

THE BEACON



Upcoming Dates

July 3

Family Worship
6:45 pm

July 8-11

Vacation Bible School

July 8-12

Youth to Fusion

July 12

Community Movie Night

July 15

Deacons Meeting
7:00 pm

July 15

WMU Meeting

July 17

Quarterly Business
Meeting - 6:45 pm

July 20

RBA WMU Mission
Xtravaganza

July 26

Community Movie Night

July 28

Worship in the Fellowship Hall

July 28

Youth Meeting - Noon

One of my favorite patriotic songs is *America the Beautiful*. I especially like the version sung by Ray Charles. From the spacious skies to the purple mountain majesties, *America the Beautiful* captures the beauty, majesty, liberty, and freedom of our great nation. The line, however, that connects my love of country with my faith is "America! America! God shed his grace on thee." The lyrics ask that God might pour out his grace upon the United States. The words remind us to look to God to discover true life and liberty. God's grace is what makes America beautiful.

As we celebrate our nations independence this July 4th let us remember that what makes our nation great is not our military might, our economic strength, or our system of government, but rather it is by God's grace that our nation is a leader on the world's stage. God has blessed the United States in many different ways. We have been a recipient of God's goodness throughout our history.

As a blessed nation, we then have the responsibility of being a good steward of all that God has entrusted us with. In a world where oppression, poverty, violence, and injustice are the daily life of other nations, America demonstrates its true beauty as it seeks to further the causes of liberty and life across our world. We have the moral responsibility to exercise our leadership in a way that promotes the welfare of all people in all places. The United States is in a position unlike any other nation of our planet to make a difference in the lives of people.

As a citizen of this great country, I am proud to be a part of America's beautifulness. My living out of God's grace in my own life gives me the opportunity every day to express my faith in deeds of love, compassion, and mercy. From the streets of our inner cities to the communities in rural America, Christians have the high calling to be faithful in our citizenship, dedicated to justice, and loving in all our actions. As Christians we recognize that God's work in the world is about fulfilling the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Ultimately, we recognize the hope for our world is not found in ourselves, but in the grace of God and in the wonder and power of God's Kingdom.

So as Christians let us pledge our allegiance to the Kingdom of God whereby God can use us as we live as citizens in this great land. "America, America God shed his grace on thee."

In the freedom of Christ,

Philip

Clint's Corner

Does the name Edmund Burke mean anything to you? Perhaps not. He was an Irish statesman, author, orator, political theorist and philosopher, who, after moving to England, served for many years in the House of Commons of Great Britain as a member of the Whig party. He is mainly remembered for his support of the cause of the American Revolutionaries. Burke was praised by both conservatives and liberals in the 19th century, and since then he has generally been viewed as the philosophical founder of modern conservatism, as well as a representative of classical liberalism.

Even if you don't recognize his name, you will probably recognize some of the things he said. This month I am asking you to do more than read. Below you will find some quotes of Edmund Burke. Read them, yes, but also give some thought as to how these words can be applied to your Christian discipleship.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.”

“Our patience will achieve more than our force.”

“Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the Gods.”

“Liberty does not exist in the absence of morality.”

“Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their appetites.”

“Whenever a separation is made between liberty and justice, neither, in my opinion, is safe.”

Pine Street Baptist Church continues to serve as an intake site for Richmond's CARITAS homeless ministry. As an intake site, the church welcomes our homeless friends into our building as they wait for the evening bus ride to the host church. Volunteers are needed to serve as host and hostesses each night. Sign up to serve on the Mission's Bulletin Board on the first floor of the church. Supplies will also be needed for this ministry so keep an eye out for how you can donate towards this mission.



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Billy Wells, Ted Hairfield

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Robert and Clara Hagan, James Hagan

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in memory of:**

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New Address

Virginia Snellings
1550 Westminster Canterbury Way
7410
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 200-1066

Virginia Jordan
Emeritus at Deep Run
1800 Gaskins Road, # 311
Henrico, Virginia 23228



July Birthdays

- 1: Meaghan Thacker
Richard Johnstone
5: Lucky Wharam
8: Melissa Stinnett
9: Jessie Floyd
11: Grace Kirkpatrick
Mike Clark
13: Jack Vipperman
14: Jean Hill
18: Rachel Ripley
Lindsey Turner
Diana Neisz
19: Mary Howard
20: Jessica Fredrickson
Robin Mallory
22: Carla Vipperman
24: Beth Wang
25: Katherine Bobbitt
25: Jeannie Lou Peddicord
26: John Herring
27: Heather Fredrickson
Shirley High
31: Donna Grove

Anniversaries

- 1: Amy and Matt Jones
11: Jack and Carla Vipperman
12: Cliff and Bessie Wharam
16: Philip and Jennifer Turner

Budget Report Through June 23

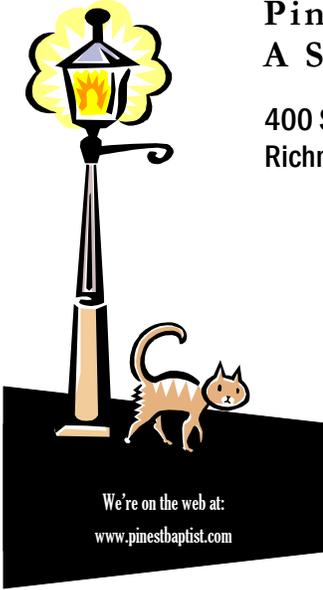
Needed to Date: \$129,846

Given to Date \$118,519

Variance: - \$11,327

Budget Request Forms

Request forms have been distributed to those requesting funds for the 2013-14 budget. Contact Merit Carrington



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