FIRST THINGS FIRST

August 2026



MISSION IN ACTION

On the morning of August 10th, we welcomed the teachers at Altavista Elementary School with blessing bags as they were preparing for a new school year. We appreciate all the ways that teachers make a difference in the world!

OUTREACH

We had a great time handing out drinks and sharing information about our church during National Night Out! Special thanks to all our amazing volunteers who helped provide a welcoming space for people to connect. We are already excited about next year!



GriefShare®

GRIEFSHARE

A new cycle of Griefshare will begin on Sunday, September 13th. The meetings begin at 2:45pm in the multipurpose room. Griefshare is a support group for people who have experienced a significant loss by death in their lives. The material helps participants navigate the grieving process after losing a loved one, no matter how long it has been.

MORE THINGS

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

During the month of September we will be collecting for the Alma Hunt offering which supports mission work in Virginia. Alma Hunt was a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. This provides funding for all HerMission (WMU) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving.

Churchwide Birthday Celebration

On August 30th, there will be a churchwide birthday celebration in the fellowship hall. This is to celebrate EVERYONE'S birthday all at once! This luncheon will be sponsored by the deacons and each table will have a different month. This is a wonderful opportunity for good food and fellowship!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers Needed! Join us at 3:00 PM on September 27th in the Family Life Center at New Prospect Baptist Church to assemble meal packets for Rise Against Hunger. Sponsored by the Staunton River Baptist Association. Come help make a difference!

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on September 27th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On September 20th, there will be a men's fellowship breakfast before Sunday school beginning at 8:45am. Led by Randy Williamson, this will be a time for the men in our church to connect and learn more about each other.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday night suppers will begin on September 30th. The theme is, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." While there is a book, this will be more discussion based so come prepared to share your thoughts and insights!

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be out of the office on September 8, and out of town visiting family September 22 - 28.
The next Navy drill dates will be September 11 and 12. (Greensboro, NC)