



## *From the Pastor*

If you know me at all, you may know that I like trivia questions and answers. Trivia adds texture to life. It fascinates me.

One trivia question I came across just recently asked: "In which country of the world is the highest number of different languages spoken?" Any guesses?

The answer is Papua New Guinea, a small southwestern Pacific Ocean island country that is comparable in size to California. The people of this small country speak 820 different languages! It is the most diverse country, linguistically, in the world.

Globally, new languages are being discovered and older languages are going extinct. The best estimate of the number of known world languages is approximately – 6,912.<sup>1</sup>

All this diversity of languages began back in Genesis 11. The people of the earth only spoke one language back then. As the story goes: "*Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.*" (Gen. 11:1)

But because of that they became filled with pride and said; "*Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we will make a name for ourselves...*" (Gen. 11:4) Thus was built the tower of Babel. But by making a name for themselves they were really worshipping themselves and what they could to.

The problem with this is that there is only one being who is to be worshiped – and he is God. So "*...the LORD confused the language of the whole world*" and "*scattered them over the face of the whole earth.*" (Gen. 11:9) And thus there are now 6,912 languages.

But God still wants everyone in the world to know him and love him and worship him. So he empowered us to be his witnesses to do this. Acts 1:8 says, "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.*" On the day of Pentecost, God sent his Spirit and the disciples spoke in the languages of the people from all over the world. (Acts 2) And his church has been a witness in the world ever since.

The really good news is that the church does its job in reaching the world for Christ. One of my favorite verses of the Bible is Revelation 7:9 – "*...there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne...and they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'*"

In heaven, language is no longer a barrier. We will all understand each other and know each other. And we will all be singing the same praise to the Lord our God. It will be so glorious.

I just want to ask two questions. First, are you in that great multitude? Do you know Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life? Second, are you a witness for Jesus Christ to the *end of the earth* in which you live? Who are you bringing with you to join you in that great multitude?

I want to see every one of you there!

*Grace & Peace,*  
*Jack*

<sup>1</sup> K-International.com / Trivia Hive: January 13, 2018  
<http://triviahive.com/answer/AC16B955C9917307>



## News you can Use. . .



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY** and **“SOUP”ER BOWL LUNCH** on **Sunday, February 4, at 12:15 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Remember to

wear your team colors and jerseys to church on Super Bowl Sunday. It's fun to see all the different teams represented; including high school and college teams.

Then stay for food, fellowship and friendly rivalry at the **“SOUP”er Bowl Lunch**. Everyone is asked to bring a pot of soup, finger sandwiches, or dessert to share.

It's the big game and team spirit will be running high. Cheer for your team by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate towards the team you pick to win. This way, everyone wins. The food will be donated to the local food bank and we all share in Christian Fellowship.

See you there in your team jerseys and colors.  
Go Team Tabernacle!



**FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER** will be on **Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The men of the church will cook and provide the

pancakes and syrup. We ask those attending to bring a pound of cooked meat, or other sides to go with the meal. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex of the church prior to the dinner.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be held on **Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the **sanctuary**. This service begins the season of Lent, and will include the imposition of ashes and holy communion. All are welcome.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will begin on **Sunday, February 18**, and will continue through the six Sundays of Lent. These classes will be held during **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**,

in the upstairs classroom above the church office. This class is open to youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Please contact the church office (426-2396) if you would like your children to be in confirmation class this year.

**CLUSTER LENTEN SERVICES** will once again gather our area churches together for the observance of Lent. These services are held each of the six Sundays of Lent at a different church. The services begin with a time of food and **fellowship at 5:00 p.m.**, and **worship at 6:00 p.m.** The schedule for these services has not yet been finalized, but will be posted in the Sunday bulletins prior to the first Sunday of Lent. But what is known is that **Tabernacle will be hosting the Cluster Lenten Service on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. That means that we need to provide the food for the fellowship time.



**HOLY WEEK** begins with **Palm Sunday on March 25**. During the **11:00 a.m.** worship service the children will process in with palm branches to begin the service. Parents, please bring

your children to the Church Parlor behind the sanctuary before the service.

This service will also include the reading of the passion story of Jesus from the gospel of Matthew, and the stripping of the altar and draping it in black in remembrance of our Lord's death.

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A **HOLY THURSDAY** (Maundy Thursday) **SERVICE** will be held on **Thursday, March 29**, at **7:00 p.m.**, in the **Church Parlor**. This service commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when he gave us the sacrament of holy communion. We will share in this sacrament together. All are welcome.

**EASTER is on April 1<sup>st</sup>!** There will be a sunrise service on the beach at Little Island Park in Sandbridge at 6:30 a.m. There will be more about this later.



### **DNow Youth Weekend 2018 Volunteers Needed**

Our youth will be participating in DNOW, Disciple Now weekend retreat, April 13-15. Oak Grove Baptist will host the event this year. Will you consider lending a helping hand?

#### **Needed:**

- Host homes for small groups of youth / chaperones. Floor space for sleeping and breakfast on Saturday morning. (Contact Sharon Davis, 630-5030, to offer your home)
- Drivers to and from church to host homes/mission sites (Contact Sharon Davis)
- Mission projects (if you know of anyone in need of help, let Tommy Moore know, 613-0081)
- Kitchen help preparing meals, Jill Herr, 757-343-1758, [education4881@gmail.com](mailto:education4881@gmail.com)

#### **Children's Committee Help Needed:**

A volunteer is needed to lead the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. For information, please contact:  
Kirstan Hallford  
[kirstanhallford@gmail.com](mailto:kirstanhallford@gmail.com)

**Emmaus:** The deadline for the spring walks is fast approaching (mid- February). If you are interested in attending, please contact Tommy Moore, Jack Davis or anyone who has attended a weekend. The Walk to Emmaus is a three day experience intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The spring walks will be April 19-22 for the men and May 3-6 for the women. ([www.tidewateremmaus.org](http://www.tidewateremmaus.org)).



**Thank You** to our very generous church family. Health & Welfare assistance by member donations totaled

#### **\$6,039.21 for the year 2017:**

- 15 payments made to Dominion Energy totaling \$3398.60
- 1 payment for a water bill \$90.61
- 1 payment for a rent deposit \$250.00
- 3 gifts in general to help ease a burden totaling \$2300.00

#### **Dear Tabernacle Congregation,**

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas in celebration of our Savior's Birth. **Thank you** all for making our **40th Colonial Dinner** a success. All of you played a part and it was fun to work with you and share a wonderful evening of fellowship. Please share with me any comments and suggestions you have to make next year's dinner even better. Email me at [1moe@cox.net](mailto:1moe@cox.net) or call/text me at 757-719-3109. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with the planning next year.  
Blessings,  
Maureen Mitchell



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER with Tabernacle!

**Saturday, March 10, 10:00-12:00 at Tabernacle.**

**NEEDED: \$2,944 in donations\* and 40-50 volunteers to assemble 10,152 meals**

(\*Note: Tabernacle's Council on Ministries will match all gifts donated, up to \$1,500)

815 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life. 66 million school-aged children attend classes hungry.

**Rise Against Hunger** is an organization driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. In 1998, envisioning a world without hunger, Ray Buchanan — a United Methodist minister — founded Stop Hunger Now. In 2017, Stop Hunger Now rebranded to become Rise Against Hunger. The organization's approach to ending hunger centers on mobilizing a global network of hunger champions. Rise Against Hunger meal packaging volunteers produce millions of nutritious meals annually that are then distributed to partners in countries around the world. Those partners are best able to address the causes and effects of hunger based on their local presence and expertise.

Another core focus of Rise Against Hunger is responding to crises—both natural and man-made. From droughts to floods, in conflict zones and transitioning political situations, food is often the most immediate need.

Their third approach to eradicating hunger centers around grassroots community empowerment.

Rise Against Hunger bolsters agricultural production and incomes through programs promoting improved agricultural methods, business skills, and market access.

Rise Against Hunger prepared **659,232 meals** in the week this newsletter was printed. They **served 1,040,341 people in 74 countries**, and distributed **\$17.6 million in gifts in kind** in 2016.

**Tabernacle UMC** plans to prepare **10,152 meals on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** The cost is \$.29/meal, totaling \$2,944 needed to make it happen! 40-50 volunteers are needed to assemble the meals. We need gifts from our members and friends to raise the funds.

Please support the event, and help us feed people in need around the world! You may include your donation in the offering at church (Checks can be made to TUMC marked "hunger" in memo line, or make a note that your cash donation is for "hunger" event). Call the church office at 426-2396 for information.

Visit this link to sign up or donate online...

**<http://events.stophungernow.org/TUMCVB>**





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***Reaching New People  
Through Radical  
Generosity***

***What if Lent could be  
about more than just  
giving stuff up?***

***What if it could be a time***

**of radical generosity as well as spiritual  
discipline?**

***What if the world is to encounter Jesus  
through the generosity of His church?***

**What can you and I do to give Jesus to the  
world and reach new people in our community  
and workplace with the love of Jesus Christ?**

I love the fact that Lent begins on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fools Day this year. That preaches! ***Jesus so loves us*** that he endured life as a human with all the trials and temptations that we face under the curse of sin, just so ***He could pay the price for our sin in our stead.*** Wow! And the first fool on April 1st is Satan who believed he could thwart God's salvation plan on a cross only to actually play right into God's amazing plan of redemption for all who will believe.

**Dear Church! Lent is another perfect season to reach out into your neighborhood, workplace, school, friends and family circle and love them into the kingdom of God.**

***What if*** as you reflect on how God is conforming you to His Image through personal sacrifice or daily disciplines, ***you also purposed to actively share kindness and give radically to touch lives with the love of Jesus?***

Here are a few loving acts of kindness suggestions to do during Lent. Add your own Holy Spirit inspired ideas each day of Lent to show Jesus' love in your sphere of influence through radical generosity and Christ like kindness.

***Shine on,  
Sharon Davis***

***10 Ideas to kick off the 40 days of Lent:***

**February 14** - Commit to support your church, financially and in service.

**February 15** - Say thank you and how much you appreciate someone.

**February 16** - Visit an elderly neighbor - take a treat to eat and enjoy a chat.

**February 17** - Spread the niceness on Facebook & Twitter - compliment friends

**February 18** - Spot ways of helping people and do it

**February 19** - Hold doors open for those behind you

**February 20** - Smile at people

**February 21** - Be a nice driver - spread road-calm!

**February 22** - Take time to pray for your neighbors

**February 23** - Give a blessing bag to a homeless person

Keep it up for 40 days of Lent. Let the Holy Spirit inspire you. Share your God Moments!



## FOCUS ON THE PURPOSE

### A Special Wedding Guest



I'm most proud of the longevity of my marriage, my kids, and my grandchildren. If you don't have that, you really don't have very much. – Bob Newhart

In November, I had the pleasure and honor of attending the wedding of one of my own children.

As I sat there with my wife in the place reserved for the parents of the groom – with my own parents sitting a row behind us – it really struck me how the wheel of time rolls forward. It seemed like only a short time ago, I was in the place my son, Jared, was standing – and my parents were sitting where I now sat. In reality, it had been 30 years.

Another thought struck me as I sat there...I was very happy because Jared was marrying such a wonderful young lady. Chelsea is a wonderful Christian woman with a magnificently supportive Christian family . As I watched the wedding unfold – and remembered the fantastic week of preparation we had spent in Martinsville, where all of Chelsea's family live – I knew that not only was each family getting a new family member with the marriage of the bride and groom, but each family was getting a new entire family.

I know that this whole family compatibility does not always happen – so I feel particularly blessed that it has for us with this marriage. I also feel blessed knowing that Jared and Chelsea will go through life together – so that they will have solid mutual support through any hard times, and the shared enjoyment of all of the good times.

As a reference to the verse in Matthew below – the following line in the Wedding Song written by Noel Paul Stookey and famously performed by Peter, Paul, and Mary came into my mind as the ceremony began...

Oh, the marriage of your spirits here has caused Him to remain  
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name  
There is love

And...most memorable for me during the wedding was that I did feel the presence of the Lord there just as much as I knew that our family and friends were there – and I knew that He was indeed with us and blessing this marriage.

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18: 20.*

**Be a Blessing,**  
*Brent Loftis, Lay Leader*

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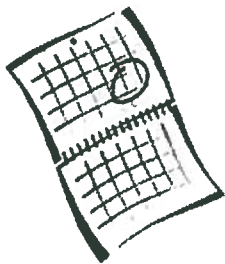
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### Jesus Offers Love Today

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas play and year-end Christmas party (another great one at the Bouley's). Like all of the youth ministry events, the support of our church family is what makes them a success.

**CHRYsalis:** Austan Shuffler just returned from his Chrysalis Flights. Please take the opportunity to encourage him and learn about his experience.

### SAVE THE DATE...



**Elizabeth River District Youth Retreat:** The district retreat is scheduled for March 9-11 at Rockbridge. Information about the weekend is still being planned. Please let Tommy know if you would like to attend the retreat. Chaperones are needed.

**DNOW 17:** Disciple Now is a local weekend retreat. We join several other churches to share fellowship. College leaders and musicians foster a weekend where over 80 teenagers experience a weekend of Christ-centered activity, including local mission work. This year, Oak Grove Baptist will host the event, April 13-15. Vision from Liberty University will assist throughout the weekend. **We are looking for volunteers!** Host homes, drivers, small group leaders and food preparation are greatly needed. Let Tommy know if you are interested in helping in any way.



**Silent Auction:** Do you have an old Tabernacle keepsake (plates, memorabilia, pictures) in your attic or closet? Do you know some business which would be willing to donate a card or gift certificate? Our Silent Auction will be this spring. It is a great opportunity to pick up some interesting gifts, and an awesome opportunity to donate some of your hidden/forgotten treasures. Please let Kay, Ronda or Tommy know. All proceeds will go toward this year's mission trips.

**Mission Trip planning:** Destination Unknown! The youth will be making final decisions on where and when this year's mission trip will be soon. Last year's trip to the Eastern Shore was a blast. There is room for lots of participants, so please consider coming with us this year. The trip is tentatively planned for late June. If you are interested in going or have thoughts on where to go, please let Tommy know. More details to follow.

**Youth Bible Study:** continues on Wednesdays. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the sanctuary. There is always good fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!



**If you have an idea for a fun youth event, please let Tommy know!!**



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### February

Morgan, Olivia	2/1
Lovelace, Mark	2/2
Neal, Bobby	2/2
Brunelle, Nathan	2/2
Rowe, Jane	2/5
Miller, Todd	2/7
Bosley, Lisa	2/8
Wythe, Sean	2/8
Moore, Tommy	2/9
Zeigler, Desiree	2/9
Davis, Paulette	2/10
Brickhouse, Laila	2/10
Brunelle, Karin	2/10
Pitt, Holly	2/11
Hobbs, John	2/13
Foy, Patty	2/13
Palmisano, Andrea	2/14
Sharp, Shelby	2/16
Brickhouse, Christine	2/18
Lovelace, Zach	2/18
Inderlied, Ada	2/19
Hester, Lorna	2/19
Rechkemmer, Rhonda	2/20
Brickhouse, Gilbert	2/20
Brooks, Wesley	2/21
Kretzschmer, Laura	2/21
Karsen, Emily	2/23
Sharp, Allie	2/23
Eldredge, Stephanie	2/23
Lovelace, Ann	2/25
Henley, Al	2/27



### March

Foster, Camden	3/1
Sanders, Zoey	3/1
Morris, James	3/4
Senti, Sue	3/4
McNamara, Tyler	3/8
Moore, Lily	3/9
Orr, Lillian	3/9
Mowbray, Lauren	3/9
Brickhouse, McKenzie	3/13
Fisher, Deirdre	3/16
Lakin, Iris	3/17
Senti, Matthew	3/18
Cassidy, Connor	3/19
Habit, Ian	3/20
Flade, Sam	3/22
Almberg, Alicia	3/23
Hester, Rebecca	3/24
Hardwick, Rebecca	3/24
Garcia, Sherry	3/25
Backman, Winnie	3/26
Senti, Nicholas	3/26
McNamara, Shawn	3/30
Greenmun, Reid	3/31
Pallett, Gladys	3/31



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## Volunteers

### Ushers

#### February

- 4 Jim Shuffler, Brent Loftis
- 11 Zach Lovelace, Wes Senti
- 18 Shelby Nelson, Rick Norton
- 25 Bob Hall, Vince Heivilin

#### March

- 4 Craig Zeigler, Scott Willett
- 11 Brandon, Woodward, Reid Greenmun
- 18 Mike Garcia, Mark Cayo
- 25 Kyle Russell, Scott Hardwick

### Acolytes

#### February

- 4 Luke Moore
- 11 Desiree Zeigler
- 18 Elisha Hester
- 25 Logen Hallford

#### March

- 4 Nick Windsor
- 11 Austin Zeigler
- 18 Rachael Strong
- 25 Charlotte Shuffler

### Children's Church Helpers

(Leader: Jill Norton)

Families worship together first Sundays

#### February

- 11 Charlotte Shuffler
- 18 Megan Reese
- 25 Rachael Strong

#### March

- 11 Carmen Everett
- 18 Luke Moore
- 25 Lily Moore

### Helping Hands (Nursery)

#### February

- 4 \*\*\*\*
- 11 Nathan Strong
- 18 Emery Moore
- 25 Eliza Willett

#### March

- 4 Sydney Lussier
- 11 \*\*\*\*
- 18 Nathan Strong
- 25 Emery Moore

### Counters

#### February

- 4 Brandon Woodward, Sue Senti
- 11 Ann Henley, Paul Russell
- 18 Marlane Brickhouse, Ann Lovelace
- 25 Ronda Loftis, Roy Reckemmer

#### March

- 4 Brandon Woodward, Sue Senti
- 11 Ann Henley, Ann Lovelace
- 18 Paul Russell, Jordan Dorsey
- 25 Marlane Brickhouse, Craig Zeigler

***Please notify Jamy Cassidy two weeks in advance if you cannot help on your scheduled date.***



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45 SOUPer Bowl Lunch 12:15	5	6 Choir 6:30	7 5 a.m. early prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Pioneer Club	8	9	10
11 Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	12	13 6:00 Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Choir 6:30	14 5 a.m. early prayer 7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY service	15	16	17
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25 Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	26	27 Choir 6:30	28 5 a.m. early prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Pioneer Club			
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Golden Corral



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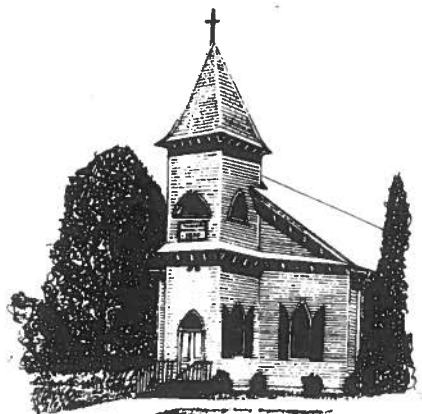
## March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Golden Corral
4 Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45 Cluster Lenten service TUMC 5:00	5	6 Choir 6:30 7:00 Council on Ministries	7 5 a.m. early prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Pioneer Club	8	9	10 RISE AGAINST HUNGER Event 10:00-12:00
11 Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	12	13 6:00 Finance Choir 6:30 7:00 Admin. Board	14 5 a.m. early prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Pioneer Club	15	16	17 PIN Ministries Lunch Bag Prep 10:00
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25 PALM SUNDAY Worship 8:00, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	26	27 Choir 6:30	28 5 a.m. early prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Pioneer Club	29 HOLY THURSDAY Service 7:00 p.m.	30	31

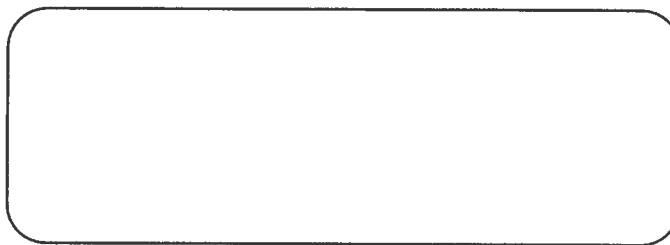
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*Where faith can be found  
and  
friends become family!*

**Worship Hours**

8:30am Contemporary Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service



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