

STAYCONNECTED

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Please welcome our newest members! Darrell & Cindy Cook joined Villa Heights on April 22 by transfer of letter. God is good!

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS

Please pray daily during the month of Ramadan (May 15-June 14) for Muslim people throughout the world. A 30-day prayer guide will be available in the narthex next Sunday.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THIS THURSDAY, MAY 3

Villa Heights will observe the National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 3rd, by meeting for prayer at noon in the church parking lot. We hope you will join us.

BRANCHES DRAMA MINISTRY

If you are interested in participating or learning more about BRANCHES, contact Ramona Magann at (540) 314-6004 or Seleena Krebs at (540) 529-2611 by phone or text.

YOUTH CORN HOLE & S'MORES

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 7-10 PM

We will build a fire in the fire pit, grill some hot dogs, roast marshmallows and make S'mores, and play corn hole. Come on and hang out!

2018 GRADUATES

SUNDAY, MAY 20

If you know someone who attends Villa Heights and will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year, contact Willie Klepper at willie@villaheights.com by this Tuesday.

SENIOR ADULT BRUNCH & SHOPPING TRIP

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 10 AM

The senior adults will visit the Famous Toastery Restaurant & shop at Hamrick's in Roanoke on Tuesday, May 8th. Sign up on the Senior Adult bulletin board. Contact Shelia Granger.

LADIES TEA

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 10 AM

All ladies are invited to join us for tea on Saturday, May 19, from 10 am until noon. Sign up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. More details to follow.

WORSHIP

Welcome

Worship Through Praise

Victor's Crown

Blessings

It Is Well

Worship Through Giving

Offertory Prayer & Offering

BRANCHES Ministry | "Strength In Weakness"

(Children in grades 2-5 dismissed to go to Room 207 for Children's Church.)

Message: "Transformed by a Thorn," II Corinthians 12

Invitation

Amazing Love

Closing Prayer

Closing Chorus *(We invite you to join hands with those around you)*

Victor's Crown

 Sound enhancing earphones are available for the hearing-impaired.

Audio from this morning's message will be available on our website. Visit villaheights.com and click on 'Sermons' to listen.

HOW DO I JOIN THE VILLA HEIGHTS CHURCH FAMILY?

You can become a member by:

- 1. Accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior and being baptized, or by*
- 2. Making a statement of faith declaring that you have accepted Christ and have been baptized by immersion in another church.*

At the close of the service, the pastor will extend an invitation to those who want to receive Christ as their Savior, join the VHBC family, or make a spiritual decision in their lives for Christ. Our pastors will stand at the front to assist you. Simply tell them of your decision.

CONNECTIONCARD

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are glad you are here, and we hope you enjoy your visit with us. If you are a first time guest or have not done so before, please complete this card, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate during the worship service.

Mr./Mrs.

Ms./Miss _____ Married Single

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Guest for: ___1st time ___2+ times Service time: ___8:30 or ___11 am

Please circle the best age range: under 18 18-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 60+

Names & ages of children living at home: _____

How did you first learn about our church?

Invited by friend/family Name: _____

Church Sign Website Facebook Other _____

I would like information on:

How to become a Christian How to join the church Information about the church

Sunday School Children's Ministries Youth Ministries

Choir Baptism

SERMONNOTES

“TRANSFORMED BY A THORN”
II CORINTHIANS 12 | JAKE HUFFMAN

The Thorn- a “messenger of Satan” sent by God to humble us. Satan is the direct cause. God is the ultimate cause.

The Torment- emotional pain, mental anguish and/or physical pain.

- Emotions may include rejection, grief, despair, fear and inadequacy.
- Temptations will include complaining, blaming and accusing people, unforgiveness and bitterness, leaving responsibilities...

The Purpose- to humble us. V.1 Other purposes were being fulfilled in others.

Luke 22:31-34

The Prayer- like Jesus in Gethsemane, Paul pleaded three times for God to remove this cup of suffering. God’s response- “My grace is sufficient for you...”

Grace is undeserved favor and unconditional love of God. Therefore, to know God’s grace in its fullness, we must be in undeserved, humble circumstances- in “our weakness.”

The Miracle- God’s grace and power in Paul’s weakness becomes the delight of his soul even though Satan continues to buffet him.

What do we do after we plead with God three times to remove our thorn and it remains?

1. Consent-Surrender every day and accept this as God’s will for you right now.
2. Forgive- every day bearing up your pain to Jesus.
3. Drink- every day from the fountain of God’s grace.
4. Pray- with someone who can go to God with you.

THISWEEK

TODAY, APRIL 29:

8:30 am: Worship Service
9:50 am: Sunday School
Villa Heights 101, Room 106
11:00 am: Worship Service
4:00 pm: Youth Band Practice
Youth Pastor Search Committee
VBS Leaders Meeting, Room 106
5:00 pm: Adult Bible Study
Summit Kids
Youth Ministry Teams

TUESDAY, MAY 1:

7:00 am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Famous A’s
Ladies’ Prayer Group, Sanctuary
10:15 am: Staff Meeting

WORSHIPATTENDANCE

1st: 105 **2nd:** 140 **Sunday School:** 176

DEACON OF THE WEEK

DOUG & ANGIE TOWNSEND 540.537.5805

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 2:

5:00 pm: “Branches” Drama Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
Youth Small Groups
Men’s Group
GA’s, Power Up, & Mission Friends
Young Adult Bible Study
Ladies’ S.W.A.T.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting
8:00 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal

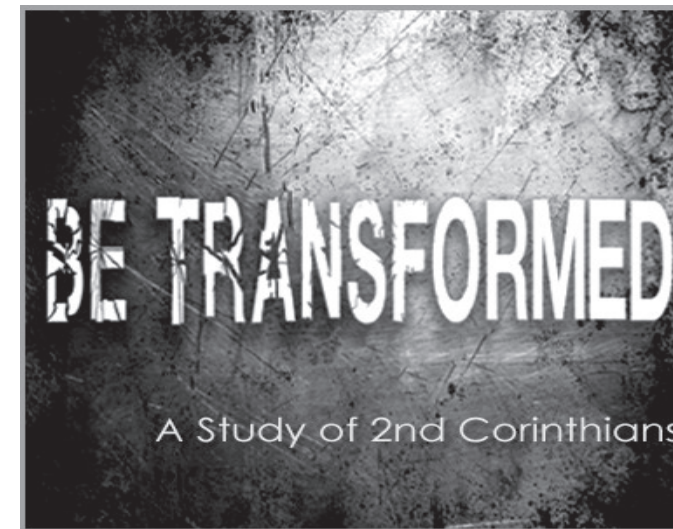
THURSDAY, MAY 3:

12:00 pm: Observance of the
National Day of Prayer (Parking Lot)
6:15 pm: Youth Volleyball Game,
@ Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

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