

Dear Church Family,

I have a confession, I have more than a few annoying personality traits. First of all, I'm naturally curious. If I want to know about something, I usually ask. Some, however, would call that nosey (they could be at least a little right) I also have a tendency to identify a sensitive issue and "poke" at it until someone either loosens up, gives up, learns to ignore me or gives me a really good reason to let it go. Here's a good example:

I think we've been moving at a good pace in our venture to begin a new ministry together. However, there is one question I hear over and over from strangers and church members, alike: **"Have you all come up with a name for the new church, yet?"**

Sometimes I like to answer, "Of course we have," then make one up that is intended to be absurd, humorous, silly, or a just plain awful name for a church. What I'm really hoping to do is to stave off a litany of "great" suggestions. Honestly, I've considered several hundred suggestions, and none seem to be quite right. I've used the suggested rules found on the internet for selecting a church name. While they make sense, they didn't give me the answer I was looking for. Perhaps my problem is that I'm looking for the "perfect" name; the kind of name that will come in a flash...like when you find just the perfect car or the precise shoes you need to go with your ensemble. Perhaps that's too much to ask for.

My hope is that through the Dawnings experience we can all get a clearer picture of our collective identity; a more precise vision of who we are about to become. Then, through that experience, we would come up with a word or two that would explain who we are and what we do.

I'm still hopeful such a name will become obvious to most of us (though I'm not naive enough to believe in unanimous agreement).

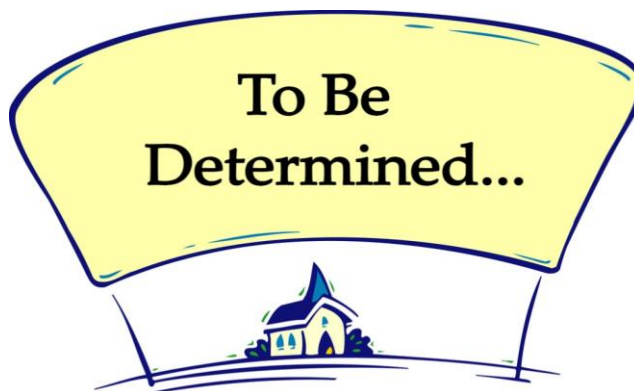
Perhaps we should not put so much pressure on ourselves to find the "perfect" name. It's been my experience that the "meaning" of names is shaped and developed over time.

It's good to have a family name that is held in high regard among those familiar with it. However, that esteem and regard have been shaped, molded, and earned over generations. Unfortunately, most of the time such valuations are anchored in purely human standards.

Perhaps churches should define themselves not by their name but how that name is delineated by the embodiment of our Lord through our service.

So, **"To Be Determined"** Church, worry not. We will have a name sooner or later. The important thing is that we be known more for our love than what we put on the sign out front.

Peace and Blessings, Beloved.
Dr. Steven W. Pollard



March Birthdays

Michael Krawchison	April 8	Betty Hall	April 22	Kati Padfield	April 26
Frances Williams	April 16	Herb McBride	April 25	Dabney Ward	April 28
Joe Dudley	April 21	Mary Durrer	April 26	Sylvia Shortt	April 29

Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Linda Reynolds, Alice Scogin, Sylvia Shortt, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair, Frances Williams, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Beth Bankston (friend of Debbie and Gordon Williams), Jack Cooper, Linda Dwyer, John Glasgow (Betty Payne's son), Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's Brother), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Declan (4 year old friend of the Morris family), Carolyn Young
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- John Beard (Becky Beard's brother), recovering from a stroke
- Jack Cooper, under hospice care
- Betty Hall, recovering from a fall
- Debbie Foutz
- Ellen Scott's niece, Alison Ziegelmeir, recovering from brain surgery
- Ginny Smith's nephew, Chris Conner, at Friendship South recovering from a broken ankle and severe neuropathy
- Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist and Linda Dwyer) who has colon cancer
- A. G. Melson's brother, David Miller, recovering from prostate cancer surgery this week
- Neal & David Kinsey and family, in the death of their Uncle, Bob Kinsey

Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the designated plate in the foyer, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at: <https://cabcbchurchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>. You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:

COLONIAL AVENUE BAPTIST



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Bible Study Opportunities

- Sunday Morning Bible Study is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30.
- Midweek Bible Study meets at noon on Wednesdays in the conference room and on Zoom (www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy). Rev. Steven Harris is leading us in a study of the book of Romans.
- Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study: Young adults (20s-30s) are invited to join us for dinner & Bible study Thursdays at 6 pm, hosted by Pastor Melissa and Ric.

Faith Lending Library

- We have new seasonal resources for the 50 days of Easter on the bookcase in the foyer. Please feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done so that others can enjoy them as well!

Potato/Salad Bar Lunch & Dessert Auction: Sunday, April 14th

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship around the table. Following worship on April 14 (which will be led by our youth), the youth and their families will prepare a potato and salad bar lunch for us (we suggest a \$5 donation). After lunch, we will have a dessert auction. All proceeds help our youth go to Passport Missions Camp this summer. The Dessert Auction sampling will start around 12:30, with bidding to follow. Please sign up by April 7 so we know how much food to prepare. If you would like to bake a dessert for the auction, that would be great! (Please bake two of the same dessert, as one will be sliced for sampling.)

Love Offering

- We will be collecting a love offering on Sunday, April 7, as a sign of our gratitude for the work our minister-in-residence, Rev. Steven Harris, does. You may place your offering in the basket in the foyer (envelopes will be provided beside the basket, and checks can be made out to Colonial Avenue Baptist Church).

Youth

- Our next Youth Dinner and Discipleship will be on Sunday, April 7, 5-7 pm. We'll be rehearsing for Youth Sunday, which is April 14.
- Our next Parenting Teens and Tweens Small Group meets on April 28.
- If you can provide a Sunday evening meal for our youth, sign up at <https://bit.ly/pbjyouthsuppers>.

Women's Missions: Evelyn Townsend Circle

- On Monday, **April 8**, at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Dawn Sandoval, the executive director of The Least of These Ministry, will be here to help us learn more about their ministry to those who are unhoused in our community. Please plan to attend. The Evelyn Townsend Circle will be providing light refreshments.

Ongoing Book & Magazine Collection

- The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

Dawnings

In case you missed it earlier this month: On Sunday, March 17, the Dawnings Leadership Team shared with the congregation their reflections and recommendations based on what they have heard from the congregation during our three Dawnings sessions. If you missed being here, you can find a recording of the meeting at <https://bit.ly/dawnings>. As the Dawnings leadership team listened over the course of many hours to what our church was saying and was hearing from God and then spent many hours praying about and discussing the pages of compiled data from those sessions, here is what we believe God is saying:

Who is God calling us to be?

Our church:

- nourishes hearts for God
- is a home to friends and strangers
- and is a hub for sharing God's love

What is God calling us to do?

Address hunger – spiritual, emotional, physical

As we think about what our next steps will be, here is what the Dawnings team suggests:

- Church council and deacons will meet together on April 7 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the reflections and recommendations we have discussed today.
- We would love to have input from the church as a whole after you have had time to think and pray. If you have questions, suggestions, or insights, please put them in writing for the council and deacons to discuss. You can send them to the office e-mail, or place them in the black mailbox outside the church office. Please include your name so that we can have conversation with you.
- We will have a congregational meeting on April 21 following worship. The goal of this meeting is for us to come to consensus about what God is calling us to be and do.
- The next concrete step will be the selection of a name! Our pastors recommend that the Dawnings and Implementation teams work together on deciding the process by which this will happen.

Storage Clean-Out

Because of this weekend's rain, our storage clean-out day has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 20. We need volunteers to help move the remaining contents of our storage units to the church. Meet in the parking lot at 9:00, and we will carpool to the storage units.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Joint Church Council & Deacons Meeting: Sun., April 7, 3:00 pm
- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 21, following worship

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Practice Resurrection!

This Sunday, we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, but our celebration shouldn't stop there! Did you know that in the Christian calendar, Easter lasts 50 days – until Pentecost! So there is lots of time for us to fill our lives with things that remind us – and others – of the new life Christ brings. Below, you'll find some possible resurrection practices. I'll be choosing from these, and I hope you will join me! Blessings, Pastor Melissa

- Make a resurrection garden. (<https://bit.ly/newlifegarden>)
- Decorate eggs (egg decoration can happen after Easter day, too!)
- Paint a flowerpot and give it to a friend or neighbor.
- Read an Easter storybook.
- Send Easter cards to people who could use extra Easter cheer.
- Make homemade Easter chocolates.
- Say a prayer of gratitude to God for the great things God has done.
- Sing an Easter song
- Plant something! Whether it's a whole garden or just a few seeds, plants are a reminder of new life!
- Bring a plant or flowers to a neighbor.
- Paint, draw, or color flowers, butterflies, eggs, and other symbols of new life.
- Look for butterflies – a symbol of the resurrection.
- Read John 21:1-17.

Easter Sunday

- SonRise Service: We will join several area churches for a community Son-Rise service at the MLK, Jr. Bridge at 7:00 am. Pastors Steve and Melissa will help lead worship for this meaningful service.
- Our Easter Worship/Resurrection Celebration will be at our normal 10:30 time (preceded by Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30).
- Flowering Cross: Bring fresh flowers (purchased or from your yard) on Easter Sunday to help us decorate the flowering cross to celebrate the resurrection and the new life Christ brings. Come early so you can add your flowers to the cross (someone will be there to help you) before worship begins.
- This year, our special Easter offering, collected throughout Lent and Easter, will be used for local missions, both mission projects of our church and as donations to local ministry partners. Offering envelopes are available, and you can also note "Easter Offering" or "local missions" on your check.

