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*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under heaven a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill
and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a
time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to
scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to
embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search
and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to
throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a
time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love
and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for
peace.*

...
(Ecclesiastes 3: 1)

And now the time has come for me to bid you farewell. I have been both honored and humbled to serve God and His Church as your interim minister for two years and three months. When I came to West Side Christian Church I was looking for a church home, not a ministerial position, but God had other plans and I have been truly blessed to find both!

Thank you for the trust you placed in me as your pastor. You allowed me to minister to you in times of sadness and joy – in illnesses, deaths, weddings and baptisms – your most personal times, and I thank you for sharing those moments with me. I treasure the talks we have had and the times of worship we have shared. Thank you for your love and support as I tried to be faithful to God's call. My time with you has been rewarding to me personally, and I pray God has used me in some small way to bless each of you. You have certainly been a blessing to me.

We have been co-laborers and accomplished much during our season together. Now it is time for us to continue our service to God, but in different directions. My resignation as your interim minister is effective June 30, 2005. Because of vacation time, my last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 19th. Farewells are never easy, but with endings come new beginnings and also new opportunities for service. With great expectations and God's leadership, we begin new chapters in the book of life – both for West Side Christian Church and for Jane Cherry.

When greeted with *God Save the Queen*, Queen Elizabeth I of Great Britain always replied, "And God save you my people. You may have a better monarch, but you will never have one who loves you more." My dear friends, you may have a better pastor, but you will never have one who loves you more! God bless you.

In His service and yours,

MARY'S WELLNESS CORNER



The season, of cookouts, picnics and beach/pool parties, has begun. Enjoy this family time, and keep your family safe from injuries and summer related illnesses.

Prevent Food Poisoning:

Do not eat meats, dressings, or salads that have been sitting out for 2 hours at a temperature of 40 degrees or higher.

Cook hamburgers well done and cook chicken until juices are clear.

Do not eat raw eggs or sauces made with raw eggs.

Keep party food and salads on ice.

Keep refrigerator temperature between 34 & 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Wash hands frequently, especially after handling raw meats.

Protect Yourself From Insect Bites:

Use insect repellent on clothes and exposed skin.

Wear light-colored clothing covering, as much skin as possible.

Keep grass cut and bushes trimmed.

Do not have standing water around your yard.

Clean birdbaths frequently.

Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, hats, and shoes and socks, when hiking in the meadows or woods. Hint: pull your socks over your pants and apply tape where they meet.

Check daily for ticks.

Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn, so plan your outings well.

Protect Yourself From The Sun and Decrease Your Risk for Skin Cancer and Sun Poisoning:

Slip on a shirt.

Slop on sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher.

Slap on a hat that shades your face, neck and ears.

Wrap on a pair of sunglasses. (American Cancer Society)

Limit peak hour (10am-4pm) sun exposure.

Seek out shady areas wherever you are or use an umbrella.

Always Think Safety Around Water:

Never leave a child alone around any body of water This includes tubs, pools, and even wading pools.

Always have rescue equipment near the swimming area.

Learn to swim, know your limits, and swim with a buddy.

Obey all rules posted in the swimming area.

Use common sense.

"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. " psalm 33:22

Mary Peris, Parish Nurse

**ARTICLES FOR THE JULY, 2005
NEWSLETTER WILL BE DUE
JUNE 19.**

CWF NEWS

Lydia Group had 8 members present. Offering was \$39.00. They read 2 Daily Devotions, 1 Regional Paper, 1 Disciple, 1 leader magazine, made 9 visits and 40 card/calls.

Rebekah Group had 7 present. They read 11 books, 5 Daily Devotions, 2 Disciples, 4 Regional Papers, 1 teaching, 1 leading, and 4 crafts/cooking magazines. For their June meeting they will go out to eat.

FATHER'S DAY

After the morning worship service on June 19, 2005, lunch will be served in the Fellowship Center in honor of all fathers. Please plan to attend and celebrate this special day. The CWF will host this event.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Michael David McCrickard, Jr., was baptized on April 17. Michael's address is 8005 Rocks Landing Rd., Smithfield, Va. 23430. Patricia L. Turney came by way of

transfer. Pat lives at 3104 Trumpet Dr., Chesapeake, Va. 23321. Her phone number is 465-9512. We welcome these new members into our fellowship here at West Side!

28 Fran Gray

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 31 – AUGUST 4**

OUR SHUT-INS: Sandy Cotton, Sentara Nursing Center, 4201 Greenwood Dr., (P); Leona Brodie, The Heritage, 515 S. Warley, Florence, SC 29501; Mary Mingis, 4107 Heritage Rd., Richmond, 23227; Ruth Blackman, 1 Bon Secours Way, Cedar Pt. #241, (P); Martha Gray, Maryview Care Center, #229, 4775 Bridge Rd., (S); Sylvia Dickens, Autumn Care, 3610 Winchester Dr., (P).

OTHERS ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Betty McCrickard; Evelyn Thomson; Adean Wyatt; Sarah Crawford; Hilda and Glen Weaver; Gilman family; Connie Hutto (cousin of Brenda Hayth).

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALLGAME . . .**

“FAITH NIGHT” at Harbor Park is July 6, 2005. The Tides baseball game begins at 7:15 p.m., and the tickets are \$6.50 for 25 or more; \$7.00 if number going is less than 25.



A sign up sheet will be placed in the Gathering Area. Carpooling will be available for those who need it. Deadline to sign up is June 19. There will be no Fellowship Dinner in June.

Membership

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to my church family for all the encouragement and support you have given me before starting dialysis.

Berry Brown



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

1 Jim White
5 Jerry Thornton, Sr.
14 Andrew Cherry
18 Ivy Nichole Kelly, Lorraine Shea
22 Tony Peris, Robin Ehlers
27 Kim Powell



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
CWF SPRING PROJECT, 2006**

Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted for those who need to feel God’s embrace and unconditional love. Many are given to those recovering from illness, or those who need healing, but shawls are also special gifts to celebrate life milestones (marriage, for nursing a baby, grieving). Shawls may be made for a specific person or given to a hospital, domestic violence shelter, or agency. Several groups send shawls overseas as well. Prayer shawls are also being collected as part of the Portland General Assembly.

KNITTING

Begin with a prayer so that your shawl will carry blessings wherever it goes. Cast on 57 stitches using size 1 or 13 needles. You should need about 550 yards of yarn. All rows: k3, p3 (each row should “knit the purls and purl the knits,” it should not look like ribbing). Continue until shawl is 57 to 58 inches long. You can embellish the shawl with fringe or beads as you desire. Offer a closing prayer before you gift the shawl.

CROCHET

Chain 54 stitches or desired width of shawl. Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to end. Chain 3 and turn. Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times. Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn. Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double). End with 1 row of single. Finish with fringe.

LECTIONERY TEXT

June 5: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 12: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8, (9-23)

June 19: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 26: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR!

On July 16th, 2005 West Side will officially welcome its new settled pastor, Rev. Nathan Charles Brown and his wife Rev. Marion Watts Brown. Nathan graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School on May 13, 2005, and was ordained on May 14th, 2005. Nate and Marian, a Methodist minister, met while both were attending Vanderbilt. Nathan and Marian will be married on June 25, 2005 and then enjoy a 10-day honeymoon trip to Italy. Upon their return they will be living in Newport News where Marian will be serving as Associate Pastor for Williamsburg United Methodist Church on the campus of William and Mary.

Not only did God bring Nathan and Marian together, but He definitely played a role in bringing the two of them to us. In the Methodist Church, a beginning minister is considered a probationary Elder for a period of 3 years. Marian has already served one year in the Methodist Conference of Louisiana in her hometown of Baton Rouge. When it became apparent that Nathan and the Search Committee were in agreement on the extending of a call, Marian had to apply for transfer into the Virginia Conference. At the time it was late March and Marian was not aware that the official deadlines were in February. She and Nate called us to say they were stepping out on faith and regardless of her situation, they felt God calling them to Portsmouth.

Fortunately, the former Bishop of the Virginia Conference was a professor at Vanderbilt and he helped Marian to process the paperwork and get in contact with the correct officials. In spite of the passed deadlines and her limited experience, God opened a position for Marian when both the senior pastor and the associate pastor of the Williamsburg church decided to leave. Marian was granted an

appointment when 25 others were denied. God is indeed faithful!

Nathan will be in the pulpit on July 17th and then represent West Side at the General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. We look forward to a long and happy relationship with Nate and Marion.

FROM MS. EVELYN . . .

Dear Friends,



My heart is overflowing with thankfulness for the lovely retirement party. The social hall was beautiful, the food was delicious, and it was wonderful to see so many children I had taught over

the years, as well as their families. A special thanks goes to Jane Cherry, Richie Oliver, Fran Gray, Ken Bryant, and Jennifer Larson for the kind words they had for me.

For eighteen years I have felt a part of West Side. Each of you has made me feel so welcome and so loved. I have always been proud to say that I taught at West Side Christian Church Pre-school. Thank you for eighteen happy years.

May God bless you as you begin a new journey with a new minister. Thanks again for being a part of my life.
Fondly, "Ms. Evelyn"



OUR GRADUATES

Jamey Corbett – Western Branch HS.
Will attend Radford.

Rachel Powell – Western Branch HS.
Will attend Coastal Carolina University

Shannon Wilson – Churchland HS.
Will attend TCC.

Staci Johnson - JMU

Jamie Johnson – VCU

Erica Thomas Zyliak - TCC

A fried chicken luncheon will be held in their honor following worship on Sunday, June 12.



ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of many West Side members and friends, our worship has been enriched by the new Ahlborn-Galanti organ

for six months. (It is true that time flies!) The congregation voted to use the monies from the Memorial Fund and borrow from the parsonage account to purchase the instrument. We are well on the way to repaying the loan; as of May 23, the outstanding balance was \$2,488.17. If you haven't made a gift to the organ fund, please consider doing so. We are close to retiring this debt!

Becky Barclay

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