



## *From the Pastor*

Summer is the time for vacations. The children are out of school; the days are longer; and the weather is warmer and nicer. Often we begin planning the vacation months in advance – where we'll go; what we'll see; what we'll do. And then, as vacation gets closer, we begin counting the days until we go.

Webster's Dictionary defines a vacation as: *"a period of suspension of work, study, or other activity, usually used for rest, recreation, or travel; recess or holiday."*<sup>1</sup> (I like that phrase *"usually used for rest"*. How many times do we come home from a vacation exhausted and in need of rest!)

Usually when we take a vacation we leave the place we live to go to a place somewhere else. We usually say, *"I'm going on a vacation to..."* Sometimes we go to the same place year after year. Sometimes we go to a different place each year.

The one thing we always have to do before we go on a vacation is pack what we will need to take with us. From shoes to hats and everything in between. We may need different outfits for different activities. We definitely need our personal toiletries to stay healthy and clean. And we must not forget our medicines if we take anything. Sometimes it's good to make a list and check it off so we don't forget anything.

We're good at getting ready for vacations. But what about the biggest trip you will ever take in your entire life? Are you ready for that? It's not a vacation. But it is what you were created for.

I'm not talking about a trip to the beach or mountains; or even a trip to another country. I'm not talking about a trip for a week or two. I'm not even talking about a trip to anywhere on earth or in the entire universe.

I am talking about a trip to heaven for the rest of eternity. Are you ready for that trip? It's the most important trip you'll ever take, and you can't come back to get anything you forgot. You'll have to make sure you have everything you need before you leave. Are you ready?

Jesus has already done the planning and preparation for this trip. He said when everything was ready he was coming back to get us and take us with him. He even gave us directions on how to get there. He said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."* (John 14:1-6) The only way to get there is through him.

The only way to prepare for this trip is spiritually. We need to pack our lives with the things of God. First, we need to put our faith in Jesus Christ. Then we need to study God's Word, the Bible. We need to pray daily. We need to worship regularly, not just occasionally. And we need to serve the Lord together.

This is a trip you always have to be packed and ready for – every day. Because you never know when you'll be leaving for it.

Hope you all have great vacations this summer. Hope you're all ready for the trip of eternity.

*Grace & Peace,  
Jack*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/vacation>



## News you can Use. . .



Our annual **Mission Sunday and Church Picnic** will be on **Sunday, September 9**. During the **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** worship services we will hear reports on the different mission opportunities we have had this year. Then we will share

fellowship at the church picnic, which will be held after the 11 a.m. worship service. The church will provide the meat and buns for the picnic. We ask everyone who is coming to please bring a side-dish to share. Thank you.



### PIONEER CLUB REGISTRATION

Parents, Pioneer Club for children begins in the Fall. To sign up, visit [www.tabernaclevb.org](http://www.tabernaclevb.org)

## START GATHERING YOUR ITEMS! . . .



**YOUTH YARD SALE** will be held on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have items to donate, please call Tommy Moore at 613-0081.

### *MORE ON...*

**“SUNDAY FUNDAY FAMILY PICNIC” SUNDAY, September 9 at 12:30 p.m.**



Summer may be officially over but the good times are still happening at Tabernacle. Mark your calendar for Sunday September 9 for Missions Sunday and the annual church picnic.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats with all the fixins, as well as beverages will be provided. **Plan to attend and please bring a dessert or side dish to share.**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

This fun annual event will be held at **3:30 p.m.** It includes a costume contest (non-scary costumes) and a Crock Pot Cook-off. Fun for the whole family. More details to come in.



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Tabernacle continues to support the **PiN Ministry's** outreach to the local homeless community. You can serve a hot meal on any Sunday afternoon, donate clothing or other necessities, serve breakfast to recovering addicts or prepare bag lunches. We will be preparing bag lunches on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



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## **FOCUS ON THE PURPOSE**

### **United in Service**



*Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.*  
– John Wooden

*You need only pick up a newspaper, tune into one of the many news channels, or follow social media feeds to see that much of our ever growing communications capabilities are focused on dividing people rather than uniting them.*

*This passage from 1 Timothy, while written nearly two thousand years ago, might well have been written to describe our world today.*

*1 Timothy 6:3-5*

*3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, 4 they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions 5 and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.*

In contrast, this passage from Philippians describes a mind-set of humility and unity.

*Philippians 2:2-4*

*2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

As Christians, it is our job to be Christ's ambassadors to this world. This job is as big now as it has ever been.

The world wants to serve itself first. Christians show an example of serving others before ourselves. Not seeking the praise and exaltation of men, but giving all glory to God whom we serve.

Can we do it alone? No. Christ established his Church on Earth so that we would act together in unity in His service. It is imperative that we remember that responsibility and duty. We are each parts acting as a body. The body needs the parts to be effective – and the parts cannot be truly effective separated from the body.

While we go through our lives – and watch world events unfold, let's not forget our place in the body of Christ – and our commitment to a life that places others above ourselves in the service of our Lord and Savior.

*For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” - Luke 14:11.*

***Be a Blessing,***

***Brent Loftis, Lay Leader***



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## *Reaching People with Grace and Peace*



Have you ever been forced to slow down, maybe even stop? Sometimes life throws us a curve ball that we just cannot catch. We try but we fall off our base and end up flat on our back wondering what just happened. Seems like the other team just scored and we aren't winning anymore. BUT then there is Jesus, our gentle yet powerful savior who calls our name and we are actually still enough to hear his voice. He speaks comfort, healing, hope which renews our mindset, health, and focus for more. Not more rat race, hectic schedules and sleepless nights, but more of Jesus, his peace, his priorities and his blessed rest.

Wow, we actually are not slaves to circumstances. We are children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are not in control of the world, not even our little corner of it. But we are related to the one who is...the sovereign ruler of the universe. He is the creator, the author and finisher of life and faith. He loves us more than anything else he has created and he wants us to trust and rest in Him alone.

Just stop and think about all Jesus Christ, Messiah, is to you and your life. What a difference knowing him personally has made in your family, faith and future. Nothing else comes close to impacting us as our personal relationship with Jesus and the Father through the Holy Spirit. Truly, God is the center of the believer's world. Everything else bows down to His Lordship. Nothing is ever the same after surrendering your heart and soul to Jesus Christ.

No problem, no past, no pressure, no person is bigger than the love Jesus has for you. "There is no pit that is so deep that His love is not deeper still," said Corrie ten Boom. What do you say when you are stressed on every side? When you are beaten down by the sin that so easily besets you. When you are desiring to walk victoriously but seem to take two steps forward and three steps backward. When your good intentions seem to fade away as you race to keep up with life's pace. What would Jesus say?

*"Grace and Peace to You. Grace to live the life I have called you to live, not according to the world's standards. Peace as you abide in me and I in you. Not as the world understands peace but nonetheless perfect peace for you to be and do all I have ordained for you at my pace in my peace."*

There is almost two months of summer left on the calendar but as we know, the pace of schedules will be picking up in just a few weeks. Join us as we purpose to be people of grace and peace. The world will meet Jesus if we usher in His grace and peace. Show someone you love Jesus today.

***Shine on,***  
*Sharon*

### **Emmaus**

The "Walk to Emmaus" is an ecumenical Christian experience meant to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. It is all about sharing Christ's love in ways that refresh the local church. The weekend is open to all and is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about faith and experience Christian love and support. This fall the walks will be held at Hope Haven in Virginia Beach in October (Oct. 18-21 for men and Nov. 1-4 for ladies). This ministry is available to all who want to attend and "check it out". Please contact Pastor Jack or anyone who has walked the weekend with any questions you might have.

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JOLT †

Jesus Offers Love Today



**JOLT Mission Trips:** Twenty- one youth and five chaperones spent the week supporting Restoring Hope in Kinston, NC. Working at two sites, we were able to prepare two homes for needy families to move in. One home was completed and the other had major improvements. The week was spent installing doors and windows, as well as dry walling and painting. But more importantly, we got to be the hands and feet of Christ in an area in desperate need of His love and grace. The groups worked well together and really enjoyed the fellowship, worship and fun that went along with the week as well. Thanks to all who made this possible: chaperones, parents, students and our church family.

**Middle school mission weekend** will take place in Kinston, NC, August 16-19<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to support the Refuge Christian camp and local community efforts. This mission trip weekend is a great way to become involved with the youth. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they work to make Christ real in Kinston. **We need chaperones!!!**

**The youth** will share their mission adventures on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> during the worship services.



**S.P.L.A.S.H.** (Swimming, Playing, Laughing and Sharing Him) Come on out and enjoy great fellowship! Softball, swimming, fun and fellowship are on the agenda. Look for email

and bulletin announcements for more details. If you are interested in hosting a SPLASH event, please let Tommy know.

**CHRYSALIS:** Chrysalis "Flights" (for 10th through 12th graders and college students) are Tidewater Emmaus events. This three-day spiritual renewal time provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The next flight is January 13-15, 2017 at Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake. Please contact Shannon Almberg, Dianne Moore or Pastor Jack if you are interested in attending this event.

**Thanks** to all of the youth who came out and supported **Vacation Bible School!!!**

**Movie Nights:** Movie nights return in September! Let Tommy know if you have a suggestion.



**Youth Bible Study** returns in September.

**Youth Yard Sale** is scheduled for September 22<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be brought to the church after September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ronda Loftis or Tommy know if you have items to donate.



*Restoring Hope; One Life, One House, One Neighborhood at a time!*

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252-560-7507 [hoperkinstonnc@gmail.com](mailto:hoperkinstonnc@gmail.com)

Tabernacle United Methodist Church  
c/o Mr. Tommy Moore  
1265 Sandbridge Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

July 23, 2018

Brother and Sisters in Christ,

What a joy it was to have you with us this summer! The youth from your church came into our community and worked quite hard to help prepare affordable housing units for low-income families. The work they accomplished was quite impressive and we really enjoyed the time we were able to spend together.

We are a relatively young organization, and this was our first time hosting an out of town mission team. I'm glad it was you, because you were a real pleasure to work with. We learned a lot that will help us make such experiences even more impactful in the future.

To the youth and chaperones, we thank God for your faithfulness and willingness to spend your summer time serving the Lord in this and other ways!

To the congregation, we give thanks for your stewardship and willingness to support and invest in the faith journeys of your young people. God will bless you and your community for that, I am sure!

I hope to get a chance to see you all again, and in the meantime, I give thanks to God in my prayers for all of you and pray God supplies all you need to continue building His kingdom on earth.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Rev. W. Chris Jenkins  
Executive Pastor



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### August

Everett, Braden	8/1
Hughes, Cheryl	8/1
Morgan, Abigale	8/1
Strong, Cathy	8/1
Dorsey, Jordan	8/3
Douglas, Chris	8/4
Wasson, Ron	8/4
Foy, Cindy	8/5
Cordak, Cara	8/6
Cox, Michelle	8/6
Hughes, Kayla	8/8
Shuffler, Charlotte	8/8
Morris, June	8/8
Cunningham, PJ	8/9
Davis, John	8/9
Willett, Rebecca	8/9
Dunlap, Stan	8/11
Heim, Ellen	8/12
Sanders, Ryder	8/12
Smith, Wayne	8/14
Zeigler, Bonny	8/14
Sykes, Dan	8/16
Lannom, Cami	8/18
Russell, Joshua	8/20
Hopkins, Joshua	8/20
Zeltmann, Kelly	8/20
Lussier, Noah	8/21
Biegley, David	8/21
Dorsey, Krissy	8/21
Land, Norwood	8/23
Cox, Ray	8/24
Kretzschmer, Regina	8/24
Moore, Luke	8/25
Sampson, Marc	8/26
Moore, Jordan	8/28
Strong, Rick	8/28



Gazaway, Joy	8/29
Greenmun, Kathy	8/31
Backman, Doug	8/31
Colley, Sally	8/31
Hobbs, Donna	8/31

### September

Johnson, Molly	9/1
Hester, Elisha	9/2
Park, Stephanie	9/2
Saunders, Camden	9/2
Hatchell, Christina	9/2
Miller, Paula	9/4
Shuffler, Kendall	9/4
Ward, Ben	9/5
Morgan, Glenn	9/5
Saunders, Jamie	9/7
Dunlap, Kelly	9/8
Brickhouse, Matt	9/11
Flade, Peter	9/11
Moore, Carter	9/11
Palmisano, Matias	9/12
Hallford, Logen	9/12
DeSmet, Joni	9/14
Spruill, Jim	9/17
Bromfield, Barbie	9/18
Sampson, Connor	9/19
Flade, Julianna	9/21
Hodgson, Paula	9/21
Kay	9/21
Johnson, Caroline	9/21
Pallett, Jack	9/26
Beck, Lisa	9/26
Moore, Emery	9/27
Griffith, Tom	9/28
Fisher, Emily	9/28
Magruder, Jason	9/29
Reese, Megan	9/29
Hall, Mary	9/30



## Volunteers

### Ushers

#### August

- 5 Mark Cayo, Scott Willett  
 12 Roy Rechkemmer, Zach Lovelace  
 19 Brent Loftis, Wes Senti  
 26 Shelby Nelson, Bob Hall

#### September

- 2 Jim Shuffler, Rick Norton  
 9 Ron Wasson, Bob Campbell  
 16 Jack Sorrells, Tommy Moore  
 23 Mike Garcia, Scott Hardwick  
 30 Craig Zeigler, Bobby Neal

### Acolytes

#### August

- 5 Nick Windsor  
 12 Elisha Hester  
 19 Austin Zeigler  
 26 Charlotte Shuffler

#### September

- 2 Martha Hester  
 9 Rebecca Hester  
 16 Logen Hallford  
 23 Nick Windsor

### Children's Church Helpers

(Leader: Jill Norton)

Families worship together first Sundays

#### August

- 12 Megan Reese  
 19 Rachael Strong  
 26 Carmen Everett

### Children's Church Helpers

#### September

- 9 Luke Moore  
 16 Lily Moore  
 23 Desiree Zeigler  
 30 Jeffrey Wind

### Helping Hands (Nursery)

#### August

- 5 Nathan Strong  
 12 Rebecca Hester  
 19 Emery Moore  
 26 Eliza Willett

#### September

- 2 Sydney Lussier  
 9 Lily Moore  
 16 Emery Moore  
 23 Eliza Willett  
 30 Sydney Lussier

### Counters

#### August

- 5 Paul Russell, Jordan Dorsey  
 12 Marlane Brickhouse, Ann Lovelace  
 19 Ronda Loftis, Roy Rechkemmer  
 26 Brandon Woodward, Sue Senti

#### September

- 2 Ann Henley, Craig Zeigler  
 9 Paul Russell, Jordan Dorsey  
 16 Marlane Brickhouse, Ann Lovelace  
 23 Ronda Loftis, Roy Rechkemmer  
 30 Brandon Woodward, Sue Senti

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





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## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5 a.m. Early Morning Prayer	2	3	4 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Golden Corral
5 Worship 8:30, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	6	7 6:30 Choir 7:00 Council on Ministries	8 5 a.m. Early Morning Prayer	9	10	11
12 Worship 8:30, 11:00 Sun. School 9:45	13	14 6:00 Finance 6:30 Choir 7:00 Admin. Board	15 5 a.m. Early Morning Prayer	16 Middle School Mission Trip Kinston, NC	17	18
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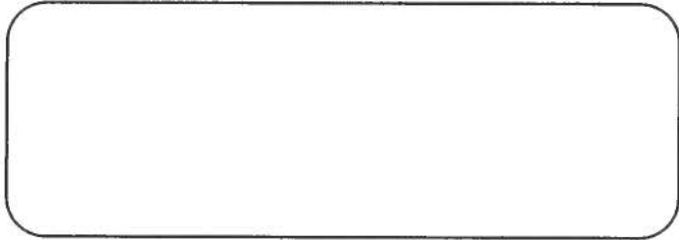
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*Where faith can be found  
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friends become family!*

**Worship Hours**

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



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