

Ivy and Freedom Life Sustainment Team

The Sustainment Team consists of members from Ivy and Freedom Life. They meet each month to discuss issues relative to the transition. Any issues that may emerge will first be addressed by the appropriate ministry teams of either or both churches. If not resolved or addressed at that level, the issues will be addressed by the Sustainment Team. The Ivy Sustainment Team members are: Ruth Thomas, Peggy Wolfley, Bill Willshire, and Brian Williams. Please feel free to contact



any of these members about any concerns or issues that will help advance the Kingdom of God through our partnership with Freedom Life. Notes of the monthly meetings are available from the church office.



October Missions Involvement

This month we are supporting
Fall Festival

An annual church wide outreach to the surrounding community giving children/families a Christ centered, safe alternative to Trick or Treat. Prayer partners and volunteers (games, follow-up, registration, food) as well as donations of candy and cash donations for food, lights, inflatables, game prizes and door prizes are needed.

Did we mention we need candy? Lots and lots of candy.

Giving Options!

Our online giving system is back and so much better than ever! Visit our website to give online. You can even give via TEXT or by scanning the QR code in Sunday's bulletin.



Text **IVYATCC** to **73256** to give to the Unified Budget using your text messaging. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.* If you have questions call the Office at 838-3107.

MINISTRY RESOURCES UNIFIED BUDGET September 2019

Given this Month.....\$ 23,480.90
Total Needed this Month to Meet Budget.....\$ 27,705.08



Dear Ivy Family,

Nearly every Tuesday our Leadership Team gathers at the crack of dawn. Oftentimes, these early morning gatherings are filled with discussions and conversations about what God is doing at Ivy and on many occasions we enjoy the liberty of sharing in "unplugged" conversations about who we are as a church family, why we do what we do, and what we could do if we approached things differently.

Every church has their particular way of how they go about *being* and *doing* church. It is tempting to look around and see what other churches are doing that is successful and try to reproduce their success in our church. It is equally tempting to look back at what use to be successful and try to bring it back to health.

Neither of the two options above reflect God's desire for *who* we are now and *what* God is seeking to do through us now. Both are default positions that seek to address challenging issues by looking the wrong direction. We should always be ready to celebrate what God has done in the past and what he is currently doing in other churches, but every church has a unique place in God's Kingdom. There is no other church that has the same exact thumbprint as Ivy.

During the Fall we will be exploring miracles and parables of Jesus. These are two primary ways that Jesus revealed his Kingdom. Miracles are intense moments in which we see the Kingdom more clearly and vividly than we usually do. However, miracles are also long processes in which the Kingdom can be experienced over a stretch of time or season in life. Parables are often used by Jesus to scramble our orientation so that we see the world in terms of the Kingdom of God.

As we journey further into the world of miracles and parables, I am praying that as a church family we will begin to see more clearly our unique place in God's Kingdom. This will be the place from which we reach out to the community, discover our unique identity, and find strength and passion in moving forward and outward into the future.

Stepping into the future is both exciting and exhausting. It is exciting to see things differently and to have glimpses of what could be. It can be exhausting to move forward and take the necessary risks of stepping beyond ourselves into an unknown future. Although facing the future can be intimidating, God lives in the future as if it were already the past.

I look forward to us opening our hearts together before God and moving together into whatever future God is already living in and inviting us to join him in it.

Blessings,
Brian



We are hosting the PBA Fall meeting October 28 & 29. You are invited to come and see what our network of churches are doing in our region!

Sunday morning Bible study

10:00—11:00

Sunday night study

5:00—7:00

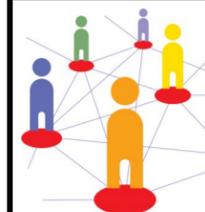
Wednesday night study

5:45—7:00pm.



We are so excited to be going back to Watermarks Camp in December!! Mark your calendars now for December 6-8. Forms have been sent home with your students. Cost will be \$110 per student. We will have a couple of fundraising opportunities but please talk with Bryan Gravelly if the cost is an issue. If you would like to sponsor a student, please see Bryan.

We are so thankful for the awesome job Bryan Gravelly is doing leading our youth. Please remember that he is funded through your donations! If you feel led please contribute to the "youth coordinator fund."



Connecting with our Community Wednesdays after Dinner

October 9. Michelle Munger will be our speaker talking about those who are missing community, the disabled among us. She might be our Office Manager but she is also the Associate Director of the Faith Inclusion Network of Hampton Roads and author of a brand new book *Margins of Grace: Becoming Champions of Faith and Family in the Midst of Disability*.

October 16. Raymond Tripp serves as the manager of the Peninsula Towne Center. After our evening dinner he will share with us ways that we might be able to connect, serve, and minister to our neighbors in the business and commercial district.

Longtime member George Thomas Jr. passed away October 2, 2018 and remembered us in his estate planning.



George and his family loved Ivy Memorial Baptist Church and he continued to bless us in his death through a sizeable contribution. The Finance Team asks for the Lord's guidance as they consider the best way to utilize these funds in the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Preschool – 5th Grade
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AWANA - Puggles, Cubbies, & Sparks
GA's & RA's - 1st – 5th graders

Wednesdays: 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Preschool Choir & Mission Friends (3-5K)
Children's Choir (1st – 6th grades)



Please keep all of our Leaders in your prayers throughout the coming year. **Opportunities to work with our children are still available!** It is our desire that through our Youth & Children's Ministries our God will be glorified first and foremost and that the Children He sends our way will grow deeper and stronger in their relationship with Him.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

- 9:30 am - Brunch
- 10:00 am - Small Group Bible Studies
- 11:15 am - Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth/ AWANA Jr.

Monday

- 7:00pm - Volleyball

Wednesdays

- 5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper
- 5:30 pm - Youth Study
- 5:45 pm - Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm - Preschool Choir
- 6:00 pm - Prayer and Bible Study
- 6:30 pm - Mission Friends

Thursdays

- 7:00 pm - Basketball



October At-A-Glance Calendar

- October 9 - "Connecting with our Community"
Guest speaker Michelle Munger
- October 16 - "Connecting with our Community"
Guest Speaker Raymond Tripp
- October 28-29 - PBA Meeting held HERE
- October 31 - Fall Festival

Please check your Sunday bulletin and the weekly "Ivy Vine" message for calendar updates!

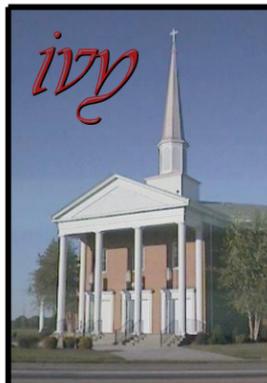
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Fall Festival 2019

Thursday October 31

6:00—8:00pm

This is one of our biggest opportunities
to bless our community.

Will you bring chili? Or candy? Or cookies?
Would your class or circle be able to cover the 700 hotdogs?
Or maybe you will stand at one of the games dedicated to
helping every child have fun!

There are so many ways to support this event. Sign up sheets
are posted on the board across from the kitchen.

**Please be in prayer for this event and all those
who will participate.**

