



The Main Street MESSENGER

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A BLUEPRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIENDS!

I love the beginning of a new year. Many people start the New Year with resolutions and I will agree it can be a time for “new beginnings.” I hope your new year brings you all the blessings of God and you use the newness of 2020 to serve God and neighbor faithfully.

A fresh start is a great thing. I remember a fresh start I had almost 38 years ago. I was 19 and had finished my freshman year at Marshall University. I decided the college life wasn't for me and applied to the apprentice school at Newport News Shipbuilding. I started this new adventure in August 1982. I remember being overwhelmed as I entered the gates of the Shipyard for the first time. As I looked at the massive ships in the dry docks and at the piers, I couldn't imagine how the building process was kept in order.

Early in my apprentice training, I had my first blueprint reading class. It was then that I realized these ships are possible only because of the blueprints and the adherence to these “drawings.” The blueprints give you every detail needed for the completion of these massive ships. From the type of steel used in the hull, to the size of a bolt to hold down machinery, everything is specified. Wouldn't it be great if we had a blueprint for life? A drawing that tells us what we need at every critical point in our lives. Unfortunately, there are no such drawings. However, there is a guide for our life of faith. From this guide, the Scriptures, we can formulate a blueprint for discipleship. John Wesley created a simple “blueprint” for the earlier people called Methodist.

As 2020 begins, we will start a new Bible/book study on Wesley's

General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living: A Blueprint for Discipleship. In this 6-week study, we will look at these general rules and the scriptural foundations Wesley used for the formation of the rules. We will talk about how we can apply them to our lives, and how we can live more fully into the will of God for our lives and the life of our community.

As we start a new year, let's make a commitment to study the blueprints and build beautiful lives that can withstand the storms that are always a part of our life journey. Please, let's make this journey together. The study will begin January 9 and go through February 13. It will meet on Thursday nights at 6:30 and if you like, join us from 5:30 – 6:30 for a light meal. I look forward to seeing you then.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rich

A BLUE PRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP [JANUARY & FEBRUARY]
BOY SCOUT BBQ [EAT IN OR TAKE OUT]



6 WEEK STUDY | A BLUEPRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

THURSDAYS: JANUARY 9 • 16 • 23 • 30 & FEBRUARY 6 • 13

- Study led by Pastor Rich and open to the entire congregation
- Soup supper provided from 5:30 - 6:30 pm with the study from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Nursery available upon request • Sign-up in the Atrium



Sponsored by Main Street's Troop #1

BOY SCOUT BBQ

January 24, 2020 | 11 am – 7 pm

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$8 PER PLATE

Tickets available in the church office or from any Boy Scout.





Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

FIRST QUARTER | BE FRUIT-FULL IN WITNESS

What does it mean to be **fruit-FULL in witness**, and what is a witness anyway? During January, February and March we will discover what it means to be a real witness for Christ in the world. Here's how to participate.

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MARCH

In March we will focus on getting to know our newest members better and will conclude our witness quarter with a lunch after the service in honor of new members.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 @ 10:30 AM COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE AND LUNCH

It is the goal of our holistic, year long Stewardship Campaign to help each of us be Fruit-FULL in witness, Joy-FULL in service, Peace-FULL in prayers and presence and Wonder-FULL in giving. We hope all will enjoy the journey.

JANUARY 2020 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church Office Closed

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Cub Scout Leader/Parent Mtg.

6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

7:30 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening UMW Meeting

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

2:00 pm Parsonage Open House

4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 am UMW Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Newsletter Articles Due

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee With The Pastor

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

3:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club @ Main Street

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Boy Scout BBQ Setup

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Boy Scout BBQ ALL DAY

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Workshop

11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

12:15 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.

4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 pm AAUW Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm AA Dinner & Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study



join us

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Pastor Rich and Colleen would like to invite everyone to come by for a visit in the new year.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 | 2 - 4 pm
507 North Broad Street

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FALL FUNDRAISERS!

Many mission ministries will benefit from your generosity.

- Fall Festival receipts of \$7,749 are used to support CAPS, Main Street Day Care, Pastor's Discretionary Fund and transportation needs.
- The Happy Hands quilt project contributed \$1,100 to the Honduras Mission Team medical supplies.
- Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry received \$647.24 from our Noisy Offering

JANUARY 2020 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

1/1 Maria Forman	1/12 Jean Sutphin	1/19 Wes Holland
1/2 Sue Spring	1/12 Paul Martin	1/20 Ashley Hogg
1/2 Billy Lassiter	1/12 Lydia Martin	1/21 Christel Hoy
1/3 Bill Webb	1/13 Henry Huber	1/21 Frances Hogg
1/4 Randy West	1/14 David Holshouser	1/21 Patricia Casto-Knight
1/4 Lily Bivins	1/14 Steve Jackson	1/22 John Pruden
1/5 Bob Parks	1/14 Thomas Flintoff	1/22 Steven Beck
1/5 Clifton Beale	1/14 Katherine Flintoff	1/23 Debbie Callis
1/5 James Clark	1/14 Anna Jones	1/24 Lydia Duke
1/8 Charles Baker	1/15 Daniel Fink	1/24 Juanita Colley
1/9 Jacob Floyd	1/15 Aidan Miller	1/24 Mike Smith
1/9 James Kilborn	1/17 Austin Bradshaw	1/24 Tim Wampler
1/10 Blair Williams	1/18 Lynne Porter	1/25 John Hatcher
1/10 Jionni Smalls	1/19 Erin Brown	1/26 Carol Lynne Shotton
1/11 Ann Dalton Brown	1/19 Roy Brinkley	1/26 Sean Williams
1/11 Dana Myers	1/19 Mary Brown	1/26 Sarah Fink
1/12 Jack Holland	1/19 Elizabeth Brown	1/27 Robert Michael
	1/19 Stephanie Kashner	1/27 Bobby Agnese

[ANNIVERSARIES]

1/2 John and Ute Borthwick
1/2 Richard and Colleen Meiser
1/5 Rod and Tracey Medeiros
1/7 Carl and Teresa Hardee
1/19 Ron and Karen Williams
1/23 Charles and Rebecca Baker
1/26 Roy and Lalona Saunders
1/27 William and Pam Hill
1/30 Jordan and Britney Webb

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Walt Barker & family, Kristi Bishop, Ayden Munford, Hannah Goetz, Sylvia Talley, Mabel Schimpf, Randy West, Jim Decker, Dorma Hedrick, Charlie Logan family, Carolyn Hahn, Vivian Ellis, Lee Hendricks, Carolyn Davis, Jason Hughson

SYMPATHY: The family of Robert J. Parks, Sr.

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Lee Bowman, Otto Wegman, Lucas Lawrence, Joseph Medeiros, Stan Waterfield, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Trenton Bishop, Juanita Colley, Shellee Stevens, Frances Kelly

CANCER: Bob Tompert, Janis Greene, Betty Sowell, Kate Rhoads, Brenda Atkins, Ralph Knapp, Nick Cleary, Wilma Babich, Ed Barber, Pam Askew,

Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Midge Sanchez, Judy Duonela Vicars, Johnny Hardy, Thomas Burnett, Cheri Lane, Al Bremer, Sally Gum Palmer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Angela Seed, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Jean Brinkley, Christine Duran, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Pat Wegman, Colton Cover, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Judy Holland, Kelly Grier (Ferguson) Coston, Fran Holland, Holly Wilson, Anita Nelson, June Adcock, Heather Carr, Dolores Farrero, Robert Wilson, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Marshall Thomas, Jill Harris, John Nodeen, Michael Barrett, Richard J. Peko

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard, Susan Rivenbark, Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Main Street United Methodist Church & Pastor Rich Meiser; **United Methodist Church Worldwide, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Bishop Pete Weaver**, John Elmore (Chile Covenant Mission Project Director); CRU - Stephanie & Quin Strouse

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Cedric Dedeaux, Hunter Pietrowski, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell, III, Kristi Kilborn, Will Crow, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, Jonathan Burton; Children in Poverty; Police, Fire & Rescue Workers; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; Domestic Violence

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2019 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Friends, thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's gifts! Great is the faithfulness of God!

DECEMBER [1-20]

Individual Worship Attendees: 261
Average Worship Attendance: 181
Average Sunday School Attendance: 60
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$483,650
YTD Expenses: \$480,622

NOVEMBER

Individual Worship Attendees: 226
Average Worship Attendance: 163
Average Sunday School Attendance: 52
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$443,793
YTD Expenses: \$457,100

OCTOBER

Individual Worship Attendees: 215
Average Worship Attendance: 154
Average Sunday School Attendance: 54
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$394,488
YTD Expenses: \$406,495.08

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



SMART
PHONE



SUNDAY



MAIL