



# Vienna Baptist Church

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## The VBC Voice

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### Why was the Stone rolled Away?

READ - John 20:19-23 & Mark 16:1-8

It is hard for me to believe that soon it will be Easter 2018! In the midst of all the commercials pertaining to bunnies and eggs, it's easy to forget the real meaning of this day. In Mark 16:1-8, is the story of three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, who purchased spices to anoint Jesus' body as a sign of love, devotion and respect. On that first Easter morning as they were walking towards the tomb, they realized they forgot something. Picture with me when they realized the impossible obstacle that was standing in their way, as they had set out to honor Jesus body! As you picture them walking along 2"...just after sunrise they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

Can you believe they forgot something as important as the stone blocking the entrance to Jesus tomb? The women had witnessed Joseph of Arimathea sealing the tomb with Jesus' body in it two days earlier so they should have remembered the stone would be blocking its entrance, but in the midst of their sadness at the events of the previous 48 hours they evidently forgot. Can you relate? Have you ever had a similar experience? Have you made preparations to do some necessary task and started on the journey only to forget something important?

Yes, the women forgot the stone, which I believe represents the seemingly unmovable things in our lives that can stand between us and Jesus. Some stones in life we face are difficult, like a medical diagnosis, financial issues, an addiction, a relationship problem, something at work, or something else. We know from reading the story that God took care of the stone for the three ladies, and by the time they got to Jesus tomb the stone had been rolled away. No matter what apparently unmovable stones that are standing between you and God's best for you — you can be sure that as these women we must face these difficult stones with love and gratitude for Jesus and leave the big obstacles to God, and allow Him to take care of them. The key this Easter season is found in Hebrews 12:2 "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Our prayer is for you and your family to have a blessed Easter season!

**Pastor Dwight & Joani Brohard**

HE CAME TO  
CHANGE LIVES  
FOREVER BY  
REDEEMING US  
AND  
GIVING US  
LIFE

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among your selves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and one mouth you may glorify God.  
Romans 15:5-6 NIV

## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be having a special combined worship event on Sunday, April 29th at 10:45AM with all Sunday school classes meeting at 9:30AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire church family to worship together.

## American Cancer Society Relay for Life Yard Sale

The Seekers for a Cure Relay Team is planning a yard sale May 4th and 5th and need your help. As you are cleaning closets, basements, garages, etc.—please consider donating our useable discarded items to our sale (**no clothes please**). All the proceeds from the sale go to the American Cancer Society.

Please call Linda McKitrick if you have any question, 304.295.9420.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, April 28th  
At 8:00 AM.  
The meal is free.....  
Just bring your appetite.



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations & best wishes to each of the following whose birthday falls in the month of April: 1<sup>st</sup> Brooke Litton, Matt Williams; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lana Cunningham, Jean Middleton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Chaney Johnson, Mike Robinson; 4<sup>th</sup> Alison Cundiff, Betty Wendelken; 5<sup>th</sup> Donnette King; 9<sup>th</sup> Ashley Cunningham, Emma Fleming, Margaret Reeves, Drew Williams; 11<sup>th</sup> Jack Carpenter; 14<sup>th</sup> Morgan Armstrong, 15<sup>th</sup> Jane Cirigliano; 21<sup>st</sup> Bailey Cundiff; 28<sup>th</sup> Teresa Farrow; 30<sup>th</sup> Lauren Burns, Miranda King, Megan Midcap. If we have omitted anyone from the birthday list, please inform the church office.

## Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Two separate studies are being offered on Wednesdays for the adults. "Life-giving Marriage" is being led by Pastor Dwight and Joani Brohard. This study meets in room 109. Re-discover the design of marriage God formulated to be a source of joy, strength, confidence and encouragement to all family members.

"Studies in Matthew" will be lead by Pastor Bill as he expands on the text that he preached the previous Sunday. Study guides will be provided to explore untouched ideas and hidden themes from those scriptures. (Room 201)



## Women's Bible Study

Continuing in April, the women's bi-monthly Bible study, which meets at 5:00 PM will continue the study "Fear and Faith" by Trillia Newbell. This study will be for five sessions with free handouts. Meetings for April are: April 8th and 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Midcap ([lmidcap@hotmail.com](mailto:lmidcap@hotmail.com)) or Vivian Fitzgerald ([vofitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:vofitzgerald@gmail.com)).

## Donations for the Month of April

Good Samaritan: Plain or flavored rice  
Latrobe Mission: Bleach  
Blessings of Hope: Pop Tarts  
House to Home: Individual size juices  
Women's Care Center: New born sleepers

## New Addresses

SN Ryan M. Anderson  
1346 Crocker Street  
Coos Bay, OR 97430

FN Amy E. Anderson  
PO Box 2417  
Harbor, OR 97415

## McFriends Breakfast

VBC will be hosting the men's McFriends breakfast on Wednesday, April 18th at 9:00 AM.

April 1, 2018

## Children's Ministry— Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

An egg hunt has been planned for the children of each age group. Eggs will be hidden and the children will search for them between the first and second service. Bags will be provided. Invited a friend to hear the gospel message and enjoy hunting for treats.



## Redeemed Student Ministry

Hello all,

Well, we all thought spring was coming but I guess it took a little longer than we thought. Of course we had some beautiful days in March with warm temperatures and sunshine. Then, as soon as you get used to it, we get snow and freezing rain. Oh well, it is still a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Through the month of March the youth have had some fun events. We had another game night at the church on March 9<sup>th</sup> where 35 kids came out and enjoyed eating, playing, and socializing together. We also went to watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine" at the mall where we had 12 kids and 3 adults go with us. If you haven't seen the movie I really recommend you watching it, either at the theatre or renting it. It is a great movie about forgiveness, redemption, and how God works through music to change people's hearts.

Our Wednesday nights have been going very well. We have been averaging 20 kids and have even had as many as 25 students show up. God has truly blessed this church with some amazing students; students who are inviting and bringing their friends to the events and to church to hear the Word of God. Not to mention the outstanding youth leaders that these students feel comfortable sharing their life with. These leaders show up every week ready to lead discussion in how to be more like Christ as well as answer tough questions that the students might bring with them. It truly is a blessing to have such amazing people wanting to follow Christ and take others with them.

Looking ahead to the month of April we have some upcoming events scheduled that I hope you'll put on your calendar:

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**- Omega @ Emmanuel Baptist Church in Charleston 10:00-12:00 grades 6-12

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**- Cowen Block Party @ Emmanuel Baptist Church in Charleston (Following Omega) all ages are welcome.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**- Building 429 concert in Gassaway, WV. Tickets are \$20 or if we have 10 or more sign up to go they will be \$15. Please let me know by April 14<sup>th</sup> if you're interested.

Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers for the youth. I am encouraged by the youth of this church and their hearts for the Lord. Please continue to pray for them as they face the world and try to be a light to their friends and their schools. If you would like to know more information about what the youth are doing please contact me, I'd love to share; or if you've like to just keep updated with what is going on, we use a texting service called "Remind". To receive the text messages text "@94abe" to 81010.

Love in Christ,  
Bryson

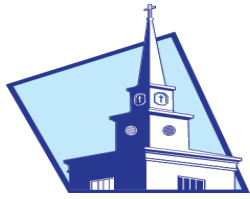
## Mission Trip

Interested on going on a mission trip? Weeks for the trip are : July 5th –13th and July 13th –22nd. See Jerry Murphy, Nathan Bills or Ashley Bills for inquiries.

**Parkersburg Association Women's Spring Rally** will be Thursday, April 12 at Lubeck Community BC.

Registration starts at 5:00 pm with the business meeting to follow at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with a program to follow. Cost for dinner is \$6.00. The theme for the evening is "The Service of AB Women's Ministries" with WV ABWM board members. This year's rally project will be the Latrobe Street Mission. Suggested items to bring: cleaning supplies, trash bags, toilet paper, paper products. Contact Christy or Joan if you plan to attend and we will car pool.

**Helping Hands Circle** will meet Tuesday evening April 24 at 6:00PM. The program will include a speaker from the Women's Care Center.



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## Dates to Remember

Sunday April 8-Wedding shower for Lyndsay Brown and Mike Cornell

Monday April 9– Consolidated Board Meeting 6:30PM

Thursday April 12– Finance Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Thursday April 13-15 Camp Cowen 3rd Annual Women's Camp

Wednesday April 18 -McFriends Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM

Wednesday April 18-Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday April 24– Helping Hands at 6:00 PM

Sunday April 29 -Combined Services 10:45 AM

