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From the Pastor

A World in Need of Faithful Mentors

Proverbs 10:7 "A good and honest life is a blessed memorial." (The Message)

Last week as another dreadful school shooting took place, I learned of the passing of a special man who was a true mentor to me in my formative years. Blake Whisenant was a deacon in our church, a family man, a tomato farmer, and a man who loved God. Brother Blake was also my Royal Ambassador leader. As such he was always patient, loving and kind to our little group of rowdy boys. Honestly, in those days I saw him simply as the guy who made it possible for us to have a fun time while being challenged to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Looking back however, Brother Blake provided me and the others with so much more. Week by week at Palm View Baptist Church in Palmetto, Florida, he was mentoring each of us, showing us how to become men of integrity and responsible citizens.

A few years later, as a young college student, this man who had earned the right to probe my life with a simple and yet profound question, helped turn my heart toward a life of ministry that now spans more than 40 years. Every life God has touched through His calling for me, has been credited to Blake Whisenant's account in heaven. Brother Blake lived a good and honest life and his blessed memorial? Countless young lives transformed by his desire to leave his world better than he found it. He influenced my life and so many others through his support of youth activities like Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Thank you Brother Blake for being a faithful mentor. It has made an eternal difference in the life of so many. Our world desperately needs more dedicated mentors like Blake Whisenant if it is ever to heal. May God grant it to be so!

Be a mentor to someone today,

Bro. Chuck
John 3:16

From Jim

As I'm sitting and writing this article for the newsletter, I have just left our staff meeting which was held outside, in the *pavilion*, in *February*, in the beautiful *sunshine*. Simple things to us but when you think on them, what wonderful blessings from the Lord.

Our Golden Nuggets will be traveling over to Crossville to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see "The Mousetrap" and to have lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park on March 22nd. The play is an Agatha Christie "who dunnit" and it should be great!

March is one of my favorite months because I was born in March. It's hard to believe that it will be 74 years ago (1944) that my mom gave birth to me. Nearly three quarters of a century I've been living on this earth-and all I've got left is eternity!!

Here is just a thought I want to leave with you for this month of March: "Good judgement comes from experience, and experience, well, that comes from poor judgement!" Psalm 119:65 & 66 says, "Lord, You have treated your servant well, just as You promised. Teach me good judgement and discernment, for I rely on Your commands." HSCB

Jim Murray

Reminders

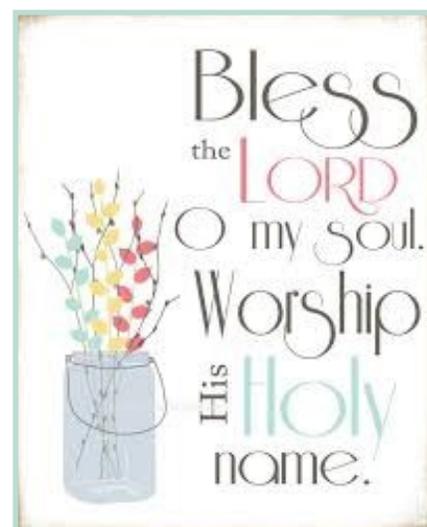
March 10: Set your clocks
FORWARD
one hour before retiring!

March 14: There will be no RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, and no meal during the week of spring break.

March 19: Blood Drive

On the Calendar

1	Drama Team
3	Zumba
5	Zumba
7	Living Sent
10	Men's Bible Study Zumba
11	Daylight Savings Time Begins Deacon's Meeting
12	Women on Mission Zumba
12-16	WCS Spring Break
14	No RAs/GAs/Mission Friends No Wednesday Evening Meal
17	Zumba Drama Team
18	Business Meeting
19	Blood Drive Zumba
20	Ladies Night Out
22	Sr Adults/Cumberland Playhouse VIP
24	Men's Bible Study Zumba
25	Easter Cantata Easter Egg Hung Lord's Supper
26	Zumba Drama Team
28	Room in the Inn
31	Zumba



Victory Kids

Hello Victory Parents! Centri Kid Camp is coming up soon. If your child is interested in going, please contact me. This will be a great week that will teach your child many life lessons. When your child returns home, we hope they will have a renewed love for Christ and an attitude of servanthood. This will be a life changing, thought provoking, fun in the sun week that your child will never forget.

God is Good!

Kyle Clifton, Children's Pastor

Camp Dates

June 11-15, Campbellsville, KY
For 3rd—5th graders. Second graders are welcome if their parents are a volunteer.

Deadlines

March 11: \$50 deposit due
April 25th: All Camp Forms due
May 2: Final Payment due

Final Meeting before Camp

Please attend ONE of the following meetings:

May 6: 11:45am, Room 130
May 9: 7:15pm in Room 130

CentriKid Camps Fundraisers

March 26 @ Chick-fil-A, 4:30-8pm
April 18, Spaghetti Dinner @ VBC
Help our kids go to camp!

Women

Women on Mission

Monday, March 12, 10am
Room 314

Ladies Night Out, March 20, 6pm at Olive Garden (401 S Mt Juliet Rd). All ladies are invited!

ZUMBA Classes

Mondays @ 6pm
Saturdays @ 9am
In the Youth Room

Hand Made With Love makes items for charities in Room 314, MWF from 9am-1pm. For more information call Judy Weist (615.210.5925).

Spring Fling, April 7

We are collecting items for the silent auction. All proceeds go to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Contact Diane Stewart (615-444-6002) for more information or if you have an item to donate.

Golden Nuggets (Senior Adults)

All Golden Nuggets (Senior Adults) are invited to join us on March 22 as we travel to Cumberland State Park for lunch and to see "The Mouse Trap," an Agatha Christie classic. Cost is \$40/person and includes buffet lunch and play. There are 50 reserved seats available for this event. Sign up in the church foyer or with Jim Murray.

Thank You

Dear Victory Baptist Church,
Thank you for starting off the new year with your continued support of the Mt Juliet Help Center. Your donations have made a huge difference in so many local families in need. Sincerely,
Carolyn Smith, Director

Men

Men's Bible Study will be held March 10 and 24 at 7:30am in Room 130. All men are welcomed join us!

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Also This Month

Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, Mar 11, 3:45pm

Business Meeting, Sunday, Mar 18, 6pm

Voices of Victory Choir will present the Easter Cantata, "**Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb**", Sunday, **March 25** during the 8:45am Worship Service.

If you can help us prepare and take a meal to **Room in the Inn** on Wednesday, **March 28**, the sign up sheet is in the front lobby. Thank you!

For Your Information

Operation Christmas Child suggestion for March: Craft items

During the winter months when we are more likely to have **inclement weather**, please check the VBC website for schedule changes or cancellations.

The **Plus 1 Ministry** appreciates your generosity! The basics are always needed: flour, sugar, soups, shampoo, toothpaste, and money for milk.

If you or someone you know is in need of **Christian Counseling**, Mrs Terri Atwood has available appointments here at VBC.

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Please check the **lost and found** in the church office if you've misplaced your Bible, articles of clothing, coats/jackets, jewelry, keys, glasses, etc. Items left for an extended time will be donated to charity.

Shout Out to VBC!

Posted on the Mt Juliet Help Center Facebook page: "The Olympics are over today, but we'd like to give a gold medal to one of the local churches who provides us with unfailing support. Through their unique Plus 1 program, Victory Baptist Church delivered 15,878 pounds of food in 2017! Members are encouraged to add one extra food item to their cart when doing their weekly shopping and then to bring it to church with them on Sunday. Faithful volunteers then deliver all the donations to us on Mondays! To the congregation of Victory Baptist: thank you for your compassionate community care! #thankyou guys"