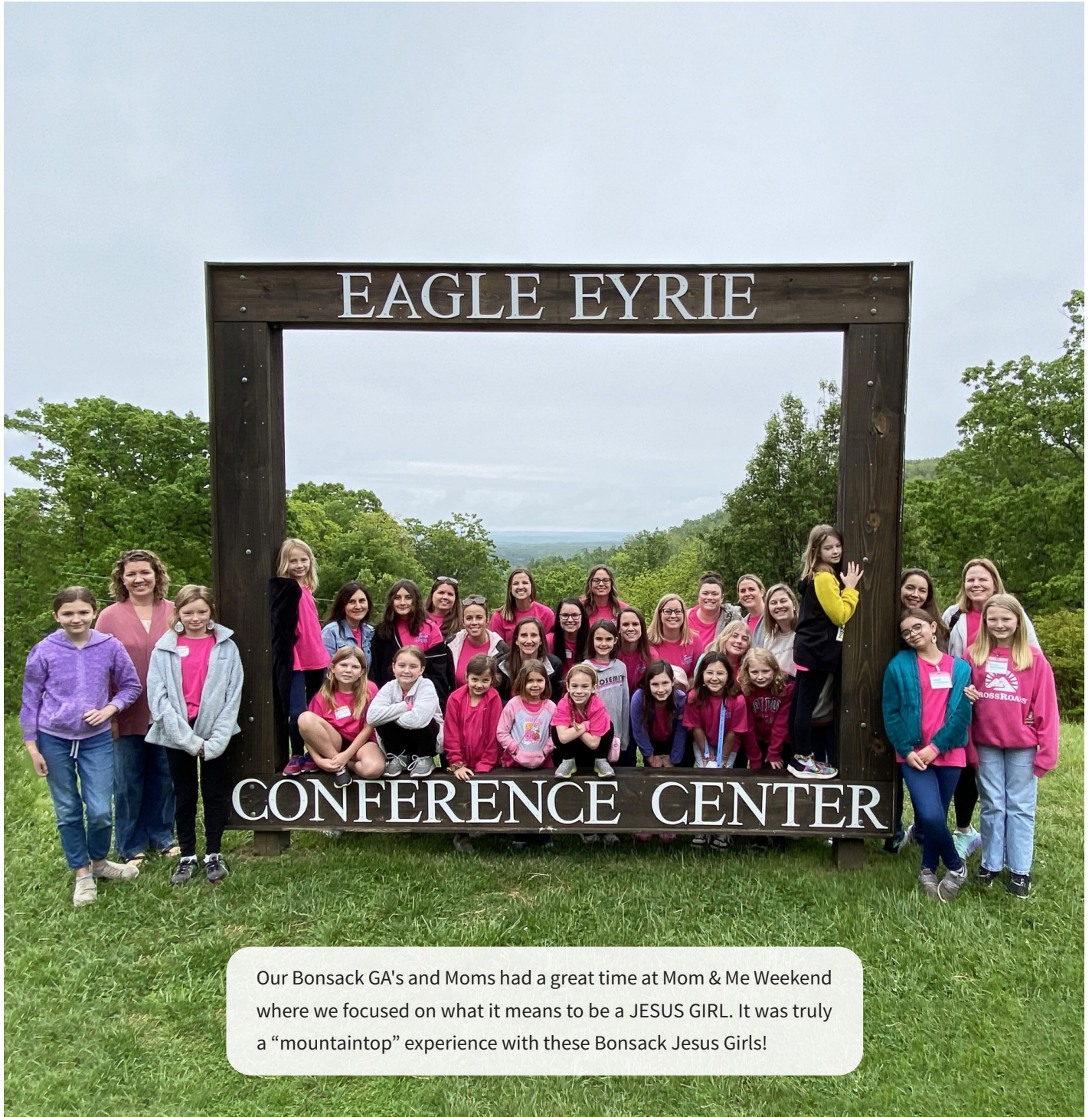


MAY / JUNE 2024



BONSACK BAPTIST CHURCH



Our Bonsack GA's and Moms had a great time at Mom & Me Weekend where we focused on what it means to be a JESUS GIRL. It was truly a "mountaintop" experience with these Bonsack Jesus Girls!

VBS Registration | Summer Events | New Overflow Format | Tribute to Elmo McLaurin

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From the Pastor

I have some important and exciting updates to share with you. Let's start with where we stand on the staffing front. I am sad to announce we will soon be saying goodbye to Staley Lyle, who has served for the last two years as our part-time Music Time for Kids Coordinator. Staley, who first served as an intern here during her student days at Bluefield University, is moving on to become the full-time Children's Ministry Coordinator at Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, VA. While we never like to say goodbye to someone we love, we are honored to have been part of her journey and are pleased we can send her out to continue her service to the larger church. Meanwhile, I am excited that we currently have a strong candidate in view to succeed Staley in her role. Assuming all the details work out, we will be announcing this person very soon so they can begin their duties in early summer in preparation for the fall season of our children's music ministry. (In fact, that announcement may have happened by the time you read these words!)

Also on the staffing front, we have been in "search mode" since last fall to find our next Minister to Children & Their Families. Our search team has done all the necessary work to create an accurate job description for this position and a profile for the kind of person we need to fill this role. While this process always takes longer than we desire, we have already been introduced to more than one candidate who matches our profile. Our search team, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, has more work to do to discern whether we have yet found the right person, but we are encouraged

by these early results. We have been told by numerous people who study such things that qualified children's ministers are increasingly hard to come by these days, so we are grateful that God has opened the door to productive conversations. With His help, we could conceivably have this role filled by the summer.

One final staffing note: Lenae Persing, who has served as our Children's Ministry Assistant for the last several years, is moving down the hall to take a position with our Weekday Early Education Center. Lenae has been an invaluable resource during this interim period in our children's ministry. She has done more behind-the-scenes work than most will ever know, so we are tremendously indebted to her for her gracious and flexible spirit, and we wish her all the best as she takes up this new role with our WEEC.

Moving on to our United For Impact Campaign, I continue to be grateful for your generous response. As of this writing, we have received pledges from 207 households totaling \$1.5 million over a three-year period. Of this pledged amount, we have already received \$559,000, which puts us well ahead of where we need to be at this point on the time-line. On top of this, we have also received an additional \$178,000 from households that did not make a pledge, so we have reason to be confident we will meet our financial goals of significantly paying down our debt and relocating our youth ministry. We are on track to potentially begin construction this calendar year!



As important as the money is, it is equally important we focus on the "United" part of this campaign. It is entirely possible we could meet or even surpass our financial goals and yet not really be changed or strengthened as a church. United For Impact is not simply a catchy slogan; it should also be a deep desire of our hearts. When we get to the end of this campaign, we need to have a stronger love for each other and a deeper desire to share our lives in service to God's kingdom. Spiritual endeavors require a spiritual focus, so we need to continually recommit ourselves to the same spirit of prayer and sacrifice that shaped the launch of this campaign.

Grace and peace,

CHRIS CADENHEAD
Pastor

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Community & Stewardship

OFFERING

January \$203,402
February \$202,620
March \$232,044

UNITED FOR IMPACT

January \$80,685
February \$44,760
March \$49,377

NEW MEMBERS:

We have had 13 new members since the last newsletter.

Bill & Honor Hartsfield	Amy Lyon
Jill Moody	Robert & Monica Shumate
Charlie LeFew	Amelia Curulla
Gail Holbrook	Gabby Cox
Tucker & Jackie Holdren	David Dunfee

SYMPATHY TO:

April Wilson, mother, Bonnie Jean Wade
Pat Carter, husband, and **Melissa Daniels**, father, Danny Lynwood Carter
Rick Dodd, mother, Constance Marie Lindamood Dodd
Cheryl Walker, husband, Bryan Stanley Walker
Jeff Leffell, brother, Wilmore Thornton "Butch" Leffell, Jr.
The family of Esther Charlene Overstreet Hogan
Sara Kennedy, mother, Doretha Wray Hatcher Holley
Samuel Wallace, sister, Vicki Antoinette Wallace Conner
David Davis, sister, Shelby Jean Davis
Mary Wingfield, father, Frank Scott Black, Jr.
Kirk Lipes, mother, Anne Louise Glover Lipes
Sarah Dooley, mother, Nancy Elizabeth Kraige Carter
Shirley Livingood, mother, Mollie Doreen Stowers Hester
Adam Lawson, father, Frederick "Fred" Will Lawson
Tim & Melissa Overstreet, son, Noah Riley Overstreet
Angela Booth, father, Kenneth Owen McGeorge
The family of Barbara McAllister Chapman
Sara Prillaman, sister Barbara Marie Clement Bush
Julie Meador, Tiffany Mairs, Stuart McLaurin & Tanya Jenkins, father, Rev. Ance Elmo McLaurin
Ralph and Robert Smith, mother, Margaret Jeanette Ayers Smith

For detailed weekly stewardship information, worship order, announcements, and upcoming events, view our online bulletin at bonsackbaptist.org/worship-bulletin

Calendar

May

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 5 MT4K Spring Musical
- 7 Barter Theatre Trip
- 8 Last Night of Wed. Activities
- 8 Business Meeting
- 9 Grief Support Group
- 12 Mother's Day
- 12 Parent Child Dedication
- 15, 22, 29 VBS Decoration Prep
- 16 Graduate dinner
- 17-19 RA Campout
- 19 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 19 Prayer Gathering
- 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 28-31 Grad Get-Away

June

- 2 Overflow
- 2 Grief Support
- 5 VBS Decoration Prep
- 6 7th Grade Ice Cream Party
- 10-14 VBS Week
- 13 Grief Support
- 14 VBS Family Night
- 16 Father's Day
- 17-21 Centrifuge Camp
- 23 Ed Griffin Trombone Concert
- 30 Baptism

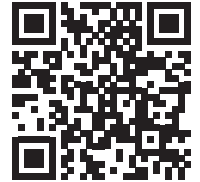
FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:
BonsackBaptist.org/events

Youth Ministry

UPWARD

Upward Flag Football & Cheerleading:

Great opportunities for kids to grow their athletic skills in a fun environment rooted in Christian values. Both flag football and cheerleading are co-ed and available for Kindergarten-6th graders.



BRAZILIAN SOCCER CAMP

Come hone your soccer skills by learning from our special guests, Brazilian semi-pro players, and discover how God can work through the sport of soccer. Open to K-12th grade.

July 9-12th
9am-12pm | \$40



SPORTS RETREAT

Calling all high school athletes! Join us for this summer's sports retreat and discover how to compete with Christ as the focus. Learn how the virtues of faith, love, discipline, hope, and courage can make you a better athlete.

Open to incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors.
July 18-20th | \$100



Upcoming Events Calendar

Take a look at what is coming up in the Bonsack Student Ministry.

Last Wednesday Night - May 8th
Grad Sunday - May 19th
7th Grade Ice Cream Party - June 6th
Youth VBS - June 10-13th
Centrifuge Camp - June 17-21th

Grad Bibles Are Out to Sign

We encourage you over the next two weeks to take a few minutes and write a note of encouragement in the margins of the Bibles or highlight a verse of significance to you. We aim to send the students out into adulthood with a copy of God's word. At the same time, the Bibles show that the students are sent into the world by a community of people who love them.

The students could, of course, buy their own Bible, but they can't buy these Bibles because the grad Bibles are gifts from the community that formed them.



Graduate Sunday

Don't forget to join us on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate all of our graduates!

Youth VBS is Coming

Like Kids VBS, Youth VBS is a little over a month away. Youth VBS meets June 10-13th from 6-8 pm in the Community Room/CLC. That is Monday through Thursday of that week. We do not meet on Friday Night because that is the church-wide VBS closing event.

This year's theme is the Family of God. We will talk all about the family that God intends us to be. A family that extends beyond our biology to all those who have received the Spirit of God.

The event is free to register for, but we ask you to do two things to help us prepare: First, please register. Anyone is welcome to join us without registering, but registering helps our snack team make sure there is plenty for everyone. Second, please help our snack team out by bringing the following based on your child's gender. These help supplement and round out our snack selection.

Girls - Sweet/Salty Snack (think Chips, Pretzels, Oreos, Cookies, etc.)
Boys - 12 Pack Drinks (Coke, Pepsi, Flavored Water, Gatorade, etc.)

We look forward to seeing you all there!





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KIDS**



**VBS June 10-14!
Register online!**



"The GA's would like to thank members from the DR Youth Team, Heather, Addy, Lauren, and Savannah for visiting the GA's and sharing about their mission adventures in the Dominican Republic. We love learning about this ongoing partnership!"



Abigail Girls: Our Abigail Girls are working hard to raise money to drill a well in Peru in response to a critical need for clean drinking water. This is in support of the WMUV missions partnership with Villa Milagro Ministries, a non-profit organization started by Southern Baptist missionaries many years ago. Our girls are grateful for your generosity in contributing \$865 toward their recent bake sale—THANK YOU! There will be more opportunities to support this effort, or if you are interested in contributing to their project, please contact Lisa Adams or Susan Smith.



GA's: WMUV President Lucianne Warren and her granddaughter Elizabeth (also an Abigail Girl) traveled to Roanoke and talked to our GA's about their mission trip to Peru to work with Villa Milagro Ministries. We learned why the Abigail Girl Project is so important!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

MT4K: As the spring semester comes to an end, we've been reflecting on all that we've learned. Our younger kids had a great semester doing engaging crafts, singing songs, and learning about God's love. They finished their semester by singing and dancing for friends, family, and the Wednesday night Bible study with some sweet treats afterwards.

During our weekly devotions, our 1st through 6th graders focused on the many parables of Jesus and how they relate to us today. They also worked hard every week learning songs and motions, and had a wonderful performance of *A Not So Terrible Parable* on May 5. This musical took the parable of the Good Samaritan, added mystery, intrigue, interesting characters and a hint of spooky for an exciting and enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with the kids and are ready for an exciting new fall semester!

Staley Lyle

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The Song Book of the Scripture

Overflow: It is time again for our quarterly Night of Worship called Overflow. Each Overflow is different, but they all have the same purpose. It is an opportunity to gather as God's people and pour out the overflow of praise in our hearts for our Lord, outside of our normal Sunday morning gathering time. This is an important time because we are stepping out of routine to be with God, in recognition of his overflowing generosity to us!

For this Overflow, we are going to be focusing on "the

song book of the Scripture," the Psalms! We will spend some time reading and praying through the Psalms, as well as singing songs that are directly quoting or inspired by the Psalms. You might be surprised how many songs you know already that come directly from this book of the Bible!

Join us in the Community Room on June 2nd at 6pm for this special night. Childcare is provided.

MISSIONS RECAP

Over 120 people gathered to hear stories of how God is working through his people at Bonsack on the mission field. We heard testimonies from:

Richard and Sara Brown, who recently returned from a medical mission trip to Kenya. Through our partnership with Virginia Baptists, and along with several others around the state, they participated in a clinic that provided basic medical, dental, and vision care and provided spiritual counsel to hundreds of under-served people.

Our youth and their leaders, who recently returned from the Dominican Republic. Through our partners at Pathway Dominicana, they ministered to hundreds of children through Bible camps in three different villages, and laid flooring at a ministry center in San Pedro de Macoris.

A representative of our Sunday School ministry, who reported about partnerships that several classes have formed with one or more of our local ministry partners. We have classes that are actively participating with such organizations as Straight Street and Friendship House to do hands-on ministry right here at home.

During the first three worship services of the year, we named three priorities that should define us as a church. We are called to love God (to know), to be in community with each other (to grow), and to serve others (to go). Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities for how you can partner with others to serve our neighbors – at home, across our state, and around the world!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

The Sunday School ministry continues to grow and we're excited to witness the Holy Spirit move in our groups as we pursue our four core values: 1) learn and obey God's Word, 2) invite others, 3) form deeper friendships, and 4) engage in service.

Learn and Obey God's Word

Bible study is a key piece of our weekly Sunday School gathering. This May, many of our groups are wrapping up a 6-month study of Genesis, where we've seen how God sovereignly works His gracious plan even through flawed people. Other groups are studying discipleship within the church, Exodus, Acts, and the Minor Prophets. Sunday School provides an opportunity for us to study the Bible in an interactive format, where we can ask questions and share ideas.

Invite Others

After church on April 7th, about 60 leaders gathered for our quarterly Sunday School Leader Connection. Our focus this time was "Building Connection," and we discussed this quotation from John Stott:

"Thus the very purpose of [Christ's] self-giving on the cross was not just to save isolated individuals, and so perpetuate their loneliness, but to create a new community whose members would belong to Him, love one another, and eagerly serve the world."

At Bonsack, the Sunday School ministry helps to get us out of our isolated individualism and plugged into community. We talked about the epidemic of loneliness in our nation

right now, the lack of belonging that the dechurched feel, and how Bonsack faces a unique opportunity as 691 homes are planned for construction in our immediate area in the upcoming years. As new people come into our building, will we welcome them into our groups and help them to plug in and find belonging?

Warren Strickland, a new member here at Bonsack, shares his experience:

"Sue and I were in the lobby outside the CLC one morning soon after we began visiting. We must have looked lost when a church member approached us asking if we needed assistance. We told him we were looking for Sunday School classes. He told us about an 8:30am class he attended and where it was located. A couple weeks later we decided to visit that class and were warmly welcomed as we entered. It is a rather small class, and the demographic of its members fits us perfectly. We are certainly glad he offered that assistance to us. Previously, we had visited an 11am class where we were warmly welcomed as well. However, the 8:30am time fits our schedule much better. We feel blessed to have visited two such classes that made us feel so welcome to the church."

Form Deeper Friendships

This year, several Sunday School groups have chosen to partner with each other for fellowship and service



projects. Older and younger groups are encouraged to partner with each other to help us get out of our generational box and gain the perspective of befriending someone in a different season of life. "A Deeper Faith" and "Roots 2:7" are two partner groups who recently enjoyed a Sunday morning fellowship together.

Engage in Service

Many of our Sunday School groups have also adopted a mission for the year with the plan to give, pray, and serve that specific ministry. Whether it's providing cleaning supplies for Straight Street or visiting Friendship House, our Sunday School members are on the move.

Louise Hundley shares her experience coordinating service projects with the adopted mission Care Portal:

“There are now three Sunday School classes actively involved in Care Portal, a ministry dedicated to supporting families to keep children out of foster care. In the last six weeks, we have provided food, gift cards for gas and groceries, a bed, a humidifier, and a high chair to families in need. We are blessed to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to children and their families in our community.”

If you're new to Bonsack, or if you've been attending for years but haven't found a group yet, this summer would be a great time to jump in!



Reach out to Lisa Adams for a recommendation of a group to visit.

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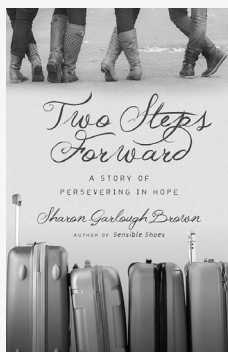
Women's Ministry

This spring, women gathered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to study *Devoted: 30 Days with Women of the Bible*. We learned about women like Ruth and Esther, as well as lesser known characters such as Hagar, Huldah, or Priscilla. Women also gathered on Thursday morning to study Max Lucado's *Six Hours One Friday: Living the Power of the Cross*.

Over the summer, Tuesday evening women will study *Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering Hope* from the Sensible Shoes series. Wednesday evening women will study *As For Me: Life Through the Lens of the Psalms* by Adrienne Camp. Thursday morning women are taking a summer break and then returning in the fall with *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst. Women of all ages are welcome to join us for study! We'd love to have you.

Save the date!

Bonsack Women's Conference - Rest: Full Schedule, Calm Heart
Sunday, August 18th, 5 PM



JOB OPENINGS

Minister of Children & Their Families

This full-time position will help guide, encourage, and minister to children and their families. The search-team requests your prayers as they continue their search using Chemistry Staffing. Please contact Bill Drennan, Search Chair, with questions or leads.

For more information, visit
bonsackbaptist.org/employment

Preschool Assistant Director

We are seeking a dynamic and experienced assistant director to join our education team. The assistant director will play a key role in supporting the director in the day-to-day operations and management of the preschool and educational program. This a full time year round position.

If you are passionate about early childhood education, love the Lord, possess strong leadership skills, and have a commitment to fostering a nurturing and stimulating environment for young children, we encourage you to apply.

WEEKDAY EDUCATION CENTER

The conclusion of this school year marks over 40 years of Preschool Early Education from our church to the surrounding community. It is a joy to know that this ministry has not only provided an enriching preschool experience, but it has also become known for its kindergarten readiness emphasis. As the years have gone by, it's been rewarding to see the success of our alumni as they graduate from high school and college, begin their families, and start their own children in

preschool here! We've been thrilled to have a number of our alumni actually join us as employees on staff, working in the very program that they had their start in, and others who have joined us because they love children and want to contribute. It seems the blessing is revolving and ongoing and for that we are eternally grateful!

We will graduate 64 children who are going on to kindergarten! They are smart, they love Jesus, they are kind, resilient, excited, and ready for the adventure that awaits them! We wish them well!

May has seen us playing with the 22 chicks that we hatched, and readying for our butterfly release that is just as much a testimony to the butterflies getting their wings and flying away as it is to our kiddos spreading their wings and moving on to their next life

experience in these foundational years. One thing is for sure ... it happens in a blink! The awe and wonder that we see in the eyes of the children is priceless!

Next, we are working on the Community Garden and Summer Camps as our program rolls into the summer! There will be plenty of fun to go around with Dinosaurs, Pirates, Astronauts and Superstar Camps for the younger children and Art, Passport Camp, Ooey Goey Science, Drama and Carnival Camps for the older kids K-5th grade. We still have spots available so if you're interested, reach out to the preschool office at (540)977-0485.

Tana Adams

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Singing at the Rescue Mission

On March 5, the Senior Adult Choir sang at the Roanoke Rescue Mission for over 150 residents and guests. The choir sang familiar hymns and songs, and the audience enthusiastically sang along with us. Rhon Williams, Minister to Adults 60+, offered an encouraging devotional. We look forward to returning to the Mission!

ADULTS 60+

We enjoyed an informative Scam and Fraud luncheon, teaching us the current ways that scammers are getting and using information and ways to protect ourselves. A group took a trip to Charleston, SC and had fun touring places around the city. Check the events page on the church website to see upcoming opportunities. Also, the senior adult page has additional trips that may not be posted on the events page yet because they are scheduled for later in the year.

Bonsackbaptist.org/events
Bonsackbaptist.org/senior-adults

Elmo McLaurin Tribute

On April 28th, we lost a spiritual giant. Our dear friend Elmo McLaurin passed away and entered his reward for a life well lived. Elmo was the standard by which all ministers should aspire. His demeanor and compassion are unmatched in most circles. As Elmo recognized it was time for another to take his place here at Bonsack, he graciously welcomed me and even hung around to help. His advice, and more importantly his modeling on how to perform this ministry position, was worth its weight in gold.

I can honestly say I have never met a more gracious, humble, and loving man. His love for the people of the Adults 60+ group was evident by how he continued to call and check on you even after he left his position. He often popped in the office to tell me about someone who needed prayer, a card, an email, or a visit. I can only hope to accomplish some of what he did for this ministry. If you are ever asked what a Christian should like, just show them a picture of Elmo and you will have given them the perfect answer.

As we grieve his absence, let's remember him for all the great things that are a direct result of his service to our Lord. I look forward to the day I get to see him again in the Kingdom of Heaven in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Elmo's memory,
 Rhon Williams

SURVEY

We've created a survey to help people plug into service opportunities and to help us get an understanding of where people are serving. Whether you're actively serving or not, we ask that you please participate in this quick survey.





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Watch online! Livestream from your computer, tablet, or phone:

Visit the Bonsack Baptist Facebook page, the church website, or visit
www.bb-roanoke.online.church

You can also download the Bonsack Baptist Church app!

The Sanctuary service livestream plays on Sundays at 9:45am.

The CLC service plays a recording on Sundays at 11:15am.

*Both services can also be accessed later in the week through the
Bonsack Baptist Facebook page or on the church website.*

Thank you for joining us, both online and in-person!

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