

The Bethany Beacon

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Birthdays

01 Todd Martin	15 Silas Nixon
07 Ruth Turner	18 Jayden Ferrell
08 Skylar Felts	19 Jesse Thurston
08 Sheila Bowes	19 Traci Brickey
08 Lindsey Martin	21 Mike Whitley, Sr.
09 David Marden	22 Allison Jordan
09 Steve Winfree	29 Brenda Hall
10 Brice Marden, V	30 Bonni Grubbs
10 Diane Ornduff	30 Carmen Bertram
12 Brittany Ornduff	30 Jessica Payne



Anniversaries

3	Steve & Margie Nelson
4	Owen & Debbie Tate
10	Silas & Gisella Nixon
11	Kemper & Angel Wold
12	J.B. & Cindy Siewert
18	Al & Laurien Jeffers

The air was cool and the sky seemed completely clear as I stepped outside at 5:15 AM to head for High Point Marina on Lake Anna. It was going to be a great day. I was going fishing with an acquaintance of mine, Robert, whom I hadn't seen for many years. We had arranged to meet at 6 AM on Tues morning. Arriving at 5:45, I saw only one other car in the parking lot and saw a boat at the fuel pump ready for launch. I headed down to the boat slips, about 40 or so, and called out for my guide for the day. After calling out several times, I let him know via text that I was waiting on the dock. At that moment I saw a man headed from the store in my direction. He said "Hey Dave, are you ready to go?" I assured him that I was and moments later he was starting up the motor and I was on board. Previously Robert told me he had to leave his home near Charlottesville at 2:30 AM to get here and catch herring for bait. With that in mind I had made him a sandwich. We were almost to the wake line when I handed him the sandwich I had made. He stated that was not necessary because when he travels by water to the marina that it only takes him 19 minutes. At that point I asked "how do you..." when my phone rang. As I looked at the screen it said "Robert". I looked at my guide with a puzzled expression and asked "are you calling me?" He replied in the negative so I answered the phone and heard these words—"Dave, are you on the boat that's leaving?" I told Howard, who was not Robert, that I was on the wrong boat. Howard had already figured that out and had turned around heading for the dock. On the dock we had just left was another man and Howard yelled to him "Are you Dave?" Yes was the answer. We all had a good laugh over the awkward incident as things got straightened out.

What lesson did I learn from that? The awkward incident wouldn't have happened if I had a closer relationship with Robert. I thought back to the words found in John 10. Jesus states that he is the shepherd of the flock and his sheep **know and listen** to his voice. To know and listen to Jesus requires my time, energy and resources just like every good relationship in life.

Remember there will be many other voices calling you to do this or that. However, Jesus is the only one who laid down his life for you, all the other voices want you to lay down your life for them. Not knowing and listening to the right Guide could result in you traveling on the wrong boat for eternity.

--- David G. Grubbs