

The Messenger

For Smithfield Christian Church

April, 2009

Easter Services

We were blessed with a wonderful day for Palm Sunday and had over 100 people in attendance. After the service, we enjoyed a delicious fellowship meal. Then, the kids raced to find treats in our annual Easter Egg hunt outside. Unlike last year, the weather was beautiful!

To all who donated candy and filled eggs, a big thank you for making this day so special for the kids at SCC. And to all of those who assisted with the fellowship meal, thank you as well.

Next Sunday, we hope you can enjoy us for another special Easter Service. See you then!

Passion 2009

April 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:00pm each evening

West Park Church of Christ will host their annual Easter Drama spanning the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful presentation that blends music, drama and multimedia.

Performances are free, but seating is on a first-come basis. All welcome.

Living Pictures 2009-Love Divine

April 10, 11, and 12 at 7:00pm each evening

Kempsville Church of Christ at 5424 Parliament Drive in Virginia Beach is also hosting their annual

Easter celebration in music and

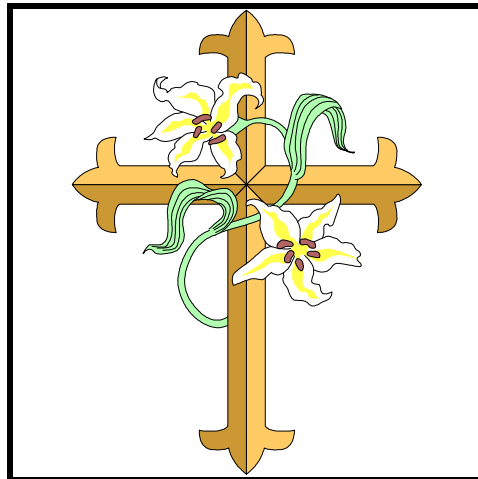
drama. Performances are free and seating is on a first come, first-served basis. Arrive early for best seating; doors open at 6:00pm.

Expelled

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30pm
Film Showing at SCC

Big science has expelled smart ideas from the classroom. What they forgot is that every genera-

tion has its rebel! The rebel for these times, Ben Stein, travels the world on his quest and learns a stunning truth...that educators and scientists are being ridiculed, denied tenure, and even fired for merely believing that there might be evidence of "design" in nature, and that perhaps life is not just the result of accidental, random choice. In the film, Ben says, "Enough." This is a film you MUST SEE. What is being taught in our colleges will scare you.



HAPPY EASTER!

Message from our Minister

In Luke 17:5-10 Jesus teaches a very important lesson on faith. In this lesson, Jesus illustrates the difference between duty and faith. Webster defines duty as conduct based on moral or legal obligation or a sense of propriety. He also states it to be any action or task required by or relating to one's occupation or position. Jesus says that if you are living by faith in Jesus Christ you won't be satisfied doing only what is expected of you. You will ask "what more can I do?" You will be willing and wanting to go above and beyond expectations. This is what catches the world's attention. The world expects from you only what you are obligated to do. When you go beyond what is expected, they are interested in what motivated you to go the extra mile. Then, we have an opportunity to leave an impact on someone's life, because we share how Jesus went beyond duty and became our sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

Peninsula 1710 is a service that will help us in going beyond what is expected. On Saturday, May 9 we will meet at Smithfield Christian Church at 8:00am, ready to work. We will be going into the community to help low income people who can't afford to have work done for them. We will clean up yards, work on repairing various parts of the house, or any type of work that can be completed in three or four hours. All ages can participate in this program.

You will receive a tee-shirt previous to working, and that evening enjoy a picnic at Northside Christian Church on Jay Clyde Morris Blvd.

If you are willing to help in this project, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Also, if you know of somebody who needs some help around the house and can't afford to have it done, let Jack know.

God Bless,

Jack

Cancer Cap Project

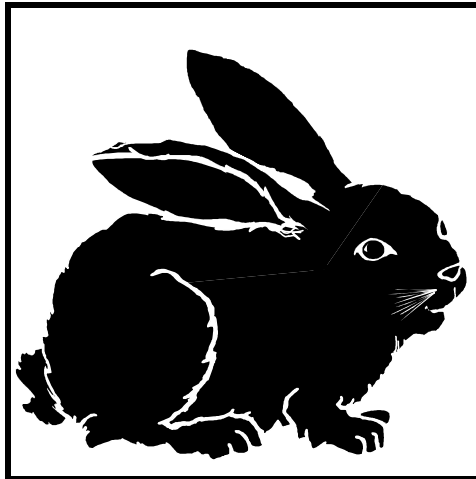
On Saturday, March 21st, ten ladies met to make cancer caps that will be donated to Obici/Sentara Hospital in Suffolk.

Our afternoon started with a delicious lunch provided by Betsy. Thanks, Betsy!

After lunch we worked on our project. Some cut out patterns; some ironed (thanks, Cayla) while others did the sewing. Two styles of caps were made and altogether eight caps were finished. Several of the ladies took unfinished caps home to sew. Thank you, ladies. Dorothy Daniel took the pattern and is planning on

making caps to be given out by her daughter, who is a nurse. What a blessing!

Hopefully, this will be an ongoing project. There is definitely a need and it is such a worthy cause. If you would like to be involved, it's not too late. We can provide the pattern and instructions if you would like to help. For more information see Moselle or Mary.



Recipe of the Month

More Important Dates

Doodle Cake (Submitted by Mary Perry)

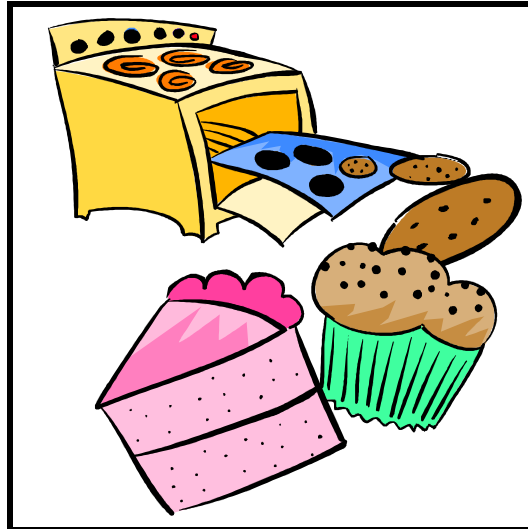
- 2 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 (15 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts -

Mix all ingredients together with a spoon. Blend well. Bake in a 9"x13" pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until done.

Icing

- 8 ounce cream cheese, softened
- 1 stick butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar

Blend cream cheese and butter. Add sugar and stir until smooth. Add nuts.



Ladies Group-Glory Bees

Monday, April 13, 7:00pm

Elders and Deacons

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30pm

Tidewater Area

Men's Fellowship

Monday, April 20, 6:00pm

Church of Christ at Creed's will host this month's Men's Fellowship. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the program following.

R elay for Life

Roy Gilbert is heading up our Smithfield Christian Church Relay for Life team. We're selling raffle tickets for a car; and we've just done a bake sale and car wash this past weekend.

If you would like to help, it's not too late. The walk takes place at the end of May, and we would love to have you join us.

Looking for a way to help?

We need help cleaning the church. If you have some time that you could lend a helping hand, sign up in the hallway going to the classrooms.

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

On behalf of the Ferguson Grove Baptist Church, we extend our thanks to you for your generous gift of a piano and your monetary gift of \$200. Both will certainly be put to good use all to the glory of God.

Again, many thanks and may God continue to richly bless your church and your congregation.

Yours in Christ

Carolyn Blount, Treasurer

Ferguson Grove Baptist Church



Christian Family Skate Night

Sponsored by the West Park Church of Christ Men's Ministry

Fellowship, Food, Fun & More
Enjoy your favorite Christian Music
All Night

Come one-come all - good time and
fellowship for all ages.

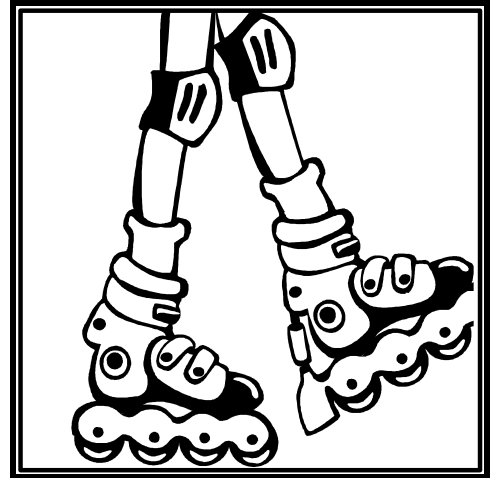
Monday, April 21, 2009

6:30-9:30

Greenbrier Family Skating Center

Stephanie Way, Chesapeake, VA

Tickets at the door. For more information contact Mr. Steve Wiley at 753-2097.



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