

# The Harmony Grit

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## From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to thank all those who participated in Holy Week at Harmony. Rev. Nathan Snider and Rev. Fletcher Hardy III did an outstanding job of sharing the message of the love of Jesus Christ and how it affects those who love Him. The meetings were well attended and I know all were blessed through the Holy Spirit and renewed with the thought provoking word that was shared Sunday through Wednesday night. On Thursday night the Maundy Thursday Service once again reminded us of the great sacrifice Christ made through His suffering and crucifixion. The Tenebrae Service on Friday night brought the finality of the week by ending with Jesus in the tomb. I know that all who attended these services left with a greater understanding of the footsteps of Christ and the disciples and His followers during the week of Christ's last Passover in human form. I would especially like to thank Sherri Hayward, Rick Hayward, LeAnne Hardy and "Woodie" Hardy for their hard work in food preparation, costuming, blackening the sanctuary, and candle preparation. Also, thanks to the actors playing the parts of the disciples on Thursday night and doing an excellent job.

The summer months are fast upon us and if you look at the church calendar you will see that there is much to do and ministry to perform. The months ahead will bring new ministry and outreach to our community and necessitate participation and hard work by more of you. So let's not think that warm, sunny weather is time to relax and slow down. Instead, begin to gear up for the exciting times ahead. The love of Christ that you share with others is the response our Savior requires of you. So begin to plan now to answer a resounding "yes" when you are asked to take on new experiences in the ministries of Harmony UMC! After all, the greatest reward is experienced when we serve God by helping others. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Pastor Robert

## News from the Faithful Few Men's Crew

Our men's group is getting ready for a big undertaking this month. They are preparing to construct a 24' by 50' pavilion at Brosville United Methodist Church. Larry Flint is serving as the project director. After a concrete pad has been poured, a team of the men will plant the posts, add bracing and a roof. Larry says the men should be able to complete the project in a couple of weekends of work. The men plan on using the income from this project to begin construction on a similar structure for Harmony later this year. They will have some practice and partial funding by that time. Will keep you informed.

## Time for Bye to Blinn

Danville District Superintendent Mary Beth Blinn is stepping down at the VA Annual Conference in June of this year. Mary Beth began her service to the district five years ago. She has been to our church numerous times and for a wide variety of occasions. She has spoken during our Worship Services, attended our Thursday night Contemporary Service, presided over Church Charge Conferences, presided over our Called Building Project Church Conferences, dropped in on our Holy Week and Revival Activities, and even stopped by to evaluate our Pastor. She held one of the monthly Pastor's meetings to Harmony so the other district ministers could see our almost finished building addition. She hasn't been late to a meeting here since her first trip to Harmony. We will surely miss her presence as she and her husband Bob move on to serve our Savior in another venue. The district will hold a worship service and reception for her on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Martinsville, VA. Her father, Rev. Charles G. Turkington, will preach.

Information on our new Superintendent will be included in next month's Grit.

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Here are some dates for your May Calendar!

Tuesday, May 8 @ 7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 9 @ 7 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship Meeting
Sunday, May 13 @ 8 a.m.	Faithful Few Men's Crew Meeting & Meal
Sunday, May 13 @ 11 a.m.	Special Mother's Day Service (Men in Charge)
Wednesday, May 16 @ 7:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 30 @ 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. Speakers for May include: May 24 - John and Friends providing the Music and Jim Finney with the Message.

Also, Confirmation Classes continue weekly through the month of May.

May Birthdays: Leon Griffith - May 2      Page Hyler - May 6      Fletcher Hardy VI - May 7  
Robbie Finney - May 8      Neda Finney, Sue Gibson - May 12      Kelly Gibson - May 13  
May Anniversary: Jeanette and Johnny Williams - May 12

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, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Congratulations to Ben and Stacey Griffith on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Faith Griffith. She was born on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Won't be long before she will be available for public viewing @ Harmony.

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 Mother's Day

## Sunday, May 13



Our District Superintendent Mary Beth Blinn presiding over the Consecration Service for our Building Addition in April of last year.

