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Doing God's Work

BY PASTOR ERIC TRUESDALE

As of August 19th, we have been in St. Matthews for two months and have been very excited about what has been taking place. You may have noticed many different things occurring in the past few months. Each item has been done to glorify our Lord and Savior. This newsletter is one of those examples. We want to be able to keep you updated each month about ministries in the church and upcoming events. I do not believe that being busy for the sake of it glorifies the Lord. However, it is when He is the center focus of why we are doing what we do that He is blessed. There are several things that I try to consider when doing anything in the church. Who are we doing it for, why do we need to do it, what happens if we don't, and how will it impact the church and community? This month, a page has been dedicated to the mission in West Virginia. This ministry is a blessing to those in West Virginia and our church as we can serve another community.

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION

ANNE THORTON AND RICK JACKSON

Hill Road Southern Baptist Church, Julian, WVA Visit 19 July 2023: John Robbs, Donnie

Young, Charles Coleman and Rick Jackson made the trip. We brought food, clothes, and linens in addition to the new sign made and paid for by Canaan BC in Orangeburg. They met with four members of Hill Road Church who expressed their appreciation for the love, prayers and support that we have provided over the years.

The new sign was installed. Food continues to be a need. As their stockpile of food was diminished, our donations increased their supplies and will meet their needs for some time.

Clothes are the main outreach. Local people are drawn initially to Hill Road Church for help with clothes needs, then food needs, all of which leads to that most important opportunity to discuss spiritual needs and the chance to come worship.

HRSBC has recently decided to open their Clothes Closet two times a month- the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Opening the Clothes Closet on these two Saturdays meets the need of the community- apparently these are times when folks tend to run short and need assistance.



Charles's truck packed and enroute

HRSBC's greatest needs:

a. Prayer. Prayer. Prayer. Pray that Pastor Danny Williams and Hill Road SBC know that they are not alone- others are praying and supporting them. And always, may they feel that God is in control and He is always present.

b. Continue our support of this church with our prayers and contributions of food and clothes. The area around this church and around Julian/Logan/Madison is still very much a mission field. There is always work to be done ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the area and people there still need assistance with food and clothes.

Rick Jackson



Unpacking of supplies in West Virginia

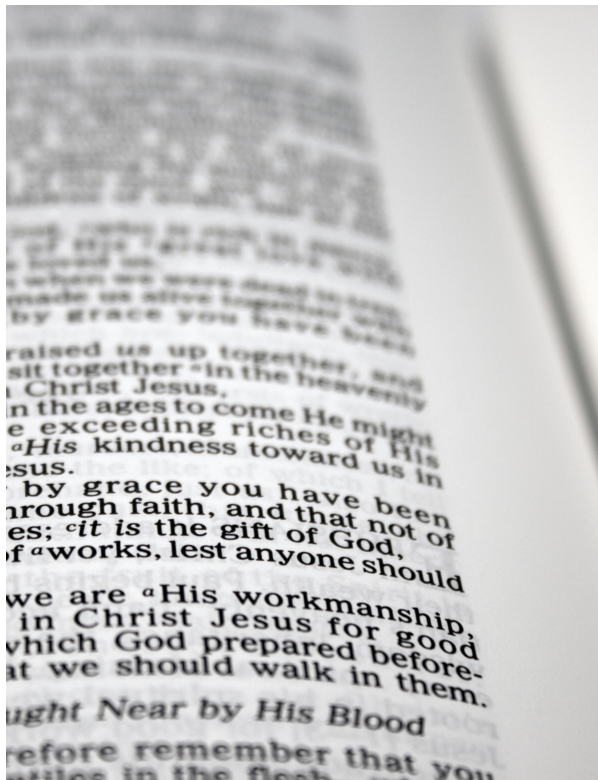
The Milly McLauchlin Sunday School began its mission in West Virginia many years ago. Randy Boland asked us to collect clothes for Peytona Southern Baptist Church. Over the years, many changes have taken place. Randy became involved in other missions. We now take food as well as clothes and go twice a year. We no longer collect food items but ask for monetary gifts and buy food in bulk from Aldi. The owner of the Peytona church reclaimed his property, and our mission is now in Julian, West Virginia, as Hill Road Southern Baptist church, where many from Peytona now attend. We still collect good, clean clothes, linens, and household items for the whole family. Because of our church family's generosity, we can continue our mission to those in need.

Ann Thornton

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

BY PASTOR ERIC
TRUESDALE

In Romans 12:4-9 Paul, being inspired by God, shares the importance of being one in the body of Christ. However, in the same verses, he also reminds us that we are all different. Each person is gifted with an extra gift by Their grace. One is not more significant than the other; rather, it is that each compliments the other. Some may be called to teach, others to pray, some to serve, and many others. However, each gift is essential for the body of Christ (the church) and the kingdom. God, in His infinite wisdom and perfect grace, decided that each of us would have some special gift to serve Him and others. It is no less a sin to commit the most heinous sin and not use our facilities for His purpose.



"Many have no clue what their spiritual gift is or they don't know how to use it."



The question that must be asked is, do we know our gifts? If we all have an advantage, how can we use these gifts for Him and others? We will be looking at these things in the coming months. We will begin a study about our spiritual blessings in Christ in the coming months after the Bible study on Jude. The study will occur on Wednesday nights, and I will share more information as we draw closer. The truth is that many do not know what their gifts are; some may have an idea of what they are but are unsure how to use them here in the church. We will look at this and several other things during the study. I am excited about this study because it is always thrilling to see where God has placed people to serve and see them fulfill this mission in their lives. I am leaving this for you to ponder. What good is it for a vehicle to be a vehicle if it doesn't function as a vehicle? It needs to serve its function to meet its potential. Also, the Christian who isn't using their potential isn't glorifying God.



September 2023

Upcoming Events

4th- Office Closed for Labor Day
5th- 5 PM Trustees
5th- 6 PM Vision Group
6th- 6:30 PM Children and Youth Missions Begin
10th- 6 PM Deacons Meeting
12th- Homebound Ministry
12th- 6 PM Vision Group
13th- Golden Group
20th- Sewing for Missions
24th- FCA Breakfast
25th- Roundtable Discussion

-6th, 13th, 20th, 27th- 6 PM Children's Choir 1st - 6th grade

-September 11-18th Week of Prayer Janie Chapman

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th- Jesse Adams, Travis Houck
6th- Michael Shuler
8th- Bill Dubose
12th- Clarice Lake
14th- Joe Rochester
15th- Michael Inabinet
16th- Stan Jeffcoat, Wayne Davis
17th- Randy Ridgeway
21st- Hamp Thornton III
23rd- Thomas Bryant III
26th- Annesly Houck, Yon Line

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St. Matthews and the world!*