

THE CARLISLE CONNECTION



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FEBRUARY 2019

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The 21st Century Carlisle Team made its initial report concerning a major revision to our organizational structure at our Quarterly Business Meeting on Jan. 16. The changes that are being recommended are not just to make changes. The team that worked on the update did so because we are working from a document designed for churches in the 1950 and 1960's. That design worked well in that period, but it is not working so well for us today. Change just to change is not a good thing. Change to improve the way we make decisions and to respond to needs in our world today can be a good thing.

Our current structure followed the business model that was prevalent in the mid 20th Century. Granted it is one many of us grew up with and therefore we are very comfortable with, but we are finding that that structure does not work well in the 21st Century. As I said at our Business Meeting, the BGAV (Virginia Baptists) have recently gone through a restructuring. They saw the need to become more nimble and be better equipped to make decisions faster, with less hoops. It has taken a couple of years to learn and navigate the new structure, but it is working. I expect we will have some of the same pains as we adapt, if we approve the new structure. In the end though, I believe we will have a less cumbersome structure and that people will be serving where their gifts and passions are.

There will be opportunities in February and March for you to come and ask questions and share your concerns about what is being proposed. The 21st Century team will work hard to provide times that meet the needs of those who want to learn more. These sessions will also be opportunities for the team to explain their rationale for the new structure and how they believe it will help the church to function more effectively. Be looking for announcements about those sessions and come take part in the dialogue.

Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDER

Dorcas Class Meeting at CABC

Monday, February 4 @ 11:15 AM

Saints Alive Choir Practice

Wednesdays February 6, 20 & 27

@ 3:30 PM in the Chapel

No Practice on February 13

Sing at Autumn Care—Thursday, February 21

@ 2:30 PM

21st Century Carlisle Team

Sunday, February 10 @ Noon

Lunch and Meeting

Easter Choir Practice

February dates are CANCELLED

March dates TBA

Valentine's Fun Night

CABC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 16

3:00 PM—5:00 PM "Carlisle Diner Band"

5:00 PM Dinner

(Please bring a covered dish & dessert to share.)

(Chicken, Ham Biscuits, Rolls and Drinks

will be furnished.)

Come and enjoy a Fun, Mid-Winter Afternoon!



FISH Annual Bowling Tournament

Saturday, February 23 at Bowl America

on Williamsburg Road.

Come at 9:00 AM. Bowling starts at 9:30 AM.

Sign up on main hallway bulletin board by

February 13 or sponsor a bowler.

Church-wide Event

Black History Museum & the Cultural Center

of Virginia

Sunday, February 24

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Leave @ 1:15 PM

for scheduled event at museum at 1:45 PM.

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A NOTE FROM MINISTER TO FAMILIES

A Word About Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day let us reflect on God's love. In the Bible it says, "If we love another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:12) God's love is made perfect in us through our relationships with each other. As we celebrate Valentine's Day with those we love, let us also share our love with everyone around us wherever we are. In this way, God's love can shine through us and we can share His love with others.

Wednesday Nights

All families are invited to attend our Wednesday Night Dinner Program. 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: "The Importance of Manners," "The Great Commission & Commandment," "Giving Thanks to God in All Things," and "The Importance of Prayer." During our time together, we will have Bible study, make an art craft, and watch a video.

Family Activities

It's Black History Month! On February 24, families will eat lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, we will go to the Black History Museum and the Cultural Center of Virginia. We are scheduled to be at the museum at 1:45 pm so we will need to leave by 1:15 pm. This museum is child friendly with interactive play for children and families. We will take a tour of the museum and explore visual, oral, written records, and artifacts commemorating the lives and accomplishments of Blacks in Virginia. Everyone is encouraged to pay their own way. If you cannot pay for your ticket, then please let us know ahead of time so that we can pay for your ticket. Families are asked to transport themselves to and from the museum. Parents are encouraged to attend the museum with their children. Ticket prices for a group of 10 people are: Adults - \$8 (10 or more \$2.00 off regular price), Ages 13 - college - \$6, Ages 65 & up - \$6, Ages 12 & under - \$4.

Please let Claire know in advance if you can attend this event. Sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the main hallway by February 17. Or sign up for this event on our church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cabcva>.

Looking Ahead

On March 10, 2019, families will be invited to join us for lunch and go bowling at Bowl America - Eastern on Williamsburg Rd. We will have a fun afternoon! Make plans to attend!

Also, be sure to view CABC's website at <http://www.cabcva.org> and like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cabcva> to receive future updates about our events.

Claire

CABC ON MISSION

Carlisle disciples prepared chili, soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, fruit and dessert for 99 homeless persons **Thursday, Jan. 17** at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Thanks to food preparers: Sheliah Dowdy, Lee Germany, Theresa Zimmerman, Peggy Coddington, Maristela Araujo, Rosa Coleman, Lynne Lilley, Joy Minozzi, Gloria Lucy, Lori Brown and kitchen workers/servers at the Center: Rosa, Peggy, Lee, Joy & Luke, Lynne, Nancy & Allen, Sheliah.

2018 Year End Report for Eastern Henrico FISH:

Direct Financial Assistance (utilities, medicine, etc.) to 146 households (203 Adults, 125 Children) = \$30,351
 In-kind Support (food, clothing, school supplies, etc.) to 167 households (238 Adults, 195 Children) = \$50,950 value + nearly 3000 volunteer hrs.

Our church supports this ministry partner by giving the benevolent funds collected at the exit doors of the sanctuary every 1st Sunday, by collecting items monthly to stock the food and clothes closets and participating in the monthly fund-raisers. In September we hosted the rock 'n' roll Diner/Dance in our gym that netted over \$1000. Maristela Araujo is our representative on the FISH Board of Directors. Additional volunteers are needed. FISH operations are housed at the Village Presbyterian Church on Laburnum Avenue.

FEBRUARY – continue to collect canned tomatoes

FISH Annual Bowling Tournament

Saturday, February 23 at Bowl America on Williamsburg Road. Come at 9am. Bowling starts at 9:30am. Sign up on main hallway bulletin board by Feb. 13th or sponsor a bowler!

CABC Vision Team

The Vision Team brought its final report to the January Business Session. Many hours were spent praying, gathering information and insight, and discussing concepts. We are grateful for the dedication of the team:

Lynne Lilley
 Melanie Hickman
 Rosa Coleman
 Samuel Jackson
 Nancy King
 Linda Pickering
 Howard Germany, *ex officio*
 Claire George, *ex officio*

We eagerly anticipate the completion of the 21st Century Carlisle Team's work, the church vote in April and the implementation of a more streamlined church structure in preparation for the work God has before us, working with our partners to minister to the East End community.

Nancy King, Team Leader

Weekly Budget Needs \$4,866.00

Sunday	Sunday School	Worship	Offerings	Designated Funds
December 23	59	149	\$ 5,136.00	\$ 233.00
December 30	51	65	\$ 2,288.00	\$ 3,090.00
January 6	61	94	\$ 6,002.00	\$ 2,779.00
January 13	Inclement Weather	No Services		
January 20	59	78	\$ 4,555.00	\$ 99.00
January 27	58	81	\$ 3,957.00	\$ 151.00

