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2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

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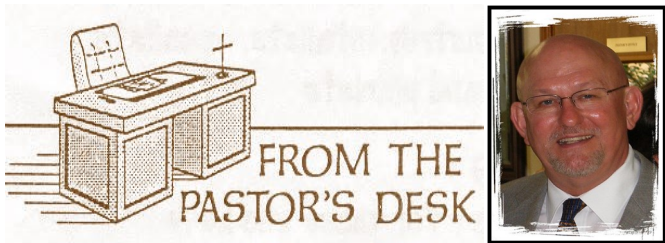
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Valley Brook is a place of grace, where everybody is somebody and Jesus is Lord.



The **National Day of Prayer** is on Thursday, May 2, with this year's theme being "Love One Another" based upon the words of Jesus in John 13:34. This event calls for people of faith in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. The National Day of Prayer is always held on the first Thursday of May each year, and this year it is the 66th annual observation of the occasion. While prayer is a critical spiritual discipline for each of us on a continual basis, it is significant that believers across our nation unite in prayer on this designated day. The following guide may help you as you pray:

"Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the LORD hears my voice." - Psalm 55:17

Pray Globally – Tyranny, terrorism, political instability, persecution, poverty.

Pray Nationally – Political division, declining morality, greed, terrorism.

Pray Locally – Communities, schools, churches. Pray for the Valley Brook church as well.

Pray Personally - Relationship with Christ. Obedience. Involvement. Family members. Individual concerns.

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."
- James 5:16

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." - Ephesians 6:18

"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31

For more information, you can visit this website - <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org>

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. This special time offers an opportunity to honor and remember our mothers in a variety of meaningful ways. For most of us at Valley Brook we cherish the memories of our moms. One that is vivid for me, and one I've mentioned before is that growing up, my brother and I were often reminded that every day was "Mother's Day" in our home.

Our dad honored his wife, and we honored that instruction, always maintaining great respect for mom; however, we also managed to make the "annual day" a special time to treat our mother with a bit of extra attention. My guess is that many of you agree with my dad's declaration. Moms are indeed wonderful. The connection between mother and child is beyond description. The role that a mother assumes in the life of her children can have meaningful and eternal significance. Someone has said "that mothers often have less, so that their child can have more."

As Christians we have the additional responsibility to pray for and lead our children into spiritual maturity. If you are a parent, take seriously your charge to "train up a child in the way he should go." - Proverbs 22:6a

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."
- Proverbs 1:7-8

I hope to see you on Mother's Day.

Homecoming Day. . . Morning Worship at 10:30 am! Homecoming is a great word that immediately brings to mind, fond thoughts and warm feelings; it's a word that stirs within us wonderful recollections from the past; people, events, ministries, milestones...and yes, food! Most of our memories are very good while some may be bittersweet, or even sad, but collectively they define our perceptions of Homecoming.

Our special day of Homecoming here at Valley Brook is just before us. On Sunday, June 2, we celebrate 62 years in service to our Lord in this location. As always, I am looking forward to this exciting time of celebration, worship, fellowship and of course the great food.

We have much to celebrate. God has been good to our church over the years. He has preserved and sustained and continues to do so. Our continuing presence in this location is evidence of His grace. I am excited to see how God's plans unfold in the future even as I reminisce about the past.


Help us get the word out. Call those you know who have been a part of this fellowship in the past...get in touch with family and friends. We anticipate a good attendance and a great celebration.

We will not have Sunday School that day. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following worship, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a great time of fellowship with dinner as the focal point. All are invited. If you are able, bring some side dishes and desserts to go along with the provided meats, bread and beverage. If you are unable to bring food, don't let that hinder you from joining the festivities. Our current membership is being asked to bring a "little extra."


There will be plenty for all!
Hoping to see you then!!

Paster Mike

May Dates to Remember

- 1 10:00 am - Prayer Warriors
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
- 2 *National Day of Prayer* 


- 5 4:30 pm - Deacons' Meeting
6:00 pm - Family Night Potluck Supper
- 7 7:55 am - OTH - Oak Grove Meat Mkt.
- 8 10:00 am - Prayer Warriors
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study


- 12 *Mother's Day*
- no evening activities
GA Baptist Children's
Home Offering 

- 14 7:55 am - OTH - Bojangles

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- 15 10:00 am - Prayer Warriors
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
- 18 *Armed Forces Day*
8:00 am - Men's Breakfast -
Old Hickory House

- 20 5:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Church Council
- 21 7:55 am - OTH - Hardees
- 22 10:00 am - Prayer Warriors
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Conference
- 23 12:00 noon - Keenagers 
Last Day of School for DeKalb County

- 27 *Memorial Day*
- Church Office closed 
- 28 7:55 a.m. - OTH - Chick-fil-A
- 29 10:00 am - Prayer Warriors
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
- 31 7:00 pm - Movie Night

May Birthdays

- 05/16 Ann Blake
- 05/24 Michael Walsh
- 05/27 Michael Phillips
- 05/28 Carolyn Scott
- 05/30 Sarah Ingram



Thank You!

Thanks to each of you who gave to the 2019 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our goal was \$500. You gave \$520.



A job well done Valley Brook Baptist Church!

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Charley Scott
 crowned "King of Finance" at VBBC
 at Conference on 4/17/19.

Upcoming Opportunities

Thursday, May 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Jubal Chorus Concert
 Hebron Baptist Church
 Dacula, GA
 1-800-746-4422 X265

Sunday, May 12th @ 4:00 pm
 Decatur Civic Chorus
 Theme of songs - "Reflecting the many
 faces of love"
 Decatur First Baptist Church
 308 Clairemont Avenue
 Decatur, Georgia



Family Night Potluck Supper
Sunday, May 5, at 6 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a variety of dishes made with tender care for our monthly Family Night Supper! If you can, please bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, and/or dessert to share.

Attendance in March & April

Week of:	Sunday School	A.M. Worship	P.M. Worship	Wed. Night
Mar. 31	24	45	29	23
Apr. 7	20	48	51*	17
Apr. 14	23	44	31	25**
Apr. 21	28	71	—	

*Family Night Supper ** Conference
 We're saving a seat for you!

In Honor of Those Who Served



the church office
 will be closed on

**Memorial Day,
 Monday, May 27**

*Greater love has no one than
 this, that one lay down his life
 for his friends. - John 15: 13*



"With my mouth I will proclaim
 Your faithfulness to all generations."
 - Psalm 89:1