

# Edgewood Christian Church

## May 2022 Newsletter

### COSMA CORNER

A person once made a statement that started a trend: I don't spoil them, I'm just very accommodating. Someone else once said: If I had known they were so much fun, I would have had them first. Of course the "them" and the "they, as you may have guessed by now, are grandchildren. Tell me, those of you who are grandparents, is there any truth to these statements? I know that from a personal perspective it does seem like I was promoted from Dad to Grand-Dad, and it may or may not have better pay but it definitely has better payback, as I see them live up to their calling to dish out to their parents what their parents dished out to us. Of course that dish contains all the varieties of sweet and sour and all the spices of life. Yet, sometimes this is a dish that is fun watching others eat. Being a grandparent is fun! One guy who has been in the news a lot lately — Coach K — Mike Krzyzewski said: It's funny what happens when you become a grandparent. You start to act all goofy and do things you never thought you'd do. It's terrific. For me, personally, that statement does not fit because you cannot start something you have always been. However, we all do look at life from a different perspective. And often that perspective is once again through the eyes of children and maybe, just maybe, we are paying closer attention to the eyes of our grandchildren. I saw it through her eyes the other night. Of course, it is difficult to miss those big beautiful brown eyes that fill up and light up her face. Those eyes belong to my granddaughter Korynn, who is 5. She and her little sister (2) have gotten to spend Spring Break week with Mims and Pops! I, Pops, decided to pray with Korynnski, as I call her, and read the Bible with her as she lay down in bed for a good night's sleep. I decided to just simply pick the book of Jonah and begin reading from the NIV on my Bible App. I read Jonah chapter 1 explaining words and ideas as we traversed the 17 verses, the longest of the 4 chapters. Korynn was spell-bound and was asking numerous questions and making those awesome child-like comments about guys polluting the waters with things they threw into the sea to lighten the ship and how a guy thrown into the ocean would have a difficult time holding his breath. Then we get to the end of the chapter with Jonah being swallowed by a huge fish, and I say to her, Do you want me to tell you the rest of the story or do you want me to keep reading? She surprised me because she said, "Keep reading!" First of all, I was taken back by her statement because I was sure that my storytelling skills are what mesmerized her, but it seems God's actual words are more tantalizing than my own. Could this be possible? Maybe she has just dished out to me a piece of humble pie, but I think what really struck

me was the assurance and relevance of the very words of God even when we cannot understand or fathom them all! As we finished the prayer of Jonah in chapter 2 and the fish vomiting Jonah onto dry ground and deciding to save the last 2 chapters for later, I told her what I often reiterated to my children, for their sake and mine: Do you know the best part about that story? ... It is absolutely true! Do you really know everything there is to know about this absolutely true story? Is there anything in the story that still gives you pause and makes you gasp in wonder? Is there still a relevant message for your life from this ancient true story? Do God's words still amaze you? Whether your answers to those questions are a yes or no, you need to join us as we explore a new sermon series based on the book of Jonah called "God In Hot Pursuit", beginning May 15. You can begin this pursuit by taking time to read it again for yourself!

From One Amazed Bible Student to Another

### MISSION HIGHLIGHT



#### OUR MISSION

The mission of CCVT is to Love, Lead, and Live. Love God and others; Lead students to the grace and love of Jesus; and raise up students to Live as kingdom-workers on campus and to the world.

#### WHAT WE ARE

We are a campus ministry at Virginia Tech - a mission on Tech's campus. We strive to reach out to students and give them a place where they can establish and grow their faith throughout their college experience.

We offer students a place to call home, when they are away from home. A place to experience fellowship, to get plugged into the local and global church, to serve, to ask hard questions and seek answers, to be welcomed in despite their differing backgrounds, and to know they are truly loved by everyone here and by their God.

#### WHAT WE DO

Here are a few of the things we do here at CCVT: weekly free dinner every Thursday night provided by the local body of believers, followed by a worship service geared towards the college experience; multiple bible studies including one at Radford and New River Community College; staff that are always willing to meet individually with students; discipleship with upperclassmen or staff; a monthly mission with service projects and much more! Check out our events pages for more specifics on weekly and special events! Feel free to reach out to us with any questions you have!



### **Military Family Pantry**

Tue, May 17  
9-10:00am

Donation box in the main lobby

### **Young at Heart**

Wed May 18 @ 1:00pm  
Pot-Luck in Church Fellowship Hall

### **Thank You**

Dear Edgewood Family  
Thank you all so much for your cards, calls, texts, visits, food, and especially your prayers before, during and after my hip surgery. Words can't express the thankfulness and the love I have for each one of you. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family, church family and friends and I am truly grateful!

Love in Christ  
Lynn Thompson

### **Middle School Lunch and Launch**

Sunday, May 15

Students will eat lunch at church and then go to the launching pad trampoline park.

Cost is \$10.00 student. Sign-up on bulletin board.

### **Fun Friday Kids Night.**

Friday May 13 - 5:30 pm - 8:00pm -  
Food, games, lesson, movie, and more.  
Sign up on bulletin board by

### **May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 3 - Kenny & Annette Davidson\*
- 7 - Melissa Simpson
- 8 - Evan Martin
- 10 - Debby Martin
- 12 - Nikki Custer
- 14 - Harley Hicks  
Arle Mabry  
Sid & Becky Crosswhite\*
- 15 - Richard Templeton  
Justin & Katie Collins\*
- 16 - Noah Abdelhadi
- 18 - Dan & Donna Fisher\*
- 19 - Lynn Shively
- 20 - Patsy Horton
- 21 - Marie Jeanne Powers
- 24 - Katrina Porter  
Jean Stump
- 25 - Sonya Abdelhadi
- 27 - Ava Leighton  
Avery Pierce  
Garrett Pierce
- 28 - Kenny Cox  
Jamie Gray  
Brandon & Lauren Peters\*
- 29 - Betty Blount
- 30 - Kenny Davidson

### **Small Groups for All Ages**

10:00am each Sunday Morning

6:30pm each Tuesday

**Nursery available**

For 3 years and under  
During Worship Service

### **May Van Driver**

Brett Matthews  
(540)-588-3941

### **Leadership Team Meetings**

Wednesday May 11  
Elders & Ministers- 6:00pm  
Elders, Deacons & Ministers 7:pm

### **Benevolence Sunday**

May 22

### **ECC's Elders**

Carey Custer  
Scott Harlow  
Tim Lilley

### **ECC's Deacons**

Brett Matthews  
Curtis Witt  
David Akers  
Rodney Lawrence

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