



Light From The Hill

SEPTEMBER, 2017...The Pastor's Corner...Rev. Norman L. Ramsey, III

Dear Laurel Hill:

According to a poll conducted in late June by NPR, PBS News Hour, and Marist Polling there has been an erosion of trust in the institutions of men. Only 8% of Americans have a “great deal” of faith in public opinion polls or media, while only 6% have a “great deal” of faith in Congress. Where does our faith lie?

A recent poll of Americans found 64% believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus. A poll of the Church of England's clergy shows a similar result. Belief in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity. Unless Jesus Christ arose from the dead and is alive today, God's entire plan of redeeming humanity crumbles.

That is what the Apostle Paul believed and taught. We read in 1 Corinthians 15, ‘If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who died.’

Thankfully, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus doesn't depend on what modern polls show. Our faith is rooted in the time-tested testimonies of many credible witnesses who saw Him alive after He died. Their testimonies are recorded in Scripture—a God-breathed book. It is based upon faith, yes, but this faith is based upon a credible historical event.” (Dr. Melvin Banks, Urban Ministries, Daily Direction, March 7, 2017)

This month, we will find fresh wisdom in Scripture for which we can have a great deal of faith. We will exercise ourselves and find fresh wisdom that has stood the test of time for every generation. That's why we believe our series, *Ancient Book/Fresh Wisdom* will help you live life appropriately and faithfully regardless of the context.

We're asking God to give us fresh wisdom for our soul, fresh wisdom for our nation, fresh wisdom for our church and community, and fresh wisdom for our families.

Love you very much,

Norman Ramsey

P. S. We're looking forward to our First Sunday Cookout/Luncheon September 3rd.

P.S.S. Thank you to the Rev. Ed Johnson for sharing the Word with us September 17th. Pray for Norman who will be attending a Continuing Education event in Tennessee.

Also, our Finance Committee has been rescheduled to the 25th and the Administrative Council meeting to the 27th. See you there.

ANCIENT BOOK

FRESH WISDOM

8:45am – Praise & Worship

9:45am – Sunday School

11:00am – Traditional Worship

September 3, 2017: For My Soul (Proverbs 13: 13 – 14, 14: 27 - 32)
(Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM, Luncheon after 11:00 AM Service)

September 4, 2017: Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)

September 10, 2017: For My Country (Proverbs 14: 34)

September 17, 2017: For My Church & Community (Proverbs 14: 16 – 25)
*(The Rev. Ed Johnson is preaching as Norman attends the NAUME Summit & the
New Room Conference, Franklin, TN)*

September 24, 2017: For My Family (Proverbs 13: 22, 14: 26)

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER: John Turner, Mary Hicks, Ann Holmes, Guy Legouffe,
Linda Turner, Candace Legouffe, David Duke, Bob Steele, Eugene Hicks, Lonnie
Brandon, Jesse Jennette, Norman Ramsey, Nancy Henry and Phyllis Nelson

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2017

Praise & Worship: 8:45 A.M.-Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.-Worship: 11:00 A.M.

<u>OUR USHERS</u>	
September 3 Kirby Miller, Joe Corley, Randy Welch	
September 10 Stuart Walton, Raymond Stevenson, Buddy Whitlow	
September 17 Bill Robinson, Gene Russell, George Kaloski	
September 24 Craig Pollard, Phil Deane, Ray Alexander	
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</u>
September 3 Mary Holmes	September-Pam Johnson
September 10 & 17 Sheree Gostel	
September 24 Tricia and Stuart Walton	
<u>OUR ACOLYTES</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
September 3 Eliana Horne	September-Nancy Henry
September 10 TBA	Millie Peterson
September 17 TBA	
September 24 TBA	
<u>OUR GREETERS</u>	<u>SOUND TECHNICIANS</u>
September 3 Joe Corley & Ernie Parrish	September 3 & 10 Keith Gostel
September 10 Bud Funk and Randy Welch	September 17 & 24 David Duke
September 17 Stephanie and Jeremy Rowan	
September 24 Dot Gay and Friendship Class Member	
<u>TELLERS</u>	
September 3 Randy Welch and Phil Deane	
September 10 Linda Kinsey and Chris Ragland	
September 17 Jeremy Rowan and Peggy Singlemann	
September 24 Pam Wilson and Lois Miller	

Reminder: We need the following for our School Kits for 2018...282 Pencils, 150 Spiral Notebooks, 50 Large Erasers, 47 Blunt Scissors, 46 Packs of 24 Crayons, 10 Wooden Rulers In/Cm, 44 Large Pencil Sharpeners. Enjoy some Back to School savings available now! Thank you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU for the many kindnesses shown to the Wendel family during Billy's recovery from his accident in June. We received so many beautiful cards, calls inquiring about his progress, food that was prepared with such love and concern and especially the visits to the Henrico Healthcare facility. Almost every day someone from Laurel Hill had been for a visit. This was a tremendous encouragement. Billy even had two visits from Belle and Kelly, service dogs we know and love, and the children from our Weekday School came to sing. This was a "big" blessing to everyone at Henrico Healthcare. What began as a very serious emergency was also filled with many blessings both from God and the congregation of Laurel Hill. Your prayers and many expressions of love will never be forgotten. Please continue to pray for Billy as he still has serious burns on his legs that need to heal.

With our love and appreciation, Barbara and Billy

FISH NEWS-We are collecting Deodorant for September...

Upcoming Events:

We desperately need paper bags with handles. Put these items in the FISH collection box and we will get them to FISH.

Thank you for supporting the August 20 BBQ. This was a great success with delicious food and a little time to enjoy friends.

Here's what happening in the near future

Saturday, September 30th Carlisle Baptist Church is hosting a concert for FISH.

This is a free concert. Come enjoy an evening of 60s music. The Carlisle Avenue Diner Band will present rock and roll music from 6:30-9:00pm. It will be a toe-tapping social evening with light refreshments and familiar tunes from the past. You can dance, sing along, or just pat your feet while visiting with friends.

FISH has served local residents with financial difficulties since 1972. It relies totally on donations. This concert is one of many events we have during the year. Take this opportunity to advertise your business or recognize someone with an ad that will be published in a booklet that you will receive at the concert. You can advertise your business or organization with a full page ad for \$100, half page for \$50, or a quarter page for \$25. You can recognize a special person "In honor or in memory of" with a \$10 donation OR you can simply give a monetary contribution. (Any amount helps!). Kirby Miller and Pam Wilson will be happy to help you with your advertising form/contribution. The deadline for ads is Wednesday, September 13.

October, 12th & 13th are the dates of the fall FISH yard sale. All donations are appreciated. Kirby and Pam will help get your items to FISH or you can take them yourself to Village Presbyterian Church on Laburnum Avenue.

In November we will have "Spirit days" at Roberto's. The details will be in the next newsletter.

As I said before, FISH relies TOTALLY on donations. YOU keep this organization going so we can help people in eastern Henrico. Thank you for being a "neighbor helping a neighbor".

FLOWER POWER



Laurel Hill is a Missions and Ministries church! Working together we successfully support missions and ministries outreach in our community, state and throughout the world. This summer and early fall the goal is to raise \$6000 through the new *Missions and Ministries in Bloom* fundraiser.

You can support this fundraiser by purchasing the spring blooming bulbs you plant in the fall through this campaign and then share with your friends and neighbors the same opportunity. Purchases are paid for at the time of sale and the bulbs are shipped directly to the customer. Purchases can be made in person at the church or directly on line through the Missions and Ministries in Bloom fundraiser website on flowerpowerfundraising.com. Help reach our goal through posts and shares on Facebook, with just a few clicks and key strokes we can reach out into our community for additional support of our goal.

The campaign kicks off August 6th and ends October 7th. Catalogs will be available in the narthex and information will be shared on line. Questions? Ask Peggy Singlemann.

Missions & Ministries

(All proceeds benefit Missions)



Friday, September 22

5 PM-7PM

Saturday, September 23

6:30 AM-1 PM

You may bring your items now!

We will also have a Bake Sale and need cakes, cookies, pies, cupcakes, etc. Please call Karen Ramsey or Lois Miller to volunteer your time baking, setting up, working the day of the sale or cleaning up. Get that Fall cleaning underway. We need your sweet treats and treasures to sell!