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DBC Seniors - On the Road Again!

Occoquan, Va. - April 28

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preacher stuff

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It has been a lot of fun to be around you and listen to your personal story and your story of DBC. I am grateful that so many of you have carved out some time, opened your homes, and been willing to meet with me. If we have not been able to do that yet, please contact me – this is a great time of year to get together.

As I listen to you all talk about the church, I also want to spend some time with people in the community to talk about DBC. I want to understand how we are perceived in the community and what we can do to become an asset to those who live and work around us. I would be grateful for you to help me connect to people in our community—who should I be talking to?

I also encourage you to do some listening. What are your non-churched neighbors saying that sounds like a spiritual conversation? What are you hearing about the needs of your neighborhood, school, workplace, and community? Effective missionaries know that their first job is to listen. Let's all spend some time listening and hearing what God is telling us about His Kingdom work in this area.

Dan



With Sincere Sympathy

- Carlene Truslow's aunt passed away unexpectedly this week. Carlene's address is: 2709 Arlington Drive, #203, Alexandria, VA 22306.
- Doug Shelton's mother passed away last week. Doug's address is: 6321 Olde Towne Court, Alexandria, VA 22307.
- Ida Jane Stepulla, "Candy," passed away. You can send cards to her husband, James, at 4902 Pole Road, Alexandria, VA 22309.

T-SHIRTS ARE READY FOR CHILDREN'S RETREAT

Are you ready? We are! We leave on Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. and return on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.—28½ hours of fun and learning and crafts and hikes and a bonfire and a treasure hunt!

Pray for us!

BTW: NO Children's Worship on May 21 .



To My Dear Friends,

The flowers I received in memory of my brother, Elmo Kerns, were beautiful. It has been many years since I moved away and no longer attend your church, but the friendship and love of my twenty years being a part of DBC continues, just like the love of God. My brother was very ill for a long time and getting through those days were difficult, but friends like all of you helped and I know that was God. Thank you seems like so little to say but I hope everyone knows it is meant with great love and appreciation. Keep shining, DBC and being God's light.

In Christian Love, Dee Highnote



Dear DBC Family,

Thank you for all your kind letters. Jason and I appreciate all of them. It was a very sad time and we felt your prayers. Every time I would see the flowers, it would make me smile. Thank you.

Jordon & Jason Metts

Carpenter's Shelter

Can you serve plates or cook?

Next opportunity to serve: June 11

Prepare, deliver, or serve food at Carpenter's Shelter
Contact Laurie: Laurie_miller@americanchemistry.org

—from Jeremy Fretts, Leader of our Praise Band

Sing A Song of Worship

Each Sunday, we sing about five congregational songs in the 9:30 a.m. service. I'm well aware that some of you don't sing. Others think we sing too much, some wish we sang the whole hour. Some listen. Some tolerate.

Ideally, we all come together on Sunday mornings to offer corporate praise to God—to join our voices in a chorus of selfless appreciation and adoration to Father, Son, and Spirit. But in reality, you may be distracted, preoccupied, disinterested. So what's the point?

When we sing on Sunday, if you don't feel like you are "worshiping," then think of it as dress rehearsal. It's an opportunity to learn a song to sing at the right moment. We rehearse so that we have a soundtrack ready for life, when it happens. We rehearse for that moment when we are broken and hurting, and need to be reminded of the truths of scripture. We rehearse so that when our hearts swell with gladness, we have a song ready to praise our Creator. Those moments will come and you will be ready.

So on Sunday morning, if you're not feeling worshipful, remember two things: you're a part of the choir, and it's a dress rehearsal.

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Music/Senior Adults

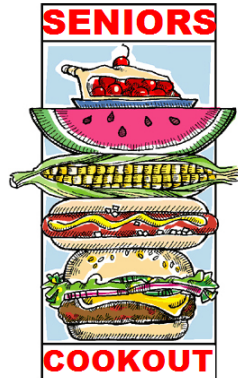
Senior Adult Cook-Out

Thursday, May 26
11:30 a.m.

Meet at First Baptist Church parking lot, 2932 King St. to travel to a nearby picnic area.

Transportation provided, if needed.

Contact Dorothy to make reservations: 703-549-5544



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Christian Education

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Ladies Summer Bible Study

Victoriously Frazzled

June 20 - July 25
Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For You & Your Neighbor!

- Come as you are.
- Flip flops welcome.
- Bring your neighbor.
- Very little homework.
- Lemonade to sip.
- Good Bible study
- Lots of talking
or listening—
whatever suits you!



christian education stuff

Time to Register July 25-29 Monday-Friday

CentriKid
camps

For All Kids who have finished 3rd-6th grade
Skycroft Conference Center
Middleton, Maryland (only 1½ hours away)

For the last 10 years, we have taken kids to this camp with tremendous experiences. Look it up at:
<http://www2.lifeway.com/centrikid/index.php/schedule/>

For information, contact Carolyn or Anne Marie Wood. Cost is \$250 usually, but for DBC'ers, it is only \$150. Sign-up now with a \$50 deposit to save your child's place.

Kevin Bridwell
Youth Associate

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If you are looking for the Youth this weekend, stop searching! We are camping at Bear's Den May 21-22! Please pray that we have:

- Fellowship,
- Communion with God,
- Fun, and last but not least,
- Safety!

Worship Gifts

May 8

General Offering:	\$ 25,691
Weekly Offering Goal	17,780
Difference:	7,911 (+)
Preserving Our Heritage:	470
Designated:	1,839



Sunday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
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- 10:30 a.m.— Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m.— Bible Study
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- 2:00 p.m.—Return: Children's Retreat
- 3:00 p.m.—GriefShare (Rm. 202)

Monday, May 23

- 6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting, Group #1 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m.—MOPs (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 p.m.—DBC Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

Wednesday, May 25

- 10:00 a.m.—GriefShare (Rm. 202)
- 5:45 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 p.m.—Awana: 3 yrs.- 6th grade
- 6:30 p.m.—Praise Ringers
- 6:30 p.m.—Church Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.—Teen Discipleship
- 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

- 7:00 p.m.—Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 28

- 7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting, Group #2 (Fellowship Hall)

Every member of the DBC Family is called to minister. Our congregation set aside the following individuals to provide support for our fellowship.

Pastor - Dan Carlton

Music/Senior Adults - Susan Manship

Christian Education - Carolyn Jenkins

Church Life - Dale Seward

Youth Associate - Kevin Bridwell

Pre-School Associate - Chris Kinnett

Children's Associate - Anne Marie Wood

Financial Secretary - Teresa Simmons

Church Secretary - Dorothy Stewart

Facilities Management - Dan Nieboer

Church Custodian - Bobby Cochran

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grow from baby believers to fully
devoted and developed followers
of Jesus Christ.