



## Daleville Church of the Brethren

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**February 1 – Hosting Northern Area Ministers' Association**

**February 4 – Women's Group @Coach and Four**

**February 8 – Executive Board Meeting**

**February 10 – Ash Wednesday**

**February 13 – Camp Supporters' Luncheon @Camp Bethel**

**February 14 – Valentine's Day/Blanket Sunday**

**NEW WEBSITE!!!! We have a new website! Please check it out at [dalevillecob.weebly.com](http://dalevillecob.weebly.com).**

## **A Note From Pastor Doug...**

### **The Season of Lent**

As we begin the month of February, an important season of church life will be starting on February 10. That is, we will be entering into the season of Lent, a forty day period of preparation for the celebration of Easter on March 27.

Now, if you actually count up all the days between February 10 and March 27, you'll find that there are actually 46 days that make up lent. However, the reason for this comes from the fact that, in calculating the length, Sundays are not included. Why, though, are Sundays excluded from this count? It comes from the tradition that one need not fast on those Sundays, and so they are not considered as part of the days counted. This stands in contrast to the other season of the church calendar which we often observe, Advent, which is also a forty day period of preparation for Christmas, but includes the Sundays in the season.

For many of us, the first thing we think about when we hear that Lent is coming up is the practice of fasting. Many of us, I'm sure, have taken on the challenge of giving some indulgence up for Lent, whether that be chocolate, coffee, TV, or some favorite food. Oftentimes, we pick something just so that we can say that we've given something up for Lent. But when we approach it that way, we miss the point of fasting. Fasting should not be simply avoiding something, but taking the time we'd normally use to engage in that activity to pray, meditate, and grow closer with God. So as we approach Lent, if you are planning on a fast, be sure to incorporate spending time with God into your practice.

The overarching purpose of Lent is to take time to prepare for our celebration of Christ's resurrection, through prayer, repentance, fasting, and other spiritual disciplines. As we enter this season, let us all take time to prepare for Easter by working at our relationship with God and with one another through our practice of spiritual disciplines.

In Christ,  
Pastor Doug

## **What's Happening???**

### SENIOR HIGH IYC RETREAT - FEBRUARY 6-7, 2016

Senior High IYC Retreat will be held Saturday, February 6 -Sunday, February 7 at the Antioch Church of the Brethren. All Senior Highs, from grades 9-12, are invited to share this time with the Interdistrict Youth Council of Bridgewater College. Registration starts at 9:30 A.M. and the retreat concludes after lunch on Sunday. We will study the theme "Some Assembly Required" based on Matthew 6: 19-34. We will worship with Antioch and share in their service through song and participation. The fee for the overnight is \$10.00 per person. Contact the Virlina District Resource Center at <[virlina2@aol.com](mailto:virlina2@aol.com)> by February 1, 2016 to register.

### SOW THE SEED BANQUET- MARCH 3, 2016

The "Sow the Seed" Scholarship Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. YOU can plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships" and our summer camp ministries. RSVP by February 24 to <[CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com)> or (540) 992-2940. Payments are accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2016 is \$300. Give the gift of CAMP; it's an experience that can change a life forever.

### CHRISTIAN ED. TRAINING DAY - MARCH 12, 2016

"Know, Teach, Grow, Live" from Deuteronomy 6:6-9 is the theme of our Christian Education Training Day on March 12, 2016. The Christian Education Task Team is pleased to sponsor a training day for congregational leaders and teachers: "Know, Teach, Grow, Live". This informational and inspirational event will feature many voices from around the District and focus on How to Call, How to Equip, and How to Support those in leadership and teaching positions. Save the date: March 12, 2016.

### PILGRIMAGE XX - APRIL 1-3, 2016

Pilgrimage XX will be held April 1-3, 2016, at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages, and God is working through this ministry in wonderful ways. The structure of the weekend includes talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God knows where we are on our spiritual journey, and He meets us right there. Whether you need peace, or joy, or forgiveness, or encouragement, or hope, or revival, or a little extra time with Him...He gives more than we even desire. It is difficult to put into words how wonderful the weekend is. The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it! Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, go to <[www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com)> or contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or <[haynesmk1986@yahoo.com](mailto:haynesmk1986@yahoo.com)>.

### THE NEW, IMPROVED VIRLINA DISTRICT WEBSITE

The Virlina District website has changed. Check out the new and improved <[www.virlina.org](http://www.virlina.org)>. David W. Minnich from Durham, Peace Covenant is webmaster and been instrumental in getting a new website design and capabilities. Tabitha Hartman Rudy, a member of the Roanoke, Ninth Street Church and our student intern, is adding material and updating information weekly. Announcements, calendar, forms, news, and reports are being posted so there will be easier access to information. If you have not done so, check it out!



- 1 – Ernesto Olmedo
- 3 – Sandra Sue Bolton
- 4 – Dorothy Shumate
- 5 – Riley Ann Fickey
- 7 – Phyllis Garst
- 7 – Andrew Buchanan
- 9 – Mary Cline Detrick
- 12 – Doris Quarles
- 16 – Louis Silcox
- 17 – Monica Dooley
- 17 – Bee Rosell
- 19 – Caroline Bolton
- 19 – Jerome Cassell
- 20 – Elvin Lee
- 23 – Patty Obenshain
- 23 – Allen Layman
- 28 – Shirl Anderson

### **Getting to Know You Pop Quiz**

Gerry Minter wrote articles about many of our past and present members. Test your knowledge on how well you know Daleville. (Hint: There's a book with all the articles in the Narthex.)

*Answers in March's newsletter!*

- 1. Who attended church two doors down from their home?
- 2. Who met her future husband by filling in for another girl on a blind date?
- 3. Who has a twin brother named Eddie?
- 4. Who knew Pastor Doug as a child?  
(Hint: He went to school with his father.)
- 5. Which one of our members had perfect attendance in Sunday School for 14 years??!!
- 6. Who was a substitute teacher in Richmond before coming to Daleville?

- 7. Which one of our members once threatened co-workers with a plastic pirate's sword?
- 8. Who was recognized as Virginia State Coach of the Year in 1999?
- 9. As a small child, who "beat up" the baby doll in the Christmas play?
- 10. Who met his wife when her sister asked him to take her to the bus stop?

### **Servants for February**

**Altar Decorations:**

**Becky Baker**

**Bankers, Greeters, Ushers:**

**The Hiner Family**

**Deacons on Call:**

**Bill & Heddie Sumner**

### **Special February Events!**

**February 1 – Hosting Northern Area Ministers**

**February 14 – Blanket Sunday: Keep an eye on the bulletin for your chance to contribute to this great cause!**

### **Please Keep in Your Prayers...**

**Gene Lee**  
**Brian Baker**  
**Becky Baker**  
**Allen Layman**  
**Joann Baker**  
**Tim Hiner**  
**Doris Quarles**  
**Maryamu Wavi**

