

JULY 2021

CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

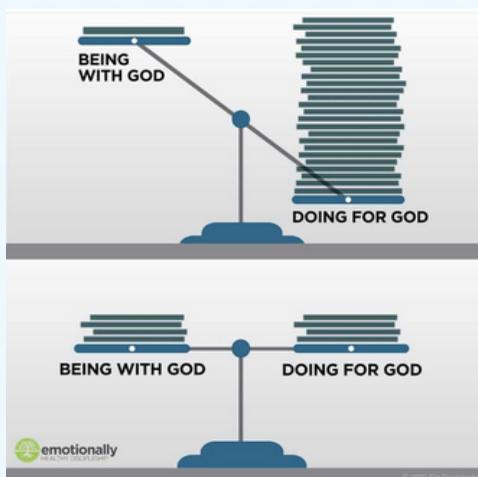
A WORD FROM PASTOR NATE

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” – John 15:5

Summer comes and people’s schedule usually become more free. It is when people take time to vacation and be with family. The kids and grandkids have their break from school. The weather usually cooperates for fun and relaxation. Plans are made to relax and/or visit those we love.

Do we take that time for God. Spending time with God should not equate to one or two weeks a year, nor should it be limited to one weekend a month. It also should not be limited to work projects that take place from time to time. A relationship with God is something we must equate to an intimate relationship. The closest friend we could ever have and know. It is a day-by-day relationship that encompasses all things. Nothing in our lives is too big or too small for Him. We must simply be connected to Him and growing through His power and strength.

Often we have equated our spiritual growth and maturity based on our own actions and activity. The walk with God is exactly that, “with” not “for”. Jesus calls us to remain in Him, or abide in Him. The “doing for” Him will take care of itself as our relationship with Him develops over time. Take time to simply be with God each day.



***“The Christian journey is a life of ever deepening trust, much like the ongoing stages of friendship. When we equate doing for God, i.e. religious activity, as being with God, we remain only acquaintances of him – not intimate friends.”
– Pete Scazzero***

TIME FOR AN ADJUSTMENT



Anyone that has visited a chiropractor on a regular basis knows the phrase, "It's time for an adjustment." We also make adjustments to our schedules when unexpected emergencies happen. When the car breaks down, we adjust our schedules in order to have the car repaired. When sickness occurs we adjust work, school, and home life to hopefully foster healing. When an accident on the highway occurs it causes traffic patterns to adjust in order to detour around where the road is shutdown. The point is that at some time in life we all need to adjust to situations around us.

A few days ago I was giving guitar lessons to two teenage boys; brothers. I spent 30 minutes instructing each of them. The first one understood everything that I was teaching and had the physical ability and dexterity in his hands to play the notes, chords and scales about as well as a beginner could. I was expecting the same from his brother, so I began teaching him in the same manner.

As the lesson progressed I realized that he was not grasping the concepts of what I was teaching and he did not possess the physical ability and dexterity of his brother. He began to sound nervous and self-conscious. His leg started to have a nervous twitch. He was struggling. I say that not to demean him in any way, it is simply a statement of fact. I realized that I needed to "make an adjustment" to the way I was teaching him.

I began to simplify things and tried my best to meet him at his ability and give him enough information and homework that he could effectively handle and not feel overwhelmed. You see, I wanted him to grasp what I was teaching and progress as much as he could without being frustrated until our next lesson. Even if he did not grasp or progress as much as his brother, any progress is still progress. Not everyone learns at the same pace. Not everyone has the same abilities. Every person is different and has different preferences, and more importantly different abilities.

I made a statement in the sermon I preached June 20, "As Christians we are called to respond appropriately in every situation." I stand by that. The response by Believers to situations, especially involving relationship issues, carries with it great responsibility and great possibility of growth to the Kingdom of Heaven. It also carries with it the possibility that we might damage the perception of who Jesus is because of a possible inappropriate response. As representatives of Jesus we need to understand that how we react and respond to people bears witness of who we truly are and who we truly follow.

Paul stated to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:22) "...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." This is a biblical example of a person who found that it was "Time for an adjustment," and followed through. Just as Paul sought to adjust his life in order to be a better witness to those in his community, so we also need to have the same type of servant's heart that would lead us to change ourselves in order to reach the lost. May we never be the type that are inflexible and demand others bend to our will, but may we have the heart of Jesus. He gave up heaven and adjusted who He was and what He did in order that we might be saved. Let us be willing to do the same..... maybe it's "Time For An Adjustment."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



We are excited to see our children return for in person activities and Bible Study beginning July 11, 2021. We will have Bible study, music and activities beginning at 8:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Children can continue to be with their parents during Worship services or come down to the Preschool/Children's area for activities.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. More information about other activities being planned to come soon.

YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER 2021

June 13 - Promotion Cookout

June 27 - Game Night

July 16 - Movie Night

July 23 - Food Bank

August 1 - Sports Park

August 13 - Food Bank

August 20 - Lock In

August 29 - Fall Kick Off

Tuesday Hangs - 11am-1pm

June 22, 29

July 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17

CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH GOLF OUTING
"A FUND RAISER FOR A DEACON SPONSORED
CBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND"

FRIDAY, JULY 9— 4 PERSON TEAM — CAPTAIN'S CHOICE—SHOTGUN START AT 8:30AM
FIRST TEE OF CHESTERFIELD, 6736 HUNTINGCREEK DRIVE, NORTH CHESTERFIELD, VA 23237
COST PER PERSON: \$75.00

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE ROUND AT THE GOLF COURSE.

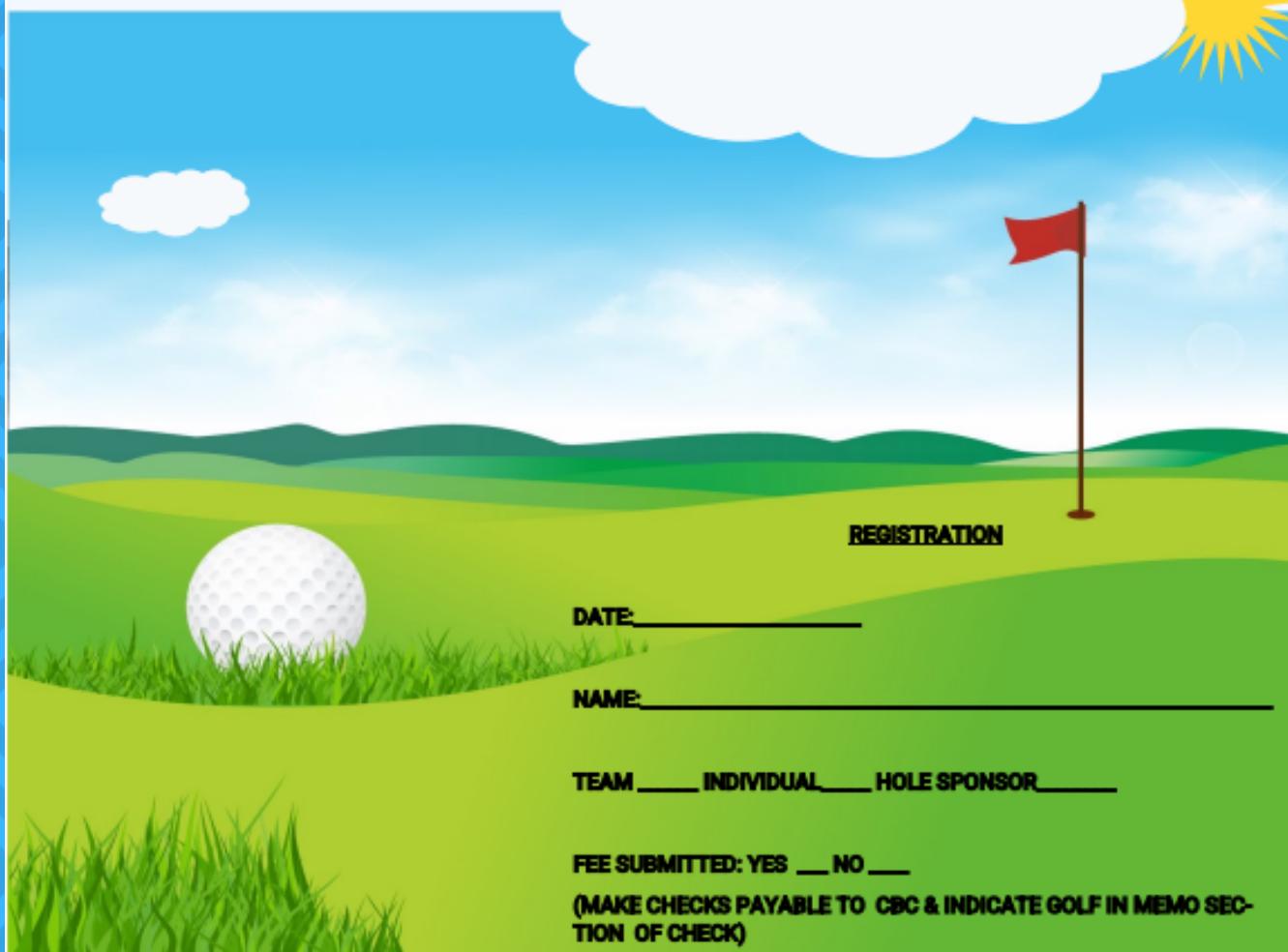
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PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED FOR CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND THE LONGEST DRIVE FOR MEN AND LADIES.

PUT TOGETHER YOUR OWN FOUR PERSON TEAM OR REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TEAM. INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM CAPTAIN REGISTER BELOW AND GIVE TO GENE RAINES. FEES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 4TH. YOU CAN PAY WHEN YOU TURN IN YOUR REGISTRATION.

IF YOU WISH TO ONLY SPONSOR A HOLE (INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY) YOUR DONATION WILL BE \$100 PER HOLE.

REGISTER BELOW.



REGISTRATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

TEAM _____ INDIVIDUAL _____ HOLE SPONSOR _____

FEE SUBMITTED: YES ___ NO ___

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CBC & INDICATE GOLF IN MEMO SECTION OF CHECK)

Would you like to go for a walk?

Our Fitness Fellowship Group got off to a fun start! The first hike at Roslyn Landing in Colonial Heights was gorgeous. The unexpected rain stopped right on time so we enjoyed the fellowship, nature, river views and exercise.

Our next hike is scheduled for July 10, 9:00 am. We will meet at Point of Rocks Park (aka R. Garland Dodd Park), at the Playground.

If you are interested in joining us, but the date/time don't work for you, let me know and we will explore other options.

Contact Kimberly Sasser for more information, directions, weather updates, etc, at SasserBook@gmail.com



BIBLE FELLOWSHIP STARTS BACK JULY 11

Ready to start back to Bible Fellowship? We are too!
Starting July 11, Bible Fellowship classes will resume. Most classes will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. A class is also offered at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays for those that attend the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



GIVE ONLINE



Online giving allows you to make contributions anytime, not just on Sunday. You can also set up scheduled contributions. To get started, go to our website www.chesterbaptist.com and select DONATE and then DONATE ONLINE from the toolbar or scan the QR to the left. You can login as a member (1st time users must create a login) or as a guest. All contributors will be sent a receipt to their email address. Contact Susan Meredith, 748-2939, with any questions.

DONATE THROUGH THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM (KCRP)

CBC is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program (KCRP). Here's an easy way to participate:

- Go to <http://Kroger.com>
- Click on the link for KCRP at the bottom of the page under Community.
- Once logged into your Kroger account, you can search for Chester Baptist or HP586 and click Enroll. (New users will need to create an account which requires some basic info, a valid email address & a rewards card.

A percentage of your purchases will go to CBC at no cost to you.
Please consider helping CBC earn a little additional funding!
Happy Shopping!!

GIVE THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

What's Amazon Smile? It is a foundation that will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to a non-profit groups. If you shop on Amazon, choose our church name in Amazon Smile and part of the purchase price will be donated to our church. You only have to choose our church once and then every time you shop on Amazon and purchase a participating product, it will donate money to us. This is an easy opportunity to contribute to our church when you are already shopping online. Use this link to make the process even easier <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-072569>.

Feel free to contact the church office with any questions, 748-2939.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Terri West
- 2 Kai Burton, Landa Cook, Diana Lee, Steven Mayo, Colin Sapko, Stephen Wildeus
- 3 Diane Elliott
- 4 Ray Beale, Nancy Berger
- 5 Carlene Wiseman
- 6 Sue Kochel
- 9 Allison Jeter, Louise Jones
- 12 Tarren Zehm
- 13 Joann Hymes, Debbi Miller
- 14 Matthew Chartters, Jason Moore
- 15 John Jones
- 16 Adam Riveland
- 17 Donalda Engleman
- 18 Sandi Baldwin, Kate Cepeda, Alex Weir
- 15 Emma McNew
- 20 Christine Jaciuk, Jerry Matthews, Darla Mills, Dan Truett, Mildred Turner
- 21 Dorothy Stansfield
- 22 Ray Tucker
- 23 Jaxon Austin, Ellen Bailes
- 25 Steve Martin
- 26 Lloyd Braswell, Kathy Carpenter, Austin Jeter
- 27 Melissa Setterholm
- 28 Taylor Rinker, Kyle Wildeus
- 30 Brandon Sasser, Caylee Spence
- 31 Sandy Ahern, Shawn Davis, Ken Hymes, Kathy Smith



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 AM
&
10:30 AM

MEET IN PERSON OR
JOIN US LIVE STREAMED ON
OUR WEBSITE
(WWW.CHESTERBAPTIST.COM),
FACEBOOK, OR YOUTUBE



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