

Facets *of Fellowship*

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Pastor's Perspective — Passing the Baton

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In track and field, the most important part of the relay race is the act of passing the baton from one runner to the next. A team can have the fastest runners in the race, but if it fails in the exchange of the baton between runners the race will be lost—the team left to the empty talk of what might have been.

Knowing the importance of this aspect of the race, the good coach will not be satisfied simply to have the fastest runners. He'll remind the runners that they are part of a team. He'll also talk to them about the importance of the baton pass and show them how it's done. He'll then provide the runners with the training they'll need in order to do it well, to accomplish the exchange smoothly and successfully, even though it may not always happen that way in every race.

If you've had the occasion to watch a relay race, you know the truth of which I write. Perhaps you've also observed that the beauty of the relay is in the exchange of the baton as in full stride and unfaltering steps it is seamlessly delivered from one runner to the next until the race is done.



As in the relay, so it is in our families and church. The successful passing of the baton of God's truth from one generation of believers to the next is everything. It's not enough to simply run well our individual leg of the race. If we fumble the exchange or if we fail to make it at all, the whole team feels the loss—and that loss is real.

Here at Fellowship, we need to be talking to one another about this race and providing the encouragement and training that will make the passing of the baton of God's truth happen successfully more often than not.

Within our families, we should be able to point to the evidence that we are really seeking to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). In the larger body of our church, we should be able to point to the evidence that we are being successful in passing the baton of God's truth to the next generation (2 Timothy 2:2); that beginning right here at home we are, in fact, making disciples for Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). As in the foot race, the evidence will be clear and unmistakable—a thing of beauty for all to see.

A Great Day of Outreach

Fellowship's 2nd annual Spring Festival was held on Saturday, May 19. Though the forecast caused some concern, the Lord provided a wonderful day. Our 39 volunteers did a wonderful job helping with games, crafts, food, prizes, moon bounce, petting zoo, cake walk and church information.

It was thrilling to see over 270 people from the community in attendance. In addition to the distribution of gospel literature, a gospel table was added this



year with copies of tracts and New Testaments given away. There were many opportunities to speak with people who came about their spiritual needs, and to encourage them to attend the services of the church and take part in its ministries.

It is our prayer that this outreach effort will make people in our community more aware of our church and its ministries, and more inclined to join us in the days ahead.

The Summer Family Worship Hour is designed to enable families to participate together in worship each Sunday evening at 6:00 PM. Throughout the summer Pastor Odom, Lee Hoggard, and Brian Platt and Mary Ann Monk will lead worship featuring a variety of music that appeals to all ages. Several others will provide special music. Then as the adults receive a message from God's Word, the children will have a separate Bible lesson and activity time led by Denise Odom. Please plan to join us for this great opportunity to worship with one another each week!

Serving Our Men



Our 2nd Men's Breakfast of 2007 will be held at the church on Saturday, June 16 at 8:00 AM. This time we will have a special speaker all the way from Alaska! Some of us met Lou Friend last summer while helping Peters Creek Baptist Church (Dean and Julie Blood's church-plant) with their building expansion project. Lou works

as a manager for a bus transit company, and serves as worship leader and Sunday school teacher at Peters Creek. He will be in our area and has agreed to share a challenge with us from God's Word. All of our men are urged to come to this gathering!

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 21 (7:30 PM) as our men will be going to a Potomac Nationals baseball game.



Getting to Know Our Church Family

Todd Cassell

Todd was born in Alexandria, VA and grew up in Springfield. He has called the Northern Virginia area home all of his life. During his childhood Todd's father worked as a computer salesman, specifically in the field of medical sciences. His mother enjoyed a career as a school teacher. His family belonged to a local church, and Todd grew up sensing the importance of church involvement.

As a child Todd enjoyed swimming and outdoor activities. At the age of 14 he came to the realization that something was missing from his life. He discovered that Jesus was the only One who could fill the emptiness he felt, and so Todd accepted Jesus as Savior at that time.

After graduating from West Springfield High School in 1990, Todd attended Ferrum College in southwestern Virginia. Since his college graduation Todd has had

several jobs. He has worked as a lifeguard, and also in the retail business as a salesman/clerk for Radio Shack and Best Buy. Todd is currently employed at the Wal-Mart in Burke.

One of Todd's favorite activities is going to the beach. He also enjoys watching movies.

Todd began attending Fellowship in 1996. He considers a strong work ethic to be one of his personal strengths. Todd enjoys volunteering to help at the church when his work schedule allows. Most recently he

was part of our Spring Festival staff, doing an excellent job running the hillbilly (ladder) golf game.

Todd is glad to be part of our church. As he says, "I like the church family." He asks that we pray for God's work in the lives of his parents as well as his sister and her family. Todd's hope and prayer is that these family members will come to faith in Christ soon.

...live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
1 Peter 3:8

Answered Prayer

Last month we encouraged you to pray for our effort to provide a new college and career age Sunday school class, and the Lord has provided! Beginning Sunday, June 10, Bob Jordan will be leading a study

entitled "Don't Waste Your Life!" designed to challenge our young adults to focus their lives on what matters most—joyfully displaying the supreme value of Christ through a life devoted fully to Him. It is our desire that this class might be used to meet the needs of our own young adults, and afford us opportunities to share Christ with others in our community.

Money Matters

We must say with the psalmist, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). The goodness and faithfulness of our great God are clearly demonstrated by the figures below:

May Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,582
Weekly Need	\$5,238
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$113,419
Year-to-Date Need	\$109,998
Year-to-Date 50@1 Giving	\$3,962



Calendar

June 3	Summer Family Worship Hour Begins (6:00 PM Service)
June 10	College/Career Class Begins (9:30 AM)
June 12	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
June 15	Women's Ministries Trip to ABWE
June 16	Men's Breakfast (8:00 AM)
June 26	Youth King's Dominion Trip

CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES!

David Lindholm graduated from Cedarville University on May 5. Willem Gardner will graduate from West Springfield High School on June 13, and Wes Martens graduates from Robinson Secondary School on June 15. Please pray for David as he enters Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, for Willem as he attends George Mason University, and for Wes as he moves on to Radford University.