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The first major championship in the golf season is officially in the books. Australian Adam Scott won the Masters, the first major championship of his career. We watched on our television as Scott battled Angel Cabrera in a playoff, and I told Amelia that her mommy liked Scott because he is cute. The exchange that followed is one that I won't soon forget. Amelia proceeded to say, "Mommy, you should divorce Daddy and marry Adam Scott." Melanie replied, "No. I love Daddy. Adam Scott is just my favorite golfer." Amelia responded, "Daddy is a golfer" and the conversation ended with me explaining to Amelia that Melanie was referring to professional golfers.

People may remember Adam Scott as the winner of the 2013 Masters, but his winning the green jacket will be an afterthought to the Tiger Woods story. Tiger entered the tournament as the overwhelming favorite and finished in fourth place. What most of us will remember is what happened during the second round of the tournament. Tiger Woods hit an excellent shot on the 15th hole that hit the flag and proceeded to roll off the green, down the hill and into the water.

This unfortunate break cost Woods a penalty stroke and eventually two more penalty strokes. Woods had several options for how to play his next shot and chose the one that involved dropping his ball as closely as possible to the original shot. A television viewer who believed that Tiger played his shot from the wrong spot called the Masters Rules Committee to report the potential infraction. (The idea that fans can call golf tournaments and pretend to be referees is a bizarre thing and worthy of another article in itself)

The rules committee reviewed what happened and determined that no penalties were committed. Later that night the committee learned of an interview Tiger gave after he finished his round of golf. Woods explained the reasons that he did not want to play the shot from the drop area. He then detailed how he went back to where he had played the shot previously, but went two yards further back so the shot would land short of the pin.



Tiger's statement of dropping the ball two yards further back resulted in the new penalty of two strokes. This does not sound like a big deal to many of us but it violates the rules of the game. To complicate these events even more, photographs of the two shots beside each other show that Woods dropped his ball very closely to the original spot.

Some have cried that Woods got preferential treatment by avoiding disqualification from the tournament. Others have complained that Woods was targeted by those who do not want him to succeed. The drama surrounding this story is fascinating and my personal conclusion is that Tiger's words are what resulted in the penalty. I believe that the committee did the right thing, but could it all have been avoided if Woods had not said what he did? What would have happened if Tiger had kept silent?

What about you and me? What about the words that we use in our daily encounters? Do the words we use get us into or out of predicaments? Do our words match our actions? We are reminded of the power of words in this instance. This is a common theme in the scriptures. In the gospel of Matthew, we find Jesus' parable of two brothers who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard. One says he will go and does not while the other says he will not go but eventually does go. The letter of James speaks about the power of the tongue and our faith being more than just the words that we speak.

In the mystery of this intriguing incident, we are reminded that words matter. As followers of Jesus our words do matter. Our words are important as we proclaim the good news of God's redeeming love in our broken world. Our words matter as we share the reason for our hope that is found in Christ Jesus. Our words matter as they are paired with our actions. The call before us is that our words and our actions will bear personal witness to God's grace and how God transforms the world around us.

Blessings,

Greg

Welcome back to the Deacon Corner !

The Deacon team is hard at work, and **we** are here to **serve you!**

The last few months have been busy ones, and we - as your Deacon team want to thank you - as our Church team, for making it a most exciting, fun, and successful time!

Belmont should be proud of its efforts in following our Lord's command to feed His sheep... This was demonstrated in a huge way with the Stop Hunger Now event hosted on March 9. The many folks who contributed prepared and packaged **15,000** meals to be shipped out from Charlottesville to hungry families around the globe. It was a fun, and exciting event! Jimmy Fortune (formerly of the Statler Brothers) not only helped with packaging meals, but performed a benefit concert that was incredible – far beyond exceptional :) Many thanks to all the Stop Hunger Now staff, Jimmy Fortune, Belmont members and volunteers and (I'm sure) from 15,000 others for making this event such an enormous success!

Not only did your Deacons share in this event, they - like you - were participating in the Good Friday Service (March 29), Easter Egg Hunt (March 30), Sunrise Service (March 31) and of course in preparing and serving the traditional Belmont Breakfast afterward. Yum ! - What a taste treat it was :) Our women Deacons will participate in a big way for a very

special upcoming event - Mother's Day :) ... we will have many more opportunities as the year progresses to share in all that the Lord has to offer us, we look forward to being there - with you !

We are working hard **with you** to not only serve our Lord, but to be **ALIVE** in that service. I personally was not only proud of the Stop Hunger Now Event, (and **all** of our work together) but **moved** by the way all the members of Belmont and volunteers came together to make this event happen - **as one body in Christ.**

We look forward to an exciting year and many more ways to serve our Lord, you, Belmont, our neighbors, our community, and our world...

Thanks for reading! ... **We look forward to a great year - as a family - serving our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.**

In His name,
Mike Burton
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6 pm.

Thank You

On behalf of the Properties Committee (Charley Haney, Chairperson; Herman Bryant, and myself) I want to thank the following persons who joined us for the Work Day on April 13: Bonnie Bailey, Willie and Becky Bowers, Virginia Brewer, Herman Bryant, Charlie Campbell, James Fitz, Charley and Ann Haney, Randy Melton, Dana Peebles, Anthony Pugh, G. E. Shiflett, Angie Sims, Dawud Suliman, and Pat Taylor-Beasley.

We mowed, trimmed, and mulched the exterior, and we cleaned and reorganized the Food Closet and the WMU storage room. We also made a trip to Good Will and to the landfill. There is more to be done so we will be setting up another work day during the summer.

Bob



Dear Belmont Church Family,

Thank you so much for cards, especially the Tuesday Bible Study, and Becky and Norman for their many visits.

Ressie Bailey



Melvin and I would like to thank Pastor Greg, Becky, Norman, Barbara, and the church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls during my recent visits to the hospital and at home. It has meant a lot to us for all of your kindness to us.

In Christian love, Peggy and Melvin Blincoe



Repainting in the church.

At the last business meeting, the church established an ad hoc committee to research options regarding repainting in the church. Much of the church hasn't been repainted, other than a few patch jobs, anytime recently, and perhaps some of it not since the original paint job. What is clear is that there are dark spots over the heating vents and flaking paint, particularly in the windows, and many crack lines. There may be some additional repair work necessary along the way as well. The committee will consider the various possibilities and cost for repainting the sanctuary, vestibule, and/or baptistery. The committee expects to report back to the church with a recommendation as soon as possible. Please let the committee know if you have any suggestions or comments: Maxine Baird, Larry Breeden, Herman Bryant, Ann Haney, or Dorothy Haney.



The Flower Committee could use your help!



We provide flower arrangements or coordinate requests for flower arrangements at the pulpit on Sundays. We would appreciate volunteers to cover one Sunday a month. We would provide lots of support.

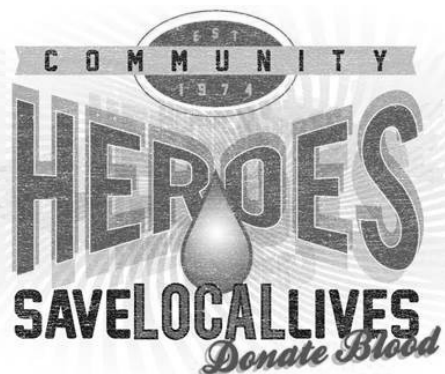
The Flower Committee also decorates the church for Christmas and Easter, and we could use help in that as well.

Please call us or see us in church if you have any questions or would like to help: Maxine Baird, Ann Haney, Dana Peebles, and Pat Taylor-Beasley.

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12:00pm - 3:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall

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Or, see *Becky Bowers* or call 960-5215

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