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## Thoughts from the Pastor

by Jack Gill

**H**ere's a short summary from a story by author Tim Challies with regards to a modern day treasure hunt:

Near the end of World War II, the Germans, knowing that defeat was imminent, sought to dispose of much of the wealth and treasures that they had amassed from various parts of the world through both their occupation as well as theft. As the Russians advanced upon Germany at the end of the war, it was known by many that the Nazis dropped several large crates into Lake Toplitz in an effort to keep things from falling into Russian hands. The problem was that no one knew what treasure had been dropped.

It was nearly fifty-five years later before this treasure was discovered. Lake Troplitz was nearly 350 feet deep, so searching through it was difficult. However, in 1999 a team of explorers finally did discover portions of the crates. Due to the disintegration of the boxes, they could not retrieve them though until they could get a better submersible. At long last, a bundle of paper from one of those crates was found and brought to the surface—and the printing on the paper put to rest one of Hitler's greatest secrets. On the paper was found the printing, "Bank of England." It was counterfeit British money.

In the aftermath, the pieces of history started to come together. Late in the war, Germany sought to wreck the British economy with the plan of printing amazing counterfeit copies of their currency, and then dropping it by air over England. The thought was that most of the British people would keep it, (despite its being counterfeit), in order to secure their personal security. In doing so though, they would have wrecked their own economy. Thankfully, due to the invasion of the Russians, this never came to pass.

That's the problem with a counterfeit—it is destructive on an economy. As a result, we seek to not accept counterfeit notes—or to turn in those who would distribute them. Failure to deal with a counterfeit will bring ultimate ruin.

Spiritually speaking, we have to do the same thing. Our enemy flies over the area, distributing the counterfeit message of the truth—but many times it is attractive, or hard to distinguish between the real thing. What's the solution for the church? *We need spiritual discernment.* One need only to look to the

recent events in Lakeland, Florida to see that the church universal at times is anemic in this area.

Note what 1 Corinthians says about spiritual discernment:

*But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. <sup>15</sup>But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. <sup>16</sup>For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Co 2:14-16*

Hebrews 5:14 says that discernment is a mark of spiritual maturity. We need it, and God has made it available. To not have discernment is to be like a 747 trying to land in the fog without instruments. Lots of power and good intentions...but not a good end result!

How do we find it? Where can we get this?

Through prayer: James 1:5 says that God gives wisdom (and thus discernment) to those who ask for it.

Through the Word: Ps 119:98-100 says we can get amazing insight from God's Word.

Through the Wise: Ever been around a wise and discerning person? You very much want to "drink water from their well."

We live in a time in which much discernment is needed, and yet it is rare. As a church, we seek very much not only to find it—but to pass it on! As *we collectively* seek to pray, search the Word, and ask the wise about the issues *we* need to discern, we will not only avoid unnecessary problems, but we will aid those around us from doing so as well, as well as bring glory to God. We want to not only think biblically in all areas of life, but to be able to act biblically in them as well.

Don't seek to find it all alone! Allow this body to walk with you through your struggles and questions. Find the people who will travel your journey with you, and walk in line with the truth. In doing so, you will find not a counterfeit crate, but a *real* treasure.



## Administratively Speaking

by Debbie Stevenson

It's September. The summer season is winding to a close. School is starting. Most vacations are memories and routine is back. Before we get too far into the new "church" year, I just wanted to take time to look back on how the summer went in the church building and to thank those who faithfully served our congregation behind the scenes:

Did you know that 15 of our teens sacrificed part of their Tuesdays each week this summer cleaning the church building for us? WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

Did you know that Jeff Stocker sacrificially oversees the Levite ministry which is a group of faithful people who make sure that our building is properly maintained and kept clean for us each week and throughout the year? And when people don't show up and the "group" is just him, he gets the job done. WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

Did you know that Andre Fontaine single-handedly kept the church property mowed this summer? Thanks to Josh Tigges who was Andre's vacation sub. And Mark Dillmuth, Steve Jessberger, Ken Shipe, and Adam Hall were our faithful weed-wacking team. WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

Did you know that Patty Richardson is faithfully keeping the kitchen cleaned and in order? WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

Did you know that Becky Porter oversees our lost and found collection? She calls people to let them know their Bibles are waiting to be picked up, and she washes the unclaimed clothes and takes them to a donation place. WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

Did you know that Shelly Farley, Geni Hall and Andria Donnelly came in and organized Sunday school and Awana supplies so that our classrooms could be better utilized? WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

Did you know that Sandy Jenkins and Danielle Carter help me in the office every week (year-round) so that we have Sunday bulletins, attendance sheets, events scheduled on the calendar, updated database, directories bound, and any other tasks that help us get from Sunday to Sunday? WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

Did you know that Todd Metzgar and Shelly Farley kept outside plants watered and tried to keep up with the weeding too? WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

Besides taking the opportunity to thank these people for their service, my point is that tasks needed to be done, tasks continued to be done, and the above people stepped up to serve US and OUR LORD throughout the summer. So how do these things and many others get done for US during the rest of the year? BY YOU!

Did you know that we do not have a paid custodial staff and therefore need to rely on our church family to clean up after Sunday morning activities, or after events during the week, or after potlucks, or after your spills? We rely on our Levite

team...made up of people like YOU...to restock and clean the restrooms, vacuum the entire building, empty trashcans, and wash doors and windows. We also need to rely on YOU individually to help us when you see a need or when you are asked to help after events. A huge help would be cleaning up after yourself and your family on Sundays. You may have noticed that in mid-August we had the carpet cleaned throughout the entire building (except the balcony) for a cost of \$3,300? This time we had many coffee and food stains that could not be removed from carpet because they were too deep or large. Since replacing 28,000 square feet of carpet is not an option, if you or your children spill something, please clean it up or find a deacon or a staff person who can help you. If you have bulletins and other papers around your row in the auditorium, pick it up before you go. And if you would like to join the Levite Team on Sunday evenings or other times, there is always a place for you. These things cannot get done without YOU! WAY TO GO! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

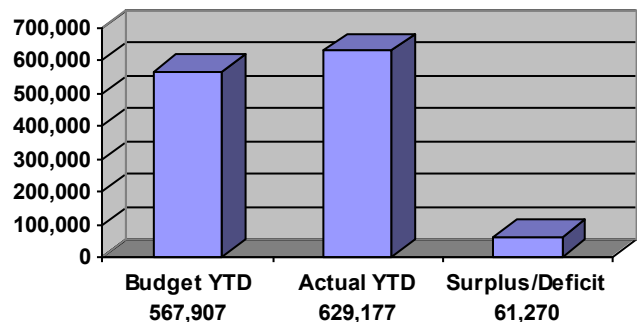
## Women of Faith

Come join us for our first meeting on Friday, September 12th 9:30-11:30. Our guest speaker will be Beth Moore (yes, by video), so you don't want to

miss it. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and get to know other ladies at Blue Ridge. Please feel free to bring a neighbor or friend. Childcare will be offered along with coffee, tea, and baked goodies. We meet downstairs in the quad.

Our other fall meeting dates are Oct. 10th and Nov. 14th

## Actual & Budgeted Offerings as of 8/24/08



### BRBC Attendance

	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24
<b>Sunday School</b>				
Adults	85	82	96	80
Children	29	122	119	104
Total	214	204	215	184
<b>Worship</b>				
Auditorium	443	355	371	372
Classes	13	31	26	30
Total	456	386	397	402



# Missions Report

## **ACTION Impact Missions Alaska Missions Trip 2008**

By: Kendall Newton

Alaska—full of beautiful mountains, moose, sea otters, and mosquitoes...but also filled with people who need God's unconditional love. Most people think of "Eskimos" when they think of Alaska, but in our case this wasn't true. Actually, we worked closely with Alaska's Indians to show them that there *is* someone who cares for them. These Indian children are abandoned by their drug addicted parents...and have the mindset that there is no one who loves them. We also presented the Gospel through mime in numerous places in Alaska. When asked about the mission trip, Keegan says: "Throughout the trip we had several great experiences, but also several trials. It was amazing to see God at work, and through all of the trials He brought us closer to Him." As for me, I felt God's presence strongly through the whole trip. The Lord filled me to the top every morning with encouragement and peace. I felt so incredibly blessed to be a part of this missions trip—but most of all, I felt blessed to be a tool used by God to reach out to those in need of love...and a Savior.

## **Brazil Short-term Mission Trip Report**

By: Elizabeth LaRock

Romans 12:2 says "Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." This is what my brother, our missions team, and I prayed for the 150 children coming to summer camp in Benevides, Brazil in July. We prayed that He would open their eyes to His truth, accept His love and forgiveness, and be transformed by the renewing of their minds. We were incredibly blessed to see God answer our prayers and not only work in the lives of these children in a way that was greater than we could have imagined, but in the lives of our entire team as well.

My brother Paul and I were blessed this year to be able to join Reston Bible Church's summer missions team to Benevides, Brazil for the second summer in a row. We traveled to work alongside missionary Lynne McLeavy in her ministry to the impoverished people of the dump community there, especially the children. We were again moved by the terrible living conditions and the heartbreaking family situations that are the norm. Food and income (through re-selling of "recyclables") come from the dump, and sickness is everywhere. Little children run barefoot through the rotting garbage, unaware of the dangers it holds. It is a heartbreaking sight, but Paul and I were so blessed to be returning to minister to these kids who became so dear to us last summer and who have not been far from our minds since. We spent the first half of the trip working in the dump. When we weren't playing with children who were constantly looking for love and attention, we worked on installing a water sanitation system to over 50 of the homes. The second half of our trip we took those 150 kids I was talking about earlier to the Word of Life Bible College campus that we were staying at and put on a 5-day/24 hour a day summer camp/VBS for them! It was amazing to see how God could use 30 non-Portuguese speaking Americans to do His work. Thankfully, He provided some amazing translators! It was just one of many ways that we witnessed His power. Camp week was completely filled with fun, games, crafts, wholesome food and mattresses and pillows for the kids, as well as special chapel times where we all praised the Lord together in Portuguese. We gave the kids the gospel through messages,

skits and testimonies. It was a powerful time, and we could see God moving in the hearts of these precious children. Many moments were spent with groups just hugging, praying and crying together as they realized that God loves them, died to save them, and that He who had done so much for them wanted to transform them into a new person. We have not gotten an exact number yet, but we are thrilled with the estimate that over half of the kids at camp gave their lives to Christ that week! Others renewed their commitments to Christ and many seeds were planted!

As you can imagine, our entire team grew very close to these kids and it was incredibly hard to leave them, especially knowing what we were going back to compared to what they were going home to! We were again touched by how hard it was for the kids to leave us as well many tears were shed on that very sad day! We went on this trip praying that God would use us to show His love to these kids, and that they would understand Romans 12:2 - that they would truly be transformed by the renewing of their minds. It was obvious that God answered that prayer in a big way, and we praise Him for that! But I think God also used this trip to teach me personally and, I believe, all the members of the team, that there is nothing this world has to offer that can be better than trusting our lives to God to be used to serve others and share the Good News of His love with them. I hope that He will continue to transform my mind so that my focus will constantly be on Him and others and not myself so that I may be available for Him to use however He chooses! I'm trusting that He is caring for the children in Brazil, and praying that, if it is His will, He will bring me back to them again very soon.

## **Encouragement for Women**

By: Kendell Taylor

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits." Psalm 103:1-2

What does it mean to "bless the Lord"? Verse 2 provides one answer to this question – "forget none of His benefits". We are a blessing to God as we recognize and reflect on all of His benefits and allow this to permeate our hearts. Our part in this is to reflect on God: His character, the truth of His Word, the great gift of the cross, and how this is manifested in our daily lives, the church, and the world around us. As we do, our minds will be renewed with God's truth, and He will change our hearts and transform our lives.

What are some things that can nurture our desire for God and His Word? A friend used to say "live in the moment". Please don't confuse that statement with what is often meant when people talk about living in the moment. I think what she meant was fully experiencing what God has for us in each situation or even each moment, whether joyful or sad. Take advantage of the seemingly small ways that God reaches out to us... if it's in the beauty of the morning sunrise, a song, an encouraging word from a friend, a verse. Stop for a minute and respond to God however He is calling us in this "moment", even if it is simply to say thanks for the sunrise and reflect on how God's light can shine through any darkness. This is just one of many ways we can bless the Lord.

What are you grateful for? Would you like to share that with others? Whether it is something as simple as a "sunrise moment" that can be expressed in a couple of sentences or something more involved that requires a complete article, feel free to send it to Kendell Taylor ([katie4em@rstarmail.com](mailto:katie4em@rstarmail.com)). It will be included as part of the "Encouragement for Women" column under a sub-heading of "I am grateful for..." and we can bless the Lord together. Other articles are also welcome as part of our regular column.





## AWANA REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON LINE AT [BRBIBLE.ORG](http://BRBIBLE.ORG)

Awana begins on September 7th! There is still time if you feel called to participate by being a leader. All potential leaders are required to attend one of the leadership training seminars. The last one is scheduled for Friday, September 5th from 7 to 9 pm. We anticipate a dynamic year. Won't you consider praying about how the Lord will use you in training boys and girls to serve Him?

Awana is open to all children ages 3 to 14. We have several different clubs to meet your child's needs.

Cubbies is for the energetic 3 and 4 year olds, Cubbies is fun and exciting! Cubbies comes alongside the parents in helping clubbers memorize scripture. Cubbies learn basic truths about the Christian faith. They also have tons of fun playing games, hearing Bible stories, doing crafts and having snacks!

Sparks is for five, six and seven year olds to enjoy the engaging Spark curriculum, activities and group interactions used to teach kids the Bible. In three years, a child will learn and review over **65 verses**, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine. These are key training years for our clubbers. After being immersed in solid foundational teaching at the preschool level, boys and girls frequently come to an understanding of their need to trust Christ as their personal Savior while in Sparks. We want to come alongside boys and girls and help them grow deeper in their knowledge of our Lord.

Truth & Training (T&T) club reflects the passion of Awana to teach third through sixth grade boys and girls with the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. Our goal is that many of today's young people will become tomorrow's church leaders. T&T is the program that trains the leaders of tomorrow — today. Through weekly club meetings, we expose children to the gospel message, Scripture memory, Bible study, awards, team-oriented games and gut-busting fun! The Bible centered curriculum helps kids build a firm foundation for their faith, hide God's Word in their heart and apply the truths of Scripture to their daily lives.

Evangelism and discipleship is the bread and butter of T&T. By the time a child has completed T&T, he/she will have learned and reviewed approximately **310 verses**, studied dozens of passages from the Old and New Testament, regularly heard and read the gospel message, discovered the Bible's response to questions like "How does God want me to live my life?" and memorized verses to back up these answers, plus completed missions projects that help him/her see the world through God's eyes.

Trek is aimed at seventh and eighth graders and provides solid Biblical teaching with relevant, contemporary applications. The new, exciting curriculum is designed to take the clubber from Genesis to Revelation in their first year. The second year study deals with trials, temptations and tough times of the Christian life. No one escapes these difficult times. How do students respond when life comes crashing down around them? Trek helps the middle school student prepare for what lies ahead.

Ask any Awana clubber, game time is FUN! Each club competes as a team in circle game friendly competition. Cheering and encouraging one another is an integral part of games. It gets LOUD during game time with cheering, laughter and lots of energy being released! Game time keeps clubbers coming back to Awana for more.

A unique aspect of BRBC's Awana program is our council time. We get all clubbers ages 5 to 14 together to hear a gospel message aimed at helping them know God better and love Him more. Council time messages often go hand in hand with the theme night focus.

Leaders-in-Training is for clubbers age 14 to 18. We have an LIT program that trains tomorrow's leaders today. The female LIT's

work closely with our Cubbies program. The male LIT's work with the Sparks. Each week, the LIT's get practical training working as a leader and modeling their Christian walk to younger clubbers. In addition, the LIT's are required to complete the 24/7 Bible curriculum which helps keep the LIT's grounded in prayer, Bible memorization and scripture reading. This is an excellent program for the older teens who feel called to lead the next generation in their spiritual training.

**Attendance at the Leader's Training meeting on August 24 or September 5 is required.**

Please contact Earl and Geni Hall to volunteer or if you have any questions. ([earl@phc.edu](mailto:earl@phc.edu), [genihall@aol.com](mailto:genihall@aol.com), home phone: 540-338-4287).

### Awana September Calendar

September 7	Opening Night
September 14	Team Color Night
September 21	Gate Test Challenge Ends
September 28	Bugging Out!



### Clothing Exchange October 20 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am to 1pm.  
Evening shopping hours **ADULTS** only  
Wednesday/Friday 7-9 pm.  
Clothing accepted through Thursday only,  
outreach to the community Saturday morning.

**Everyone** who drops off clothes is asked to distribute their clothes into the proper categories *before* shopping. We will accept clothes from all contributors as long as they are put out by the one bringing them. (This will eliminate clothes piling up in the hallways!!)

We will have day/week supervisors in each of the following areas: men, women, children, baby, household and toy land. The supervisor will be responsible for the daily clean up and maintenance of their areas. Sign-ups for supervisor shifts will be forthcoming.

Enrichment classes will be run M – F from 9 to noon. Classes are for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (ages 5 to 10). Older kids can help with the clothing exchange. Each class will be \$8 per class per child. The purpose of the class is to allow moms to help with the clothing exchange without losing a day of schooling. **Moms are expected to be on site at all times.** Registration will be online soon. Keep watching the bulletin for that announcement. There is also a maximum number of kids allowed per class. Classes are *tentatively* science, mime, music, drama, and art. There will only be one class per day.

Childcare will **not** be provided for children under the age of 5. Kids shop with their parents at Target so they can certainly stay with their parents during the clothing exchange. Many hands make light work and we will gladly take all willing volunteers, no matter what age they are :)

Set-up will be Sunday evening after Awana at 8 pm on October 19. Many hands are needed to get the set-up complete. Please plan to be there!

This ministry is primarily as an opportunity to clothe our corporate Body and bless one another so shopping will certainly be open during the entire week. Also, we want others to be blessed as well so although we will advertise for others to come and take whatever on Saturday, *folks are welcome to come at any time we are open and take clothes.*

Any questions? Contact Geni Hall, [genihall@aol.com](mailto:genihall@aol.com)

## **Getting To Know You:** **The Heidorn Family**

By Breana Paist

Steve Heidorn grew up near the Windy City – that’s Chicago, don’t you know – while his wife Karen was raised mainly in the Northeast. Steve came from a religious home, yet did not become a Christian until he was in college. He needed to settle once and for all the question, “Am I good enough to get to heaven when I die?” The searching brought him to the Scriptures and eventually he heard the call of the Lord. On the other hand, Karen grew up in a Christian family, trusting Christ as her Savior when she was a small child. “Coming from a rich heritage of believers it was not hard to hear the call of the Lord,” she says.

When asked if there are any experiences in Karen’s life that have stood out to her she says, “I consider my years as a single mom my wilderness experience. When my first husband abandoned his family the path of our life changed drastically. It was a very difficult eight years in many ways and also a very rich spiritual eight years. I really learned how to trust my Father and walk my faith. These spiritual lessons helped me tremendously as we watched my eldest child become a prodigal son and live among the swine for a season. Praise God at 20 he came back home, became saved weeks later and now is doing great and growing in his faith.” For Steve, he has learned much through the study of the Bible and his teaching ministry. Marrying a single mom and having two more children has added to the fabric of his faith.

Steve and Karen met at a wedding where Karen was working as one of the wedding photographers. “As my employer and I approached the reception she noticed a table with five single guys,” Karen remembers. “She insisted we sit there and as they say, ‘the rest is history.’” Steve and Karen were married five years later in 1997. “At the time of our wedding my sons were 12 and 9,” Karen says. “Interestingly, when my oldest son was 10 I *told* God He had been a great father and husband for the past six years but I wanted a man with skin by the time my son was a teenager. As you recall we married when that son was 12! God loves our honesty and is always right on time.” Steve and Karen now have three sons and one daughter in their family. “Although most people would classify us as a blended family, we all see ourselves as one, united by God. Ryan and Brent have a father figure in Steve and they see Evan and Kara as brother and sister.”

Ryan is twenty-three and plans to graduate from Liberty University. He loves outside activities, especially snowboarding, as well as computer programming and software development. Ryan also enjoys writing and the arts. Brent, 20, also plans to be a Liberty University graduate. He loves to cook, trouble shoot and repair computers, and spend time with his fiancée, Lyn Rose. Eight-year-old Evan loves baseball, golf, playing the piano and reading. Kara, who is seven, loves ballet, music, drawing, reading and playing with friends. Together they love to play Playmobile. It’s playable and mobile! Both the younger children attend the school of home.

As a family, the Heidorns love to play games, share meals together, go hiking, visit their college kids in Lynchburg, and play with their dog, Chloe. Steve works as a consultant, and enjoys reading and teaching. Karen happily stays home with the children, and enjoys making doll clothes for Kara’s American Girl dolls, cooking, and entertaining; she also loves to decorate. The Lord brought the Heidorn family to Ashburn five years ago, from the town of Warrenton. They’re grateful that Steve now has an easier commute. They love their beautiful home in the suburbs, but look forward to living in the country someday.

The Heidorn family was curious after hearing about the “homeschool church” in Loudoun County, but did not get the chance to visit BRBC until one Easter Sunday. When their current church had a tent meeting outside in the fifty-degree weather, they decided this would be the perfect opportunity to visit BRBC! They chose to become members last fall because, “we love to worship and fellowship with families that share the same vision of keeping the family unified and taking back what the government has tried to take away, the education of our children.” Karen is involved in the womens’ ministry and Steve is currently teaching adult Sunday school. They will also be starting a home fellowship group in the fall for BRBC families who live in their area. What the Heidorns like best about BRBC is that it is “a church of great character with great people and sound biblical teaching.”

A guiding thought for the Heidorn family is to seek the Lord’s will and wait on His timing. Lately, Karen says she’s been learning how to both wait on the Lord, and how to let go of your kids and trust God with them. “We strongly believe in using the spiritual gifts that He has given to us. We are thankful He has called us to home school our children and we are enjoying this journey.” Along with this, the hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” and Ephesians 3:16-21 hold special places in this family’s life. “We truly are enjoying our time at BRBC and thank everyone who has made us feel so welcome here. Blessings to you all, Steve and Karen Heidorn and Family”



## *SMALL GROUPS*

*There's One Just for You!*

### *College and Singles*

**Host:** Tom & Suzanne Larry  
**Location:** 17280 Pickwick Drive, Purcellville  
 540-338-8228; slarry@verizon.net  
**Day & Time:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month, 1:15 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 21

Planned for the third Sunday of each month, immediately following church all college-aged and singles are invited to the Larrys' for the afternoon of fellowship, a great lunch, the opportunity to develop relationships, play games and share in a short devotional together. Their house is within walking distance from PHC.

**Host:** Bill & Linda Parker  
**Location:** 20268 St. Louis Road, Purcellville  
 540-338-2904; bill@parkerllc.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Friday night; 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 5

All college-aged and singles are invited to the Parker home for teaching, fellowship and a fun Friday evening building relationships.

### *For the Whole Family*

**Host:** Mark Smith  
**Location:** 34294 Bridgestone Lane, Bluemont  
 540-554-8209 or mark.smith@datamarksystems.com  
**Day & Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 11

Families and singles alike are invited to join this group. Mark Smith will be leading a discussion and study on the Book of I John. Children are welcome and will be joining the adults for some worship and a "family lesson" during part of the study.

**Host:** Jon & Olga Garber  
**Location:** 23106 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg  
 703-327-8738 or jongarber@juno.com  
**Day & Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 11

The Garbers host a home group at their house and will continue studying the Book of Acts. Children are welcome and there is lots of room outside for them to play, weather permitting. The purpose of our group is to grow closer to God and each other through fellowship and Bible study.

### *Adults only*

**Host:** Andre & Holly Fontaine  
**Location:** 35021 Williams Gap Road, Round Hill  
 540-554-2283 or andre@envsystems.net  
**Day & Time:** Every Tuesday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Begins:** September 9

God never intended for you to do life alone, but to do life together in community! So, just come as you are, as no preparation on your part is required. However, come prepared to be interactive, inspired, and engaged!!!

**Host:** Bill & Nancy Wilcox  
**Location:** 5 Mystic Lane, Round Hill  
 540-338-4879 or billwilcox@rstarmail.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 10

This study is appropriate for college age and up. The group will be studying the book of Revelation. For those who desire, a few questions concerning the passage to be studied will be emailed to you in order to ponder and reflect on the Scripture passage for the week. We will seek to learn together, become proficient as to how to study the Word, enjoy fellowship, grow leaders, and encourage one another to influence others for Christ - every member will improve their ability to maintain a strong Christian witness in the face of the temptations occasioned by the society in which we live.

**Host:** Dirk & Janet van der Vaart  
**Location:** Home of Kendell Taylor, Hillsboro area  
 540-668-6817 or T37292@mindspring.com or DVander  
 vaart@camero-usa.com  
**Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 for dinner; 7:30-9:00 p.m. for study  
**Begins:** Resumes from summer break on August 27

This group is studying the Book of Matthew, and includes finding out how to best apply it for our own spiritual growth. Come ready to engage in good Bible study and fellowship!

### *Adults (childcare provided)*

**Host:** Carlos & Carminda Fernandes  
**Location:** 16260 Purcellville Road, Purcellville  
 540-338-0612 or fernandes@rstarmail.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Friday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Begins:** October 10

We will view Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project"—a video series designed to give us a systematic and comprehensive biblical worldview for all of life. Also, we'll have discussion afterwards about what we've learned, and how we apply it to our lives. For the children, we will provide a G-rated movie and popcorn!

**Host:** Steve & Karen Heidorn  
**Location:** 21343 Fairhunt Drive, Ashburn (for Leesburg & Eastern Loudoun folks)  
 703-726-9171 or karen.heidorn@gmail.com  
**Day & Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 26

Our home fellowship group is for families who live in Eastern Loudoun County. The children will be cared for in the basement while the adults meet upstairs. The group is for fellowship and sharing the word of God. On September 26 we will kick-off with a cookout and a getting-to-know-each-other evening at 6:00 p.m.

**Host:** Rich & Christy Shipe/Jeff Stocker & Terri Stocker  
**Location:** Blue Ridge Bible Church (lower level classroom)  
 540-338-2597 or richshipe@gmail.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Saturday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Begins:** September 6

This group is working through the Book of I Peter. The group is adults only, but childcare is provided for a nominal fee of \$1 per child per night. The purpose is to grow new relationships that are centered around deepening our relationships with Christ. The evening together consists of fellowship, sharing what God is doing and teaching in our personal lives, studying and discussing the study, and prayer.

### *Men Only Groups*

**Type & Host:** Brotherhood Bible Study – Jon Tigges  
**Location:** 16652 Mandeleigh Lane, Hamilton  
 540-338-9119 or jon.tigges@gamil.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.  
**Begins:** September 10

*Men's Fraternity* is a series of three one-year-long studies, beginning with *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. *Men's Fraternity* was designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. Complete details on the study can be found at [www.mensfraternity.com](http://www.mensfraternity.com).

**Type & Host:** Men's Saturday Breakfast – Bill Wilcox  
**Location:** BRBC, Upper level foyer  
 540-338-4879 or billwilcox@rstarmail.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Saturday, 7:00-8:30 a.m.  
**Begins:** Ongoing


This group helps men start off the weekend right. Every Saturday morning, men meet at our church for a hot breakfast, Bible study, and prayer time. Breakfast at 0700 with study starting at 0730.

### *Outreach Groups*

**Type & Host:** Loudoun Youth Shelter Outreach Group – Nick Landavere,  
 Coordinator  
**Location:** Leesburg  
 703-771-4023 or nick@dullesinsurance.com  
**Day & Time:** Every Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
**Begins:** Ongoing

The purpose of this group is to share the gospel with youth who have been put into the Loudoun Youth Shelter in Leesburg. This shelter is not a detention center but is used by the county government as a shelter to place youth for various reasons. The shelter staff allows us to conduct an outreach-oriented Bible Study every Tuesday night from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you would like to be involved in this outreach ministry, please contact Nick Landavere (703-771-4023). There will soon be need for additional people to attend each week but there is ongoing need for prayer and follow-up.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>2</b> Youth Shelter Outreach Group Fontaine Small Group	<b>3</b> Brotherhood Men's Study Children's Choirs Praise Groups Worship Practices Youth Group Wilcox SG	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Awana Leadership Training	<b>6</b> Brotherhood Men's Breakfast Shipe Small Group
<b>7</b> Worship Practice Elders' Prayer Awana Christmas Play Auditions	<b>8</b> Scouts	<b>9</b> Youth Shelter Outreach Group Fontaine Small Group	<b>10</b> Brotherhood Men's Study Missions Committee Children's Choirs Praise Groups Worship Practices Youth Group Wilcox/Van der Vaart SGS	<b>11</b> Smith Small Group Garber Small Group	<b>12</b> Women of Faith	<b>13</b> Brotherhood Men's Breakfast Shipe Small Group AHG Party
<b>14</b> Worship Practice Elders' Prayer Baptism Sunday Awana Christmas Play Auditions	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline Scouts American Heritage Girls	<b>16</b> Youth Shelter Outreach Group Fontaine Small Group	<b>17</b> Brotherhood Men's Study Children's Choirs Praise Groups Worship Practices Youth Group Wilcox SG	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Brotherhood Men's Breakfast Shipe Small Group
<b>21</b> Worship Practice Elders' Prayer Women's Ministry Committee Awana	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Youth Shelter Outreach Group Fontaine Small Group	<b>24</b> Brotherhood Men's Study Children's Choirs Praise Groups Worship Practices Youth Group Wilcox/Van der Vaart SGS	<b>25</b> Smith Small Group Garber Small Group	<b>26</b> Ladies' Fellowship/Bible Study Heidorn Small Group	<b>27</b> Brotherhood Men's Breakfast Shipe Small Group Scout's Campout
<b>28</b> Worship Practice Elders' Prayer Communion Awana Newcomer's Lunch Scout's Campout	<b>29</b> Deacons	<b>30</b> Youth Shelter Outreach Group Fontaine Small Group Deacons' Meeting				

## Happy Birthday to...

1 Ben Lants	6 Leah Garber	12 Suzanne Stephens	17 Emily Simpson	24 Mark Benedict
1 Aviel Mickahail	6 Tamar Mickahail	12 Scott Walker	19 Bill Wilcox	25 Bethany Gicker
2 Christopher Lants	7 Joseph Ness	12 Ginny Bozarth	19 Evan Heidorn	25 David Parker
2 Brandon Tigges	7 Kathy Dillmuth	12 Michael DeFazio	21 Cloe Dowden	25 Anna Tigges
3 David Watson	9 Benjamin Garvis	13 Dirk van der Vaart	21 Brianna Dillmuth	27 Garry Davidson
4 Shelly Winants	9 Keegan Newton	13 Jane Eskew	21 Brittany Paist	27 Joe Farris
4 Sally Crosen	9 Kendell Newton	15 Amy Taylor	22 Adeeb Mickahail	27 Gordon MacKay
4 Caleb Gossage	10 Anni Lung	15 Lydia Wilson	22 Samuel Peacock	28 Hannah Walker
4 Lindy Walker	11 Jeremy Peacock	16 Abigail LaRock	22 Jacob Dorsey	30 Grace Richardson
5 Jamie Gregory	11 Hank Chase	16 Linda Parker	23 Janelle Gregory	
		16 Austin Jones	23 Tom Geyer	
		17 Emily Walker	24 Marissa Brown	





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