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#### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### "OPPORTUNITY"

I remember once reading the following: "Opportunity always looks better going than coming." There is an awful lot of truth to that. If opportunity only didn't have to appear chancy or dicey, at first glance. More often than not it does. But everything we do has some element of risk. Maybe it's a question of how much risk we feel comfortable with. In his letter to the Corinthians the apostle Paul said "For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." That particular opportunity happened to be in Ephesus, where he spent about eighteen months, after which he got booed, if not booted, out of town. Tough work, this missionary business.

Well, church business these days is tough too. So many things keep changing. The wisdom of the previous generation isn't cutting it for us today. I remember when Lyle Schaller, a church consultant, came out with a new book in the 1980s entitled *It's a Whole New World Out There*. Were he still alive, he might be writing *It's a Whole New World Out There*, <u>Again!</u>

A wide door for effective ministry may open for us; we must be ready. How do we do that? First, pray for a vision, an insight the Holy Spirit may reveal. If we don't expect the Spirit to be active among us, we may not even see the door swing open. And when we see the door starting to swing shut, it most likely will be too late. Second, don't minimize what can be undertaken. God's attitude toward Moses can be characterized in this way: "Moses, you aren't much, but you'll do!" So when we bless what we have, be it time, labor, or money, to God's work, we will find ourselves able, with God's blessing, to do his work. So, *pray for a vision*.

PEACE, Pastor Bob

### <u>supply pastor</u> ROBERT ROCK

FELLOWSHIP 10:30am Join us for coffee and refreshments

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am



<u>GREETER</u> Donald Shook /Jennifer Stull <u>ORGANIST /PIANO</u> Mary Frances Bostian <u>ACOLYTES</u> ay /Ashlee Sunday /Jim Bostian

Kevin Sunday /Ashlee Sunday /Jim Bostian <u>USHERS</u>

Jim Bostian / Doug Sunday

ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian

Weekly BULLETIN

Jennifer Stull

### CHURCH TREASURERS

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

NEWSLETTER / MAILING

Jennifer Stull

LABELS FOR HOFFMAN HOMES

Loberta Staley

HOMEWOOD Auxiliary Representative

Carole Houck / Loberta Staley

FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Jennifer Stull

CONSISTORY BOARD

Mary Catherine Martz, Carole Houck, Doug Sunday, Kevin Sunday, Jim Bostian, Jennifer Stull

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday <u>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</u>

Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull



We extend our sympathy to Betty Cannon on the death of her niece, Joanne Yingling on April 9, 2017.

Congratulations to Rob and Melissa Knott as they welcomed Audrey Elle on April 13,2017. Melissa is the daughter of Steve and Jennifer Stull.

Our In-Home members have received Easter baskets from Faith Church over the Easter season. We hoped all enjoyed them and we pray for health and happiness for them and their families.



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:10** 

CHURCH SUPPER FUNDRAISER \$3,204.05 BINGO FUNDRAISER \$1,525.58 All funds will be used for current expenses of the church.



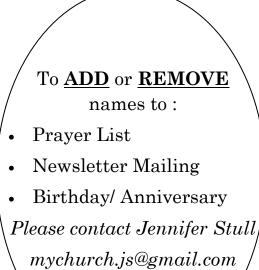
# FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS



TOM BAZAN PATTY BLANK BILLY BOWSER **RILEY BRANNAN** TRISH BRANNAN JOE CONRAD BRYAN DINKLE BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT MARION DOUGHERTY JOHN DREISONSTOK GRACE ECKER **ROGER FARBER** NOAH FINDLEY BRADLEY FLOOK JR ANGLE FORREST MARGIE GETZANDANNER DOT GLASSCOCK **BOB GOEDERT** JERRY GOEDERT JR. **BOB HARPER** JERRY HAYES LILLIE BELL HOBBS

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CALLIE WATKINS JOEL WILCOX BILL WISSMAN HARVEY YINGLING HEATHER ZIMMERMAN



301-788-1656

### **Our In-Home Members**

**Grace Ecker** lives at Somerford Place. Would enjoy visitors any day of the week anytime before 8pm.

**Margaret Sunday** is home, would enjoy visitors—*please call first 301-304-0214.* **Brenda Dinkle Wright** is home, call to say hello! 301-663-8341. **Donald Shook** lives at Glade Valley Center. Would enjoy visitors any day of the week anytime before 8 pm or call to say hello! 301-898-4336.



MAY 1 - BRENDA DINKLE WRIGHT MAY 10 - WILLIAM HOUCK MAY 20 - ALI WRIGHT MAY 24 - FRANCIA STANLEY MAY 27 - MARY CATHERINE MARTZ MAY 27 - LINDSEY STANLEY



CONSISTORY MEETING Wednesday - MAY 10 @ 7:00 PM



A doctor, a fisherman, a tax collector, and another who was just a teenager when he heard the Savior speak, they wrote some of the most famous books in existence.

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MATTHEW - Tax Collector

- MARK Teen Follower of Jesus
- LUKE Doctor
- JOHN Fisherman



Flowers in the sanctuary on the piano over

the Easter season was in memory of Robert Cannon by Betty and family. Thank you to all who ordered Easter flowers. They brightened up and fragranced the sanctuary wonderfully!

Thank You So Much

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* **Mark 10:45** 

Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for the hard work organizing the church supper held on April 8th. There is so much behind the scenes we don't realize and we are blessed to have them so efficient. Thank you to **all** who donated food items, their time volunteering, money, all who baked cakes and brought baked items for the church bake table ,they were delicious and sold well! Thank you to **all** who helped Monday night clean up. Thank you to **all** the oyster patters volunteering. Our next Supper is Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Thank you to **all** who contribute to the food bank and to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the items to the Thurmont location.

Thank you to the Bingo Committee for all the planning time organizing this bi-annual fundraiser held on April 22nd.. Thank you to **Carole Houck** for donating all the door prizes and to **all** who helped set up , clean up , donated baked items for the bake table. Our next bingo is Saturday, October 7,2017.



## Jesus' Disciples

The Greek word for the Disciple is '*mathetes*' meaning a 'learner' or 'follower'. The word means accepting and following the views and practices of a teacher. Apart from having a large following of people, Jesus chose twelve disciples

during his earthly ministry. The original twelve disciples are also called the 'apostles' (Greek – '*apostolos*' meaning 'one who is sent out with a special commission as a fully authorized representative of the sender, like an ambassador).

**Peter:** (Greek: *Petros* meaning 'Rock') – Peter was one of the most prominent of the 12 disciples. He was a natural spokesperson and also the leader of the early Christian church. His original Hebrew name was Simon, a common popular Hebrew name. Jesus gave him a name '*Kephas*', an Aramaic name. John translated into it Greek '*Petros*' meaning Rock. (John 1:42 – "you will be called *Cephas*.") Peter was a native of Bethsaida (John 1:44), was the brother of Andrew, lived in a fishing town- Capernaum. (Mark 1:29) He was a <u>fisherman by occupation on the Sea of Galilee</u>. He was a married man. (Mark 1:30, 1 Cor 9:5)

**John:** (Meaning – God is gracious) John was originally the disciple of <u>John the Bap-tist</u>(John 1:35), and was introduced to Jesus in John 1:35-39. He was the brother of James and the son of Zebedee. He lived in Capernaum in Galilee, but most probably a native of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee along with his brother and father. (Mark 1:19-20). He was one of the three disciples, closest to Jesus, the others being Peter and James.

**James**: (Greek *lakobos*– the English word for Jacob meaning Israel or he who supplants his Brother). James was the son of Zebedee (Mark 4:21), the older brother of John (Mat 17:1), by occupation a fisherman along with his brother and father <u>at the Sea of Galilee</u>, in partnership with Peter and Andrew. (Luke 5:10). He was the first disciple (apostle) to be martyred. (Acts 12:2)

**Andrew**: (Greek – *Andreas*, meaning 'Manly', man), was the brother of Simon Peter, the son of Jonas, lived in <u>Capernaum</u> like his brother, , and was a fisherman by occupation. He brought Peter, his brother, to Jesus. (John 1:25-42)

**Philip**:(Greek – *Philippos*, meaning 'Lover of horses'). He was a close friend of Andrew and Peter, and a native of Bethsaida (John 1:44). Jesus called Philip near Bethany where John the Baptist was preaching (John 1:43). He was the one who persuaded and brought Nathaniel to Jesus. (John 1:45-51)

**Bartholomew**: (Greek *–bartholomaios* meaning Son of Talmai). He is mentioned in all the four lists of the apostles in the New Testament. There is no other reference to him in the New Testament. Nothing much is known about him.

**Thomas**:(Greek –*Thomas* from Aramaic –*te'oma* meaning 'twin') He is also called 'Didymus' or 'the Twin' (John 11:16, 20:24, 21:2). When Jesus appeared to the apostles after His resurrection, Thomas was not present with them. Later on, when the disciples told him about Jesus' appearance, he would not believe them, until Jesus showed Himself a week later. (John 20:24-29). His occupation is unknown.

**Matthew:** (Greek *–maththaios–* meaning 'gift of Yahweh') is also called 'Levi' (Mark 2:14, Luke 5:27). He was a <u>tax collector</u> by occupation. Jesus called him to be one of his disciples, when he was at the tax office (Mat 9:9, Mark 2:14). He is ascribed to be the author of the Gospel according to Matthew.

**James:** He was one of the apostles of Christ. He was the son of Alphaeus.. Nothing much is known about him.

<u>**Thaddaeus**</u>: He is mentioned in two of the four lists of Jesus' disciples. (Mat 10:3, Mark 3:18). In the other two lists he is variously called as Jude of James, Jude Thaddaeus, Judas Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus. Nothing else is known about him apart from the mention of his names in the two lists.

<u>Simon the Zealot</u>: He is another disciple of Jesus. He was a member of a party later called as the 'Zealots' (Matthew 10:4, Mark 3:18)

<u>Judas Iscariot</u>: He is the disciple who betrayed Jesus. His last name 'Iscariot' is from the Hebrew word '*Ish Kerioth*' meaning 'a man from Kerioth', a place in the south of Judah (Joshua 15:25). He was a treasurer of the group. (John 12:6,13:29). After his betrayal of Jesus, he <u>grieved for his actions and committed suicide</u>. (Matthew 27:5). He is always mentioned last in the list of apostles.

**Matthias**: After Judas committed suicide after his betrayal of Jesus (Matthew 27:3–10), the eleven disciples selected Matthias as the twelfth disciple.

Acts 1: 23-26 – So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

## **Books of the New Testament**

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