

Why the 4th of July?

Our nation celebrates July 4th most obviously for the independence which our forebears declared on this day in 1776 and eventually won from the oppression and restrictions of the “mother” country.

Chestnut Grove is taking the celebration a step further this year. Among the many freedoms Americans enjoy, one freedom that Baptists have traditionally and fiercely protected is the separation of Church and State. Thus, Americans are free to be followers of Christ (or not). As such, we will boldly exercise our freedom by fully engaging our world as Christians of FAITH, FORMATION and FRUITFULNESS on July 4th. What does that look like?

- Exposing **FAITH**- by gathering for **worship** in “downtown” Earlysville, where our community will be gathered, we hope to expose others to God’s grace. We plan to **celebrate** that though we were once NOT God’s people, now we are. “I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.” This is the Gospel’s promise and opportunity for all. Hallelujah!
- Engaging in **FORMATION**- in gathering for **fellowship**, we will nurture unity in our own congregation. But, we seek also to invite our larger community into a new kind of relationship-one by which they may become connected to Christ who instigates an entirely new kind of Life.
- Enlisting in **FRUITFULNESS**- by selflessly **servicing** others (watermelon, ice cream, cold water, candy and care) we seek to empty ourselves for others. By this, we become fulfilled. Others become hopeful.

Let us be reminded this Independence Day that our country is not in the business of making Christians-that’s God’s job. But our country is in the business of protecting her residents’ essential freedom to respond to God’s invitation... to enjoy God’s riches. We extend deep gratitude to our wise and sacrificial forebears. But, we extend our deepest thanks and praise to our eternal God!

For details on the day, see page 4. I hope you’ll join us!

Expectantly,



Bake Your Best

Pie



Join us for a community picnic and pie baking contest.

Thursday, July 22

Bring your own picnic on the grounds, **5:30pm**

Volleyball, basketball and sprinkler play for kids of all ages.

Pie judging by local “*professional*”
pie tasters begins at 6:30pm

Eating of the pies at 7pm

For more information, contact the Church Office
978-3819 or office@chestnutgrovebaptist.org



Music Notes

Travelogue Last week I traveled to the rainforest with 200 of my dearest friends to learn about the love of God. I didn't need a passport or an airplane ticket – just a quick trip to Chestnut Grove's rainforest themed Vacation Bible School! Each day started with a time of worship led by VBS volunteers and campers. I was encouraged to hear reports from classroom teachers about how enthusiastically their students signed up to read the Bible verse, lead the responsive reading, collect offering or guide us in prayer! First and second graders cheerfully held the doors and greeted everyone with encouraging words as they headed out to start their day. Music class time was filled with songs that helped us to hide God's word in our hearts. I've been a part of Vacation Bible School for many, many years and was taken by the exceptional sense of community among the group this year. Can't wait to see where we go next year!

Summer Opportunities

So you like to sing but you just can't join the choir right now...have we got a choir for you! **Pick-Up Choir** is back! Pick-Up Choir is open to all youth and adults – so invite your friends! It's simple; one rehearsal, one song, one Sunday. Here's the schedule:



All Voices - Rehearsal: Wed 7/28 at 7pm

Song to be shared: Sun 8/1 at 11am Worship

Women's Ensemble – Rehearsal: Wed 8/11 at 7pm

Song to be shared: Sun 8/15 at 11am Worship

Men's Ensemble – Rehearsal: Thurs 8/19 pm at 7pm

Song to be shared: Sun 8/22 at 11am Worship



This year the Pick-Up theme is being extended to bells at our **Learn an Instrument in a Day** Handbell Workshop on Sat 8/7

from 10-2:30pm in the Multipurpose room. For non music readers or those who'd like to brush up their reading skills, there will be a music reading refresher session starting at 9:30am. Watch your weekly bulletin, the music bulletin board or contact Katie Alfano at 973-1127 kalfano@chestnutgrovebaptist.org for more information.

Youth Corner

The youth of Chestnut Grove had a phenomenal time in June during our annual Youth Missions Week. Fourteen youth travelled to Southeast Roanoke to work in a Baptist Community Center and surrounding neighborhood. Photos of trip on page 6. While there, we trimmed an excessively overgrown hedge, planted a garden, cleaned gutters, painted a basement, painted a tin roof, played with children, and saw the famous Mill Mountain Star. Our youth worked incredibly hard and allowed God to accomplish much through them during their stay. We also want to extend a special thank you to Stephanie Haden for helping us on this trip.

Several youth who were unable to travel stepped up to help out with Vacation Bible School. They worked with larger classes and assisted with snacks and video. We are very appreciative that they were willing to serve through Chestnut Grove for this week.



In July, the Youth will be attending Centrifuge camp in North Carolina. Camp is difficult to explain to those who've never gone. But while there, youth will engage in Bible study, worship, and games. The week away at camp is a profound experience for most of our youth and we look forward to sharing our stories when we return. The theme for camp this year is Kairos: Defining Moments. Students will learn about how to make the most of the defining moments in one's life which build character and lead to maturity. All participants should have turned in permission and final payments by now, but if you are planning to go and do not have the information packet, please contact Steven or Katina as soon as possible at sturner@chestnutgrovebaptist.org kdudley@chestnutgrovebaptist.org or 244-0757

That's all for now, but check out the CGBC Youth page on Facebook for up to date information.

Music Schedules Most music ministries are continuing throughout the summer, but rehearsal times are frequently adjusted. Remember, schedules are like Jell-O in the summer – they just won't stay set! For the latest updates please check out our website at www.chestnutgrovebaptist.org – click on, "music" then, "music calendar".

Formation

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 1:5-8

Ongoing Weekly Formation Opportunities!



Sunday School

If you are not currently a member of a Sunday School class, we invite you consider trying several on for size! Classes meet each Sunday morning from 9:50 – 10:40am.

We have classes for everyone! For more information about the many class choices, please contact Alan Alfano at aalfano@chestnutgrovebaptist.org or 973-1127



Prayer

Wednesday Noon —A midweek prayer break in classroom #104. Led by Carl Knauer and open to all!

Quiet Prayer at the Union Church —Join us for a few minutes or for the whole 1/2 hour from 7 - 7:30am every Tuesday morning throughout the summer. No need to call; just come and join us.



Weekly Bible Study

Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study:

Meeting at 9:30am on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday mornings of the month at the church. Childcare provided. Contact Shannon Brown for details 985-1710.

Ladies Friday Morning Bible Study: Meeting Friday mornings this summer at Panera Bread of Hollymead Town Center. Contact Kathy Brashear at 975-2869 or ksbrashear@embarqmail.com for details of summer schedule.

Men's Tuesday PM Bible Study: The men are taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

LIFE Together 2010

It's not too early! Plans for our fall L.I.F.E Together (Living In Faith Everyday) courses are underway. If you have a topic of particular interest, or if you would like to facilitate one of our adult Wednesday evening gatherings, please contact Alan Alfano, Coordinator of Christian Formation aalfano@chestnutgrovebaptist.org or 973-1127.

Fruitfulness

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last John 15:16



West Virginia Mission Team

A wonderful team of 21 folks have answered God's Call to "Go/Return" to West Virginia. Our team is made up of 11

men, 5 women, and 5 children and youth. Please continue to pray for the Mission Trip. Please pray we will be the hands and feet of Christ as we repair homes and share with children through VBS style arts-n-crafts and music during the week of July 26-31. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Please pick up a "prayer rock" and commit to being a part of the mission by your prayer support. Prayer rocks and prayer sign-up sheet will be on the table near the elevator starting **Sunday, July 18.**



School Supplies

We will collect School Supplies in August. Back to School Sales begin in late July.

Many families facing today's economic challenges will be helped by our efforts. The challenge this year is widespread and effects many more children. Our church wide effort to collect back-to-school items will be shared with students in ***ALL of our community schools from elementary to high school.*** All types of school supplies are needed and will be appreciated. Collection dates will be in August. Please join the effort to help provide smiles for the first day of school by helping children begin their year prepared.

Thank you for your heart for missions and taking "church" outside the building ... into our community. Much everlasting fruit is being planted and harvested for His Kingdom.

Smiles and Blessings,
The Fruit Co-op



Chestnut Grove Parade Float

To help decorate the float, please meet at the Ballif's barn (same location as last year) **Thursday, July 1 at 7pm.**

Call 295-7869 for directions.
893 Roberts Lane
(new house address)

If interested in riding on the float, please meet at the Hopkinson's house 784 Earlysville Forest Drive at 12:45pm. Parade begins at 1pm.

July 4th Worship at Union Church

- Worship Times: 8:30, 9:30, and 11am inside Union Church. All inclusive—no nursery.
- Sunday School will not be meeting.
- Following the 11 o'clock worship service, you are invited to bring a picnic lunch and eat on the lawn at the Union Church prior to the parade which begins at 1pm.
- You are also invited to bring chairs or blankets to sit on while eating lunch and watching the parade.
- Parking will be available on the church lawn, the Earlysville Animal Hospital, and the open lot across St. Francis (driveway to hospital). Porta-potties on site.
- Watermelon, ice cream, and cold bottled water will be shared after the parade.

.....more Faith, Formation and Fruitfulness news-



Golden Can Award

A total of 674 cans of food was collected for the month of June. The Vacation Bible School supported the Stanardsville Food Bank as their local mission project and collected 301 cans! In the Real World Sunday School class is congratulated for their contribution of 199 cans and is the recipient of the Golden Can Award Trophy for a second consecutive month! The Ladies Class is congratulated for their second place standing with a contribution of 94 cans. The July food item is **Tuna Fish**.

Notes of Appreciation . . .

Dear Chestnut Grove

Thank you for your care and your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Your many overtures of care were meaningful (and often tasty!) to my whole family.

With great appreciation,
Pastor Lance

From PACEM

People & Congregations Engaged in Ministry

Dear Chestnut Grove,

Thank you for your generous collection and donation of toiletry items to PACEM. Last week, eighth graders at the Covenant School used your collected items to create kits for our shelters. We thank you for helping us prepare for the upcoming winter shelter season! We are grateful indeed.

Sincerely,
Colleen Keller
Executive Director, PACEM

From Habitat for Humanity

Thank you to the members of Chestnut Grove for your generous contribution of rest stop facilities for the Tour de Greene—a much needed comfort stop! Habitat for Humanity appreciates all the work of the many volunteers who help us raise our funds. It is always heartwarming to watch people come together so that someone else may have a “simple, decent place to live”. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Marth Leclere, Volunteer



Community Veggie Share

The Union Church Committee would like to thank Lenny Coyner, Al Butler and Jean Travis for providing a charming new produce stand for the community Veggie Share at

the Union Church. We invite anyone with extra vegetables in their gardens to spread the wealth around by leaving some at our new stand where they can be picked up and enjoyed by neighbors. Take some or leave some.

Questions contact Jodie Webber, chair, at 973-8470 or architects@kochandwebber.com



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J.O.Y. Club Cookout, May 25, 2010



Our Annual Cookout was set to begin
On the 25th of May, two thousand and ten.
As 34 members, with chairs in hand,
Placed them in the yard so as not to stand.

Some sat in the shade, while other took a walk,
To see the fish pond and maybe talk.
Others saw tomatoes,
And even looked for the potatoes.

The burgers were cooked with dressings galore,
While hotdogs were next--Oh, what a chore,
To keep enough coming to feed the whole crowd,
Chef Loftin should surely be proud!

With Katie on guitar, Alyss on flute,
The hymns began to be picked by the group.
Some sang loud, some sang low,
And oh, what a joy you will never know!

The biggest surprise of the day,
Was Marge Webber coming to stay.
The Coyners were hosts,
Who surely enjoyed it the most.

Fun, Food and Fellowship is the name of our game,
Can't wait until next year to do it the same.

BJ & Lenny Coyner



Gospel Jam Session

Hosted by Blue Grace, come join in the fun on **Friday, July 16** at 7pm in the Multipurpose room. Bring instruments to play, voices to sing or toes to tap! Be sure to invite a friend to this relaxed evening of inspirational music and fellowship.

VBS Thank you

Many thanks to each of the over 50 dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's Son-Quest Rainforest VBS a success. We ministered to more than 180 children from our church family and our community through stories, singing, recreation, snacks, crafts and games. At each area, teaching and discussion of the daily lesson reinforced God's love and Christ's place in our lives.



The attendees collected 301 cans for the Stanardsville Food Bank as the local mission project. The international project was to raise money to drill a well in a village where the people have no fresh water. At this printing our goal of \$2,600 has been raised for the well. Thank you to all who have joined us in this ambitious effort!

Photos from Youth Mission Week in Roanoke, VA June 22-24, 2010



Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

A community of Faith, Formation and Fruitfulness

July 2010

Worship Services Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

Music Weekly Rehearsals

- Sun. 4:15 Music Group for Him on stage
- Sun. 5:30 Youth Praise Band rehearsal on stage
- Sun. 7:00 Blue Grace rehearsal in Sanctuary
- Mon. 7:00 Glorify! rehearsal in music office
- Wed. 7:00 Adult Choir in Sanctuary


For the latest on rehearsal schedules see the music calendar on our website
www.chestnutgrovebaptist.org/music

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays

*5:30pm Youth Praise Band
6:30pm Meal and Gathering*

ALL YOUTH 7th-12th WELCOME

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Off site worship at Union church No evening activities	5 Church office closed today	6 7am Prayer at Union church 10am Church at Evergreene Ministry	7 noon Mid Week Prayer	8	9	10 10am Family Hike Swim & Picnic at Blue Ridge School
Centrifuge Camp—Youth						
11 No Music Group for Him rehearsal	12	13 7am Prayer at Union church 9:30am Women’s Bible Study 10am Church at Evergreene Ministry 7pm Music Group for Him rehearsal on stage	14 noon Mid Week Prayer	15	16 7pm Gospel Jam Session Hosted by Blue Grace in MPR	17
18 6:30pm GA’s	19	20 7am Prayer at Union church 10am Church at Evergreene Ministry	21 noon Mid Week Prayer	22 5:30 Community Picnic & Pie Challenge	23	24
25	26	27 7am Prayer at Union church 9:30am Women’s Bible Study 10am Church at Evergreene Ministry	28 noon Mid Week Prayer 7pm Pick-Up Choir in Sanctuary	29	30	31
Family Mission Trip to West Virginia						

Chestnut Grove Preschool News

Preschool Fall Registration

There are just a few spaces available for the 2010-2011 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child at Chestnut Grove Preschool, please contact Kris Moran kmoran@chestnutgrovebaptist.org 978-3819 ext. 11



Family Hike— Swim—Picnic

Join us at the Blue Ridge School on **Saturday, July 10** from 10am to 1pm. Children from preschool thru 6th grade are invited to join in the hike/swim/picnic. Parents must accompany their children and please bring your own picnic lunch. Please contact Shannon or Tony Brown at riandavesmom@yahoo.com or 985-1710 for more information.

Acteen Event

The Acteens (7-12th grade Girls) will be meeting on **Wednesday July 21** from 11am-3pm at the church. We will go to lunch at Timberwood Grill and then return to the church for games prior to pick up. Please bring money for lunch and a favorite game to play.



The Acteens will welcome the upcoming 7th grade girls in August with a fun day at Chris Greene Lake date TBA.

If you have not yet participated in the Acteens, summer is the perfect time to meet others and have some fun. We will resume our study on comparative religions in the fall. Join us!



Pick-Up Basketball

Youth and Adults—Join us on the Chestnut Grove basketball court each Thursday evening at 7pm starting on **Thursday, July 1** for some fun and informal basketball. Severe weather cancels. Contact David Alfano 989-3679 for more information.

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