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**MAY
2019**

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LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY

John 17:20-26

One of the songs that has fallen into disfavor with many Christians is the old hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers. It is too militaristic say some. And perhaps it is. Others say Onward Christian Soldiers is too triumphalist. It is not sensitive to the presence of people of other religious persuasions in the world. Our friends and neighbors of other religious persuasions might get a little nervous if we marched out of here in lockstep singing, "Forward into battle, see his banners go."

Still, on this Memorial Day weekend we will sing the hymn. When we remember all those who have died in the Lord, particularly those in uniform who died serving our country--it would be well to use the metaphor of an army to remind us of the peculiar characteristics of the church of Jesus Christ. For, in many ways, the church is like an army.

In John 17, Jesus prays: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you." (NIV) Jesus prayed that we would be one. Jesus prayed that our church would be characterized by unity. That doesn't just mean that we won't be bickering or fighting. It means that we will be there for one another. It means we will lift one another up in times of need.

Furthermore, an army that forgets its key objective is in trouble. An army that gets too scattered in its purpose will be ineffective. In his book, Leadership for a Changing Church, Robert Dale uses this analogy: Suppose you were walking down a real street in Kokomo, IN and you read this actual sign: "Burgers, Fries, Shakes [and] Bait." Would that sign cause you to want to visit that establishment? Would you, Dale asks, consider any store where menu options might include "a cheeseburger with a side order of night crawlers" to have lost its strategic focus? We need to remember why we are in business: we are here to serve people in the name of Jesus Christ.

A final way the church is to be like an army is in its devotion to its commander-in-chief. We have one leader as the church of Jesus Christ, and that is our risen Lord. Memorial Day is a day for remembering that we walk in the footsteps of people with an extraordinary commitment to their commander-in-chief.

So, even if Onward Christian Soldiers is not our favorite hymn, let it remind us that in some ways we are like an army--in our unity, in our purposefulness and in our devotion to our commander-in-chief.

Dr. Quentin Madden

Our Mission
Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world

Our Vision
To **Know** Christ personally,
Grow with Christ intimately,
and **Show** Christ passionately

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Finances for 2019

Total Budget Income through March \$ 46,877.49

****Monthly amount needed to meet monthly expenses:**
\$ 18,070.00

March Financial Breakdown:

March Giving (Budget):	\$ 12,264.38
Colonial Pres. Payment (Budget):	\$
Amazon/Kroger Rewards (Budget):	\$
Children's Ministry	\$ 200.00
Choir:	\$
Office (Computer):	\$ 114.10
Repairs/Maint.	\$ 88.90
Benevolence:	\$ 123.00
Missions:	\$
Youth:	\$

2019 Envelope & Online Giving:

Jan. Budget:	\$ 13,254.99
Feb. Budget:	\$ 17,725.77
March Budget:	\$ 12,264.38
April Budget:	\$
May Budget:	\$
June Budget:	\$
July Budget:	\$
Aug. Budget:	\$
Sept. Budget:	\$
Oct. Budget:	\$
Nov. Budget:	\$
Dec. Budget:	\$

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday CABC Family!

Jessica Pruitt	May 3
Todd Conner	May 4
Philip Motley	May 7
Perry Mills	May 12
Shelly Madden	May 17
Christine Martin	May 18
Olen Doyle	May 21
Josh Vest	May 21

Keystone Ministry Schedule For 2018-2019

The following schedule will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year:

Monthly

1st week: Faithkeepers 3rd week: Nancy Burgess
2nd week: New Beginning 4th week: Friendship Class

******(the 5th week of any month is covered by another church)

Thank you so much to our Sunday School Classes for their service!

Know, Grow, and Show March

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Sunday School	38	44	46	46	44
Worship	60	66	60	62	60
Bible Study	(Ash Wed.) 7	8	7	9	9

Current Sunday School Studies

Class	Teacher	Current Study
Faithkeepers	Ric Scott	“Paul’s Partners in Ministry”
Friendship	Joyce Short	“Book of Romans”
Sunshine	Jean Grady/ Katie Wood	“He Said What? Hard Sayings of Jesus”
Men	Mike Agee	“He Said What? Hard Sayings of Jesus”
New Beginnings	Tim Emick/ Bob Crawford	“Paul’s Partners in Ministry”
Pastor’s	Quentin Madden	“The Book of Matthew”
Youth	Melissa/Tracy	“The Holy Spirit”
Grades 1 st -5 th	Nancy Burgess	“Stories of Jesus”

Prayer Concerns

- Our Church
- Bob Crawford’s brother-in-law, James Long
- Joe Dudley’s nephew, Johnny, for lung cancer
- Karen Viele’s family friend, baby Allison, for heart issues
- Linda Miles’ daughter, Heather O’Brian, for blood cancer
- Debbie Agee’s nephew, Patrick Shaw, for radiation complications
- Ric Scott’s father, Dan Scott, as he is recovering at home
- Tim Emick, for health issues
- Debbie Agee’s friend’s daughter, for breast cancer
- Jeanne Duddy’s friend, Bob Thurman, for tonsil cancer
- Jeff Knott, as he is recovering at home
- Karen Viele’s mother’s husband, Steve Lawrey, for health issues

Remember our homebound and those in nursing homes

Betty Brown	Christine Martin (Burkeville, VA)
Madaline Brown (Pheasant Ridge)	Yvonne Metz
Lois Burge	Nadine Minnix
Jane Byrum (The “Oaks”)	Shirley Moore (Brandon Oaks)
Carol Camp	Betty Obenchain
Becky Erdmann	Louise Parris
Freda Guill	Evelyn Ragland (Elm Park)
Dody Matze	Ruby Whitehead (The Glebe)

Opportunities For Growth

Join us **Mondays at 10:30 am or Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**, as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us Sunday mornings for one of our many Sunday School Classes. Choose one that suits your needs.

Classes are listed on an adjacent page under the Heading: Current Sunday School Studies. Hope to see you there!

Children

PBJ Kids Academy: Basic Gardening Skills Friday, May 17, 6-8 pm. Children in grades 1-5 are invited to join us for our final PBJ Kids Academy of the school year. We will be learning Basic Gardening Skills, including planting, weeding, and caring for different types of plants. Each child will leave with a potted plant and seed balls to plant outside. Volunteers are also needed to lead stations and to be crew leaders who guide small groups of children from station to station. Registration is open online at [and the deadline to sign up is May 12.](#)

Youth

Sunday night dinner & discipleship
Join us on **Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm** when we gather for dinner & discipleship and continue our study of We Make the Road by Walking.

White Water Rafting in West Virginia, May 30-31. \$130 is due May 12, but please let Pastor Melissa know as soon as possible if you plan to be part of this trip. The price includes Thursday afternoon at ACE Adventure’s Wonderland Waterpark, lodging, and a half day rafting on the Lower New.

Missions

Children’s Chapel at the Rescue Mission
Join us **May 9th & 23rd** as we lead children’s chapel at the Rescue Mission. We tell a Bible story, do crafts, & play games with the elementary school-aged children while their parents are in chapel. We can always use help in the “tiny tots” room with the babies & toddlers, too! We meet at the church at **5:45 pm** to carpool & usually return about 7:45 pm

Mission Sale Help Needed
We Need You! We need everyone’s help for the upcoming Mission Sale on **May 3rd and 4th.** You can help by baking for the sale, helping set up, working the sale, and cleaning up. If you have not signed up to help, please contact the church office at 540-774-2084 to let us know you can help so we can make sure we have adequate coverage to pull off this sale. Thank you so much for your service!

Intergenerational Summer Mission Trip Atlanta, Georgia, July 21-26. Join us for an urban immersion mission experience as we work alongside CBF missionaries Trey and Jennifer Lyon and learn about the issues that most affect urban areas - homelessness, race and reconciliation, child wellness (nutrition, education, anti-trafficking), and immigration/citizenship. We will have more details soon, but please let Pastor Melissa or Tim Thornhill know if you are interested or have questions.

Thank You!
Thank you to everyone that has been helping organize, sort & price for our upcoming Mission Sale! Your service is so appreciated & we couldn’t do it without you all!

Senior Adults

Come stretch and move with us on **Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am** as we exercise our bodies with simple movements and our spirits with a short devotion.

Join us at **10:30 am on Friday, May 10th**, for a special presentation by Carolyn Roth, a local author of many books, including *Rooted in God* and *God as Gardener*. Following her presentation on plants of the Bible, we will be potting flowers to take to our shut-ins. Coffee & snacks will be provided, and anyone who wishes can join us for lunch out after the program.

On **Thursday, June 27th**, we will be attending the matinee showing of *Annie* at Wohlhart Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville. Cost is \$45, and car-pooling option is available for those who do not wish to drive. Tickets must be paid for in advance, so money is due by May 26th.

From the  of Joe

Truly two big events have occurred throughout Christendom within the last couple of weeks: (1) the major fire that was devastating to the Notre Dame Cathedral, and (2) the culmination of the events leading to, and the celebration of, Easter. From one of my trips to Saudi Arabia, Mary and I visited the Cathedral in Paris-this, followed by visiting the Vatican & the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Both were climatic celebrations; not of the Catholics, but of the history and movement of Christianity. This past Easter Sunday afternoon, a Catholic Cardinal appeared on a National TV network program, and was not only reflecting on the celebration of Easter, but also how attendance to worship has dramatically reduced in this century-citing that statistics show the greatest drop was from the millennials (however how we all describe who they are).

That being said, he then focused on, in his opinion, what needs to take place to reverse the trending among those professing to be Christians. Simply stated, it comes down to whether we are just BELIEVERS, or BELIEVERS & BELONGERS. Each of us can have a belief- that’s not an issue. However, he emphasized that once a Believer connects with a group, then one as part of a group can, and tends to, gain a feeling of belonging-with the group becoming a positive movement for the cause of Christ and for each other.

Participating in Worship can be so powerful for our inner self, and also receive the benefit of collective worship with like believers. Ready for this? It’s being a part of a group. Now, ready for the next step? As a BELIEVER, you can take a “leap of faith” and be within a small group as part of SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Paraphrasing from a church member who is involved in Worship AND Sunday School, “I just love my class, we discuss with open Bible, we feel loved, and we really care for each other.” Those of you BELIEVERS not in Sunday School, you’re so invited to join us in a small group setting. I’m ready to greet you!

Space and my time is up. Thank you for listening.