



# A View From The Bridge

May 2022

## **PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLES ARE OPEN**

55 Network pastors are participating in our Pastors' Roundtable lunches! Those who have joined a Roundtable in the past (pre-Covid) have returned because they have experienced the benefits of healthy laughter and discussion which happens among pastors around these tables. Those of you who are new to the lunches are seeing already the value of peer-to-peer communication.

We have 8 tables open, each with 6-8 pastors, meeting once each month on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday morning (breakfast). The groups meet at area restaurants that have large enough round tables to accommodate us. The advantage of a round table is it encourages everyone to participate in every discussion.

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## **PASTORS' WIVES' RETREAT**

On Friday, April 1, we hosted our first ever pastors' wives' retreat with 18 wives in attendance. We played interactive games and had a wonderful panel discussion on issues related to pastors' wives. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship. Look for upcoming regional brunches, lunches, and activities! Special thanks to Renita Burns, Judy Liu and Lisa Woolston for planning and hosting the retreat, Pastor Bubba and the Calvary crew for sponsoring and serving the banquet and to the anonymous donor who donated 4 hotel rooms!



## **IGNITE HOPE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

On Saturday, April 2, over 230 women gathered for worship and inspiration from our speaker Nikki Koziarz. She shared how we can lean into who God created us to be; so, we do not fall into unnecessary comparisons. We are already planning next year's conference! A great big thank you to Pam Wood, Carol Norville and Debbie Burke who helped plan and carry out the conference and to Thalia Lynn and all the volunteers who made the day so meaningful.





### May STAFF AND SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

1	DAVID FOOTE	FAMILY BIBLE
2	MELISSA LANGFORD	GREAT BRIDGE
6	JOHN ROBERTSON	RED BANK
6	SCOTT MACCUBIN	GREENBRIER
7	MICHELE BLAKESLEE	POINT HARBOR
11	BETTY ROBERTS	BNOC
12	DAN BLAKESLEE	POINT HARBOR
14	BETH ANDERSON	KING'S GRANT
17	MIKE MUENDER	MARANATHA
19	SHANNON COLVIN	GREAT NECK
20	KEVIN TREMPER	CROSSROADS
21	ROB VINCENT	DISCOVER
22	VICKY BARNES	WOODLAND HEIGHTS
26	MELODI TERHUNE	RALEIGH HEIGHTS
27	SHANNON TERHUNE	RALEIGH HEIGHTS



### BABY BOUTIQUE

Warmer weather is here! Time to get out and enjoy the flowers and listen to the birds! We have had several mothers visit us at the Baby Boutique lately, and we're so happy to be able to

share what has been so graciously donated to us. If you know of anyone in your church or community who could benefit from our services, please have them fill out an application at [www.thebridgenet.org](http://www.thebridgenet.org). When the application is received, we will call them to set an appointment for a one time shopping trip. We have clothes and other items for newborns through around age 2. Because we operate from donations, our inventory varies and we do not carry cribs or car seats. And speaking of donations, we graciously accept and appreciate any help we get! Our current needs are boys and girls clothing in sizes 18 months thru size 2, crib sheets, baby towels and washcloths, lotions and shampoos and diaper rash cream. Thank you all for helping when you can! If you have donations please call me so we can make arrangements for drop off.

Bonnie Cuthriell, Director  
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### CHURCH EVENTS/NEWS

**Adventure:** held a big Easter Egg hunt at Simonsdale Civic Hall the Saturday before Easter.

**Elizabeth River:** has built a FREE "Little Church Pantry" for community members in need of non-perishable food and supplies, It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The food, supplies, and faith based literature are available to anyone, no questions asked. It is "Take What You Need...Give What You Can".



**Great Bridge:** will host a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 5 at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Dr. Allen R. McFarland.

**Greenbrier:** will host their first Women's #TRIGGERED Event on May 6-7. This event is presented by Build Her House Ministries with Becky Vasquez and Co-Hosted by special guest speaker, Tamra Andress F.I.T. in Faith Media.

**King's Grant:** their annual Farmers Market will begin on May 5. They will have fresh vegetable vendors, food trucks, local crafts and much more!

**London Bridge:** is inviting Mothers (or grandmothers, aunts, sisters, or dads) and sons to join in learning about how to build a firm foundation in Jesus followed by a Lego building competition. This event is for children aged 1 yr old to 5th grade on Saturday, May 7 from 1-3pm. Legos are provided.

**Norview:** on May 6, 10am the Norfolk Police Department will be at the church for a safety class on security for your church, business, etc. For more information call Bill Deal, 757-353-1411. Norview also has 150 metal chairs for sale at \$3 each. If interested, call Bill Deal, 757-353-1411.

**Thalia Lynn:** will host a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 5 at 6pm.



### WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Prayer Retreat** will be May 2nd, 10am at Spurgeon Church, 8026 Old Ocean View Rd., Norfolk. Bring a sandwich; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided. Parking is in the back of the church.

### Memorial Day - May 30th



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

## 2022 VBS CURRICULUM

These VBS kits are available for sale. **Prices have been reduced.**

LifeWay: *Spark Studios: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose*  
Babies-Preschool : \$78



Group: *Jerusalem Marketplace*  
To purchase \$150

Orange: *Making Waves: What You Do Today Can Change the World Around You*  
To purchase: \$150



MennoMedia:  
*Passport to Peace*  
To Purchase: \$135



## Pastor's Roundtables Are Open

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The Rules of the Roundtable are simple:

1. **No numbers.** We do not discuss attendance and offering numbers. This rule makes the discussion encouraging to every pastor.
2. **No superiors.** We are all equal at the table; no one is superior or inferior to another. It is refreshing to be with men who actually practice genuine humility!
3. **No theology.** Unless it is agreed beforehand that we can discuss a theological preference without it affecting our friendships, we avoid the issues we disagree on. There are so many other things we can talk about!
4. **Quick meal prayers.** We assume you are spending sufficient time with God in your life. These are not prayer meetings (although we do share prayer requests at times). So, when the food arrives, short prayers only. We like hot food!



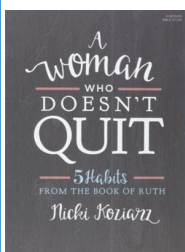
Pastor, if this sounds like something you would like to "try out," connect with me and we will get you a place at one of the tables!

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### NEW RESOURCE

#### "A WOMAN WHO DOESN'T QUIT"

BY NICKI KOZIARZ



Every woman eventually faces the decision whether or not to give up, but there's something special that happens when a woman decides to persevere in the face of problems or pain. A woman who refuses to quit influences her world in ways she could have never dreamed or imagined.

In this 6-session study, you will learn to follow through on your commitments despite your feelings and embrace the grace of refinement rather than the relief of release. Through the story of Ruth, learn habits to help you become the woman who doesn't quit.

Call, 757-938-9793, or come by the office to reserve this study for you or your group.



SHRMP 2022: June 25th – July 2nd

SHRMP exists to give kids and families the Good News of **Jesus**. Our partners carry **Vacation Bible School** events into socially and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in **South Hampton Roads**. We sing, teach, play, and love—all so our neighbors can know Him.

#### What's SHRMP like?

It's a full week of mission work. We worship, train, and reach out on the weekend—then carry Bible Schools to as many as ten neighborhoods Monday to Friday. Most SHRMPers are housed at a local church during the project, all meals and materials are provided, and the cost is minimal. Email [Info@shrimp.org](mailto:Info@shrimp.org) or call 757-956-7349 for more information.



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### **A Job Well Done!**



Rev. Mark Reon has retired from Christ First Church in Suffolk. Mark studied at Florida International University and Baylor University, then at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He planted Christ First Church (now Crossroads Church) in Norfolk and pastored at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church and Christ First Church Suffolk.

Congratulations, Mark, on a job well done!

A retirement celebration will be held in his honor, May 1, 2022 at the church.

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