

WHAT'S NEW

From Eure Pastor's Desk

By John D. Eure

Occasionally, I enjoy posting articles from **Thom Rainer**, president of Lifeway Christian Resources (formerly the Sunday School Board). In his August 31st blog, he wrote about the Seven Internal Barriers to Growth in a Church. In last month's article, I wrote about the importance of self-reflection in congregations. After reading this abbreviated article, let's continue working towards pleasing Christ which requires faith for effective change.

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There is rarely a simple explanation for the decline of a church. It is often a complex mix of cultural, theological, attitudinal, and internal issues. In this article, I address the latter issue.

Internal barriers refer to those obstacles that are inherent in the organization and the facilities of the church. They are also called structural barriers. Stated simply, these barriers are self-imposed or self-inflicted.

Some of these barriers are long-standing and difficult to remove. Others, such as a redesigned website, can be accomplished with little pain. Let's look at the six most common internal barriers in churches.

1. Facility Barriers. The two most common are poor signage and inadequate parking. Other common facility barriers include dirty and cluttered facilities, inadequate worship space, inadequate children's space, and poor sound and lighting in the worship space.

2. Governance Barriers. These barriers include restrictive bylaws and policies, a model of church government that is not working as intended, and frequent acrimonious business meetings.

3. Staffing Barriers. Churches often staff the way they've always done it. But times change and needs change. Staffing alignment and job descriptions of the 1990s may be inadequate today. If a church leader is not in a position that matches his or her gifts, abilities, and passions, the church has a structural growth barrier.

4. Cultural Barriers. These barriers refer largely to attitudes and practices of the leadership and membership as perceived by guests.

5. Church Calendar. One activity is stacked upon another. The church is so busy doing good things that it neglects the best things... the most often neglected ministries in busy churches are evangelism and ministry beyond the walls of the church.

6. Worship Times. Many church leaders have not asked what are the most conducive times to reach the community. Frankly, the traditional 11:00 am worship time as a single offering makes little sense today.

7. Website Barriers. One of the simplest internal or structural changes a church can make to reach more people is to update the website. The website is the front door for guests.

For the complete article, go to: <http://thomrainer.com/2015/08/seven-internal-barriers-to-growth-in-a-church/>

Pastors and deacons may help lead these changes, but it takes each one in the church intentionally working to remove barriers. Where is God leading you to step in and give help?

Please see more news on the back of the October calendar!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

NURSERY MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who agreed to serve in our Nursery Ministry! Each week when you care for our little ones, you are showing the children that they are precious to God and to their church.

KidzQuest

Wouldn't it be wonderful to help a child learn to follow Jesus? You can! Join the KQ Team! We need a pair to lead the 3rd Sunday of each month during our Discovery Service. Please pray to the Lord of Harvest to raise up servants to help with this important ministry! Please see Carol for more info.



Brain Builders Begins October 5 at FFES!

Brain Builders is an afterschool tutoring program for disadvantaged children. Can you spend 90 minutes once or twice a week to help these kids with homework or basic reading and math skills? You can help a child grow into all God created him/her to be! If you're not available during the day, perhaps you'd like to help with snacks! Contact [Carol](#) for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy anniversary 4th to Carol Seeley who on September 1, began her 5th year as our Pastor to Children & Families. Congratulations Carol! Thank you for all you do.

Cheerfully Honoring God



Stewardship God's Way

This year we will be focusing on stewardship during the month of October. Our primary focus will be during Bible Fellowship time as we examine four points of stewardship: *Acknowledge God's Ownership, Tell Others about God, Give God Our Best, and Give Cheerfully.* The overall objective is to gain an understanding of biblical principles of managing what God has entrusted to each of us.

During the month participate in the study and prayerfully consider how you manage what God has entrusted to you. Will you "Cheerfully Honor God" as you manage all that God has entrusted to you?

Look for detail for the month in a Stewardship letter this week.



YOUTH NEWS



MOSAIC

FERRY FARM STUDENT MINISTRY

MOSAIC BEGINS!

This Sunday October 4!!

5:00 PM - Worship Band
6:00 PM - Dinner
6:30 PM - Worship/Games

Come and Bring Your Friends!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

Room 106

BELVEDERE

October 27

2 - 7 PM



IGNITE RETREAT

for Middle School Students

October 9 - 11 at Eagle Eyrie

\$75 per student due Sept. 20
(scholarships available)

Register on the church website!

WORSHIP ARTS

JOYSONG

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For kids in Grades 1-5

Begins this Sunday

OCTOBER 4 @ 6:30 PM

CHOIR ROOM (#103)

CHERUB CHOIR

For kids 3-5 years

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

Room # 110A



ADVENT 2015

Beginning November 29

SENIOR ADULTS

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

GRAVES MOUNTAIN

Dutch Lunch

Thursday, November 5

Glorious Christmas Nights

East End Assembly of God

Richmond, VA

Saturday, December 5

Contact Wendell Latham about either event
373-8063



**1 Westmoreland Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22405**

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

SUNDAY, October 4

CHILDCARE

9:00 AM

Rick & Debbie Adkins

11:15 AM

Nancy Combs, Gayle Hlbner

KidzQuest, Jr.

Jr. & Denise Long

DEACONS

Brain King, Chuck Horton

USHERS

Women's Team

SUNDAY, October 11

CHILDCARE

9:00 AM

Gladys Chewning, Lily Harper

11:15 AM:

Eva & Emily McKinney

KidzQuest, Jr.

Katie Pifer, Ginger Summers

DEACONS

Charlie McKinney, Steve Hill

USHERS

B. Elliott, J. Henderson, R.

Shacklette, G. Summers, D.

Hibner, C. Quann

SUNDAY, October 18

CHILDCARE

9:00 AM

Steve & Rhonda Perry

11:15 AM

Joan & Janna Cole

KidzQuest, Jr.

TBD

DEACONS

Jeff Patrignani, Jim Cole

USHERS

B. Dunigan, G. Summers, R.

Brown, L. Ingalls, R. Martin, J.

Highlander

SUNDAY, October 25

CHILDCARE

9:00 AM

Dave & Lynne Lansford

11:15 AM:

Tommy & Laurie Settle

KidzQuest, Jr.

Robin & Matthew Biggers

DEACONS

Frank Cardwell, Marsh Freeman

USHERS

M. Montrief, D. Conrad, S.

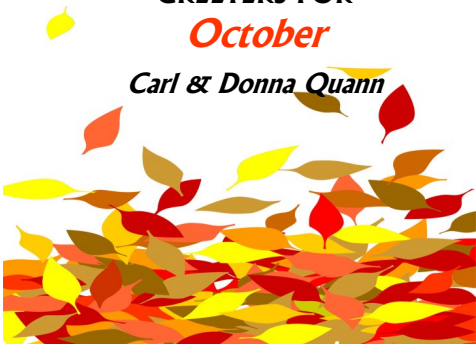
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Summers

GREETERS FOR

October

Carl & Donna Quann



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PASTORAL CARE

Oct. 4 - Oct. 10 John Eure
Oct. 11 - Oct. 17 Carol Seeley
Oct. 18 - Oct. 24 Duane DeHart
Oct. 25 - Oct. 31 Deacons On Call

Normal Days Off

John & Carol - Fri. & Sat.
Duane - Mon. & Sat.

Next **LifeSource** will be published
October 27th. Please have your
articles to Julie Young **by October**
23rd at the latest. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHANCELLOR VILLAGE - Helen Watson
GREENFIELD on Rt. 1 - Barbara Layton
THE CROSSINGS at **FALLS RUN** - Betty Bell, Mary Story

HOME - Please see our Weekly Prayer List

WEEKLY RECORDS

September 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Fellowship	131
Combined Worship	179
STEWARDSHIP	
General Fund	\$16,828.16
Building Fund	1,020.00
TOTAL:	\$17,848.16

September 13, 2015

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Fellowship	160
Worship	292
STEWARDSHIP	
General Fund	\$11,218.00
Building Fund	100.00
TOTAL:	\$11,318.00

September 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Fellowship	163
Worship	224
STEWARDSHIP	
General Fund	\$11,328.00
Building Fund	100.00
TOTAL:	\$11,428.00

September 27, 2015

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Fellowship	149
Combined Worship	175
STEWARDSHIP	
General Fund	\$10,619.80

Weekly Budget Requirement \$13,761.29

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Friday Nov. 6

1:00 - 7:00 PM

FFBC Family Life Center