



Sunday Happenings

In case you missed all the good stuff...

Sunday we continued our series, Campfire Stories, and looked at the life of Joseph and his brothers. We were reminded that we all have the opportunity to live into the dream God has for us. We are all like Joseph. And if we are willing, God will use us, in our time, to bring life and light to the darkness at hand.

I also gave everyone a little homework this week: 3 practices that kept Joseph healthy and centered in some pretty dark times.

1. Look for the bright side. Intentionally look for the ways in which God is moving and join in. Resist evil and embrace the good. Brené Brown, in her book *Dare to Lead*, writes:

“Don’t grab hurtful comments and pull them close to you by rereading them and ruminating on them. Don’t play with them by rehearsing your badass come back. And whatever you do, don’t pull hatefulness close to your heart. Let what’s unproductive and hurtful drop at the feet of your aunt unarmored self.”

2. Forgive others because God has forgiven you. We serve a God of second chances... we benefit from this goodness and grace of God... so as children of God we must extend those second chances to others. Nelson Mandela after serving 27 years in prison said: "When I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew that if I didn't leave my bitterness and hate behind, I'd still be in prison."
3. Seize the opportunity to do good when you have it. Joseph could have easily given his brothers what they deserve... he would have been perfectly justified in doing it. Instead, he was able to look for the greater good. Because of his act of kindness, grace and forgiveness, he became God's agent of life and preservation for Israel.

Sunday October 10th we will shift gears a little bit and study the book of Exodus! The service will end with communion. Come with open hearts!

A few things to note:

Pastor Beth's Office Hours This Week:

Monday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for our first fireside chat! As a part of her new sermon series: "Camp Fire Stories", Pastor Beth will host midweek fireside chats, weather permitting. We are planning the first one Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 PM. Bring a chair and join her around the campfire for good conversation. Firewood contributions are welcomed! *Please note: this may be canceled due to rain.*

Pastor Beth is also available for "porch visits" throughout the week. This is a way we can safely get to know each other. She is also available for picnics under the picnic shelter.



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vehicula lectus velit nec velit.

The line-painting activity hosted by the Men's Fellowship that was scheduled for October 6th has been canceled.

SCOB job posting: Staunton Church of the Brethren is seeking an experienced commercial janitor for a part-time position with Competitive Pay. The individual will be responsible for weekly church cleaning including restrooms, and trash collection. Flexible schedule available. Please contact SCOB at 540.886.8655 or Wallace Clark at 540.294.1880.

In our prayers:

Pray for Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Stanley and Brenda Shackelford, Melba Cline, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Judy Zdinak, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Jay and Rosalie McLearn (Shenandoah), AJ Sandridge, Daniel Melton, Emily Edwards' friend Dennis in Nicaragua, Linda Propst, Sue Whisman, Bob Armbruster, Wallace Clark, Cindy Spitzer, Russell and Sandy Roberts, Phyllis Lunsford, George Sullivan, Annie Collins' brother-in-law Bob Howell, Bob Weiss, Charlotte Kennedy, Dan Packer, Jr. (son of Beth Packer), Kenneth Weaver (Sally Shomo's brother), Frances Wilkerson, Fred Wilkerson, Sr., Eva Frederick, Louise Pilson, Kelly Shomo, the family of Mabel Lou Weiss's brother-in-law Paul Wampler on his death. Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted. Keep praying.

Staunton Church of the Brethren has been participating in disaster rebuild trips since 1998 and have not missed a year until 2020, which was skipped due to covid. This year we are scheduled to leave on October 24 to spend a week in Dayton, Ohio. Currently, there are fourteen scheduled to go, not all from our church, but members of SCOB are the organizers of the trip.

Please join us in praying for safety and strength for all who will participate this year.