

THE PLUMBLINE

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WHEN THERE'S

Once again, we face the concerns of a world in crisis. Although today's global turmoil and financial volatility teeter-totters on the latest news about global powers, we are all left to await its effect on us. Such is the reality of our day, but has it not always been so?

I'm not suggesting that these things don't matter and that outcomes are not a concern. However, as believers, we know where the ultimate hope lies as well as the answers. While awaiting the events that will unfold, let's also unfold the pages of our Bibles to find the reassurance available there. God still speaks through the power of His Word as we mix our faith with it (Hebrews 4:2), and for us, such will indeed be personally profitable.

We have all said and still believe that our hope is in the Lord. Without a doubt! Let this, therefore, be an encouragement for you to depend less on what others say and do and more on what the Lord says and will do. For us as His children, He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28). Not only that, but our Lord will also provide us with comfort, and for an additional and beneficial reason. Of this, we are told in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

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WHEN THERE'S A CRISIS AHEAD, Cont'd.

Not only will Christ provide the comfort and reassurance we need, but our comfort in Him also needs to be a springboard for sharing His comforting presence with others. We are not the only ones facing the concerns of the day. Others around us, and perhaps some who don't know the Lord, need to find comfort during times of crisis. There might be no better time to share the peace that can be found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, we do face a world in crisis from time to time. But may we today be better prepared to help our neighbors face the times ahead through the comforting presence and care of the Good Shepherd. Their ears might be a little more open to hearing, and their spirits ready to respond.

Especially pray for believers in Ukraine!

VAFWB On the Calendar

- **MARCH 4-5: Northern Virginia Teen Retreat at Rapidan Baptist Camp**
- **MARCH 5: Tidewater Association Annual Meeting**
- **MARCH 6: Opening Services in the New Building at New London Church (formerly King of Kings FWB Church, Forest, VA)**
- **MARCH 12: John Wheeler, Northeastern Conference at Macedonia FWB Church, Saltville.**
- **MARCH 12: Central Virginia Assoc. Meeting**
- **MARCH 18-19: Northern Virginia Men's Retreat at Rapidan Baptist Camp**
- **MARCH 27: GO Training at Great Bridge FWB Church**
- **MARCH 30: PR Director, Pulpit Revival Service, Hope FWB Church, Plymouth, NC**



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE 4TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT MARCH 18-29, 2022



Speaker: Rev. Jim McComas
Director, FWB Family Ministries

\$75.00

[Download the flyer here](#)
[for the schedule and](#)
[more information!](#)

REGISTER HERE BY
MARCH 4TH

Includes 3 meals, snacks, and lodging; bring personal items and bedding/sleeping bag.

For those who want to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Express (at personal expense), use the link above.

RAPIDAN BAPTIST CAMP
559 Baptist Camp Drive
Rochelle, VA

Friday

Check In: 4 - 6 P.M.
Evening Meal: 6:00 P.M.
Service: 7:00 P.M.

Fellowship: Before & After
Every Service and Meals

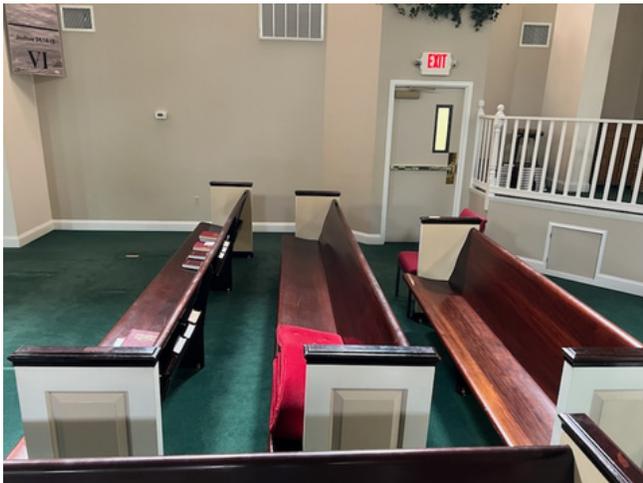
Saturday

Breakfast: 7:30 A.M.
Service: 8:30 A.M.
Fellowship 9:45 A.M.
Service: 10:45 A.M.
Lunch: 12:00 P.M.

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FREE CHURCH PEWS

Good News FWB Church in Chesterfield is making their church pews available for a ministry that can use them. There are 10 @ 13 ft, 6 @ 11.5 ft, 1 @ 11 ft, 2 @ 8 ft, 1 @ 7 ft, and 1 @ 16.5 ft. There are also five others for parts. Contact Jeremy Smith at 804-536-7968.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: "A Time for Speaking, A Time for Silence"

Homer, a young country farm hand, was court'n his favorite girl from the back woods. On one particular night, they sat on the front porch swing of the old farm house; the moon was bright, and the stars twinkled in the distant darkness. The romance of the evening was strong, far too strong for Homer. He looked at his girl in the emotion of the moment and said, "Millie, wood'ja be . . . ya know, my wife?"

Of course, Millie was thrilled and accepted immediately, but there was dead silence from Homer for over thirty minutes. All that could be heard were the crickets, an occasional frog croaking along the river bank, and the slow squeak of the porch swing. Millie, not being able to stand the silence any longer, finally commented, "Homer? Your sayin' nary a thing." "Oh, Millie," Homer replied quite soberly, "I think I've said too much already!"

Taken from [Humorous Stories: Squeaky Clean](#) by D. Bruce Barnes. [You can get a copy of the book here.](#)