

Biltmore Baptist Church

1300 New York Ave., Glen Allen, VA 23060

Rev. Ken Wright, Pastor

Rev. Lesley Lindblad, Youth Minister



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From the Pastor

There are so many exciting things that have happened during the two months I have been with you that I hardly know where to begin.

I am convinced that everything I have gone through since God first tapped me on the shoulder to go into Seminary and enter the Gospel Ministry, until now, has been for the specific purpose of bringing me here to lead and encourage this great and mighty congregation.

You were told it couldn't be done. You were told that things were too far gone. You were told to just give up. But I am here to tell you that God can get this done, if you just call out to Him and have faith and do His will. And you did have faith and you didn't give up and you called me and you gave me a chance.

I longed for this church as soon as I heard my friend Dennis had retired. I waited for the announcement to come, and the day it became public, I pounced on it. This church has produced some of the people I have most loved and admired. I didn't meet them here but their

roots run deep here.

I too had to step out in faith. The Holy Spirit has been feeding me information and ideas that have really tested your willingness to embrace change. We have bold ambitious plans for this church that are truly from a faithful God.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

My friends, you called on the Lord; you prayed to Him; He has listened to you because you honestly sought Him out with all your heart; and now begins the road to prosperity that will bring Him glory.



Save the Date

Installation Service

For

Rev. Ken Wright

Pastor of Biltmore Baptist Church

Sunday, Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM

Biltmore good neighbor



One of the most compelling messages I have received in my call to Biltmore Baptist church is the need to reconnect with the Biltmore community. When the community was first built in 1929, it was not anchored with a shopping center, or a mall, or an entertainment complex or a recreation center – it was anchored with a church.

Biltmore Baptist church enjoyed many years serving as the social focal point for this growing suburban community. It was planted during terrible financial conditions and a crashing US economy. Only the basement was usable. But, as the economy prospered, so did the community and the church grew strong and tall into its current sanctuary.

Somewhere along the line members moved out of the neighborhood and over time the strong, purposeful bond with the community was lost. I believe that God is telling us that the key to restoring Biltmore Baptist church is in restoring that neighborhood connection.

The Lord has laid on my heart a strategic plan for reengaging the Biltmore community and our mission needs to focus on four objectives:

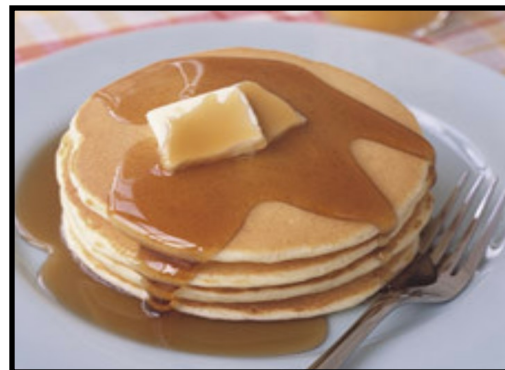
- ◇ **Reconnect with the community**
- ◇ **Positively impact the community**
- ◇ **Minister to the community**
- ◇ **Partner with the community**

How are we going to achieve our mission? We are starting a program called Biltmore Good Neighbor.

This program consists of five strategic initiatives, each with a volunteer leader that I will work with using project management methods to achieve measurable goals.

The Initiatives and leads are:

- Inreach (Core) - Pam Beckstoffer
- Outreach - Andrew Johnson
- Missions - Norma Evenson
- Partnering - Cindy Johnson
- Communication - Barbara Jean Francis
- Website - Rachel Warman



Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, February 23

8:00 - 10 AM

Applebee's in Ashland, VA



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

Dinner: 6:00 PM Service: 6:45



Saturday, January 12 & 26

Saturday, February 9 & 23

Most Saturdays our Clothes Closet serves 12-20 families. And clothes are always coming in!!

Clothes donations are accepted on Saturdays that the Closet is open and also in the outdoor container outside the building.

Youth news

Welcome 2019! During the month of January we will be exploring the question, “What gifts will I bring to King Jesus this year?” Youth group participants and volunteers have randomly received star gifts to reflect on for the coming year. Like any other gifts, star gifts can either be received with joy or discarded and forgotten.



What might we learn from just one word? We need to be intentional about our response to our star gifts. Leadership, patience and trust are

just a few of the star gifts received as we reflect on how God speaks to God’s people. What new ideas might evolve? We will have to wait and see! Our star gifts are our daily reminder of God’s presence breaking through as a light in the darkness now and throughout the year.

Upcoming events

- Skate Party at Ashland Skateland**, Sun., Feb. 3
- Teen Talk** (Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month) - Wed., Feb. 20
- Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, Feb. 23
- Mission Madness**, Friday-Sunday, March 22-24
- Mr. Lee’s BBQ**, Saturday, May 11 (tentative)
- King’s Fest**, June 20-22
- Impact VA Bluefield**, June 23-29

— Lesley Lindblad

Happy Anniversary

On February 8, 1929, a group met at Longdale School for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. A list of names—74 in number—who had requested their letters from North Run Baptist Church, was read.

A resolution was adopted that these constitute the membership of a new Baptist church. A motion was made by L.A. Binford and seconded by W.T. Francis that the name of the new church be **BILTMORE BAPTIST CHURCH**.

The new congregation met for its first worship service on Sunday, February 9, 1929.

Biltmore Baptist Church
90 years of ministry

Why did the lion lose the race?

Because he was playing against a cheetah.



We’re gearing up for a ROARING Vacation Bible Camp where kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - 7:00 PM
Greenwood Methodist Church

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Monday-Friday, July 15-19
Biltmore Baptist Church



2018

2018 in review

Second term. Chet Smith begins second year as interim pastor. Jan 2018

176 pounds. Of food donations delivered to Lamb's Basket food pantry. Feb 2018

Brrrrr. No heat. Worship in fellowship for two Sundays. Feb 2018



CLEARANCE. Winter Clothes Clearance. March 2018

The search begins. Pastor Search team elected. April 2018



Fluttering peach. New paint for the kitchen. May 2018

Treasures & trash. Raining outside—bargains inside. May & Oct 2018

Gorilla glue. Adult mission team to Bland Ministry Center tackles many tasks. June 2018



Don't forget to floss. Three boxes of dental supplies to Bland Dental Clinic. June 2018

Flintstone-sized ribs. Celebration Dinner with Life Builders Church. June 2018

No longer 11:00. Morning worship changed to 10:45 AM. July 2018

Camp Out adventure. VBS in partnership with Greenwood Methodist. Getting S'More of Jesus. July 2018



Hammer heads. Youth to Impact Virginia in Danville discover many ways to pitch in and help those in need. July 2018

Dinner & Movie. Free pizza and movie draw a crowd on Wednesday night. Aug 2018

Wecome! Marsha Worsham, our new accompanist! Aug 2018

1st anniversary. Clothes Closet celebrates 1 year of ministry. Sept 2018



Ready, set, go! Intergenerational mission team to Bland Ministry Center assists with .5K Race for kids. Sept 2018

CLEARANCE #2. Summer Clothes Clearance. Sept 2018

it's time

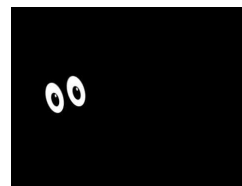
It's time! Biltmore calls Ken as pastor. Oct 2018

Boo. Trunk or Treat draws lots o kids. Oct 2018

Stirring the pot. Biltmore youth prepare delicious Brunswick stew. Nov. 2018

All hands on deck! 141 Operation Christmas Child boxes loaded for delivery. Nov 2018

In the dark. Lights go out during Community Thanksgiving Dinner. 108 served. Music by cell phone light. Nov 2018



Welcome! Two new members. Myriah McDermott & Amaya Perkins. Dec 2018

Christmas is in the Heart. Biltmore Cantata choir rocks. Dec 2018

Eat Mor Chikin. Over \$3,000 raised for youth proets at Chick fil A Spirit Day. Dec 2018

What will 2019 bring?