

Powhatan

Newsletter-Summer '12

Some Summer Events from 2012:

June:

- 2-Hayley's Graduation Party
- 3- Graduation Sunday
- 23- S.S. Church Clean Up/Cookout

July:

- 28- VBS Set Up
- 29- Oldest Member's Sunday & meal

August:

- 1-4 VBS
- 5- VBS Commencement Sun. morn
- 8- Youth went to Dairy Queen
- 17- Back To School Bash
- 29- S.S. Classrooms painted

****Note:** Please remember that there are other events not listed that occur on a regular monthly basis. For example, the Senior Citizens' Luncheon is on the first Monday of every month at 11:30 pm. Also, Powhatan has a nursing home outreach that ministers to three nursing homes every month (including The Brian Center, Meadowview, and Smithfield Manor.)*

**If you would like to double check the calendar for all events, please visit: <http://powhatanchurch.com/webcalendar>*

If you take pictures of upcoming events, please forward a couple to the editor as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to write a one-time article or if you would like to assist with the newsletter on a regular basis, please contact Janet Chestnut at: (919)-341-8186.

****Note:** Please keep in mind that not all pictures can be used and that articles will often have to be shortened/edited to keep the newsletter to a reasonable length. Thanks and God Bless!*

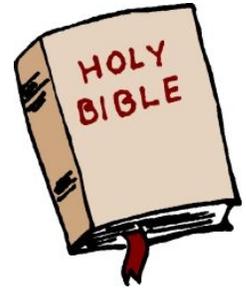
Featured Event:

This yr.,

Powhatan Church sponsors:

Praise 2012

@ the Clayton Harvest Festival-
September 16th from 1:30-9 pm.



***Please help us spread the Word to our community!*

A Few Upcoming Events:

September:

- 9-13- Fall Revival
- 16-Homecoming /&
Clayton Harvest Fest. (Praise 2012)
- 28- BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

October:

- 5-Feed Football Team
- 7-Youth Skating
- 13-Children's Home
- 17-Quarterly Business Mtg.
- 21-Sun. Morn Quarterly Communion
- 26-27-Youth Lock In/Camp Out
- 28- Pastor Appreciation Day & Meal

November:

- 3-Sunday School-Service Work
- 4-Youth Sunday & Fundraiser Meal
- 18-Community Sing @ Everettes'
Chapel

Hayley Benson: High School Grad. '12

(Picture keepsake given out at her Graduation Party on June 2nd, 2012)



Sun. Morning Prayer for S.S.

Our Sunday School Director, Sandra Peedin, has started a Sunday morning prayer time for Sunday School. Prayer is held at 9:30 am in the Young Adult class, and it only lasts about 5 min. It is a time to pray specifically for the growth and development of our Sunday School program. We meet every Sunday morning...Please come and join us whenever you can!

Oldest Member Sunday '12

Powhatan held its Oldest Member Sunday on July 29th, 2012. Several of our oldest members spoke that Sunday; sharing memories, advice, stories, gratitude, and lots of love. We received another special treat when we saw our oldest member, Pearl Wood, sitting up front with all her children. Everyone was so glad that Mrs. Pearl was able to attend. After the service, we also had a meal for everyone who could stay and enjoy more fellowship and lots of good food!



Mrs. Pearl Wood w/ Mrs. Ellen Evans

VBS '12 (Theme: SKY)

This year, Vacation Bible School was held August 1st-5th, with Wanda Benson as director and Jeanette as assistant director. The theme was "SKY...Everything Is Possible With God," and VBS was a high-flying hit! Students learned to trust God, no matter what..."That no matter who you are, how you feel, what people do, what happens, or where you are...You can trust God!" Each night focused on one of these Bible points with an accompanying verse, such as, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." (John 14:1) The kids (as well as the adults) learned a lot, had a great time, and enjoyed some wonderful fellowship!





Back To School Bash

Powhatan Youth had a Back to School Bash on August 17th. It was a time to have a last bit of fun before school started and to get prepared. The kids had some tasty treats & played some fun, interesting games (including Kickball against the adults!) Pastor Roger led a devotion & prayed that our youth would have a great school year. Each child also received school supplies.

Kids playing a game with balloons:



Pastor Roger talking with the young people



Featured Article

“Is The Bible The Word of God?”

By: Jamie Coats

This has been a topic of discussion for many years. Whenever the topic of the Bible is discussed, there will always be those who deny it being the true word of God. We hear statements like this: “I just don't understand how you can believe the Bible. It was written so long ago, and it has been rewritten over and over and over again. How can you truly believe it's accurate?” I would like to share with you why I believe the Bible is the true and inspired word of God.

There are many facts that prove the Bible is the true word of God, but I cannot list them all in this short writing. We could talk about this subject until Jesus returns and never cover all the reasons why Christians believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. The very first reason I believe the Bible is the word of God; Bible prophecy proves it! I have read there are over 200 prophecies concerning Jesus' birth, life, and death alone. I personally have never found that many, but I have located 44. Each one has come to pass to the very letter of the Bible! This is without exception or chance; this is the hand of God! There are hundreds of other prophecies that have come true and there are more still to come. History itself has even shown the word of God to be true, with all the different explorers, and different ones who have uncovered so many artifacts over in God's holy land, history has shown the Bible to be true. With this being said, prophecy and history have shown the Bible to be the word of God. I would like to add this one point. When History and the Bible agree, then we can certainly say history is correct. When history and the Bible disagree, the Bible is always the final authority and must be understood to be correct.

The second reason I believe the Bible to be the word of God, it was written by some 40 different authors, over some 1500 years, in many different countries, in three different languages, (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) without one contradiction on doctrine or principal. If we get 2 people to agree on doctrine or principal today we call that a miracle. God had 40 to agree, through 66 different books of his word. To top this off, where one book would end, hundreds of years later a different author would pick up where the previous author had left off. This too is not chance, this is the work of God!

The third reason, and for me probably the most important, is the Bible proclaims itself to be God's word over and over again through five little letters of the alphabet. F-A-I-T-H = Faith! God's word says it, and I believe it. Let's look at some of the examples so I can prove this to be true.

Jesus, when praying the high priestly prayer, in the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to John, said “**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**” Jesus was asking God to set the disciples apart from the world through the word of God and called the word “*truth.*” When it comes to truth, as far as the Bible is concerned, this means it is inerrant or without error. God's Holy Spirit revealed inspired words to God's chosen holy men and they put those words down in print. This means it is accurate, reliable, authoritative, and without a single flaw. Since all Scripture is inspired this means that every word of God is true. To understand this we must first understand what the word *inspired* really means. In the context that we are using the word inspired, it means the supernatural guidance of the writers, of the Scriptures, by the Holy Spirit of God, so that what they wrote was the very divine words of God himself, transcribed accurately, reliably, and without any errors in the original manuscript. The word inspired pictures God breathing out his words to the very consciences of these holy men! Let's look at another example.

In Luke the 4th chapter, Jesus upheld the principle of inerrancy when he preached in Nazareth. He read from the prophet Isaiah's writings as he read from Isaiah 62:1 & 2. “**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the**

brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Then Luke says he closed the scroll and said to those listening, **“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”** Jesus was telling them all, He was the one that the Prophet Isaiah was speaking of. He left off the second half of verse 2 because that was speaking of his second coming. He was only trying to convey to them, He was the Messiah that Isaiah spoke of and did not want them to understand Him to be the coming king that He would be in His second coming. He wanted them to see Him as the servant and Savior that He was at this time. He was standing there as the fulfillment of God's own word.

From the book of Genesis, with God speaking to Abraham, to the book of Malachi, God spoke to his people, through the prophets, about the coming Messiah, and just as God's word always does, **IT CAME TRUE!**

Each prophecy that has come to pass, has happened exactly as God's word said it would. There are many more prophecies to come and those also shall come to pass just as God's word says they will. No other book can make the claims of the Bible, no other book ever has, and no other book ever will.

Let me close with some words from the *“inspired”* word of God that he gave to his servant the apostle Paul. 2 Timothy 3:16 **“All Scripture is given by *inspiration* of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”**

May God continue to bless his wonderfully inspired word for as long as time shall stand!

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”
~Numbers 6:24-26

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