

**Daleville Church of the Brethren
P.O. Box 85
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March Scriptures and Sermons

March 1 Mark 1:9-15
"Repent and Believe in the Good News"
March 8 Mark 8:31-38
"Taking up Our Crosses"
March 15 John 3:14-21
"For God So Loved the World"
March 22 Jeremiah 31:27-34
"A New Covenant"
March 29 Mark 11:1-11
"The Triumphal Entry"



"Seasons of the Church"

As we work on digging out from yet another snow storm this week, it is not uncommon for our thoughts to turn towards the changing of the season, from winter to spring. Especially after such a period of time this past month, that has seen such cold temperatures and large amounts of snow. I know that I, for one, have begun to look forward to warmer weather, and the possibilities of outdoor activities that don't involve shoveling or trudging through snow. We've come to expect the changes of the seasons in our weather patterns, year to year. We know where each part of the year falls within the four seasons, and what kind of weather we might expect from those seasons.

As I thought about the seasons, I began to think a little bit about the seasons that we move through each year in the church. I was especially reminded of this as we begin our journey into the season of Lent this year. This is one of a few seasons of the liturgical year that our congregation actively observes. The other major season, of course, is that of Advent. It is interesting, and perhaps worth thinking on, that the two seasons that we observe each year are ones that are dedicated to preparation. Advent being the preparation for Christmas, and Lent, of course, the time of preparation for Easter.

Much the like the seasons of the year, each of the seasons of the church calendar bring with them certain markers that help us to recognize them. Each year, we take time to light Advent candles, dedicate a Sunday to our annual Christmas cantata, and hold a special service on Christmas Eve. Lent often sees us re-dedicating ourselves to different spiritual disciplines, the annual Awakening services held by our district, the celebration of special days and services including Palm Sunday, Love Feast, and the Easter Sunrise Service. These rituals and special services help us to remember different aspects of our faith tradition, and are a useful aid to us in our ongoing process of spiritual growth.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

Camp Bethel News

Sow the Seed Scholarship Banquet is Thurs., March 5th at 6:30pm. Info is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Spring Volunteer Workday is April 4th. Lots of projects are available for ALL skill levels. Free Breakfast is served at 7:30am and Free lunch is served at 1pm. RSVP for meals by March 30th at 992-2940 or campbetheloffice@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!! There are booklets on the table in the narthex if interested. Here are three additional programs offered:

Parent-Child Overnight Camp-June 5-6, 2 days 1 night with the comfort of having an adult relative around. Great introduction to Camp Bethel.

Family Fun Tuesdays-Tuesdays June 16-July 21. Dinner, singing, camp activities and s'mores by the campfire.

Lil' Otters Family River Trips-Wednesdays June 17-Aug. 5. Dinner, short canoe trip on the upper James River and then return for s'mores by the campfire.

Please take a brochure for your child, grandchild, friends and neighbors that might be interested in Camp Bethel.

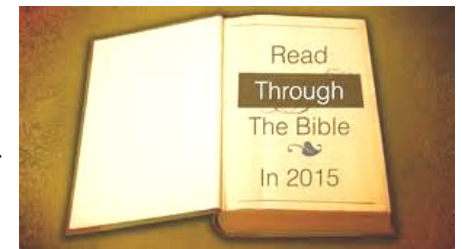
Looking Ahead:

Sounds of the Mountains Festival
April 17-18, 2015.



March Bible Readings

- 1 Psalms 24-26
- 2 Job 17-18
- 3 Isaiah 45-50
- 4 Matthew 23-25
- 5 1 Corinthians 3-4
- 6 Genesis 36-39
- 7 Ruth 1-4
- 8 Psalms 27-29
- 9 Job 19-20
- 10 Isaiah 51-55
- 11 Matthew 26-28
- 12 1 Corinthians 5-6
- 13 Genesis 40-43
- 14 1 Samuel 1-5
- 15 Psalms 30-32
- 16 Job 21-22
- 17 Isaiah 56-61
- 18 Mark 1-2
- 19 1 Corinthians 7-8
- 20 Genesis 44-47
- 21 1 Samuel 6-10
- 22 Psalms 33-35
- 23 Job 23-24
- 24 Isaiah 62-66
- 25 Mark 3-4
- 26 1 Corinthians 9-10
- 27 Genesis 48-50
- 28 1 Samuel 11-15
- 29 Psalms 36-38
- 30 Job 25-26
- 31 Jeremiah 1-6



Upcoming Events for March

Bring Canned Goods in on March 1st to be collected.

Set clocks ahead one hour on March 8th.

Women's Group is Thurs., March 12th at Olive Garden. The ladies meet at 6:30pm.

St. Patrick's Day potluck after church on Mar. 15th.

Church Board Meeting March 9th at 6:30pm.

Deacon Meeting is March 15th after church.

RX Corner *with Dorothy Shumate*



Five Things to Do this Month

1. Vacuum. Ridding your home of dust and dander can help you breathe easier.
2. Slake your thirst. Dehydration can cause dizziness.
3. Look into a bone-density test. It can save your spine.
4. Become buoyant. Water workouts build strength without stressing joints.
5. Eat for a longer life. There's another new reason to follow the Mediterranean diet.

(From Harvard Women's Health Watch, February 2015)

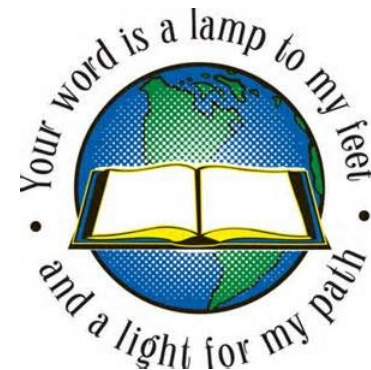
Awakening Services

The Awakening Services for 2015 will be held on March 22-25 at the Troutville Church of the Brethren located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville, VA. The theme for 2015 is (Can We) See a New World Coming!

David Radcliff is this year's Awakening speaker. David grew up in the Blue Ridge congregation, and graduated from Bethany Seminary (MDiv and DMin in Peace Studies). He was a pastor for 10 years, including being on the staff at Williamson Road, before being hired to serve as director of Brethren Witness for the denomination. In 2003, David and others launched the New Community Project, a small Christian nonprofit organization with a big goal: to change the world. NCP has a national network and partners in six countries, where it supports girls' education, women's empowerment and reforestation. David is a regular speaker in schools, colleges and congregations around the country, leads Learning Tours to the Amazon, Arctic, Asia, Africa and Latin America, and was the 2008 recipient of Bridgewater College's West/Whitelow Humanitarian Award. He currently lives in Peoria, AZ, but still calls Virginia home.

Services begin with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. Morning Bible Study will be held with a light breakfast from 9 -11 a.m. at the following locations:

Monday, March 23 -
Roanoke - Ninth Street
Tuesday, March 24 -
Roanoke- First
Wednesday, March 25 -
Masons Cove



The offerings, after expenses, will help support the New Community Project.