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9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Monday – Friday)

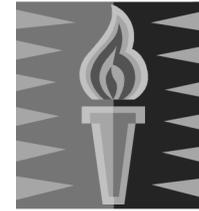
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Are A
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May Torch Deadline:

April 18



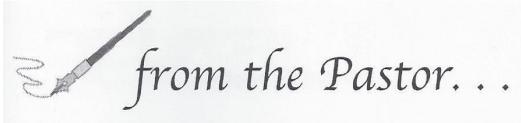
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**“For Future Generations”
The WEBC Building Fund**

Each month there is a special offering envelope printed with the words “Building Fund” and decorated with illustrations of various tools. If ever you have wondered what offerings to this fund provide, the pictures should give you a clue. We have a building approaching 30 years old which means maintenance items and repairs will likely increase. With changing technologies, we also have the opportunity for updates and improvements to the efficiency of our facility. This fund provides the resources for such needed and desired work.

For instance, since 2015 we have been able to update the floor tile in much of the building and added the carpet squares in the hallways just outside the sanctuary. We have been able to have the building interior hallways painted as well as painting much of the exterior. We were able to seal coat the parking lot and have a sinkhole around a parking area drain repaired. When the sanctuary air conditioning system died one summer, we had to replace it quickly with a new system. In the last few

years, we have been updating our lighting to more efficient L.E.D. bulbs and fixtures, a process that is still going on. And four years ago we had to replace the shingles on the entire church facility.

I’m sure most of you don’t know the cost of each of the items I listed, but most of us probably can figure in our heads that all of that work cost a lot of money. And those items don’t even include the regular maintenance and repairs of much of our building systems. So how in the world have we been able to cover all of those expenses and not put ourselves in a financial crisis? ... The WEBC Building Fund, that’s how. In each instance of need, this investment fund has helped us make these critical repairs and provide these facility updates.

And this year we will be depending on the fruit of those faithful investments again. As I said earlier, our building is nearly 3 decades old and key systems are starting to show their age. This past fall, we had to shut down one of our two hot water boilers that supply the heat for the building because of a major crack in the boiler itself. That left us trying to maintain a comfortable temperature in the building during our coldest months with only one boiler... one just as old as the one that failed. In consultation with our heating and cooling service company and after conversation with and ap-



- 04– Pastor Mark Hughes
- 05- Kris Frazier
- 08– Kay Smith
- 12– Olivia Allen
- 18– Daire Wall
- 22– Roselyn Henshaw
 Carl Hagee
- 23– Beth Tetterton
 Daniel Hughes
- 26– Pattie Orange



- 02– Sarena Bradley
- 06– Mike Barr
- 08– Susan Nauseef
- 15– Frances Schmidt
- 16– Rachel Hughes
- 17– Frankie Franck
 Ed Wright
 Quentin Williams
- 22– Joyce Mahon
- 23– Ted Baxter
- 26– Robert Dean
- 27– Edith McAra
 Mark Frazier
 Jamison Culler
- 28– Lisa Carrier
- 31– Wynndell Radcliffe
 David Andrews

April Greeters

- 07– Linwood Jenkins & Mildred Fitzgerald
- 14– Donna & Mike Wicks
- 21– Carl Shell & Robin Litz
- 28– Rose Winnie & Kay Smith

April

Wednesday Night Supper

- 03– No Meal/Spring Break
- 10– Moore
- 17– Mize
- 24– Temple/Wright

Prayer Lists

<u>Members of WEBC/Sunday School</u>	<u>Related to Members/Sunday School</u>	<u>Neighbor or Friend</u>
Sarah & David Andrews	Ryan Abee	Shyann Barnes
Claire Baxter	Melody Bennett	Donna Burnett
Kim Beckner	Patrick Bennett	Jennifer Dorr Jenkins*
Randy Davis	Jeff Brendle	Jimmy Myles
Charles Franck	Judith Burke-Hauck	Perkinson Family
Carl Hagee	Lynn Burnett	Esau Jean Pierre Family*
Mary Scott Henshaw	Lona Butler	Betty Lou Prentice
Gladys & Donald Kennedy	Wayne Davenport	Christopher Seay Jr.
Mary & Nick Lauranzon	Sue Holzner	Robert Spain
Ann Owens	David Martin	John Spikerman
Wynndell Radcliffe	Frances Morgan	Chris Welch
Lucille Sadler	Liam O'Neill	Devon Westmoreland
Francine & Donald Schmidt	Margaret O'Neill	Charlene & Mike Wills
Joyce & Ronald Skelton	Sharon Skelton Perkins	Toni & Les Young
Joann Wall & Family	Ginger Peters	
Shirley Willoughby	Taylor & Cameron Philoott	
	Alma Roland	<u>Members/Friends/Long Term Care/Homebound</u>
	Julia Rose	Excie Carter
	Pat Sutton	Brigette Coleman
	Jennifer Wood	Feigh Hales
	Richard Wyatt	Charlotte Marks
		Winnie Mayton



proval by the church Trustees, a bid was made for the replacement of both boilers with a new and more efficient model.

This April, the Trustees will be bringing a motion to the church to approve the recommended bid for the replacement of both boilers and all the work and supplies necessary to finish this update of our heating system. The cost of the equipment, supplies, and labor will be \$121,415.00, the total amount of which will be covered by the resources in hand through our Building Fund. The Trustees will be asking the church to affirm the expenditure of these funds for this bid. In full disclosure, so as to be delivered and installed before the colder months, the Trustees have already approved the order for the necessary equipment. Work may begin as soon as the new equipment arrives, estimated to be around September.

Generations ago, the members of West End Baptist Church began to collect money for a Building Fund that would be collected and invested for the future needs of the church. From our early years on Washington Street to our current facility here in North Dinwiddie, members gave to this fund. Some gave each month in small amounts: \$5, \$10, and \$25. Others gave yearly gifts: \$100, \$500, \$1000. Still others put aside money from their estate to go to the fund at the time of their death. With each gift, no

matter the size, an investment was made to provide and maintain a spiritual home for future generations of the church. We continue that tradition today, offering each congregant the opportunity to invest in the future generations who will be touched by this congregation and this facility.

We hopefully won't have expenditures as large as this on a regular basis... heaven forbid. But I guarantee we will continue to have regular maintenance and improvement needs each and every year. While I do not want this to replace your regular offering to our unified budget, I do ask you to think about what you might invest in this spiritual home for those who come after us. The small investments we make today may literally pay dividends for future generations.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark



We are growing! West End would like to welcome it's newest members to our church family, Linda & Terry McDaniel, Chris Newcomb, and Casey & Benjamin Thompson. We are so glad to have each one of you!



The Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. We are currently accepting donations for

the church booth. We do not accept clothing. Donations of household items, furniture, toys, etc. can be brought to the church office Monday through Friday 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. **DEADLINE TO DONATE** is April 19. Call the church office if you have questions at 804-733-9331.

Spaces are now available to rent for \$20.00 each.



Fundraiser for Camp Kehukee

Newville Baptist Church is sponsoring a Drive-Thru Oyster/Fish Dinner at Camp Kehukee on Saturday, April 6 from 4:30 PM -6:30 PM. Dinners will include baked beans, slaw, and hushpuppies. Adults are \$20 per dinner and children \$10. Camp Kehukee is located at 17302 Shands Road S. Prince George, VA 23805. Meals should be picked up at the Mattox Pavilion. For more details call 804-731-2812 or 804-733-2010.



April 8 @ 7:00 PM– Deacon Council

April 15 @ 7:00 PM– Church Council

April 24 @ 6:00 PM– Quarterly Business Mtg.



DCCA Unity Worship
– April 28 at 3 pm,
@ Ocran United Methodist Church

The Dinwiddie County Clergy Association invites all our Christian community in Dinwiddie to join us for a Unity Worship service. Our speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson (Retired) from Bott Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Michael A. Spragley, Pastor at Mt. Level Baptist Church.



Are you receiving the church's emails? If not and you would like to, please give the office a call at 804-733-9331 and give it to Kelly Amos.

Emails include the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, and any updates from church members.



To the Members of West End Baptist Church,

We would like to thank you all for the cards, food, flowers, etc. we received during the loss of Queen's son. God Bless you all!

With Love,
Queen & Wendell Lifsey

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, and visits. I truly appreciate all of you!

Love You All,
Excie Carter



We will celebrate our Seniors on Sunday, May 19 during the 11:00 AM worship. The Senior Adult Committee will present our five eldest members present in worship with a gift.

Our church picnic will take place that day as well. The church will provide the

main course. We are asking members to prepare side dishes for all to enjoy.

A sign-up sheet has been placed outside the church office. Please sign up if attending the picnic. If you have questions, see Mark Moore.

A Hymn History: All Glory, Laud, and Honor **(source:sermonwriter.com)**

This hymn was written by Bishop Theodolph of France while serving a prison sentence imposed by King Louis I, the son of Charlemagne. The charges, false as nearly as we can determine, were that Theodolph had plotted against the king.

While in prison, Theodolph wrote a total of 78 verses (39 couplets) for this hymn. The hymn celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It tells of the crowd shouting "Hosanna!" and laying palm branches in Jesus' pathway. It tells of them singing hymns of praise to Jesus, just as we do today—and asks that Jesus will accept our praises as worthy today.

There is a legend that surrounds this hymn. According to the legend, King Louis visited Angers, where Theodolph was imprisoned, and heard Theodolph singing this hymn in his cell as a part of his daily worship. Moved by the beauty of the hymn, the king pardoned Theodolph and had him released from prison.