

# THE CARLISLE CONNECTION



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## JANUARY 2019

### **A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Happy New Year! The last year of the decade has arrived! I don't know about you, but I find that hard to believe. As we finish out this decade, we recognize that as the years move forward things continue to change all around us. God has called us to a journey and asked us to follow him. We do not know where He is leading us, we do not know where what it will look like when we get there, but we do know that the future, just as the present is in His hands.

The Vision Team has been busy for two years trying to understand current trends. This includes trying to understand our culture and how to do church in this world where we find ourselves. We have learned many things along the way. Some ad hoc teams have been given assignments to work on and you will see information in other places in this newsletter about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Carlisle Team that has been working to rewrite the Constitution and By Laws with the hope that we will have a leaner and more flexible document to guide us.

Once we have a new structure in place, there will more decisions to be made about the future. Hopefully this structure will give us what we need to accomplish decision making easier by defining who the responsible groups are for the decisions that need to be made. The church body will be introduced to these concepts at the January business meeting on January 16. There will be opportunities for questions and comments during the next three months with any changes to be made and reported at the April business meeting on April 24 (that is a week later than normal because of the 17<sup>th</sup> falling during Holy Week and we already have services planned on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday).

I trust that 2019 will be a good year for CABC and a good year for each family and individual that is a part of the CABC family. Happy New Year!

*Howard*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDER**

**Wednesday Night Activities will resume on January 9, 2019 beginning with dinner at 5:30 PM**

#### **Vision Team Meeting**

Sunday, January 6—12:00—2:00 PM

#### **Family Lunch & Game Afternoon**

Sunday, January 13—12:00—3:00 PM

#### **Quarterly Business Meeting**

Wednesday, January 16 @ 6:00 PM

#### **CABC Serve Brunch to Homeless at Oregon Hill Baptist Center**

Thursday, January 17 @ 10:00 AM

#### **Help In Making Life Decisions**

Attorney Scott Stovall

Wednesday, January 23 @ 6:00 PM

#### **CABC Vision Team**

Your church's Vision Team is trying to complete assigned tasks and bring the visioning process to completion. The Vision Team plans to bring a final report to the January Business Session. The 'ad hoc' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Team will bring an introduction to their proposals for a simplified and effective organizational structure. After learning the body's response, the hope is to move forward to rework our bylaws and to hold informational sessions in preparation for a vote on revised documents in the spring.

This 2 year process has revealed to the team that God is actively working to guide His world-wide Church into a new era of meaningful relationships between His disciples and non-believers or alienated believers. Often churches have become pre-occupied with attractional models to 'get people to come' in an effort to survive rather than being missional, going out to share the Good News in word and deed. Our attention is on numbering how many come and how much money is collected rather than how many lives are being touched on Sunday and in our everyday lives.

As a church, we are recommending shifting our attention. Note the activities of church family ministering in the community as cited in the CABC on Missions article. See the pictures posted on our website and Facebook (Thanks Claire for your work on this).

Let us reflect on the living out of our newly adopted  
Carlisle Mission Statement:

**WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS.**

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## A NOTE FROM MINISTER TO FAMILIES

### A Word About New Years

Happy New Years! As we begin a new year, let us learn how to live in the present and let God guide our future. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Enjoy the newness of the year and the life it brings. Plan to make small changes in your daily routine to make this your best year yet and let God guide your future. As you make plans for the New Year, be sure to include these church events on your calendar and make plans to attend. Also, be sure to check out CABC's updated website at <http://www.cabcva.org> and like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cabcva> to receive future updates in regards to our events.

### Wednesday Nights

All families are invited to attend our Wednesday Night Dinner Program beginning January 9. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Bible study to follow for children and adults. Call ahead to make dinner reservations. The cost for dinner is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. This month the children will be learning about these life lessons: "How to handle failure," "Keep your promises," "The power of the tongue for good or evil," and "Give too much rather than to little." During our time together, we will have Bible study, make an art craft, and watch a video.

### Family Activities

Families are invited to attend a Family Lunch & Game Afternoon Event following the worship service on Sunday, January 13 from 12 noon – 3 pm. We will have a fun time as we eat lunch, have fellowship, and play games together in the gym. Please let Claire know in advance if you plan to come or sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the main hallway by January 6. Or if it is easier, then you can sign up for this event digitally on our church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cabcva>.

### Looking Ahead

On February 24, we will celebrate Black History Month. Following the worship service, families are invited to eat lunch together. After lunch, we will go to the Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia. We will take a tour of the museum and explore visual, oral, and written records and artifacts commemorating the lives and accomplishments of blacks in Virginia.

May this be your best year yet!

God Bless,

Claire

## CABC ON MISSION

We end each year in a season of thanksgiving and celebration of God's bounteous goodness in providing for our physical needs / harvest and our spiritual needs in the birth of Jesus our Savior. It is a time of sharing goodwill with our neighbors and others unknown to us. Opportunities to proclaim Jesus and to demonstrate our Mission Statement abound:

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In cooperation with our River City Faith Network, we collected a carload of toys, games and clothing for local children distributed at the **Annual Christmas Store** sponsored by Church Hill Christian Wellness Center at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Nancy King, Rosa Coleman and Theresa Zimmerman assisted with set-up and Rosa returned on Saturday Dec. 8 to help with distribution.

That same evening, a dozen served 30 hot meals to the Single Women's **Caritas** group at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church. This was a new ministry experience for half of the servers. GREAT WORK! See the 'Thank you' expressed by Pastor Boggs and his church on the birthday page of the newsletter.

Is it time for YOU to participate? Volunteers are needed to cook or serve approximately 80 homeless persons **Thursday, Jan. 17**, 10am at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. The menu will be Chili or Soup carried in crock pots, grill cheese sandwiches, muffins, fruit and dessert. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office.

### NURSERY WORKERS for JANUARY

6 Lynne Lilley and Peggy Coddington  
13 Beverly Wong & Sheliah Dowdy  
20 Lee Germany & Cora Hackenburg  
27 Judy Bendle & Cindy Chesley

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS for JANUARY

6 Nancy King  
13 Jane Boone  
20 Claire George  
27 Donna Adams

Weekly Budget Needs \$4,947.19

Sunday	Sunday School	Worship	Offerings	Designated Funds
December 2	61	89	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 3,328.00
December 9	22	40	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 20.00
December 16	52	96	\$ 3,421.00	\$ 1,007.00







