



Birthdays in August

Happy Birthday to You!



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| 1. Jeffrey Stevens | 11. Jeremy Stevens |
| 2. Sarah Pearl Farrior | 14. Grayson Casteen |
| 3. Harvey Knowles | 19. Rita Brinkley |
| Gary Ange | Connie Teetz |
| Jason Rouse | 22. Shella Farrior |
| 4. HaLee Knowles | 24. Jay Fussell |
| Hill Lanier | 26. Payton Johnson |
| Noel Blue | 27. Mark Roberts |
| Rowan Casteen | Elizabeth Sills |
| 5. Lindsey Blackmon | 30. Austin Brinkley |
| Joel Coleman | Rachel Ann Cottle |
| 6. Hank Frey | 31. Barbara Lyon |
| 10. Jill Johnson | |
| Leah Wallace | |
| Dean Hanson | |
| Tammy Callihan | |



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

AUGUST 2020

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Live Stream Worship Only Continues Through August

Worship via our
church website at
wallacepresbyterian.com,
or on YouTube or Facebook.

The session has set Sunday, September 6 as the target date for resuming in-person worship at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, unless we experience an increase of Covid-19 infections that present health and safety issues. Between now and September 6, these things will happen:

1. The team that developed and presented our worship re-entry plan to the session in May will review and update the re-entry plan and determine what supplies and volunteers will be needed when we resume in-person worship.

2. We will have a "test run" of in-person worship on Sunday, August 16 with a group of about 20 people in the sanctuary. This will help us fine-tune the re-entry plan and be ready for September 6.

3. The session will communicate to the congregation clearly and regularly how the re-entry plan will work so as to insure, as much as possible, the health and safety of those who choose to worship in person.

The session agreed we will make our best effort to provide a safe worship environment by following suggested health and safety protocols. However, if the Covid-19 situation necessitates a re-evaluation of in-person worship, the session will do so.

As we make plans to re-enter in-person worship, the session emphasizes that attendance will be completely voluntary. No one should feel obligated to return to in-person worship. Those who do return will be expected to abide by the guidelines and policies set in place by the session.

Thank you for your faithfulness in worship and in your support of the ongoing ministry of our congregation. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement of your church leaders who are working hard to maintain our connections as a church family and return us as soon as possible to in-person worship.

Dear Friends,

Fifty-seven years ago this month, on August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Dr. King was #16 on the program of eighteen presentations. As I write this article, our nation is paying tribute to Rep. John Lewis, who was the youngest speaker that August day in Washington. He spoke as the National President of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was #6 on the program.

The #4 position on the slate was filled by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. In his address, Dr. Blake, who had been arrested in Baltimore on July 4 in a demonstration to integrate an amusement park, said of the Presbyterian Church, “We come to the march behind and with those amazingly able leaders of the Negro Americans who, to the shame of almost every white American, have alone and without us mirrored the suffering of the cross of Jesus Christ; they have offered their bodies to arrest and violence, to the hurt and indignity of fire hoses and dogs, of derision and poverty, and some to death for this just cause. We come—late we come—but we come to present ourselves, our souls and our bodies to be ‘a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service.’”

Unfortunately, Dr. Blake did not represent our ancestors in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the old “Southern Presbyterian Church.” The Presbyterian Church split in 1861 and did not reunite until June 1983. Sadly, the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) was the only mainline denomination that did not endorse the August 1963 March on Washington. As an article in The Presbyterian Outlook put it, “Southern Presbyterians were, for the most part, the latest of the late.”

Fifty-seven years later, our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) must strive not to be late again. Our denomination is made up of individual congregations which, in turn, are made up of individual Christians. How will we respond to the times in which we live in 2020? We are at a crossroads with the turmoil of the Covid-19 crisis intersecting with the demands for racial justice. Will we simply bide our time and hope things will go back to “normal” or the way things have always been? Or will we seize this opportunity, as Christians and as a church, to stand for justice and equality for all people?

At the Tuesday, July 21, 2020 session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and time of prayer by Dr. Philip Gladden;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God’s Word in Romans 8:38-39 and joined in a time of prayer;
- * approved the minutes from the June 23, 2020 session meeting;
- * received for information a proposal from Landmark Audio Video for upgrading audio/visual equipment for live-streaming worship services;
- * approved a request from the minister for use of Continuing Education time and money to participate three online courses:
 - * Southern Baptist Seminary (Louisville, KY): Audit Greek Syntax Course
 - * Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA): Call to the Center: A Contemplative Prayer Experience
 - * Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA): The New Testament & Current Social Concerns;
- * voted to continue live-stream worship only during the month of August due to health and safety concerns from the coronavirus pandemic;
- * set Sunday, September 6 as the target date to resume in-person worship services according to the health and safety protocols established by the session;
- * ratified the 2020-2021 slate of Presbyterian Women officers:
 - * Susie Bullard, Moderator
 - * Mary Laine Rouse, Vice-Moderator
 - * Danielle Sills, Secretary
 - * Carol Steen, Treasurer
- * okayed the idea of a drive-up Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at the end of August or right after Labor Day;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * prayed together the Lord’s Prayer.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



**“Messages from Matthew”
Preaching in August**

The sermons in August will be based on selected texts from the Gospel of Matthew. Please join the minister for a weekly Bible study via Zoom on the upcoming sermon text. The scripture passages are provided in advance so you can read them and prepare your hearts and minds to listen for the Word of God in worship.

DATE	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	THEME
August 2	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus Feeds the 5000
August 9	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus Walks on Water
August 16	Matthew 15:20-28	The Canaanite Woman’s Faith
August 23	Matthew 16:13-20	“You are the Christ!”
August 30	Matthew 16:21-28	Jesus Foretells his Death/Resurrection

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will continue** to have live-stream worship only through the month of August.
- * **The session** has set Sunday, September 6 as the target date to resume in-person worship, following safety and health guidelines.
- * **Bible Study** is held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We gather via Zoom teleconference and study the scripture passage for the sermon on the following Sunday. The Zoom invitation/log-on information is sent by email beforehand.
- * **We will receive** the following special offerings in August:
 - * **August 23:** Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
 - * **August 30:** 5th Sunday Building Offering

In the aftermath of George Floyd’s death, I reached out to some African-American pastor colleagues . To a person they said, “We need you to stand with us. We need our white Christian brothers and sisters to speak up and stand with us.” Over the years, I have often wondered what I would have done if I had been a pastor in a PCUS congregation in the 1950’s and 1960’s. I am haunted and unsettled by Dr. King’s “Letter From a Birmingham Jail” (April 16, 1963) when he expresses his disappointment with white moderates and white Southern religious leaders who failed to stand with or even express support for the African-Americans who were seeking the promises of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

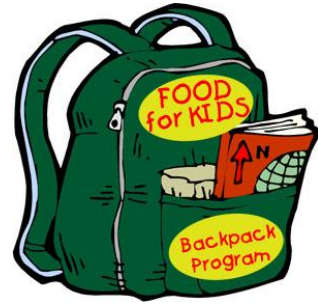
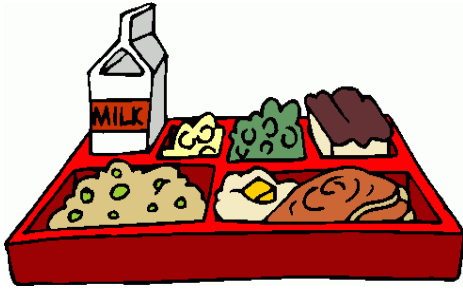
With a striking image, Dr. King described the power of the early church to make a difference. He wrote, “the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society.”

Will you join me in seeking God’s will for our lives as Christians and as a congregation in a time such as this? This may well be what is referred to as a “kairos moment” or “God moment” — the set time of maximum opportunity. Let us not come too late to the moment, again.

In Christ’s love,

Phil





FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING RESUMES

Sunday, August 23

As schools open again, we will resume our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 23. This offering is used to provide weekend food for students. Thank you for your faithful and generous contributions.

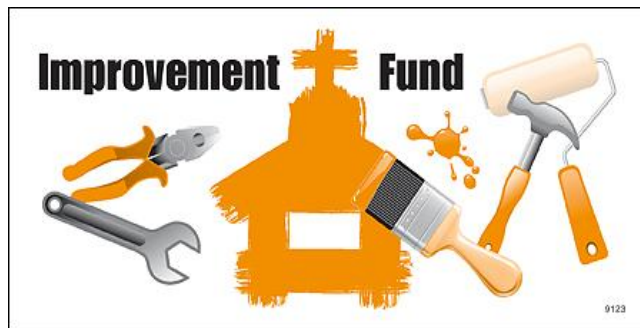


Monday Nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

or

Wednesday Mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

We discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday
Check your email on Monday morning for the Zoom Bible Study invitation.



5th Sunday Building Offering August 30, 2020

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, August 30. This offering is used to maintain our church physical plant so we can provide mission and ministry programs for our congregation and community. Thank you for your faithful and generous contributions.



WORSHIP LEADERS IN AUGUST

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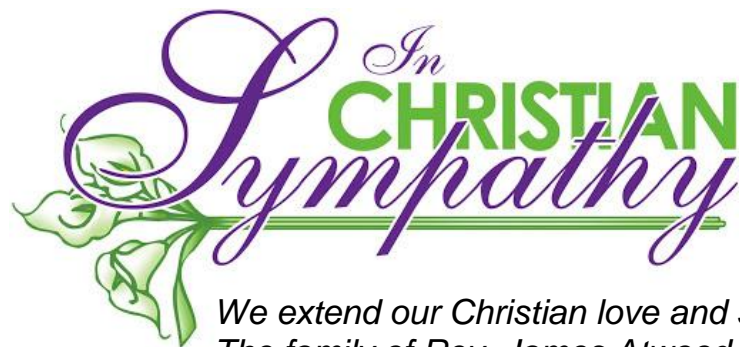
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ELDER

Dan Robinson
Curt Simpson
Christy Johnson
Wayne Casteen
Hope Turnbull

PREACHER

Philip Gladden
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*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:
The family of Rev. James Atwood (former pastor) who
died on June 26;
Judy Mills and her family on the death of her brother
Teddy Mathews, on June 27;
Dan and Tanya Robinson on the death of their son-in-law
Boyce Mann in Georgia on July 14.
The family of Mary Glyn Johnson on her death on July 27.*

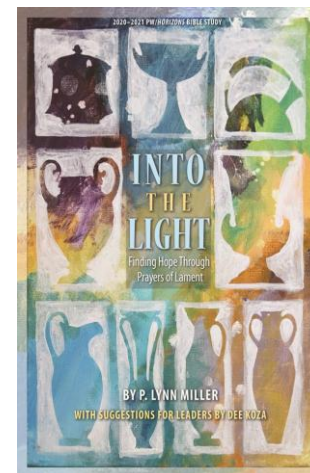


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry needs volunteers for the following jobs:

- a) packing food bags for distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- b) distributing food bags between 9:00 am -12:00 pm on Thursdays.

If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry for our community, please contact Cheryl in the church office at 910-285-2808 or (cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com) or Dr. Phil at (drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com).



2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study

"Into The Light" Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

**by
P. Lynn Miller**



The 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study will begin in September. In this nine-lesson study, P. Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

The Presbyterian Women will have a drive through Fall Gathering on Sunday, August 30. At this time we will give each member a 2020-2021 Horizon Bible Study Book. Our plans are to have Zoom Circle meetings due to the Covid 19, but will get more information to you when it is decided. These are unusual times and circumstances so be in prayer for our church family and our country. Our new officers are listed below.

2020 - 2021 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS

Congratulations and thank you to these women who have been elected as the 2020-2021 officers of Presbyterian Women.

Susie Bullard, Moderator
Mary Laine Rouse, Vice-Moderator
Danielle Sills, Secretary
Carol Steen, Treasurer

August 2020

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- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	27 7:00 PM Bible Study, Zoom	28 7:00 PM Zoom Session Meeting	29 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	30	31	1
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