

Announcements

Welcome! Thank you for joining us at Middleburg Baptist Church today. We're glad you are here. If you're interested in learning more about the Christian faith or connecting to our church community, scan the QR code to get connected!



Midweek Prayer Please join us every **Wednesday at 7 PM** for a Zoom prayer meeting! Zoom meeting link QR Code:



Online Giving
A new way to give!



Prayer Requests

We meet weekly as a staff to pray. Please use this QR code to add your prayer requests. Or, handwritten requests on the Prayer Request Card and place it in the offering plate.



Windy Hill Dinner- Please join us for our monthly outreach at Windy Hill! The next event is November 12th. Set up at 5:00 PM; dinner is at 5:30 PM. Please contact Mindy at minstewart@verizon.net with any questions.

Men's Breakfast- Save the dates: November 10, December 8. Meeting at Meadowkirk @ Delta Farm, 38012 Delta Farm Lane, Middleburg. Invite a friend and RSVP to christy.burnside@lifecyclesherlock.com

Little Wings
Learning Center

THE WONDER OF PLAYTIME
WEDNESDAYS 10-12

Fall Session starts 9/23

Little Wings Playtime is a FREE playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and their parents or caregivers.

Register Now

Unpack the Christian faith together.

Join Us!
Thursdays
6:30 PM
Starting 10/8

Alpha

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How To Build Community

October 18, 2026





Pastor Derek Rust

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'Without friendships no one would choose to live, even if they had all other good things in life.'

ARISTOTLE

'If you don't go to somebody's funeral, they won't go to yours.'

YOGI BERRA

Mark Chapter 2

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

"Rule number one for entering into deep friendships sounds deceptively simple: Assign top priority to your relationships. Ironically, we tend to devote massive amounts of time to making money, running errands, and succeeding at our jobs, but we neglect giving our most valuable possession—time—to the experience for which we were created: community." Alan McGinnis

'There is no ideal community. Community is made up of people with all their richness, but also with their weakness and poverty, of people who accept and forgive each other, who are vulnerable with each other. Humility and trust are more at the foundation of community than perfection. If you want a deep friendship, you can't always be the strong one. You will sometimes have to let somebody else carry your mat.'
Jean Vanier

"A community is never there just for itself or for its own glory. It comes from and belongs to something much greater and deeper: the heart of God to bring humanity to fulfillment. A community is never an end in itself; it is but a sign pointing further and deeper, calling people to love."
Jean Varnier

