

The Link

Sermon Series Starting in June...



Basketball Camp 
at Seaside Elementary Gym/Free

 **Dance Camp \$5**
with Silver Lining
Dance Academy
at Garden City Baptist

June 11th – 14th
9:00 – 11:00 am
Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Limited Spots! Register Now!
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VBS

July 23-26

(mornings)

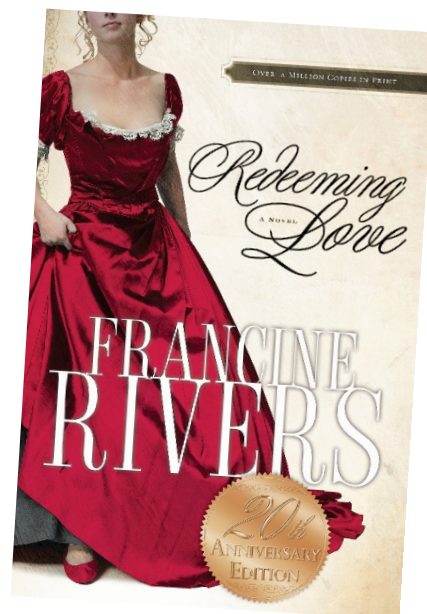
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From the Media Messenger...

Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers has been around for a while. I read it a few years ago and hadn't thought about it until recently when one of my friends asked me about the book with the lady wearing the red dress. She said she had heard that it was one of the favorites of Christian readers. It truly is. So for those of you who haven't read it, here's one you might want to consider.

It is a historical novel set in the 1850s in Gold Rush California. The story was inspired by the Book of Hosea from the Bible. The central theme is God's redeeming love towards sinners. Angel is a bitter woman who trusts no man. She expects nothing from men but betrayal. Then she meets Michael Hosea. Michael is a man who seeks the Father's will in everything he does. When God tells Michael to marry Angel she learns to love. Michael obeys God, but there are seemingly insurmountable issues of anger and unfaithfulness. As her frozen heart melts, feelings of unworthiness emerge. Unfortunately Angel lets fear and doubt stand in the way and she returns to her former unsavory life. Angel's healing must come from one who loves her more than Michael: the One who will never let her go. This is a powerful retelling of the story of Gomer and Hosea, one of redemption, grace and love.



Although Francine Rivers was raised in a Christian home she did not truly encounter Christ until later in life when she was married and the mother of three. Shortly after becoming a born-again Christian in 1986, she wrote **Redeeming Love** as her statement of faith. Since then Francine has written more than 20 novels with a Christian theme.

No Meeting this Month

JOY Fellowship
WMU
Ladies Circle of Friends

LADIES LUNCHEON is at American Steak and Oyster (Old Flo's) on **Friday, June 28**. Come make new friends. To carpool, we will leave the church at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer and side hall.

Remember, if you sign up and can't go, please let Shirley know in advance.

**CHURCH
CONFERENCE**
Sunday, June 23
**6:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary**

**All members
encouraged to come**

CHURCHWIDE LUNCH at Sara J's **Sunday, June 23** immediately following the worship service. Everyone invited. It's important to sign up—sheets are in the front foyer and side hall.

CHURCHWIDE BREAKFAST June 2 Deacons start serving at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship, then at 9:30-9:45 a.m. you're ready for Sunday School. If you don't have a class we can find you one. All donations go to the Deacon Relief Fund to help members who have a need.



Women's Ministry

GOSPEL BODY will still be exercising over the summer. There will be times when we can't exercise because of events using the Fellowship Hall. So check the bulletin for cancellations of classes during this time.

MONTHLY WIDOW'S LUNCH is **Sunday, June 30** after the morning worship service at Driftwood Restaurant to celebrate Kay Cravens' birthday. Meet down front in the Sanctuary to carpool. Call Pat Hample for information at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056.

BIBLE STUDY The study of Revelation will end on **Thursday, June 13**. On **Thursday, June 20 and 27** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. only, ladies will meet for the Bible study, Wisdom of God.

Varina's

Music Camp is almost here! We have 31 children registered! We will begin on **Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.** We have many activities planned: singing, playing rhythm instruments, signing, crafts, games, and snacks. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- Our summer program begins Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will sing, learn more about Jesus, and enjoy outside activities.
- Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 30. The children will visit with Nursing Home residents. We will have pizza after the worship service. We will sing patriotic songs and folk songs. Please let me know if your child will attend.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- The Chancel Choir faithfully rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We have a seat and music just for YOU!

PRAISE BAND

- We welcome Drake Bailey as a new band member! Drake is completing his freshman year at St. James High School. He is the son of Travis and Kimberly Bailey and is big brother to Griffin.
- Praise Band rehearsal is every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please pray for us as we lead worship each week.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Please check Messenger and text messages for meeting dates.



- 1 – Kaidyn Wakley
- 3 – Bonnie Oldaker
- 4 – Barbara Green
- 5 – Caylie Emsley
- 7 – George Richardson
- 7 – Juanita Henderson
- 7 – Jack Ramsey
- 8 – Howard Oliver
- 9 – Yvonne Marcum
- 9 – Roy Turner
- 10 – John Henderson
- 10 – Kathy Holloway
- 11 – Dorothy Collins
- 11 – Barbara Bayer
- 12 – Carolyn Roddey
- 12 – Nancy Rook
- 13 – Lee Ware
- 14 – Terry Lonas
- 16 – Connie Miller
- 17 – Warren Wing
- 18 – Brenda Litaker
- 18 – Ollie Paul
- 18 – Jean Beelendorf
- 21 – Peggy Waddell
- 21 – Cam Crawford
- 23 – David Finn
- 23 – Janice Johnson
- 25 – Bonnie Archer
- 25 – Heather Crawford
- 27 – Bernice Burgin
- 27 – Kay Cravens
- 27 – Charlie Lanier
- 27 – Erma Mundy
- 30 – Chris McSwain

MUSIC CAMP

June 24-27 ❖ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For children in the 1st thru 5th grade (completed)

Lots of musical activities: singing, playing instruments, crafts, snacks, and more.



SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND

Volunteers are needed to pick up unopened nonperishable foods left at four real estate offices in the local area on **Saturdays at 11 a.m.** for 1-2 hours. Just one Saturday would be good! A sign-up sheet is available in the side hall. Slots still available for August.

MOBILE MEALS OF THE SOUTH STRAND

June 24-28

See Esther Holland & Phyllis Melton to volunteer!

LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Wednesday, August 28** at Garden City Baptist Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your **“Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!** 0163 or 704-460-4056.

YOUTH events

FUNDRAISER June 2 immediately following worship—Potato & Salad Bar.

Members of the Youth Department are raising money to go on the **Kentucky Mission Trip July 2-6**. Cost Is \$200 Per Person (Due June 9). For Details, See Joan Brewer or call 803-467-4464.

BAPTIST MEN

BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS

Finding God's Love in God's Law

THURSDAYS ♦ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Through the month of June

Baptist Men are sponsoring a trip to the **Pelicans Baseball Game on July 11th**. The cost is \$9.00 per person. The game begins at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the front foyer and side hall.

JEAN BUFTON'S NEW BOOK "We are very excited to announce that Jean Bufton's book, will be ready the first of June." We trust it will bless, inspire, and encourage those who read it and give them "Hope for the Days Ahead." Please see Karen Siracusa Giusti to purchase a copy. Thank you so much!" Bill & Jean Bufton

CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

will not meet during the summer and will return September 8 at 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

CAMPUS OUTREACH STUDENTS will be here **Sunday, June 2** to worship with us for two months. It's always wonderful to have them with us and share their energy. If you have agreed to "adopt" students this year please meet down front in the Sanctuary after the worship service to meet the students. Then we can go to the Fellowship hall to support the Youth Fundraiser.



Summer Kids

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30pm

Kids are invited to join us this summer to sing, learn about Jesus, and play. We have a class for younger kids, and one for elementary students.

June 5, 12, 19	Summer Kids
June 26	Pool Party/Activity
July 3	Holiday
July 10, 17	Summer Kids
July 24	Pool Party/Activity
July 31	Summer Kids
August 7, 14	Summer Kids



REPORT FROM THE APPALACHIAN MISSION FIELD – Eric & Sissy Rutherford
The Student Becomes the Master



The picture at left puts a knot in my throat and a tear in my eye. Megan, at left, is one of our shift managers who we met through our Celebrate Recovery program. We took a chance on her and it has paid off! She is a resident at a local women's rehab facility and has completed the first phase of the program and peer counselor certification. She works there as an intern and CPC and is also working 3 days a week with us. She has gone from being the one receiving help to the one providing it and we could not be more excited about her accomplishments and her progress. She has become a part of the Lamp House family, a friend, and an invaluable asset to our ministry.

In the image she is training the two young men to her right to become baristas. Tony and Josh No Neck are Native Americans who live on the Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Their family is operating a small Christian house church, with a mission field made up of other Native Americans, many whose religion is simply known as "traditional" because they hold to their tribe's customary religious practices of worshiping natural things such as the sun, rather than the One Who created it all. A church-school from North Carolina provided a converted shipping container to their community that had a coffee shop inside. God has used our little shop on the edge of nowhere to help a number of other ministry-based, Christian coffee shops including theirs from here in Kentucky to as far away as Detroit, Michigan and Las Vegas, Nevada. Sissy is pictured meeting with the boys' mother Ladonna to share insights on the financial and administrative considerations of a business-ministry. While here, the No Necks also met with Lonnie (our founder) to discuss faith-based ministry; with Drew, Doc & Debbie at our Stables at Creekside Glen to explore ministering with horses, which they expressed an interest in doing; and with Chad and Stephanie who run youth programs at both our ministry's Shekinah Village and Dione Baptist Church. In addition to running the coffee shop with his brother Josh, Tony No Neck is studying to minister to young people.



Thank you all for your continued love and support. In His Love & Service, Eric & Sissy