

**I AM LOOKING FOR A CHURCH
THAT ENCOURAGES POSITIVE CHANGE**

This morning we continue our bulletin series on “I am looking for a church...” Today we look at part 2 The church that encourages positive change.

All people have sins and struggles, addictions and habits, mistakes and regrets (1 John 5:19). They long to rise above and be set free. This classic negative-to-positive form of gospel preaching connects with people. It first shows the sin of man and then follows with the solution of Christ.

If Jesus were on earth today, He would still offer hope to sinners. He is not, but His church is. It speaks for Him to the hopeless in our communities, saying, “You can start over.” It speaks to those faithful Christians who doubt their salvation and eternal reward, explaining that they have reason to be filled with hope. Preachers are modern day “Barnabases.” Barnabas was nicknamed brother “Encouragement” (Acts 4:36), and we can hardly picture him without a smile on his face.

Two brothers lived on adjoining farms for nearly forty years. After farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch, the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding, grew into a major conflict, and exploded into bitter words followed by silence.

One morning there was a knock on the older brother’s door. John opened it to find a man with a carpenter’s toolbox. “I’m looking for work,” he said. “Do you have any small jobs I could do?” “Yes,” said John, “I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That’s my younger brother’s. Last week there was a meadow between us, but he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. He did it to spite me, but I’ll go him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build a fence—an eight-foot fence—so I won’t need to see his place or his face anymore.”

The carpenter replied, “I think I understand. Show me the nails and the post hole digger and I’ll do a job that pleases you.” John got the materials and left for the day. The carpenter worked hard all-day measuring, sawing, and nailing. About sunset John returned, just as the carpenter finished. John’s eyes opened wide and his jaw dropped, for there was no fence at all. Instead there was a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other!

Just then his brother, Sam, was coming across the bridge with his hand outstretched. “You are quite a man to build this bridge after all I’ve said and done.” The two brothers met in the middle of the bridge, taking each other’s hand. They talked and talked.

Finally, they noticed the carpenter hoist his box. “No, wait!” said John. “Stay a few days. I have other projects for you.” “I’d love to stay on,” the carpenter said, “but I have many more bridges to build.” Like him, the church has many bridges left to build and lives to change for the better. Allen Webster (Adapted for space) ELM

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I H S E L F G N I K A M E T E R	AGAIN	FATHER
T L Q U A D O D O K L I S T R S	ALBEIT	FLESH
H E A I S I L E G O N I K E A L	ALWAYS	GRACE
G A T H T E T V E R R O H I D E	APPHIA	GREAT
I H V N T N J O N H E T W H E W	BELOVED	HAVING
M T E I U I O L C H A A P I N O	BENEFIT	HEARING
I M P O N G W E T F A S T S N B	BESECH	JESUS
S A C U L G I B H C E E S E B G	BONDS	KNOWING
G R E H T O R B T O G S D N O B	BOWELS	LUCAS
Y N Q U I S P S I E R R O R G I	BROTHER	MAKING
L I I N S E T U F I N D A N D S	COUNT	MARCUS
R A S H R E W C E S O J I C K Y	CHRIST	MENTION
A G O H T E A R N A P R O N E A	DEARLY	MIGHT
E A A P R O N A E M A R T I N W	DEMAS	NOTHING
D P E R S O N M B E N I G N N L	ENJOIN	PERHAPS
S T I E B L A S H D A I H P P A	FAITH	WITHAL

😊 **Special Days** 😊

Happy Birthday, February!

Amelia Anthony	4	Philip Anthony	5
Brice Wilson	10	Michael Neal	14
Linda Skutnik	22	John Spiess	25
Chelsea Anthony	25		

Happy Anniversary, February!

Sonny and Donna Wirt	5
Robert and Michelle Lake	16



**WOODBIDGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**



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Woodbridge, VA 22191
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January 27, 2019

Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Lee Porter
Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following
Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and
American Standard Version, 1901*

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	January 27	Philemon	Philemon
The Law	January 28	Numbers 21 - 24	Numbers 21 - 24
History	January 29	II Chron 1 - 5	II Chron 1 - 5
Psalms	January 30	Psalms 111 - 113	Psalms 111 - 113
Poetry	January 31	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 25
Prophecy	February 1	Amos 5 - 9	Amos 5 - 9
Gospels	February 2	John 19 - 21	John 19 - 21

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of January 27		
Sunday	Lesson 203	I John 5
Wednesday	Lesson 204	II John & III John
Week of February 3		
Sunday	Lesson 205	Jude
Wednesday	Lesson 206	Revelation 1

Announcements

Quarterly Potluck: Please plan to stay after services today for the quarterly potluck. Zone 3 will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.

Assignments

	January 27	February 3
Announcements	Neal	Porter
Song	Spiess	Wertz
Prayer	Johnson	Kent
Preside @ Table	Porter	Wilson
Assisting	Caples	Crayton
Assisting	Comeaux	Chris Dollard
Assisting	Cottoner	Dukes
Prayer	Spiess	Wedge
	January 27	February 3
Announcements	Neal	Porter
Song Leader	Spiess	Wertz
Prayer	Chris Dollard	Dukes
Communion/Prayer	Porter	Wilson
	January 30	February 6
Announcements	Neal	Porter
Song Leader	Spiess	Wertz
Invitation	George	Neal
Prayer	Marbury	Pender

	January	February	March
Prepare Communion	Wilson	Caples	Cottoner
Building Lockup	Maiwald	Neal	Wertz

Notes:

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

Calendar of Events:

QtrlyPotluck (Zone 3 hosting)	TODAY	Noon	Building
Mens' Breakfast	2/9/18	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	2/9/18	9:30 am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

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Minister: preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Associate Minister: churchofchristgospelpreacher@gmail.com
Bulletin: obxchca66@gmail.com
Facebook: WOODBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For our Prayers

New

➤ **Kim Short** fell last week and injured her ankle.

Update

➤ **Perry Comeaux** has an appointment this week with his doctor to review the results of his MRI of his back.
 ➤ **Amanda Cook** (sister of the son-in-law of the Porters) will be going into the hospital on February 18 for 7 days of heavy chemo treatments. Her bone marrow transplant surgery is scheduled for February 25.

Assisted Living

➤ **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
 ➤ **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) acute leukemia
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Gerrie Fleener** (Jody Medina's mom) knee replacement.
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Lori Bennett** (friend of Logan Dollard) blindness
- **Sarah Schilling** (Tammy Elliott's sister) neurosurgeon for neck
- **Lupe Medina** (Dan Medina's mom) hospice care
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease

Continued prayers for our members

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	Donna Wirt