

We love
because He first loved us!
1 John 4:19



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Biltmore Baptist Church

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From
the
Pastor

January was a month of new beginnings for Biltmore Baptist Church and my family as we were officially installed as your Pastor.

The service was incredible down to the finest detail. We may be small in numbers but we are mighty in Spirit and God used us in a powerful way to demonstrate that He is in charge and approves of our efforts to be obedient to His call. What a marvelous sight to see over 150 friends, family and supporters fill our sanctuary.

Sometimes we question God and that is normal. It's OK to question God and to appeal to God and sometimes He answers right away; and sometimes it takes years in human time to get an answer. For me and my family, the answer is clear: I am here because God has spent years preparing me for this.

I know I will still make mistakes; or move too fast; or not fast enough; or push too hard; or not hard enough, but I have faith in God and I have faith in all of you who so love this church and the legacy of serving this neighborhood for now 90 years!!

Not everyone gets to see God's hand move so vividly as we are seeing it here. As I have said and will continue to say "the Holy Spirit is so powerful here, you can feel it when you walk in the door."

What's next for February? We have 2 candidates for baptism. We are hoping to kick off our Good Neighbor program officially although some of our efforts are already under way and some new items, like the installation service took precedence. We need to continue to look inward and encourage members who may have drifted away to come back and try again. We need to invite our friends and neighbors to visit us and give us a chance.

Thank you for all you are doing for Christ's mission.



WEDNESDAYS
together

The Adult Team is exploring options for this year's **Wednesdays Together** from May to September. In 2017 we pent three Wednesdays Together in homes of Biltmore members with a meal and fellowship afterward. In 2018 we gathered at a restaurant, had a picnic in the park and a movie night.

What's in store for 2019? If you would like to invite us to your home or if you have ideas for places to go or things to do, please see Barbara Jean, Judy Kaufelt, Martha Lindblad or Sandra Woodlief and give us your suggestions.

Biltmore good neighbor



Understandably, the focus in December was the Christmas season and the focus in January was the Installation, but the focus in February will be to kick off our Good Neighbor mission to connect with the Biltmore neighborhood.

We have been making progress already.

Inreach (Core)

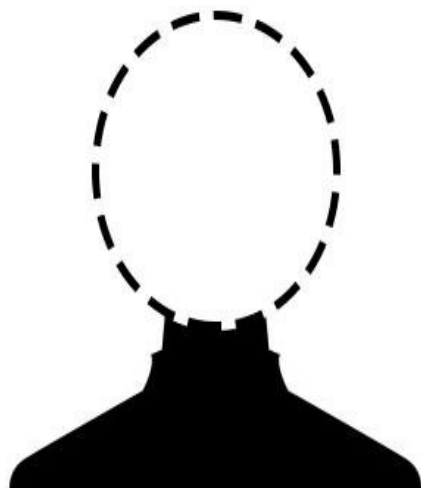
- The Installation Service was a great opportunity to rally our membership and the Inreach team contributed to that event along with a great number of others to get us off to a start
- The team is looking at creating a new **Pictorial Membership Directory** to help get people involved and reconnected
- This is the 90th year anniversary of Biltmore and we can look to a grand celebration that includes members and friends of Biltmore past, present and future.

Communication

- Barbara Jean has reactivated the monthly newsletter using advanced communication and print media.
- The frequent and effective posts on social media have been effective promoting the image of a vital and thriving church.
- The web site is in business and continuing to improve.

Stay tuned as our other initiatives take off running.

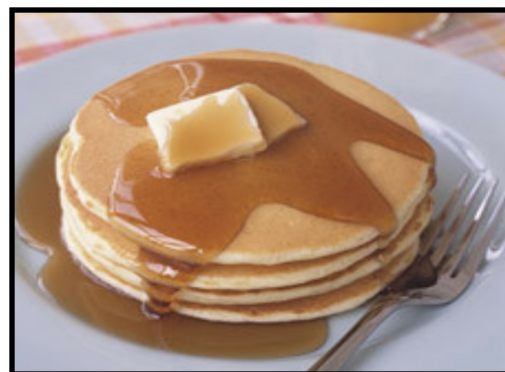
2019 Will be a busy and fruitful year.



This spot is reserved for a photo welcoming of our new Music Director.

For the past two Sundays there has not been a quorum of members needed to vote.

PLEASE be present Sunday, Feb. 24 to get this done and begin a new era in music ministry at Biltmore!



Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, February 23

8:00 - 10 AM

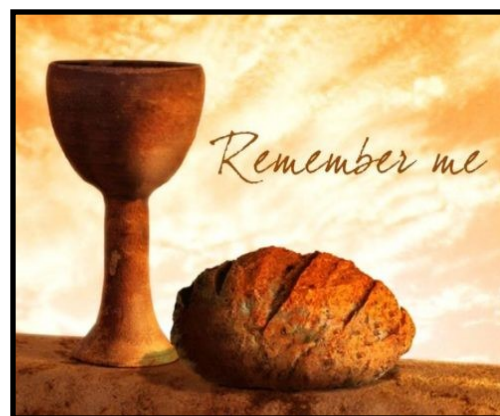
Applebee's in Ashland, VA



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

Dinner: 6:00 PM Service: 6:45



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18

Dinner: 6:00 PM Service: 6:45



Baptism

Sunday, February 17

Amaya Perkins



Bob & Mary Jane McCord
1420 Pennsylvania Ave.
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Darlene Newberry
7001 Hawkins Hill Lane
Mechanicsville, VA 23111



*Adult Team to
Bland Ministry Center*
Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

It's a great opportunity for service
and fellowship.

Youth news

Wow! January went by in a flash. Biltmore Baptist Youth and Volunteers are diligently working on defining their Star Gifts and selecting a Bible verse focus for 2019. It is exciting to see how the new ideas are evolving weekly! Ask a youth or volunteer about their Star Gift! I'm sure they would be excited to share!

On Wednesday evenings our teen girls will participate in an 8 week Bible study entitled Yellow Roses, while the teen boys will be participating in the Unfolded: The Story of God Bible study. We value diversity in our Wednesday night program, however this is a unique opportunity for girls and boys to discuss gender specific perspectives about the real challenges teens face in today's world. Both curriculums are biblically based and geared toward healing, hope and faith formation.



(More Youth
News on page 4)

Why does a giraffe have a long neck?

Because his feet stink!

WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING
toward a fantastic African safari
Vacation Bible School this summer.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for:

- Little Paws Preschool
- Wild Bible Adventures
- KidVid Cinema
- Imagination Station
- Stampede Sports
- Sing & Play Roar
- Safari Celebration

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Monday-Friday, July 15-19
Biltmore Baptist Church



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Biltmore Baptist Church Youth Group and Volunteers will participate in the 2nd Annual WOVEN Teen Talk. Representatives from Hanover Safe Place and Safe Harbor will present to teens and parents/adults respectively on developing health relationships and awareness. Dinner will be provided and sponsored by Lexington Rehabilitation and Healthcare. All are welcome to participate in this event.

Upcoming Event

Teen Talk (Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month)

Wednesday February 20th 2019

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday February 23rd 2019

Mr. Lee's BBQ May 11th (Tentatively)

King's Fest June 20th – 22nd 2019

ImpactVA Bluefield June 23rd – 29th 2019

Dates to Remember



VBS PLANNING

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 PM

Biltmore Baptist Church



SPRING YARD SALE

Saturday, May 18

We're collecting items for the yard sale.



CLOTHES CLOSET

2nd & 4th Saturdays

9 am to 12 Noon

Families continue to be blessed by this ministry.

Clothes donations always welcomed.