



WINTERVILLE MARIGOLD FESTIVAL IS SATURDAY, MAY 11

Winterville First Baptist Church will once again be giving out free bottles of water during the annual Marigold Festival. If you would like to contribute to the church's "waterfall," bring bottles to the church office before the festival.

The Winterville Gazette reports that the festivities will begin early with the Marigold 10K. The parade is set for 10 a.m. You can register to be in the parade up until May 3.

Vendors will be open in Pittard Park from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The children's activities will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The music lineup starts at noon. The last band is on stage at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am In-Person and Online
Children's Church during Worship
Nursery provided during Worship
6 pm Discipleship

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm Dinner (No dinners in June)
6:00 pm Youth group & kids Bible study
6:30 pm Prayer meeting
7:30 pm Worship choir rehearsal

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-2:00 pm
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

May/June 2024 Edition

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 23-27



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

ROMANS 12:2



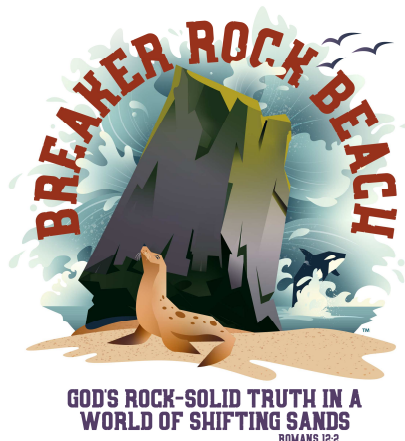
Looking up: Bone Dry Roofing was on the scene recently making some much-needed repairs to the steeple. GILES PHOTO

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: BREAKER ROCK BEACH SET FOR JUNE 23-27, 5:30 PM

Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and to learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty

waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

Dinner will be served nightly at 5:30 p.m. If you have not volunteered yet, see Jennifer Bailey.



The Sound of Prayer

Beryl Johnston is not a public speaker.

In fact, for two years, she was not even a private speaker. But she shared six profound words of wisdom with the church recently.

"This is what prayer sounds like."

The message was heard, loud and clear.

The people of Winterville First Baptist Church have been praying for Beryl to regain her voice, and a recent implant procedure at Emory Hospital restored her ability to speak. She has since returned to choir practice.

Beryl said that the problem with her voice started when she was 32 years old. She was in for an exam, when the physician touched her throat and asked, "How long have you known about these lumps in your neck?"

She replied, "'How long have you been holding them?'"

Her sense of humor would prove important in helping her navigate her trials. She cited Proverbs 17:22: A merry heart does good, like medicine.

"The merry heart that I had got me through a lot of trials," she said. "A lot of people wouldn't know what I was going through because I was so foolish."

Further examination revealed that she had a malignant tumor in her thyroid. She needed surgery. The surgeon told her she might never speak again. Having sat in a waiting room listening to people speak through laryngophones—throat microphones—she was terrified.

David was by her side, and so was the Lord. Beryl cited Matthew 21:22: And whatever you ask in prayer, you will re-

ceive, if you have faith.

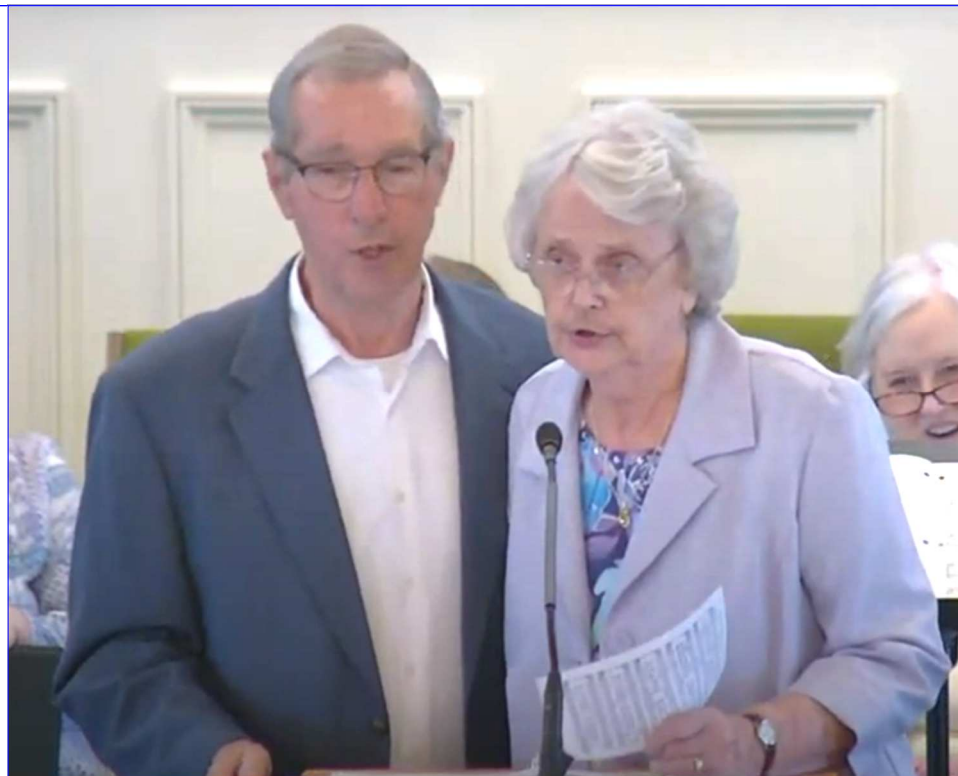
"You receive it on God's timeline, not your own," she said.

After the surgery, she had to wait for her voice to come back. But eventually she was able to get back into the choirs she enjoyed so much.

"Years passed, and I was doing very well. Until COVID decided to come around town," she said.

Her infection was asymptomatic, discovered when she

Sound of praise: David and Beryl Johnston sang an impromptu duet after she shared her testimony of regaining her ability to speak. IMAGE FROM VIDEO.



had a test before scheduled knee-replacement surgery, which had to be put off.

On a visit to an ENT specialist, the physician noted Beryl struggling to speak. Further exams revealed the cancer had returned.

Doctors removed as much of the tumor as they could, but she still faces periodic radiation treatment. Meanwhile, her vocal chords were again paralyzed. She had two temporary fixes. The emphasis is on temporary.

"I didn't know the doctor only meant a month or two," she said.

However, another Emory specialist said that the implant should restore her voice permanently.

"You are hearing what the result is," she said.

She quoted Jeremiah 33:3: Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

"I didn't know things were going to get so good," she said. She quoted the chorus of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

"I'm not ready to sing it for you," she said. "I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I am free.

His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me," she stated.

But then, she invited David to the pulpit to sing one of their favorite songs.

"This is the man who always made me get up in front of the churches he preached at, so it is my turn," she teased.

They sang, "When you pray, will you pray for me? For I need his love and his care. ...Will you whisper my name in your prayer?"

She blew the last line, and they both laughed.

That too is what prayer sounds like.

thousands of pounds of food on the Thursday before the third Saturday, please adjust your schedules. Thanks for the loan of your strong back.

LOOK FOR US IN THE MARIGOLD PARADE

The church will have a float in the Marigold Parade May 11. The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY ADJUSTING IN JUNE

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is moving into new, expanded facilities in June. As a result, the church food pantry will have to arrange delivery of its big order one week early.

The food distribution for June will still be Saturday, June 15. But the big order that the church makes will be picked up Thursday, June 6. If you are in the habit of showing up to help unload the



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I can do all things through
him who strengthens me.
– Philippians 4:13

Sundays: 8 am, Men's breakfast 9:30 am, Sun. school 10:50 am, Worship 6 pm, Discipleship	Bible readings: Acts 12-16	Wednesdays: 5:30 pm, Dinner 6 pm, Activities 6:30 pm, Prayer mtg. 7:30 pm, Choir	1	2	3 3:30 pm, Senior Adult: Dinner and Singing	4
5 Noon, Senior adult lunch, Fellowship Hall	6 Bible readings: Philippians 1-4. Acts 17	7	8	9 Noon, Silver Hair Club	10	11 Marigold Festival
12 4:30 pm, Deacons	13 Bible readings: 1 Thessalonians 1-5	14 9:15 am, Preschool fellowship	15	16 3 pm, Food pantry delivery, CLC	17 9-11 am, Food Pantry bagging, CLC	18 9-11 am, Food Pantry distribution, CLC
19 Graduate recognition Noon, New members fellowship	20 Bible readings: 2 Thessalonians 1-3, Acts 18, 1 Corinthians 1	21	22	23	24	25
26 Lord's supper	27 Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 2-6	28	29	30	31	



May 2024

Birthdays & Holidays

			1 Hilda Kent	2 Jan Giles Steve Rice	3	4 Colton Guest Sandra Hardeman Denise Hooper
5	6	7 Alyssa Goldman	8	9	10 Jayce Luck	11 Marigold Festival Betty Bryson
12 Mother's Day Susan Goldman	13 Randy Garrett Becky Mallonee Landon Morris	14	15	16 Joshua Flowers	17	18
19 Hannah Barnes Dub Melton William Phillips	20 Ryan Wills	21	22 Bobbie Shumake	23 Russ Hughes	24 Ronnie Hardeman	25
26 Leigh Bagwell	27 Memorial Day Chris Charles	28	29 Shirley Bone Sharon Hodges	30	31	



June 2024

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.—Ephesians 2:8

30	Sundays: 8 am, Men's breakfast 9:30 am, Sun. school 10:50 am, Worship 6 pm, Discipleship		Wednesdays: No services in June			1
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23 Lord's supper 5:30 pm, VBS	24 Bible readings: Ephesians 5-6, Acts 20-22 5:30 pm, VBS	25 5:30 pm, VBS	26 5:30 pm, VBS	27 5:30 pm, VBS	28	29



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2 Kaylie Goldman	3	4	5 Matthew Patton Jon White	6 Pam Casto Sherry Fields Christine Randell Christy Todd	7 Carrie Robinson	8 Dee Prince Hudson Robolin
9 Michael Thomas	10 Dottie Moss Joely Thornton	11	12	13	14	15 Ben Kesterton
16 Father's Day Jim Redding	17 Lisa Charles Linda Maynard	18 Eileen Cochran	19 Tyler Burgess	20 Summer solstice	21	22 Linda Reynolds Kayden Wanager Kellen Wanager
23	24	25 Bentley Fouche	26 Lorelai White	27	28 Cullen Cochran Ross Kesterton	29 Joy Maddox