



July 29, 2018

- **Ladies Day Retreat:** The 1st Annual Dale City Ladies Retreat, October 11-14, 2018 in Intercourse, PA. We will be collecting monies every Sunday for those interested in the Bike Tour, Amish dinner (Tour & Dinner -\$69.00; Dinner Only- \$49.00).

Registration fee: \$40.00 (covers T-shirts & survival snacks)

POC: *Sis. Lori Stevenson or Sis. Roslyn Correia.*

- **Gail Flemons:** If you or someone you know is adept at creating floral arrangements, please contact me. Sister Deborah Reeves is in need of someone with those skill sets.

- **Youth Calendar:** All youth events will be posted on the church website. There will be a **Parent's Youth Meeting on Sunday, August 12th.** Parents please plan to attend as this meeting is very important. Updated information regarding our Youth Programs and future events will be discussed. If you have questions prior to the meeting please see Bro. Myron Bell or Bro. Kevin Griffen.

- **Youth Fellowship:** The Israeli Youth will be arriving on **Sunday, July 29th** for worship service and will be guests until they depart for the Annual retreat at Camp WAMAVA. Our youth will host a fellowship meal for the Israelis' immediately following the Bible class from **12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.** Please mark your calendars to ensure the children are able to stay.

- **ERLTC Yard Sale:** **August 11th,** Please bring items for sale. The theme is "Going back to School!" Lets provide our community with clean, stain-free, and serviceable clothing for elementary grades to college students. In addition to clothing, we will also sale household items such as small appliances, lamps, calculators, etc. **However, NO TVs or LARGE Appliances.** Bring all items to the fellowship hall.

Note: Ladies I need help organizing items the week prior to the sale. Sis Priscilla Dedu

- **Mount Vernon Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day;**
"Strengthen Your Sister" Luke 22:31-32
October 27, 2018
8607 Jeff Todd Way, Alexandria, VA. 22309

POC: *Sis. JoAnn Spradley or Sis. Deborah Reeves*

- **Need Volunteers:** If you need to exercise and want to lose a few pounds, we have just the thing for you! Also, if you are slim and trim and enjoy cutting grass and trimming, the church is a great place to start. Please Help, the church lawn needs cutting and trimming about every two weeks depending weather. A sign up roster is on the announcement board.



From the Shepherd's Desk

During the Vacation Bible School, we had the opportunity to study “Discovering the Treasures of Jesus.” While the lesson text was from the Book of Luke, the themes of each lesson was centered on 5 Beatitudes in Matthew Chapter 5 and verses 3,4,5,6, and 7.

We live in a world where there is constant bombardments of negative news and events and man has increasingly become hostile and hard-hearted toward one another. As Christians, the Lord requires us to take a different path; it is the path echoed in the characteristics He gave in the Beatitudes.. In Matt. 5:7, Jesus tells us to be merciful (compassionate) and below is a comment from James Coffman concerning Matt. 5:7;

Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

All types of unmerciful conduct are condemned by this verse. Cruel amusements, punishments, speeches, newspaper articles, letters - in short, ALL kinds of unmerciful and inhumane behavior are proscribed by the Son of God in this beatitude. Such things are forever excluded from the kingdom of heaven. Specific mention should also be made of cruel judgments of other people (Matthew 7:1) and cruel refusal to forgive those who sin against us (Matthew 6:15).

The quality of mercy is not strained.

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath.

It is twice bless'd: It blesses him that gives and him that takes.

'Tis mightiest in the mightiest.

It becomes The throned monarch better than his crown. F5

They shall obtain mercy ...

This is to say that those who are merciful toward others shall receive for themselves mercy from Almighty God.

May God bless us as we strive to become more Christ-like each day.

The Elders.