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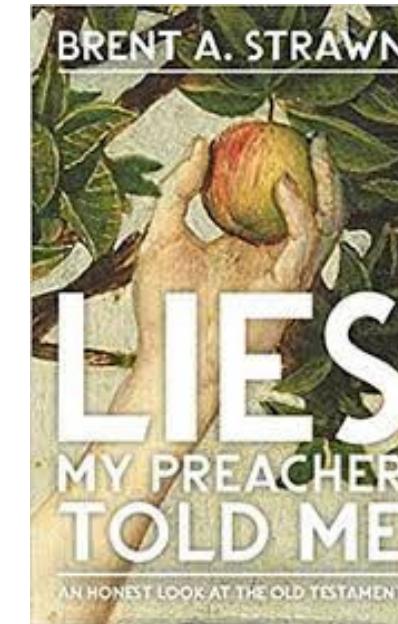
As I watch the 2020 + 1 Summer Olympics, I am inspired by and in awe of the athletes' performances. Understandably, the medal winners, especially the gold medalists, receive most of the attention. However, I think about the thousands of athletes who will compete and never receive a medal or even qualify for a medal round. Nevertheless, they have trained hard and are committed to do their best. Many have overcome daunting challenges to be in Tokyo and represent their countries. Some will set a personal best record. Even though we will never know who most of the athletes are, each of them can say "I am an Olympian!"

Did you know that there is much athletic imagery in the Bible, especially in the New Testament? One of my favorite scenes is found in Hebrews 12:1-2, which says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." This reminds me of the conclusion of the Olympic marathon, when the runners are usually greeted by a great crowd in the Olympic stadium, who urge them on. As marathoners say, "To finish is to win!" That certainly describes the Christian faith.

The apostle Paul also uses athletic imagery when he talks about the lifelong journey of Christian faith. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (3:12-14)

As he neared the end of his ministry and his life, Paul wrote these words to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Paul was obviously familiar with athletic contests, as he demonstrates in 1 Corinthians 1:24-27, "Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though



Alternative Sunday School Class

New Study

Begins August 1

Class begins at 9:30 a.m.

We will have a hybrid class, in-person
and via Zoom.

Check your weekly email for the
Zoom link for the Sunday class

You are invited to join the Alternative Sunday School Class as they begin their new study on Sunday, August 1 of Brent A. Strawn's book, *Lies My Preacher Told me. An Honest Look at the Old Testament*. Dr. Strawn is on the faculty at the Duke Divinity School and a two-time graduate of Princeton (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary.

From the [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Lies-My-Preacher-Told-Me/dp/0664265715) blurb: In this concise volume, Brent Strawn addresses ten common "lies" or mistruths about the Old Testament, from perceptions of God's personality (the "angry Old Testament God") to the relevance of the Old Testament for Christians. Discover why stories and laws written thousands of years ago, centuries before Christ, are enriching and indispensable for modern Christians. This book will expand your thinking about the Bible's First (and largest) Testament.

You can order Brent A. Strawn's book from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Lies-My-Preacher-Told-Me/dp/0664265715) (\$15.62)
Westminster John Knox Press (\$16) at
www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664265715/lies-my-preacher-told-me.aspx

Barnes and Noble (\$16) at www.barnesandnoble.com/w/lies-my-preacher-told-me-brentastrawn/1136551953;jsessionid=25140EA8B38BED485B865111F8BBD53E.
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Cokesbury (\$12.99) at
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MINISTER ON CONTINUING EDUCATION LEAVE

Sunday afternoon, August 15 - Tuesday afternoon, August 17

Philip Gladden will attend the 2021 East Community Pastors Retreat at The Trinity Center from Sunday afternoon, August 15 - Tuesday afternoon, August 17. The retreat leader will be Dr. Rebecca L. Davis, Certified Christian Educator and Associate Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte. Her presentation will explore "Aiming for the Moon: Forming Faith and Shaping Christian Identity in a Changed Church and World."



The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina 122nd Stated Meeting Thursday, August 19, 2021

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its 122nd stated meeting via Zoom on Thursday, August 19. A Ruling Elder and Teaching Elder Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Ruling and Teaching Elders from approximately 180 congregations across southeastern North Carolina will participate in the meeting. Please keep elders, ministers, and presbytery staff in your prayers.



beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified."

In the Olympics, all of the athletes compete but only three get to stand on the podium during the medal ceremonies. However, in the race of faith, we are all called to be faithful, committed, dedicated, focused on Jesus Christ. We are urged on by the saints who have gone before us, who have already run their race, fought the good fight, and kept the faith. In this marathon of life and faith, let us strain forward to what lies ahead and press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

In Christ's love,

Phil



AUGUST



08/01: Geneva Maready
 08/08: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
 08/15: Emily & Hayes Ludlum
 08/22: Ellie Newton & Gloria Wells
 08/29: Danielle & James Sills

Kevin Johnson Clay Blue
 Devin Riley

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

August 1-15: Nate Farrior
August 16-31: Clay Blue

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

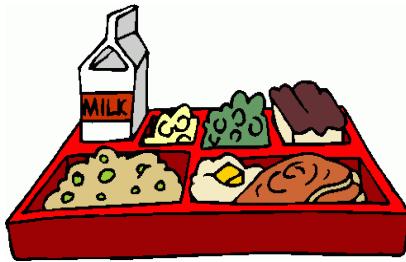
* **The session** will meet in person on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

* **Philip Gladden** will be on Continuing Education leave Sunday afternoon - Tuesday afternoon, August 15-17 to attend the presbytery's East Community Pastor Retreat at The Trinity Center. Please contact Cheryl Brinkley in the church office (285-2808) or Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency.

* **There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Monday night August 16 or Wednesday morning, August 18.** Hospital & at home:

* **We will receive** our **Cathy Foss Under Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering** on **Sunday, August 22.** See the article **Brace Yourself Dayspring** newsletter for information **about the ministry.** (The Gardens)

* **We will receive** the 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, August 29.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING RESUMES

Sunday, August 22

As schools open again, we will resume our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 22. This offering is used to provide school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.

REPORTING PERIOD: SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Schools served: Rose Hill - Magnolia Elementary/Middle; Wallace Elementary/Middle; Chinquapin Elementary-Middle; Beulaville Elementary-Middle

Bags of food provided: 3,584

Contributions received: \$20,597 from 19 churches and organizations plus individuals



**5th Sunday Building Offering
August 39, 2021**

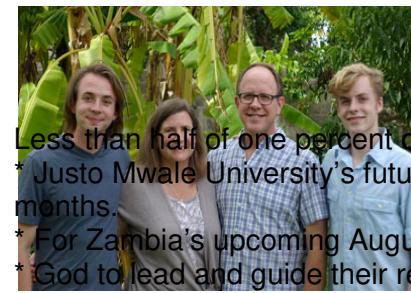


August 2021

To the Saints Who Are In Ephesus (and Wallace) and Are Faithful In Christ Jesus

August 1	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the Body of Christ
August 8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Living the New Life in Christ 1
August 15	Ephesians 5:15-20	Living the New Life in Christ 2
August 22	Ephesians 6:10-20	The Whole Armor of God
August 29	Ephesians 3:14-21	A Prayer for Us

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and minister in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word from the Letter to the Ephesians during the month of August.



PRAY FOR THE ELLINGTON FAMILY

Please keep Dustin and Sherri Ellington, our PC(USA) mission co-workers in Lusaka, Zambia, and their sons, Clayton and Christopher, in your prayers. Dustin and Sherri are waiting to see if their financial situation has been acutely difficult in recent months.

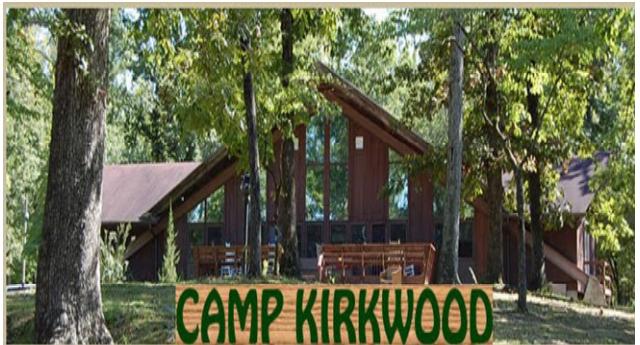
* Justo Mwale University's future financial situation has been acutely difficult in recent months.

* For Zambia's upcoming August 12, 2021 elections to be free, fair, and peaceful.

* God to lead and guide their return to Zambia. Dustin is scheduled to begin teaching on September 6 (Dustin's birthday!).

* For their family (especially their sons and parents) as they leave them in the U.S.A.

If you would like to read more about the Ellington family and their ministry in Lusaka, Zambia, visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/the-rev-dr-dustin-and-sherri-ellington/. You can also subscribe to their letters and donate to their ministry on this site.



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in Vesper Area by Lake
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Fellowship, Relaxation, Zip Line, Swing by Choice, and other activities

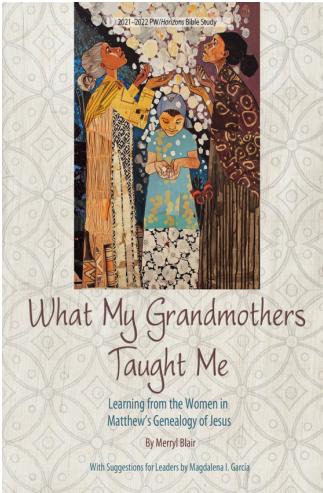


Presbyterian Night at the Ballpark!



FAYETTEVILLE WOODPECKERS VS. CAROLINA MUDCATS!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6:30 PM
Game Concludes with Fireworks
Segra Stadium
406 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC
Tickets \$10/person-Reserve Seating
Optional Meal Voucher \$10/ Person
(Meal voucher is for Hot Dog, Chips & Drink)



2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study

"What My Grandmother Taught Me"

*Learning from the Women in
Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*

by
Merryl Blair



The 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study will begin in September. This year our study is titled "What My Grandmother Taught Me" *Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is. Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling Theological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith. Fall Gathering time and date to be announced. Check bulletins and September Newsletter for information.

Our new officers are listed below.

2021-2022 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS

Congratulations and thank you to these women who have been elected as the 2021-2022 officers of Presbyterian Women.

Susie Bullard, Moderator
Mary Laine Rouse, Vice-Moderator
Danielle Sills, Secretary
Carol Steen, Treasurer
Bereavement Committee: Sharon Robison, Candace Knowles, Ann Carter
Spiritual Nurturer: Geneva Maready
PW Gatherings and Breakfast: Ellie Newton, Gloria Wells

Mission and Issues:
Advent: Brenda Long
Circle #1: Moderator — Tanya Robinson (1 yr.)
Circle #1 Bible Moderator — Carol Steen
Circle #3: Moderator — Sandy Cobb;
Circle #3 Bible Moderator — Team
Circle #4: Moderator — Susan Walters (1 yr.)
Circle #4 Bible Moderator — Georgia Longest
Flowers: Tut Hall (1 yr.), Joyce Ange (1 yr.)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class (Zoom & in person) ■ 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	2 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	3	4 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	5	6	
8 ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class (Zoom & in person) ■ 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	9 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	10	11 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	12	13	1
15 ■ Minister on Continuing Education Leave ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class (Zoom & in person) ■ 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	16 ■ 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	17 ■ 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	18 ■ 10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study	19 ■ 4:00 PM Virtual Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina	20	2
22 ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class (Zoom & in person) ■ 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/Back-	23 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	24	25 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	26	27	2
29 ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class (Zoom & in person) ■ 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	30 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	31	1 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	2	3	