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Just These Lines My Friends....



To say that Leslie D. Weatherhead's timeless classic "The Will of God" is one of my favorite Christian writings. Throughout my ministry, I have chosen to teach from it in each of the worship settings in which I have served. I was delighted to see that United Methodist Adam Hamilton recently wrote the foreword for an updated edition of the classic; and I am looking forward to preaching a sermon series beginning June 25th.

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead's ministry lasted from 1915, when he was ordained as a Methodist pastor until his retirement in 1960. He began his ministry as a missionary to India; he became the pastor of the City Temple in London in 1936. In his time, he was known as one of the greatest preachers in the world. After his church was reduced to rubble during the tumultuous days of World War II; he crafted a series of sermons on understanding the will of God to help his congregation in a time of questioning and great religious doubt. His classic sold more than a million copies and has been a lifeline for people who are grieving, seeking to understand the intent and will of God in the midst of catastrophe, pain and sorrow.

Weatherhead's classic is written to help nonreligious people find faith and to help Christians build a faith that can stand steadfast in the face of a changing world. There are many things that keep thinking people from embracing faith; and all believers wrestle with their faith from time to time. During our sermon series we will explore the age old dilemma and tension between belief in a good and loving God and the reality of suffering in our world.

Later in the summer, we will have a second preaching series on what John Wesley expected us to do for children, as the whole church gears up for Vacation Bible School 2017.

Looking forward to the summer- enjoying sunny days; worship and mission right here at Ramsey Church!

Pastor Deb

VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School is entitled "Conquer the Day". In CONQUER THE DAY, kids will learn how to be "Superheroes of the Faith" through the choices they make in their lives. We will be studying David and the choices he made from a young David who was chosen by God, to David who conquered Goliath, and David who honored God. Vacation Bible School is for ages Preschool through sixth grade. It is the week of July 24th through July 28th, Monday – Friday, from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. A light supper will be served from 6:00 – 6:30pm every night. Please mark your calendars and ask friends to come with you for this exciting week of Vacation Bible School when we learn to be superheroes for God.

La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones de este año se titula Conquistando el Día." En CONQUISTANDO EL DIA, los niños aprenderán a ser Superhéroes de la Fe'a través de las decisiones que toman en sus vidas. Estaremos estudiando a David y las elecciones que hizo un joven David que fue escogido por Dios, a David que conquistó a Goliat y a David que honra a Dios. La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones es para las edades de Preescolar hasta el sexto grado. Sera la semana del 24 de julio al 28 de julio, de lunes a viernes, de 6:00 pm a 8:30 pm. Una cena ligera será servida de 6:00 - 6:30 pm cada noche. Por favor marque sus calendarios y pida a sus amigos que vengan con ustedes a esta semana emocionante de la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones cuando estaremos aprendiendo a ser superhéroes para Dios.



June 4th, 2017

July 30th will be our 5th Sunday

combined worship service.



SPRING BLOOD DRIVE Update

The Virginia Blood Service and the recipients of your donations would like to say THANK YOU to the following people who signed in to donate Blood on Sunday, May 7, 2017 during our Spring Blood Drive.

Pat Meadows, Steve Meadows, Donna Jean Jorgensen, Jerry Cummings, Rodney Taylor, Melanie Hewes, Shelley Jump, Barbara Vance, Dan Hallinan, Scotty Doyle

For those who could not participate in the May 7th drive, I hope you will sign up to donate at one of the donation site around Richmond. vablood.org
Our next Blood Drive is scheduled November 4, 2017, the first Sunday in November. Mark your calendars when you read this!!!





The 2017 session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held **June 16-18** at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

This Year's Theme

A New Thing

Isaiah 43:19 -- "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Conference Offering

The Virginia Annual Conference offering has set a goal of \$200,000 to go towards Virginia Long Term Disaster Recovery, Virginia Volunteers in Mission, Ethnic Minority Missional Ministry, and ministries in Cambodia, Brazil, and Mozambique. Learn more about our upcoming annual conference at VAUMC.org/AC2017.

Father's Day

Once again, the Kirkie Powell Class is sponsoring the Father's Day bulletin insert. For only 50 cents, you can honor your Dad on his special day, June 18. Envelopes will be in the pew racks for your convenience.



BIRTHDAYS—CUMPLEAÑOS

Rachel Momenpour	4	Clarence Kaylor	13
Nell Simmons	4	Phyllis Woodfin	14
Lisa Lowe	5	Grace Driskill	14
Kimberly Book	6	Jeffrey Barnard	18
Deborah Koontz	9	Brandon Davis	19
Haley Taylor	9	Virginia Abbot	24
Danny Britt	11	Jeremy Newman	24
Brenda Cordle	11	Sarah Lane Gonzales	27

ANNIVERSARIES—ANIVERSARIOS

Tom & Joyce Spain	2
Wiley & Dorothy Davis	2
John & Lucy Monk	3
Gary & Kacky Grubb	11
Dan & Ann Hallinan	17
Butch & Charon Cheatham	21

IMPACT Richmond

Next month our youth will be off on a mission trip! The dates of the trip are July 9th-15th. Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as we do home repairs all day, and worship every night with other youth from across the state. Please consider a donation towards this life-changing experience in the lives of our youth!



Para ustedes padres y para ustedes hijos, en este mes del día del padre quiero compartir algunas de mis lección aprendidas... **Salmo 143:8**: "Por la mañana hazme saber de tu gran amor, porque en ti he puesto mi confianza. Señálame el camino que debo seguir, porque a ti elevo mi alma".

Varias son las lecciones que de mi padre he aprendido y con ellas camino hacia mi vejez. De pequeña mi padre me enseñó lo importante que era tomar el camino de regreso a la escuela, no sin antes recibir un par de palmaditas. De su espíritu terco y temático aprendí a darle voz a mi forma de pensar y a defenderlas sin miedo. De él también aprendí que la fuerza y el vigor desvanecen muy rápidamente sin darnos tiempo suficiente para enmendar o arreglar los asuntos nunca resueltos del alma y el corazón. Que en los días que compartí con él durante su tiempo de enfermedad, aprendí lo mucho que significa para él nuestra presencia de hijos, nuestro ayuda y expresiones de amor. Con él aprendí que en esos sus momentos de enfermedad llenos de dolor, medicamentos, frustración, incapacidad, negación, decepción, y transición, lo mucho que él ama la vida. Que a pesar de todo, aprendí del amor y el orgullo que siente por sus nietos y bisnietos; ya que en sus muchas o pocas visitas, ellos parecieran devolverle las fuerzas hasta el punto de llamarlos por nombres, preguntar por los ausentes y aun mas, no desperdiciar la oportunidad de compartir con ellos algunas de sus experiencias y muy conocidos consejos. Aprendí que Sofia y Anthony, dos de sus ocho bisnietos, dibujan en su rostro un gesto único de alegría y orgullo; pero también despertando en él un gesto de ¡alerta!

De mi padre he aprendido que cuando la enfermedad y la edad golpean cuando desprevénidos, el sentimiento de la inconformidad y la negación se convierten en los mejores aliados. En mis pocos días con él, pude descubrir que es el temor a la soledad lo que hace que él demande con amor y gran necesidad la compañía de sus hijos. Junto con él, también aprendí que a pesar que la hoja del calendario ha cambiado, el tiempo pareciera haberlo olvidado por no haber causado en él ese tan deseado efecto. Con él aprendí a ver como los recuerdos entretienen su mente tejiendo imágenes de lo que un día fue y ya no será; y es en ese ir y venir de sus días que su tan grande anhelo e infinita espera despaciosa e involuntariamente se van desvaneciendo y sometiéndose a lo que es su hoy, su presente, rindiendo así ante la firme exigencia de su condición e historia su cuerpo y voluntad. Y es esperando con él y en EL que me encuentro asimilando mi propia realidad, aprender a contar mis días de tal modo que en cada uno de ellos aprenda a suspirar mas y a lamentar menos. "Un día a la vez" es uno de sus cantos favoritos y el cual también, pienso yo, es su oración de confesión, "Necesitado, me encuentro Señor ayúdame a ver yo quiero saber lo que debo hacer. Muestra el camino que debo seguir, señor por mi bien, yo quiero vivir un día a la vez. Un día a la vez, mi Cristo es lo que pido de ti, dame la fuerza, para vivir un día a la vez. Ayer ya paso, mi Cristo y mañana, no se si vendrá, ayúdame hoy, yo quiero vivir un día a la vez".

En la quietud y paz de Cristo,

Una hija

United Methodist Women News: Thank you to everyone who generously participated in purchasing and assembling the variety of kits for Conference.

June 2-3, 2017 "On The Road Again In Mission Express" to the UMW Day at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia.

June 17, 2017 UMW Breakfast at the Virginia Annual Conference at the Hampton Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia.

July 28-29, 2017 The Va. Conference Mission Encounter at Bon Air UMC. 4 Sessions are offered: *Climate Justice, Living as a Covenant Community, Missionary Conference of the UMC in the USA* and *Children's Class Study on Missionary Conferences*. Plus Worship, Singing, Food, Fellowship and Hands On Mission Projects! You must register by July 15th. This is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society. **The event is open to everyone, clergy and laity, adults and children!**

Ramsey Church,

The flowers, cards, and letters from the good people of Ramsey were deeply touching. God bless all of you.

- Rev. Tom Sweat

Ramsey,

I have the best "church family" ever. Thank you for your love, prayers, phone calls, cards and food during this time of healing. You made a painful time a lot better. God Bless each of you.

Love you,
Pat Beville

Ramsey,

Thank you for the many prayers, calls, and cards while I was in the hospital recently. My friends at Ramsey are a caring group. Thank you Pastor Deb to always find the time to visit and pray for me.

May God Bless you all!

Wiley Davis



2017 GRADUATES

High School



- * *Cache't Angelique Brown*
 - * *Adebayo Ayodeji Temilayin Daniel
Mohammad Buhari Ogungbade,
"Bayo"*
 - * *Kiarra Lorraine Lanae Wall*
 - * *Joseph Bush Miller, III, "Tripp"*
 - * *Cabell Hawthorne McNeil Early*
- College and Graduate School**
- * *Rachel Southard*
 - * *Haley Taylor*

Mission Trip

The Ramsey Mission team is going to Evergreen, VA in the Appomatox Area on June 16th—22nd.

Members of the mission team are Shelly Jump, Sharon Cheatham, Barbara Vance, Scotty Doyle and Dan Hallinan.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Each year, we ask the various groups within the church with a checking account to give us a statement showing income and expenditures, and we do this for two reasons. The Book of Discipline states that we are responsible for all monies collected and expended by Ramsey Church from any and all sources. But it is also a good way to publicize the generosity and hard work of these groups.

We received statements from 14 groups - Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, the Choir, the BUCS, the Youth, the 55+ luncheon group, and the Mission Team. For 2016, they reported total income of \$38,903, of which about 40% came from member donations. The rest of it came from various fundraisers – selling pecans, barbecue, Brunswick stew, a yard sale, a craft sale, an auction, a bake sale, the Valentine dinner/dance, Spud Sunday, Santa Breakfast, the Mothers' Day/Fathers' Day bulletin inserts, a dodgeball tournament, selling Krispy Kreme donuts, and a chili cook-off.

What did they do with all this money? Several thousand dollars were donated back to our church for the Lenten Offering, snacks for the Care-a-van staff, the Building Fund, our Food Pantry (which distributed 473 bags of groceries!), love baskets for our shut-ins, the choir room makeover, CARITAS, White Christmas, flowers and gifts for the sick, a new grill for cookouts, a new Chrismon tree for the sanctuary, kitchen dues, thank-you gifts, Vacation Bible School, meals for our church families after funerals, memorials, and those wonderful 55+ lunches.

A lot of money was donated to various groups in our community and our state – J.L. Francis Elementary School, the Good Samaritan Inn, the Hermitage Samaritan Fund, Bikes for Christ, help with the rent for a needy family, YMCA summer camp scholarships, a birthday party at the Hermitage, USO water and pizza, Betty Wallace Scholarships, school kits for Conference, Shalom Farms, Impact Richmond, and our own Marion Mission Team.

And there was still enough money left to spread all over our country and beyond through programs like Bibles For Overseas, tornado relief, World Vision, and flood buckets sent by the United Methodist Church wherever they are needed.

What an impressive list! Thanks to all these groups for their energy and dedication. Your stewardship is an example to us all.



In Memory



The Ramsey Church family remembers those who claimed the promise of resurrection this year. We offer prayers and thoughts to the family and friends.

Stuart Baltz Roy Simmons Virginia Harris

55+ Luncheon: Our 55+ Luncheons are back! Join us at noon in the fellowship hall on Friday, June 9th for good food and fellowship.

Don't forget to RSVP!



Children's Ministry: In June, July, and August our children will be learning about Courageous Bible People, Speakers for God, and God Choosing Joshua. We have a wonderful team of teachers/leaders and we want to thank them for all they put into the Children's Ministry. Those working with our children are Sally Wheat, Katie Smith, Tiffany Stone, Bev Rugani, Mary Warman, Butch and Sharon Cheatham, Tammy Howe, Beth and Craig Lane, Scotty Doyle, Ashley Afsharie, Laura Aguilar, Darrin Robinson, and Pastora Norma. As you can see, we have a great team. With that said, we always can use a few more, so if you feel led to help with the Children's Ministry, please fill out a yellow card or call the church office, 276-4628 and ask to talk to Sue Newman. When you see any of the adults that have been mentioned, please take the time to thank them. They put a lot of time and energy into helping our children learn about God and they need our support. Hats off to a great Children's Ministry Program!

En este mes de Junio queremos destacar nuestro Programa de Ministerio de Niños. En los meses de junio, julio y agosto los niños estarán aprendiendo acerca de los personajes valientes de la biblia, mensajeros de Dios y como Dios elige a Josué. Aquellos que trabajan con nuestros hijos son Sally Wheat, Katie Smith, Tiffany Stone, Bev Rugani, Mary Warman, Butch y Sharon Cheatham, Tammy Howe, Beth y Craig Lane, Scotty Doyle, Ashley Afsharie, Laura Aguilar, Darrin Robinson y Pastora Norma. Dicho esto, queremos que sepa que siempre podemos usar un poco más, así que si te sientes llamado a ayudar con el Ministerio de Niños, por favor, llena una tarjeta amarilla y ponla en el plato de las ofrendas cuando llegue. También puede llamar a la oficina de la iglesia, 276-4628 y pedir hablar con Sue Newman. Así que cuando vea a alguno de los adultos que han sido mencionados, por favor tome el tiempo para agradecerles. Pusieron mucho tiempo y energía en ayudar a nuestros niños a aprender sobre Dios. Nos quitamos los Sombreros ante tan grande programa del Ministerio de Niños.

Neighborhood Supper

We had 13 guests in April. Some attend regularly, and we have someone new each month. Some of our guests are attending worship and have brought visitors with them.

At the supper, we sit around the tables, enjoying a good meal, while spending time talking and laughing together. The one thing we do know is that God will bless our efforts. Who knows how many and in what ways people are being changed by this one little display of love and concern? We pray that those who are touched by this ministry will recognize that we are Christians by our love, and that, through this love, we can spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mantra remains, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) We feel so blessed to have this opportunity, and as always, we invite you to come and join us in "living the word."

Our next Supper will be on **Saturday, June 24th**, and we're planning a cookout in the front of the church: hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings! It would be awesome to have a big crowd of Ramsey people to greet our guests from the community. Please join us. We'd love to have you!

BUCS NEWS

Just a reminder that ALL RAMSEY MEN are members of and welcome at all BUCS activities. The BUCS held a three week men's DVD Bible Study and Grill Night on Monday nights of April 24, May 1 and May 8. It was well attended by an average of 15 to 16 men per night. The study was entitled "Tough As Nails" by Andy Stanley. Although the weather was not particularly cooperative this year we "toughed" it out and preserved. Thanks to our ever faithful Grillmaster, Russ Cottrell, who presided once again.

The BUCS also hosted breakfast and devotion for the church members who came to work on church-wide work day on May 6 and stayed to lend their hands in the work effort as well.

Remember - **Camp and Canoe** with the BUCS in Luray, Virginia on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River on June 9-11. Will Flynn has planned a wonderful weekend retreat for all men of the church age 12 or older (and their sons, grandsons, nephews or friends). Cost is \$45 per man and includes campsite with facilities and hot showers, canoe and equipment (paddles and life vests) and two breakfasts, lunch and one dinner. We will spend about 4 to 5 hours (11 miles) on one of the prettiest rivers in the United States. Smallmouth bass fishing is usually good on this stretch and there are enough riffles, ledges and one Class III rapid run called Compton's Rapids to make it fun. What a deal!!! For more information contact Will Flynn or Craig Lane. Twenty spaces have been reserved and we need a commitment with funds by Monday May 8, please, to guarantee a spot. After that date we can only do our best.

Together in Christ always,

Craig Lane

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**CAMP &
CANOE**
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Young Men & Men Young at Heart

JOIN US!

Canoe & Fish Shenandoah River
Camp at Shenandoah Outfitters

\$45 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: MEALS, CAMP & CANOE FEES

For more info or to register call, text or email:
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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