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## FROM THE **PASTOR'S DESK**

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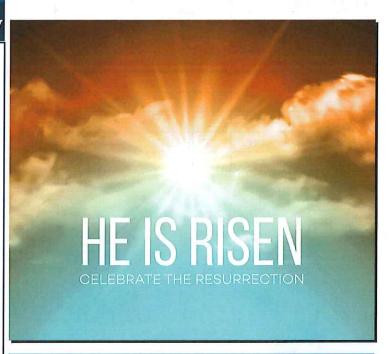
Dear Church Family,

We are continually praying for our church family that the Lord will keep you safe and healthy during this health crisis. We are all experiencing changes to our lives and we want to thank you for being flexible as we move forward. We have added an audio version of the message as well as video on our website for those that had trouble watching the message. This week we are excited to add Adult Sunday School to our list of online resources. Also, please keep watching our Facebook page for new messages, For Such a Time as This, from the staff.

Please continue to give to the Lord. This is an area that I rarely mention because of your faithfulness in giving of your first fruits. We are in a tight spot and I am very thankful that I can rest assured knowing that we will remain faithful. In this newsletter we are providing details on how we can receive our tithes and offerings.

Please pray for our staff! I am amazed at the level of creativity that our staff has used to continue ministry.

- This year, we have a special Easter service that will be here on church property. We will be hosting a "Drive In" service April 12 for our 11 o'clock worship service. We have a FM transmitter that will allow us to broadcast through your vehicle radio. You can come to church, stay in your vehicle (social distancing) and tune in your radio to a frequency that we will give you as we get closer to that date.
- Jessica Cravens will be taking the Easter Egg Hunt to the community. The event is being called "You've Been Egged".
   We will be going to homes of families with children and "hiding" eggs in the front yard with a sign from the church and an invitation to upcoming events.
- Ryan Brown is on multiple social media sites encouraging discipleship and spiritual growth in our students daily.
- Eric Lusk, Micah Dance and Marge Moberg are holding practices and recording worship sets each week.
- Lynn Zimmerman and Linda Mayhew have consistently been ahead of the online curve with online newsletters and online giving.



April 12, 2020 11:00 AM Easter Service Drive-in Church

Coming to a parking lot near you Stay in your car and turn on the radio to hear Pastor Jason's message on this Glorious Day! Come early to get a parking space.



#### God Bless Those Celebrating in April

Mr. Fred St. Clair	1	]	
Mr. Robert Bishop	2	Mrs Kim Alexander	13
Henry King	2	Rachel Baynes	13
Mrs. JoAnn Stegall	4	Mrs. Janet Brown	15
Mr. Richard Vance	4	Mr. David Ryan	17
Brian Baynes	4	Jacob Sutphin	20
Mrs. Sharon Perrin	5	Elizabeth Martinez	20
Mrs. Rose Woodford	5	Mrs. Teresa Henderson	21
Beau Hartman	5	Sue Nixon	22
Ms. Gaynelle Johnson	5	Mr. Brandon Ruminsky	24
Joe Stevens	6	Donovan Rowland	25
Ms. Mary Caldwell	6	Macie Guilliams	25
Danny Meador	6	Mr. Colten Cook	26
Miss Elizabeth Hall	7	Gwenavere Love	27
Landen Hay	7	Mrs. Donna Dewease	28
Mr. Jack Seifert	8	Miss Susan Miller	28
Mr. Brad Hall	9	Ms. Dabney Ward	28
Isaac Ray	9	Mrs. Kay Elkins	29
Mrs. Connie Kendrick	10	Mrs. Jean Huff	30
Miss Miranda Bramlett	13	Mr. George Gay	30
Miss Alyssa Bramlett	13	у, — —	

We would like to concentrate on particular ministries/areas in the church/community and ask you to pray for them during the month. Our focus this month will be on the following:



#### Shut-In Residents of the Month

Shirley Reynolds 941 Olney Rd. Vinton, VA 24179

Church Local Mission/Ministry of the Month Nickelsville Mission cancelled

Our Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue & Military

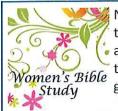
SpringTree Ministry
Second Sunday in each month
at 3:00 pm
Contact Larry Reynolds

Cancelled until further notice.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY FOR APRIL For information: JoLynn Seifert (589-1439 or 890-6749) Connie Kendrick (819-6496)

April
DEACONS OF THE MONTH
Todd Boothe, Joe Woolwine
RJ Bollinger, Fred St. Clair





Norma Johnson's Bible Study Group that was to begin on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:30 has been postponed until further notice on restrictions of group gatherings.

Thank you for your recent donation to help a local family Jane Doe and her 2 sons-a student at Byrd and a son with non-verbal autism. Mom was diagnosed with cancer last summer. After several chemo treatments she lost her hair, energy, and job. In January she was given a 30 day vacate notice due to a relationship break up. She had no money and no job. We were able to raise enough money to pay for a storage unit for her furniture, temporary housing for 2 weeks, an apartment deposit, a utility deposit and a large part of her 1st month's rent. She and her sons are now in their own apartment and she is back at work thanks to people like you! God bless you, Cathy Bibb and Mom (Cathy organized this effort through the family of churches in Vinton.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO BECCA RADFORD. Becca is a clarinetist for William Byrd Middle School and she was selected to the 2019-2020 All District Band. Way to go!!!



We welcome the following into the fellowship of Lynn Haven: Mark Heaton who resides at 1787 Melissa Circle, Vinton, VA 24179 Lee and Amanda Meador, their chil-

dren Nolan and Mabel, reside at 60 West Rd., Blue Ridge, VA 24064

With Virginia's new non-gathering policy being changed to June 10, the YAH Council has postponed plans for "Lunch and a Movie" on Tuesday, April 28th. God willing, we will be

back to church by then, and we will be able to reschedule a time to be together in fellowship. Until then, please stay in and stay well.

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## "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors, where are the people?"

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This is exactly how it should be under our current directions from our state government. However, we all know that when the physical church doors are shut, giving slows down. But in this time, the work of the church does not stop. And most likely, the need to reach out and help goes up. Therefore, we continue to stress the use of Online Giving through our website, texting or the Abundant app from the Apple or Google stores. (website and texting are the easiest). The picture to the left is what the online giving will look like if you use it. Also, you can contact your bank to see if "Bill Pay" is available. Many banks allow this at no charge. They will send a check to the church for you.

Our entire staff is continually finding ways to reach out and keep you informed, keep our Sunday worship available to you on our website and other ways in the future. If you can't access the internet, call the office and a DVD of the message and music can be sent to you or you can pick it up.

Please be in prayer for our church family, government leaders, and our community.

God Bless Each and Everyone one of you.

#### Ways to Give

- www.lynnhavenchurch.org/give and follow steps
- Text LHBC and the amount to 73256 and follow steps
- Download Abundant app to your device—follow steps 3.
- Contact your bank to have a check forwarded to the church—Bill Pay 4.
- Mail your contribution: Lynn Haven Baptist Church, 1501 E. Washington Ave., Vinton, VA 24179

## Missions Committee Donna Dewease

"So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18, HCSB).

Have you ever watched an incredible, good-versus-evil action film in a movie theater? Did the heart-pumping, edge-of-your-seat excitement make you cheer for the good guys to win? We all love seeing the good guys fight the bad guys and save the world. Deep down, all of us long to be part of something significant, something that rescues people who need help.

What if the opportunity to change the world has been there all along? What if it is there right now and you just can't see it?

A man recently went on a mission trip to Puerto Rico. The trip changed his life; it completely transformed his outlook on the world. On his return, he discovered a renewed joy in the job he previously hated, because he knew making money and giving it away would change the world, even when he couldn't see the effects. His priorities flipped, and he took his attention off eternally worthless things and focused instead on things that matter to the kingdom of God.

This is the reality of God's kingdom: the unseen things are most important, but we often miss them for things that don't matter. But those unseen things—including things so small we just assume they don't change anything—turn out to have a greater impact than we could ever dream. This is the economy of God's kingdom. He can use one gift to impact both the giver and the recipient. He can use one act of obedience—giving—to fulfill another call—making disciples.

Do you want to change the world? In the economy of the kingdom, giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is one of the most significant ways you can spend your money. Every dollar of goes directly to supporting the work of North American missionaries planting churches, sharing the gospel and making disciples of Jesus. Every penny goes toward reaching the 273 million lost people in North America.

Giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is a way to invest in the unseen and obey God's call to give. In His hands, gifts multiply. With His power, offerings will change the world.



As our community anticipates the possible arrival of the coronavirus, LHBC has a wonderful opportunity to "Be a Blessing" to those who may be in need during this time. "How", you ask? We would like to create a stockpile of items for our church family that could be delivered in a time of need. If you would like to "Be a Blessing", please go to our website:

#### www.lynnhavenchurch.org

for a list of suggested items to contribute. If you want to donate items from the list, please call the office first at 342-6102. Thank you and God Bless! After we are through this time, any remaining items will be donated to mission centers or food banks.

#### Suggested Items:

Soups, Beans , Canned Meats—tuna, chicken etc Fruits, Vegetables, Milk/cream, Nuts Juices (canned or bottled), Dried Fruits, Dried beans Rice, Pasta, Crackers, Sugar, Cereals, Peanut Butter Jellies, Bottled water

#### **Cleaning Supplies**

General purpose cleaners, Bleach, Toilet Bowel Cleaner Lysol products, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Handiwipes Rubber Gloves, Dishwashing liquid (Dawn), Handsoap Baby needs: Diapers, Wipes

Laundry Detergent



If you are staying at home and are unable to get to the grocery store, members are donating food items from which we may be able to assemble you enough for you

to able to fix yourself a meal. We do not have perishable items to offer you but we have canned vegetables, soups, crackers, etc.

We are not limiting our help to church families so if you know someone who may need help with food items,

Many heartfelt thanks for the cards, calls, prayers, and meal for Judy and me after my surgery and during my recovery. Love in Christ, Lewis Jones

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Sunday	Mon- day	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
			Wednesday night activities cancelled until further notice.	2	3	4 Easter Egg Hunt cancelled
5 Online: Adult Sunday School with Harold Cook Youth message with Ryan Brown Worship with Pastor Hay	6	9:30am Ladies' Bible Study cancelled until further notice	8 Wednesday night activities cancelled until further notice.	9	Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday Drive-In Worship Service Starting at 11:00 am (Come early to get a parking space)	13 6:30pm Nominating Committee	14	15 Wednesday night activities cancelled until further notice. NO Business Meeting	16	17	18
19 Drive-In Worship Service Starting at 11:00 am (Come early to get a parking space)	20	21	<b>22</b> Wednesday night activities cancelled until further notice.	23	24	25
26 Drive-In Worship Service Starting at 11:00 am (Come early to get a parking space)	27	28 12:00pm YAH Luncheon (postponed)	<b>29</b> Wednesday night activities cancelled until further notice.	30		