

# The Harmony Grit

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## Harmony Featured at VA Conference

The members of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will have an opportunity to learn from Harmony UMC this month. The conference, held in Roanoke, VA June 10-13, is attended by pastors and lay members from all over the state. Harmony UMC will be featured in the Evangelism Exposition as a strong small membership church in the Danville District. The VA Conference considers under 200 members as a small church, but they do recognize potential when they see it. Several small churches will have photographs and information at the exhibit explaining what has worked for them over the past five years in their efforts to spread the word of our Savior. Our exhibit will discuss our new educational building addition; complete with playground. Our Missions activities (Tsunami and Katrina special offerings, work team to Mississippi, support of God's Pit Crew, Red Bird Missions, Peter and Masha Oswalt of Russia, Blue Ridge Christian Ministries, Brother Dickson in Africa, Little Life Walk, and others) will also be highlighted. Information will be shared about the strong Lay Speaker program at Harmony and how our Worship is based on the Bible. Harmony activities are also "family friendly" (Vacation Bible School, Family Fun Day, Snow Tubing Trip, Old Fashioned Sunday, Children's Church). We are very proud to share our success story with conference attendees. Let's pray God continues to bless our efforts on His behalf!

## News from the Faithful Few Men's Crew

Mother's Day is always a very special day at Harmony. We had over 85 people present (had to set out a few chairs). The men conducted the Worship Service. The choir was "all male" for the day. Kenny Gibson delivered the message. There was special recognition for the mothers in attendance, and a time for the congregation to share memories of their moms. Wonder if the women are going to retaliate (or should that be reciprocate?) on Father's Day.

And now for an update on the shelter the men's group is constructing at Brosville UMC. Work began on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with a group laying off the site and digging some postholes. On Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 6" x 6" posts were planted, braced and cemented in place. Forming for the concrete pad was also put in place. Tuesday was the day to nail a 3" x 10" band around the top of the posts anchor the trusses in place, and install the roof sheathing. Wednesday was "pour the concrete floor" day. By the end of the day on Saturday, the roof had been shingled and lots of the wood had been covered with metal trim. By the end of the following week, all metal trim, soffit and siding had been completed. Gutters and ceiling fans (with lights) had also been installed. All that is left is to run water and electricity to the structure and hold a first gathering! Shouldn't be long now!

## Web page in July ??

Don't look for it now, but there is a good chance that Harmony will have a website up and running by July of THIS year. Money was approved at the May Council Meeting for the necessary software and to rent space for the site. So go buy a computer and get ready to surf Harmony!

## Back Page Bits

Here are some dates for your June Calendar!

Sunday, June 3 @ 11:00 a.m.	Old Fashioned Sunday (Meal after Service)
Sunday, June 10 @ 8 a.m.	Faithful Few Men's Crew Meeting & Breakfast
Sunday, June 10 to Wed. June 13	VA United Methodist Conference at Roanoke, VA
Wednesday, June 13 @ 7 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship meeting (Bring Peanut Butter)
Saturday, June 16 @ 11 a.m.	End of School Year Bash
Sunday, June 17 @ 11 a.m.	Special Father's Day Service (Women in Charge)
Saturday, June 18 to June 24	Pastor's Vacation Week (Suntan time!)
Wednesday, June 27 @ 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice.

These events are in addition to the regular 7 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study and the 7 p.m. meal and 7:30 p.m. Thursday Night Contemporary Worship Services.

June Birthday: 2nd - Haley Garrett      3rd - Jacob Hardy & Robyn Hardy      4th - Keesha Gibson  
& Pete Finney      8th - Megan Gibson, Linda Davis & Ann Hardy      10th - Jackson Davis      11th - Robbie Bateman  
19th - Krystle Mayberry & Eddie Wilson      28th - Jim Finney      30th - Mark Gibson  
June Anniversary: 18th - Debbie and Larry Flint      30th - Sherry and Ronnie Gibson

Do you realize Vacation Bible School will be here in only 2 months? VBS Director Debbie Flint wants to remind everyone that classes will be held nightly from Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, VBS will be in August this year. She is looking for lots of volunteers to assist in such varied areas as group leaders, recreation specialists, crafts instructors, music leader, guides, snack servers, various characters and no telling what other positions. See her soon for the best selection of a job! Make plans now to attend and bring a friend or two.

Want your Grit via e-mail? How about an mp3 audio file of a Sunday Service? Send me a note at [jrfinney99@yahoo.com](mailto:jrfinney99@yahoo.com). Feel free to send suggestions and information.

# Happy Father's Day Sunday, June 17



Looking for a sign? Take your pick!