

Sermon Notes and Announcements

Session Highlights for Called Meeting of January 4, 2012

The Session met in a called meeting to consider three items.

The meeting opened with prayer.

- Received and approved by unanimous vote the “Foundations of Pastoral Ministry” which is required by Shenandoah Presbytery within six months of a new call issued to a pastor. This document will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the January 22 congregational meeting.
- Received and approved by unanimous vote a bid from Onyx Technical Services, Inc. of Chesapeake, VA to replace a significant portion of our audio system and install a fully retractable video system in the sanctuary. These changes will make our sound system more usable and allow our sound system and sanctuary to more fully meet the needs of our congregation. This project has been fully funded through anonymous gifts of individuals over and above any pledged funding. This project will have no impact on the church budget and will benefit TSPC for many years to come.
- Received a report from the Officer Nominating Committee that at the January 22 congregational meeting Bill Huffman will be nominated to fill two years of an unexpired term on the Diaconate and Brian Edge will be nominated to fill a one year unexpired term.

Having accomplished all the items of the called meeting, the Session was dismissed with prayer. The next meeting of the Session is the stated meeting of January 22, 7 p.m., in the Session room.

This morning we welcome our new accompanist, Kemper McCauley, III. Kemper comes to us with more than 20 years experience in church music and is a full time health care professional at Augusta Health. It is a joy to welcome him this morning.

More Fun Days at Tinkling Spring! Sign up your Kindergarten – 5th grade children today for FREE, fun, faith-filled days on Monday, January 16, and Tuesday, January 17, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Registration forms are located on the board outside of Harriet’s office. Children must be pre-registered by Sunday, January 15, for these events.

The Church IS/IS NOT...

Every Sunday, for over 2,000 years, Christians around the world gather, worship, serve those in need, pray and so much more. We call ourselves the “church.” What is the “church”? Join us on Sundays in January as we begin our new year looking at what this wonderful, frustrating, joyous, and sometimes dangerous thing we call the “church” really is according to Scripture. Who knows, when we reach the end of our exploration, we just might be challenged to “do church” differently.

January 8, 2012

“The Church IS All About You”

Matthew 16:13-20

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Jesus “asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’...He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God’” (Matthew 16:13b, 15, 16).

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost” (1 Timothy 1:15).

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“...Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven” (Matthew 16:17).

“A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul” (Acts 16:14).

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“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:18, 19).

Love For Life Marriage Conference



Meet the stars of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting," Michelle & Jim Bob Duggar, at this year's Love for Life! Also included in this year's conference is Dan Seaborn, Tedd Cunningham & Joe White! Couples are \$49, individuals \$29 and students \$15 through January 23rd!

Last year 6 couples from Tinkling Spring shared time at the Love For Life Conference. Most couples drove down the morning of, with one couple staying Friday night in a hotel. Read one couple's reflection from last year...

"We loved having the time together and it was a good reminder of what to do in a marriage. We liked the morning speakers better than the afternoon ones, but thought having the experience of being in Lynchburg was great. We have never been to anything like that before, but we both came away feeling closer and more connected. It was nice to make the effort to actually get out of town for a day and really concentrate on the reasons you were away and together."

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Location: Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Order tickets by calling 1-800-526-8673

**Questions: Contact April or Reed Crawford
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Middle School Youth Tubing: Sunday, January 22, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Wintergreen. Sign up with April by Jan. 15, with your \$30 payment.

High School Youth Skiing: Sunday, January 29, from 3:00-11:00 p.m., at Wintergreen. Sign up with April by Jan. 22, with your payment. Lift Tickets: \$36.00; ski rentals: \$22.50; snowboard rentals \$29.00.

Two important and unique Sundays in February:

February 5, 11:00 a.m., Scout Sunday! "Be prepared" for worship as we celebrate scouting for boys and girls through our church and in our community.

February 19, 11:00 a.m., Children's Sabbath and Preschool Sunday. Join us as our children lead us in worship and as we celebrate the gift of our Preschool. This special worship experience will be filled with the prayers and songs of our children!

2012 Offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer under the Officer's mailboxes. Please speak with Jean Shrewsbury if you need envelopes.

We express our gratitude to Jean Shrewsbury for her diligent service as Tinkling Spring's receiving treasurer. As Jean intends to resign this position effective June 30, 2012, we are now searching for her replacement. Jean is willing to train the new person for the remainder of 2012 to insure they are comfortable with the transition. If you would be willing to serve as the receiving treasurer, or co-treasurer, please contact John Craft, Randy Fisher, or Carl VanFossen for further details.

Looking for something to start your New Year off right? Come join the new **Healthy Living** group. The group meets on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. in room 215. This group does not endorse any one diet program, but does support each other in keeping up with everyday Healthy Living. When the weather gets warmer we will begin walking outside, but in the meantime we recommend the Zumba class being held on Tuesday nights in Spring Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more information on the **Healthy Living** group see Ann Gregory.