

The Harmony Grit

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Lay Speaking Class Held

Three members of Harmony UMC attended the Advanced Lay Speaking class held at Brosville UMC last month. Kenny Gibson, Ronnie Gibson and Jim Finney completed the ten hour course on Evangelism. The course covered such topics as: defining evangelism, the role of the pastor in evangelizing, the role of the laity in evangelizing, the purpose of worship in the church, preparing the church for evangelizing, preparing the congregation for evangelizing.

Kenny will now move from Basic Lay Speaker to Certified Lay Speaker in the near future. Ronnie and Jim took the class as to renew their Certified Lay Speaker status for another three years. Harmony has nine members with Lay Speaker certification. Local Lay Speakers are: Carole Salmons, Sherri Hayward, Kyle Griffith, Leon Griffith and Kenny Gibson. Certified Lay Speakers are: Butch Salmons, Ronnie Gibson and Jim Finney. Also, Rick Hayward is a Certified Lay Pastor. Harmony plans on conducting a class later in the year, since all categories of Lay Speakers have to take a course at least every three years. Stay tuned for the details, then come join us as you progress in your Christian walk.

Important Meetings to be Held This Month!

Pastor Comments

There is a lot of talk buzzing around Harmony about change! It was in 1997 when “Woodie” and I started attending Harmony to help Dad (Rev. R. Fletcher Hardy III) pastor the Cascade/Harmony Charge. That was **TEN YEARS** ago, (time sure does fly), and for all of those ten years things have been a changing. Most of those changes have been for the better which is evident through the growth; financial, attendance, programs, commitment to missions and varied ministries, and most importantly, spiritually. All of these were made possible by the strong lay leadership participation in the church. Those of you present in 2001 (when Harmony made the switch from the Cascade/Harmony Charge to a one church part time appointment) are able to remember the dramatic changes that have taken place. I will not spend the time reminiscing about them, but I mention them as evidence of what can happen when Harmony takes the next natural step, and that is to go from part time appointment to full time. I truly believe that now is the time for Harmony to take that next step. Each person that supports Harmony with their attendance, their prayers, their time, their talents, their tithe, and their love offerings senses the need for continued change. Just as our faith grows as we study God’s word, worship and communicate with God, so grows the church. If Harmony fails to continue to change and move forward in faith, then Harmony will not stay where it is now, it will go backward. A full time pastor will open up the avenues for progress in all areas of the church. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bruce Tuttle, reminds each of us that whatever we do, we must do looking to the future ministry of **God’s church**; not looking to the future of any one person. I dedicated myself and my family to the ministry of God at Harmony in the year 2000 and I have never looked back. My only desire is for God’s work to continue to grow and for our ministry in the Harmony community to fulfill God’s plan.

On June the 8th, a called Church Council meeting will be held immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for us to make a decision about moving forward with a full time pastor. Hopefully, questions that have been raised in private, and speculations passed around, can be answered to everyone’s satisfaction at this meeting. If the council votes to recommend changing to full time then a called church meeting will be held on June 22nd at 12:30PM led by the District Superintendent. Members of Harmony will vote by ballot and the final decision will be made. Please be in prayer that God’s will be done. God Bless!

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Sunday, June 8th @ 8 AM
Sunday, June 8th @ 12 PM
Wednesday, June 11th @ 7 PM
Saturday, June 14th 11 AM to 2 PM
Sunday, June 15th @ 11 AM
June 15th to June 18th
June 22nd @ 12:30 PM

Men's Breakfast
Called Church Council Meeting
Ladies Fellowship Meeting
End of School Year Carnival
Father's Day Service
VA Annual Conference (Roanoke, VA)
Special Called Church Conference

These events are in addition to the regular 7 PM Youth and Children meetings and the 7 PM Bible Study on Sunday nights, and the 7 PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights.

June Birthdays: Haley Garrett 2nd Jacob Hardy & Robyn Hardy 3rd Pete Finney & Kesha Gibson 4th
Ashley Gibson 5th Megan Gibson, Ann Hardy & Linda Davis 8th Jackson Wade 10th Robbie Bateman 11th
Krystle Daugherty & Eddie Wilson 19th Lee Hardy 26th Jim Finney 28th Mark Gibson 30th
June Anniversaries: Kevin & Marie Farris 1st Larry & Debbie Flint 18th Ronnie & Sherry Gibson 30th

June is here. That means school is almost over for another year. So make plans now to attend the "End of School Year Carnival" at Harmony. The event will be held Saturday, June 14th from 11 AM to 2 PM. There will be oodles of games to play (think of the Midway at a fair) and lots of prizes. There will be rides and slides galore. Put on your clown face and come join the fun. All sorts of food and refreshments will be served. Plan now to start the summer off right.

Happy Father's Day!



End of School Year Carnival will be here June 14th. Time to hit the rails and the slopes!