

News from  Cobham Park Baptist Church

THE LIGHTKEEPER

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” —Matthew 5:14

March 2020

Dear Cobham Park Church Family,

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) is in the headlines now, but I hope it will be yesterday’s news by the time you read this. Even the thought of a contagious virus makes people nervous. Other disasters can be easier to deal with. We can track approaching hurricanes with sophisticated equipment. Destructive fires can be seen, felt, heard, or smelled. Viral infections, however, can spread invisibly with no warning from our senses. A victim’s first symptoms may appear after he or she has already unwittingly infected others. Yes, this is unnerving stuff. May we respond to such dangers with wise faith rather than anxious worry.

Spiritual infections are even more insidious and dangerous. They often go unnoticed and untreated, and they are completely beyond the reach of medical science. Much more than physical health is at stake here; the church’s power and purpose are on the line. I’ll call one such infection “Dirty Cup Virus.” This spiritual contagion is epidemic in God’s people; every church I’ve ever attended (even Cobham Park) has been touched by it in some way. The Dirty Cup Virus describes our human tendency to concentrate on outward appearances more than vital inner realities. This is as absurd as washing the outside of a dirty dinner glass while leaving the inside untouched. Such a cup may seem good at first glance, but it’s actually unusable—stained and stinking within. Jesus spoke of this spiritual disease with disgust:

...Hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean (Matthew 23:25-26; ESV).

So what are some symptoms of the Dirty Cup Virus? I’ve included a church self-test below. Carefully read through these signs of outward and inward health. If a church—or Christian—values the outside more than the inside, infection may be present. To avoid spiritual sickness or death, go to the Great Physician immediately!

Outside of the Cup

Bringing people in
Loved and supported by many
Money talks. How much does it cost?
Building beautiful facilities
Busy calendars and full pews
Giving great entertainment
People-pleasing and looking good
Comfortable, happy, and respected
Impressive and well-liked ministers

Inside of the Cup

People bringing the good news out
Loving and helping many
Faithful to Christ—no matter the cost
Building beautiful character
Busy prayer-life and lives full of praise
Giving genuine worship
Pleasing to God and pure in heart
Sharing the suffering and joy of Jesus
Every member a minister

In Christ’s Love (and currently undergoing treatment),

Keith

Pastor Keith



Sunday nights beginning March 1st thru April 5th.

All services will begin at 7 p.m.

"Voices from the Crowd"

March 1 at Warsaw United Methodist Church - Message: "Triumphal Entry"

with Rev. Kenny Park, Jerusalem Baptist Church

March 8 at Jerusalem Baptist Church - Message: "Stealing the Donkey"

with Rev. Daniel Burch, Warsaw United Methodist Church

March 15 at Rappahannock Baptist Church - Message: "Oh, How the Tables Have Turned!"

with Rev. Keith Williams, Cobham Park Baptist Church

March 22 at Calvary or Oakland UMC - Message: "Meal at Lazarus's House"

with Rev. Gernard Reed, Minister at Large

March 29 at Warsaw Baptist Church - Message: "Trial"

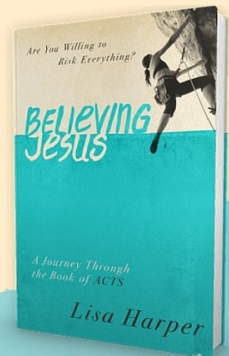
with Rev. David Johnson, Rappahannock Baptist Church

April 5 at Old North Farnham Church - Message: "Crucify Him!"

With Pastor Leslie Park, Warsaw Baptist Church

BELIEVING JESUS

Journey through the
Book of Acts with
Lisa Harper



8-Week Ladies' Bible Study

Sundays at 6:00 pm starting March 1st

The Praise Page

It Is Well

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

The histories behind many of our old hymns are quite compelling, but none perhaps as compelling as the story behind the lyrics of “It Is Well with My Soul.” Penned by Horatio Spafford in 1873 and set to music three years later by Phillip Bliss, the words of the song offer comfort for the unexpected challenges that believers often face. Horatio’s challenges were much like those faced by Job.

Horatio was a successful attorney and real estate businessman who lost his fortune in the Chicago Fire of 1871. Shortly before the fire, he had lost his four year old son to scarlet fever. Thinking his family needed a vacation after the disasters, Horatio sent his wife and four daughters aboard a ship to England, planning to join them later. However, while crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank after a collision and 200 people lost their lives, including Horatio’s four daughters. His wife, Ann, survived and sent a telegram after arriving in England: “Survived alone. What shall I do?”

Horatio immediately headed to England. During the voyage, the captain of his ship, aware of Horatio’s tragedy, called for him to explain that they were passing near the location where his daughters were lost. As Horatio thought about his daughters, words of comfort came to him. He wrote them down, and they became the words of a well-loved hymn. Horatio was a devout Christian who leaned into the hope he experienced through the redemption of the blood of Jesus Christ. This same Jesus offers comfort and hope today to all who call on His name.

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

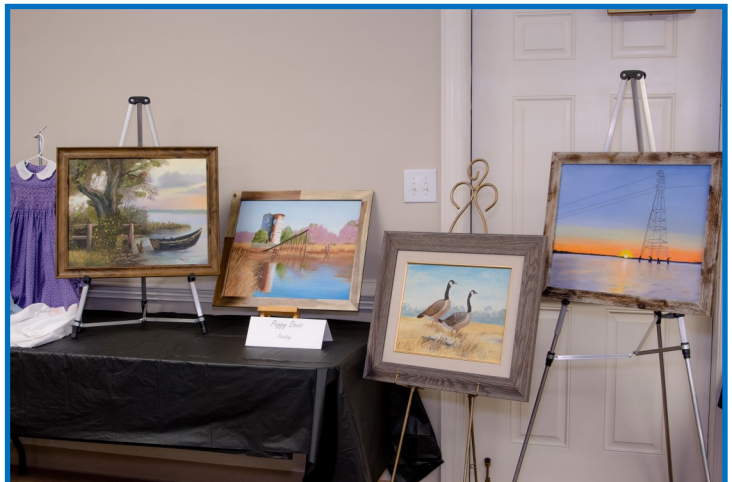


A big "Thank you!" to our deacons for a great chili lunch. What a treat it was!



GIFT SHOW

Our talents are His gifts!



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**"Each one of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10**

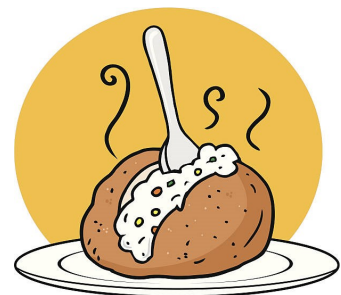


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Young-at-Heart

Come enjoy lunch with the Young at Heart here at Cobham Park on Tuesday, March 17th at 12:00. Their "almost famous" potato bar with all the trimmings, along with tea, coffee and dessert is on the menu. We hope to see you there!



Old Fashioned, Hand Clapping, Foot Stomping, Southern Style, Gospel Music

Featuring Reggie & Friends, His Name (Quartet), and the Gospel Vibrations
Sunday March 29th @ 4 p.m.
Cobham Park Baptist Church



MARCH 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 12:00- Bus Trip for Lunch Believing Jesus Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm	2 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm	3 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	4 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	5	6	7
8 Believing Jesus Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm	9	10 7:00pm - 11 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir Use of fellowship hall *	11 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir Use of fellowship hall *	12 Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Believing Jesus Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm	16 Young at Heart Luncheon 12:00 WMU Meeting 7:00 pm	17 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	18 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	19	20	21
22 Believing Jesus Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm	23	24 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	25 7:00pm - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 7:45pm— Adult Choir	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday Sing 4:00 pm Believing Jesus Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm	30	31	Each Sunday 9:30 am - Food & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Service			

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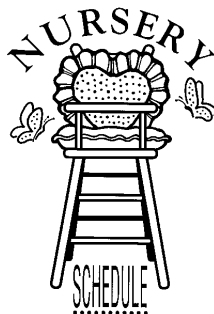
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**Church Office is
open
Tuesday – Friday.**

Deadline to submit information for the Sunday Bulletin is each **Wednesday by 5pm.** **Deadline** for April Newsletter is **Sunday, March 15th.**

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!



March Schedule

Nursery
Carolyn Sanders
Jane Brown
Betty Lewis
Paige Withers

Toddlers/PreK
Angie Sanders
Brenda Hinson
Kristie Brann
Cara Bryant