norm & Giva Conner (Gateway)

THE JOY FELLOWSHIP (SENIOR ADULTS) OF BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH IS SPONSORING A BEAN SOUP, CORNBREAD, AND DESSERT LUNCHEON FOR THE CONGREGATION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012 12 NOON TO 2 P.M.

540-752-4406

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH 6th Annual Preserve Your Journey Scrapbooking Event. March 30th & 31st in the Family Life Center. Friday, March 30th, 6 pm to midnight (bonus hours 3 pm – 6 pm) Saturday, March 31st, 8 am to 8 pm.

Join us for lots of fun making pages and sharing ideas. Make-n-takes, sidewalk sale by Scrapdoodles, silent auction, yard sale and more. Tickets are on sale now for \$129.00 at Scrapdoodles or contact Felicia Sexton @ 540-847-6112.

(Deposit of \$50 accepted, with balance due by February 17, 2012.

Visit www.preserveyourjourney.com and facebook for more information. Also at saalemabc.com under "Get Involved".



Josh Witt welcomes Credo Mangayi to Fredericksburg. Josh led a mission group from Salem Baptist Church to South Africa last year. They worked with Credo, who is the leader of Baptists' social ministry in South Africa. The group led a Holiday Bible Club and worked in an orphanage in Kwazulu-Natal



Rev. Lawrence Davies recited excerpts from a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a celebration at James Monroe High School on January 15.

WHAT IS CHURCH?

The classic definition of church with which I grew up is “a body of baptized believers in Christ.” It seems that over the years we have made a subtle shift to conflate following Christ and involvement in the local body called church. Don’t get me wrong. I strongly believe that followers of Christ need to commune with other followers. But it seems that we may have substituted church attendance for following Christ. Sometimes we sell people on our church rather than Jesus. The goal of the church should not be to grow the church but rather to lead them to follow Christ. Worship can be a means of leading people to Christ. Worship should always be a result of and a part of following Christ. We are the church wherever we are (as Christ followers) whether we are serving a cup of cold water, working at our vocation, or sharing Christ’s love. If church attendance is our goal then we can entertain, pressure, attract, or do whatever necessary to achieve that. But if following Christ is the goal then we need to focus on making disciples of Jesus. Almost everybody in our society will say they admire Jesus. But they really don’t know him. He is winsome and life-changing. When we lift Jesus up people will be drawn to him. When people become Christ-followers they will worship, serve, pray, witness. It has been said that if you create disciples you will create a church. But if you create a church you may or may not make disciples. Let’s make that our focus – making disciples of Jesus. We often say that church is not the building. Let’s go out into our community and show people who Jesus is by our lives, our love, and our service. Let’s focus on making disciples.

Steve Aycock

Rhonda Nash is available for pulpit supply. Her phone number is 304-249-7083. Her Email is revpeachynash@yahoo.com.

Salem Deaf Worship will be February 12 at 11:00 a.m.. DR. Lon Carpenter will be the preacher.

Ferry Farm Baptist Church has called Dr. Paul Clark as intentional interim pastor.

New Vision Kingdom of God Ministries is now meeting in Southpoint next to the Social Security Administration offices.

Pathway Church is now meeting at Liberty Lanes in Southpoint. At 10:30.

Steve Aycock, Executive Director; Polly DeShazo, Ministry Assistant; John Edmonds, DOM Emeritus Director; John Gray, Church Construction Consultant; Carey Sims, Baptist Collegiate Ministries Director; Gannon Sims, Associate Collegiate Minister; Morris Oliver & Poinsetta Cowles-Oliver, Power Full Impact Ministries

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Prayer Requests:

Carlos Rosales
Charlie Chilton
Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Coleman

Friendship Baptist Church has finished their ministry. Their building has been purchased by the Virginia Baptist Extension Board and leased to Vision Community Church with an option to buy. Fredericksburg International Christian Church will continue to worship there with Bible study at 1:30 p.m. and Worship at 2:30 p.m.

**WMU DIRECTORS MEETING—February 21, 7:00 pm
At the FABN Office.**

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