

Upcoming Events

July 3

No evening services

July 4

Independence Day

July 7

5:00 pm Softball Game
Hotdogs &
Ice Cream

July 9

10:00 am Ladies' Bible
Study Starts

11:30 am Senior Lunch

July 9-13th

Youth Camp @ Look up
Lodge

July 14

Communion Sunday

Noon– Meet & Greet
Covered Dish

July 15-19

Children's Camp @
South Mountain

July 17

5:30 pm Mission Meal &
Speaker

July 31

9:30 am Wild &
Wonderful
Wednesday



Marriage Minute



It's the little things....

(Some of this is taken and edited from a marriage minute from the Gottman Marriage Institute)

I'm sure most of us do several things off this list. I'm also sure that I haven't yet mastered ALL of them. That leaves room to get even closer to my bride.

Leave a loving note for them to find

Give them a genuine compliment about something you appreciate

Make their favorite meal or snack

Give them a surprise hug or kiss

Spend a few minutes truly listening to them without distractions

Send a sweet or encouraging text message during the day

Do one of their chores or tasks for them

Plan a small, unexpected date night or activity

Tell them something you admire about them

Share a funny meme or video to make them laugh

Hold hands while walking or sitting together

Make time for a quick, intimate conversation before bed

Leave a little gift or token of appreciation for them

Offer a back rub or foot massage after a long day

Simply say "I love you" and remind them why they're special to you



Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Serving in Love. Growing in Faith

Newsletter
July 2024

DEACON DISCUSSION (contributed by Phil Arrington with inspiration from Ann Arrington)

Well, half of this year has flown by, and we find ourselves in the month of July, the peak of vacation season and summer break for children and teachers. Many are on vacation as we are at the time of this writing or soon will be. When faced with the task of writing a short column for the church newsletter, and after weeks of prayer for inspiration, I found myself at a loss for what to even share that would be of lasting importance to anyone or even be remotely biblical.

As often happens, when we are at that point, we seek counsel from others for input and possible direction. That brings us to the point of my inspiration. On an unplanned ride from Wilkesboro to Statesville for a rush visit to the Veterinarian office, I shared with Ann my frustration. Her advice basically was to go with what you know.

With that said, I will try to make use of my years in the auto-

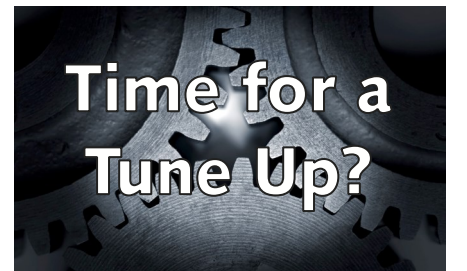
motive business to draw some comparisons between car care and life. As we all plan for vacation, one of the first things we most likely think about should be, is my vehicle in adequate condition to make the trip? Does my oil need changed? Are my tires safe for extended driving? At this time of year, to many the most significant question, does my AC work properly?

I have observed over the last 45 years, these questions are addressed 1 or 2 days before departing on vacation. As is often the case, there are things of even more importance that have been overlooked. It has always been my advice to people to pay attention to proper maintenance as you go and not be caught by surprise at the last minute. It is easier to keep things in good shape as you go, than it is to scramble at the last minute to address unresolved problems.

In our own lives, we have an

ultimate destination and I pray for all of you that is Heaven. While many do proclaim faith in Jesus at the last possible moment, life is so much richer for those who know and serve God throughout their entire lives. Through Bible study, regular attendance of church services, fellowship with other believers and church outreach projects, we can properly maintain our spiritual life as we would our vehicle. Put on the full armor of God daily and live each day as if it's your last here on earth!

If you don't know Jesus as your personal Savior, there is no time like the present to make that decision. You'll never regret it! Let's not be caught by surprise when the time comes for our final journey!!



SERVE AND GROW

Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when you would like for us to take them off.

Paula Steele	Michael Brotherton	Hilda Craig	Oliver Smith
Angie Wooten	Tor Christensen	Gio Highsmith	Patricia Gaither
Yvonne Morton	Debbie Mitchell	Betsy Elledge	Edith Bennick
Donnie Seiple	Ann Dehart	Donna York	Medford Holland
Don Johnson	Phyllis Evans	Nancy Deal	Carol McCoy
Billy Steele	Mable Eudy	Judy Denham	Ron Robertson
Hoppy Hopkins	Deborah Cade	Larry Tench	Johnny Eudy
Van Snyder	June Walker	Sandy Tench	Amelia Walker
Donnie Moose	Nicholas Martinez	Gary Johnson	



Are you on the one call list for important reminders and announcements? Are you on the directory app? If you are not on either of these and would like to be, make sure to see Kathleen Smith.

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday Morning @ 10:30

New Study Starting July 9th!!
All ladies are welcome!

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1



July 17th, we will have our Mission Meal at 5:30 pm. This month, the proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Statesville. Following dinner, we will have a speaker from the Center give a presentation for all of the adults for Mission's Night.

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Church Softball Game
Hotdogs & Ice cream
July 7th @ 5 pm

WELCOME Pastor Bill & Marcia

We are so glad you are here
at Mount Vernon!
Welcome Covered Dish
July 14th



SENIOR ADULTS

All seniors are invited to senior lunch July 9th at 11:30 am. Breakfast will be served so come hungry for good food and fellowship.

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR YOUTH AND LEADERS FOR LEADING WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS JUNE 30TH!!! NOW, ARE YOU READY FOR CAMP???? THE YOUTH WILL HEAD TO LOOK UP LODGE IN TRAVELERS REST, SC JULY 9-13TH. ALSO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 4TH FOR THE BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH THAT WILL BE HELD AT NORTH IREDELL POOL ON BESS ROAD.

Children's News

July 15-19
Children's Camp @
South Mountain Baptist Camp

July 31 @ 9:30 am
Wild & Wonderful Wednesday

August 4 @ 6-8 pm
Back 2 School Bash
North Iredell Pool



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