

TIM TALK

“Filtering through the Fake News”



In the year 2016 a new phenomenon swept through not only our nation but throughout the entire world as well. That phenomenon was; you guessed it; fake news. Fake news is described by PoliticFact as: *“made-up stuff, masterfully manipulated to look like credible journalistic reports that are easily spread online to large audiences willing to believe the fictions and spread the word.”* Fake news has become such a problem within our culture today that not only do we no longer know the difference between what is false and what is true; we no longer know how to talk to one other. According to PoliticFact the authors of fake news found that the creation of their untruths had become such lucrative cash cows that they could easily earn up to \$30,000 a month!

It seems, however, that fake news is not something new. The author of the New Testament Book of Romans seems to be setting the record straight when it comes to filtering out that which is false from that which is truth. Writing of the church as though it were like the human body, more specifically Christ’s body he writes: *“Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ’s body, let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t.”*

Living into the fake news is like trying to become something that we aren’t. To shroud the truth by being a finger when we are really a toe or a toe when we are really a finger is to live into the fake news...convincing ourselves that we are something better than we’re not (or for that matter, something lesser than we’re not). Instead, the author of Romans, urges us to just be who God created us to be: to love from the center of whom we are; not faking it (Romans 12:9-10).



YOUR BRAIN ON FAKE NEWS

As a child of God the very essence of who I am centers upon God’s love as exemplified best through Jesus Christ. To know that I am loved by God is central to my faith. Our filter, according to Romans is to see ourselves through the eyes of God’s love. We have no need of living into any other truth but this.



And yet when we feel threatened, or looked down upon, or for that matter less than what we were created to be we buy into the hypocrisy of fake news. Instead of letting Jesus be our source of truth we instead trade it all in for the fake news that seems to infiltrate our world. We act as if fake news itself will create some truth that will make us feel better about our own deceits.

Romans provides us with some practical advice in helping us filter through the fake news. Remember fake news not only numbs us from the truth, it prevents us from trusting and talking with one another. Romans advice comes in verses 6–8 of the 12th chapter: *“If you preach, just preach God’s Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don’t take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don’t get bossy; if you’re put in charge, don’t manipulate; if you’re called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don’t let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.”*

In spite of the fake news, I don’t think Romans is urging us put on fake smiles; instead Romans is urging us to seek after the truth (the truth being; we are loved by God). As 2018 unfolds it may be a pipe dream of mine that fake news would no longer be at the forefront of our newsreels; however, whether it is or not doesn’t really matter does it? What matters most for me is the faith that I am loved by God; all other news fails in comparison.

In the words of the Apostle Paul:
“Love from the center of who you are. Don’t Fake It!”

Tim

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett



FOLLOW, KNOW & BECOME LIKE JESUS



**BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A
WORRIER BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ
AT GREENBRIER
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM**

BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

In past months Oaklette has been encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. However, since the second Friday for the month of January falls smack dab in the middle of N.E.S.T. we will gather for breakfast on the first Friday of January instead. That makes it January 5th. This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00AM!



**FREE MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

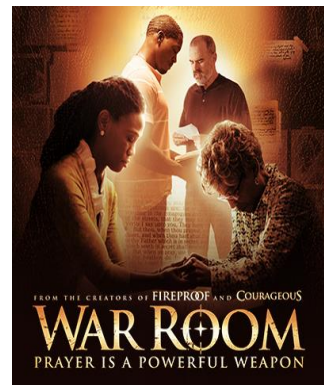
7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL

“War Room”



Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan's world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage.

While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a "war room" and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident.





NEW YEARS SERMON SERIES

Starting Sunday, January 14th Dr. Tim will begin a sermon series for the New Year entitled Crash Test Dummies: Surprising Lessons from the Book of Judges. Based on Talbot Davis' book by the same name we will explore many of the great judges of the Old Testament that God used to call his people back to Him; judges like Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson. The only

problem: after each new judge the Israelites; like crash-test dummies, kept crashing bigger and harder every time they went for a test drive. Join Dr. Tim on Sunday mornings at The River and our Traditional Service as we talk about those who God used to provide driving lessons to some pretty dumb drivers.

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

(11:00 AM SERVICE ONLY)

A COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR

“Lifelong Learners”

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

(We will be using Bishop Lewis' Sermon preached at Annual Conference in June 2017.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

**SERMON SERIES: CRASH TEST DUMMIES –
SURPRISING LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES**

“Crash Test Dummies Getting Dumber”

Judges 2:11–19 (CEV)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

**SERMON SERIES: CRASH TEST DUMMIES –
SURPRISING LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES**

“Crashing Head on into Iron Chariots”

Judges 4:1–22 (CEV)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

**SERMON SERIES: CRASH TEST DUMMIES –
SURPRISING LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES**

“Distracted Drivers”

Judges 6:1–24 (CEV)



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES

“Come to the river where you will thirst no more.”

Sunday’s at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

RETURNS SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

Due to NEST “The River” will gather in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 14th.

MAYBERRY CHURCH

Sunday at 7:00PM - Fellowship Hall



Resumes the Sunday following NEST (January 21, 2018).

Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ. Using the Bible and classic episodes of “The Andy Griffith Show” Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- **January 21 – Episode:** “Barney Hosts a Summit Meeting” – Barney puts Mayberry on the map by agreeing to arrange accommodations in Mayberry for an international summit between the United States and Russia. **Theme:** Embarrassing Moments. **Scripture:** Luke 14:10–11 (MSG) – *“When you’re invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place. Then when the host comes he may very well say, ‘Friend, come up to the front.’ That will give the dinner guests something to talk about! What I’m saying is, if you walk around with your nose in the air, you’re going to end up flat on your face. But if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.”*
- **January 28 – Episode:** “Goober goes to the Auto Show” – Goober encounters an old friend during a visit to an automobile show — which triggers an accelerating case of one-upmanship between the two men. **Theme:** Competitive Spirits. **Scripture:** Matthew 5:9 (MSG) – *“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight.”*



The Elizabeth River District Training Day is January 20, 2018!

Building on Bishop Lewis' vision for the Annual Conference, this year's District Training Day will focus on encouraging disciples to be lifelong learners, empower disciples to influence others and to serve.

When: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Where: New Creation United Methodist 4320 Bruce Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Cost: \$12 for homemade, all you eat, soup bar. Catered by Ukraine Mission Team.

Deadline is JANUARY 11TH.

See the schedule, all workshop offerings and register online!



Oaklette United Methodist Church will be honored as an Achievement Level River Star Business at the Annual River Star Recognition Luncheon on January 25th from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. at The Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach. This recognition award is being presented to us because of the work we have done to prevent pollution and enhance wildlife habitat through creating a Rain Garden, digging dry wells, and redesigning the landscape and drainage system on the west side of the sanctuary. Monies for these projects were secured through memorial gifts made in the names of Roger Weber and Lou Bean as well as matching grants from Elizabeth River Project and the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District). Work was done by Bay Environmental and volunteers from both members of Oaklette and Elizabeth River Project. We will be receiving two complimentary tickets (additional tickets are \$25 each). Reservations are due by January 16.



**Thank you to everyone who brought hats, socks and gloves for the angel tree. A special note of thanks to Carolyn Gilliam who sent more than forty wonderful handmade hats for the children!
Such a labor of love!**

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Jason Evans - (Son of Linda & Dean Evans)

Troy Hudgins - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Brian Miller - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Ian R Scarborough - (Grandson of Bertie Scarborough)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Capt. Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

Billy East

2701 Border Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Mildred Hair

164 Culpepper Rd
South Mills, NC 27976

Verna Carroll

304 Kemp Ln.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Jackie Munden

3009 Mattox Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Marjorie Harrison

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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325 Redbrick Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Bessie Mae Etheridge

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Chesapeake, VA 23320

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Chesapeake, VA 23325

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Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Howard Combs

Autumn Care
Room 302
715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Ann Earley 2A #36

Va Bch Health & Rehab Ctr
1801 Camelot Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Fleda Humphries

Kempsville Health/Rehab
5520 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Pat Grover

1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Mamie Whitehurst

1033 Hobb Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464



JANUARY

- 7-
- 14-
- 21-
- 28-
- Beverly Roane**



Food Basket

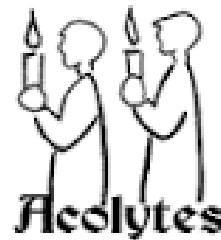
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Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!

January Food Pantry Workers

- 1-
- New Years Day
Pantry Closed**
- 4-
- Carol Henry
&
Brenda Hodsdon**
- 8-
- Duane Johnstone
&
Emma Beggs**
- 11-
- Linda & John Tandy**
- 15-
- Mildred Walling
&
Nancy Helsel**
- 18-
- Peggy Johnson
&
Joyce Gaston**
- 22-
- Stella Price
&
Judy Carter**
- 25-
- Connie & Richard
Tucker**
- 29-
- Hannah Bailey
&
Adel Denson**

Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.

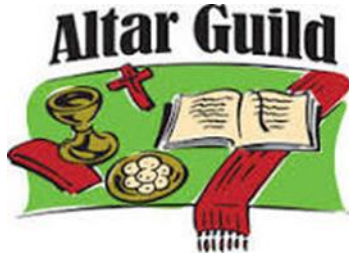


January

- 7-
- Arte Jones**
- 14-
- Jessica Weifert**
- 21-
- Jerome Dickinson**
- 28-
- Jessica Weifert**



There are no anniversaries in January.



January

Ann & Jimmy Lee



Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look...their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.
 - Peter Chrysologus (5th century)

January Birthdays

- 1- Carolyn Smith
- 4- Amy Weber
Curtis Reynolds
- 6- Hannah Bailey
- 9- Edward Jackson
- 10- Charles Litten
- 12- Marvin Cress, Jr.
Holly Engelbrecht
- 13- Timothy Howell
Eric Weber
Kaitlin Brooks
- 15- Kevin Haluska
S. Jones, Jr.
- 17- LouAnne Poyner
Steven Carter
- 18- Wanda Walton
Yvonne Garcia
Matilda Cupp
- 19- Richard Hodsdon
Jenny Obenchain
- 22- Ann Earley
- 23- Jack Hicks III
- 25- Emily Ann Hicks
Corey Bailey
- 26- Len Carter
- 27- Katlin Hoeflaak
Krystin Hoeflaa
Kathryn Woodhouse

- 30- Sandy Carraway
- 31- Anita Driskill



Prayer for a New Beginning

Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. In Your name. Amen.



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N
 S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E
 Q W C D R E Y A T M I O C N H F A S W C O R
 M E G T H W E O F L D X H A S S G Z O N L
 E T J H E W N E Q W I D S H R E R O E

_____! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV
Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:



Happy New Year!



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

COMING SOON!



NEST At Oaklette

January 10-17, 2018
Our 24th Year!

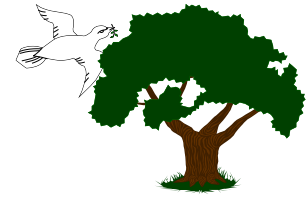
NEST Planning Committee

Debbie Rippard, Chairperson
Helene Haluska- Corporate Contact
Brenda Swoope- Activities
Barbara Bennett- Food
Rachel Swoope- Communications
Arte Jones/Len Carter- Procurement
Bill Henry- Church Contact
Chris Carroll/David Rippard-Security

NEST At Oaklette

JANUARY 10-17, 2018

OUR 23TH YEAR!



2018 N.E.S.T. Supplies Needed **Hygiene Kit Items**– Individual (travel) sizes

THESE ITEMS ONLY! WE HAVE PLENTY OF THE OTHER ITEMS.

1. Hand lotion
2. Shampoo (no conditioners!)
3. Deodorant (men's and women's)
4. Chapstick
5. Washcloths
6. Shave Cream
7. Razors
8. Combs
9. Hand sanitizer
10. White tube socks

Medicines

- ✓ Tylenol or Ibuprofen
- ✓ Aspirin
- ✓ Cold Medicine (i.e., Alka Seltzer Plus)
- ✓ Cough Drops
- ✓ Antacids
- ✓ Beano
- ✓ Feminine hygiene items

Misc Items for Activities

- a) Insulated gloves (men's and women's)
- b) Longjohn pants and shirts (medium to 6X)
- c) Sweatshirts, sizes medium to 6X
- d) Any food item such as drink boxes, Pkg. Of fruit cups, applesauce, etc.
- e) Anything that can be used as a prize, male, female or non-gender, including \$5.00 gift cards to McDonalds, or Dollar Tree.
- f) Bus tickets

Trash bags, cleansers, quart sized Ziploc bags, other cleaning supplies are always appreciated!

NO CLOTHING! WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOTHES CLOSET!



General Board of Global Ministries
Street Children Ministry
UMC, MMC Cambodia

Merry Christmas



Dear Friends,

The Street Children Ministries in Cambodia brings you the best of wishes this 2017 Christmas Season. Like the poor shepherds who were the first visitor of the Christ child, the street children wants to greet you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

“And an angel of the Lord appeared to them saying, “ Be not afraid for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord...and they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger...they made known the saying which has been told them concerning the child...and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.” Luke 2: 10-18

Like the poor shepherds who were the first ones to share about Jesus’ birth to the people around, let us be the under-privileged children of Cambodia, the first ones to send you our heartfelt Christmas greetings. With us are street children, HIV/AIDS patients, and the sick people of Cambodia, the poor who are receiving blessings through Methodist Ministry of Cambodia (MMC). Together we praise God. His Grace has been sufficient to support us this past year.

This is the cry of rejoicing from the recipients of our mission. With their greetings is the daily preparation for the annual celebration of Christmas. Indeed it is the happiest day of the year in this Christian community in Cambodia. This preparation is manifested by their desire to participate. They come to worship God during Sundays, attend Sunday school, accompany the staff in visiting the sick and support one another.

The staff are doing their part in contributing their time, energy, and creative efforts by preparing educational guided tours, teaching Sunday school, and helping in the orphanages. For us, this is a great opportunity to watch how these poor and marginalized children mature into faithful Christians. They grow strong and develop as responsible citizens as they continue in their studies and adopt social skills as well as vocational skills, through our ministry in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We are joyful to see how the blessings of God is shared to other people. Blessings from God continue to overflow as children share their skills to inspire other children to do the same.

Thank you for being a blessing to these poor children and their families. Your gifts and prayers did all the miracles in the lives of our children, so much so with their families. Blessings are multiplied as they flow from person to person. Our ministry for the under-privileged children, the poor, the sick, and the marginalized continue because of your prayers and support. Without them we cannot minister to them. May God bless you more and more.

Attached herewith are Christmas cards creatively made by our children. A blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all!!!



Clara M. Biswas
Team Leader of Street Children Ministries,
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Phnom Penh 3, Cambodia

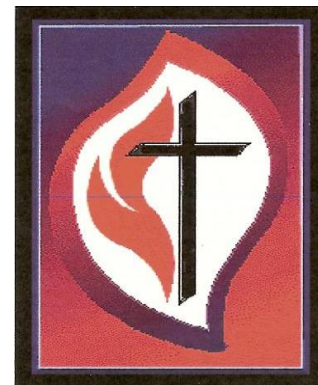


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	2 Bulletin articles due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy (parsonage) 7 PM NA 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry	3 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	4 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursdays with Tim 2 PM Circle of Love 7 PM Model "A" Club 7 PM SOTM Bible Study	5 9 AM Breakfast At Denny's	6 2-3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group 7 PM Family Movie
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 8 PM AA	8 10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band	9 Bulletin Articles Due 7 PM NA	10 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice NEST	11 10 AM Food Pantry 7 PM SOTM Bible Study NEST	12 NEST	13 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group NEST
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28 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 7 PM Mayberry Church 8 PM AA	29 10 AM Food Pantry 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 6:30 PM Administrative Team	30 Bulletin Articles Due 7 PM NA	31 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice			

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