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June 1, 2009

Pastor's Corner

A Declaration of Interdependence

Let us pray.

Almighty and all-merciful God:

The earth is yours, and all nations are responsible to You. Take away our pride, and bring to mind your goodness, so that living together in this land and as global citizens, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful.

For clouded mountains, fields and woodlands; for shorelines and running streams; for all that makes our nation good and lovely: we thank You, God. For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people: we thank You, God. For cities, where persons talk and work together---in factories, shops and businesses---to shape those things we need for living: we thank You, God. For explorers, planners, statesmen and women; for prophets who speak out; for all who love our land and guard freedom: we thank You, God. For vision to see Your purpose hidden in our nation's history; and for courage to see it in fellowship exchanged: we thank You, God.

Eternal God, especially at this time of the year, we give thanks for all Your servants who laid down their lives in the service of our country. Unite all the people of this nation in a just purpose, to defend the freedom and responsibility for which our forbearers lived and died. We pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their service and self-sacrifice, may so honor their memory and so preserve and further their high purposes, that the nation which they defended may stand in all coming years for Your righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

New Security Procedures

Beginning Monday, June 1st, our new enhanced Harper Center security measures will include all doors being locked.

There is a new intercom system located outside the right hand back doors to the Harper Center. Please press the intercom button and let the security person know that you are a church member. Then you may enter through the handicap door around the corner from the intercom.

Thank you for your cooperation in our improved safety for our staff and facilities!

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The Festival Singers of Lee County and  
Brick City Belles & Beaux present  
"Bells are Ringing, Voices Singing"  
directed by David Almond  
a combined concert of Vocal & Handbell  
Music  
Sunday, May 31st at 3:00 p.m.  
Harper Center

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VBS 2009 June 14th - 18th

If you have not done so, please register your child. There are registration forms in the colonnade. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda in the church office, 775-5216.

IMPORTANT - The last night of VBS, Thurs., June 18, is open to everyone! We will hold our finale at 'Circle M City' from 5:30 - 8pm. This is going to be lots of fun so please call the church office to sign up, 775-5216!



On May 11 we welcomed the following new members:

- Holly Riley (Jay's wife)
- JoAnne & Everett Shea
- Matt & Misty Burnett

June Birthdays

June 1 - Mike Matson
 June 2 - Dot Boaz
 June 3 - Lynn Knight, Dowe Smith
 June 5 - Danny Sewell, Ann Milstead
 June 6 - Irma Autrey, Chris Register, Cameron Tyndall
 June 7 - Marshall Quick
 June 8 - Don Angell Sr., Ronnie Lemon, Katie Childress
 June 10 - Mary Lewis Johnson, Annie Brewer
 June 11 - Joanna Dempsey
 June 13 - Jackie Sechler, Joyce Kelly
 June 14 - Susan Silva
 June 15 - Kelly Holt, Randy Robertson
 June 16 - Tommy Mann Sr., Robert Birney, Peter Gaidosh
 June 17 - Lynn Angell, Katy Suther, Palmer Lancaster
 June 18 - Avery Garris
 June 19 - Missy Woodell, Sharon Linney
 June 20 - Pat Humphries, Sarah Mann, Bob Law, Hayden Taylor
 June 22 - Joanne Hamilton, Ryan Childress
 June 21 - Samantha Morgan
 June 23 - Gary Walker, Jane LaRue
 June 24 - Elizabeth Suther
 June 25 - Jimmy Washburn, Marge Thomas
 June 26 - Bucky Payne
 June 27 - Chan Heins, Lauren McCormack
 June 30 - Sally Chapin, Harrison Riddle

Dear Church Family,

I would like you to know how very much it means to me to be in your prayers and to receive your visits and cards. I only wish that I could respond to each one of you.

In Christ's Love,
 Charlotte Lutton

Breadbasket News

On May 12, our church volunteers Ann Barkley, Joanna Dempsey, Kimberly Perkins, Flora Perry, Janelle Phelps, Susan Silva and Betty Womble helped our team leaders serve 178 patrons of the Breadbasket. Our menu for the day received many "thank you's" for baked spaghetti, hot dogs on buns, chili, slaw, potato chips, baked beans, onions, pickle relish, condiments, pasta salad, fruit salad and assorted desserts.

We all had fun discussing the order of condiments on the perfect hot dog!

Our church is responsible for serving at the Breadbasket on the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, please call Joanna Dempsey - 718-5969 or Sue Miller - 776-4719.

Team Leaders,
 Vicki Register
 Joan Suddarth

Way to Go!

Our CUOC (Christians United Outreach Center) offering exceeded our goal of 200 items! These donations have been delivered to CUOC and have already reached the tables of many in need. Let's continue to remember the men, women, and children who are directly touched by these small acts of kindness. Our next food offering will be on June 21st.

FROM THE OUTREACH MISSION BOARD

To the: people who baked biscuits at 4:30am, who cooked and served the benefit breakfast, who set up the tables, who served coffee, who picked dirty dishes, who washed dishes, who collected tickets, who cleaned up after it was all done, who sold tickets, who bought tickets, who paid for the food so that all collected went to the mission, who pray for the mission and for homeless men and women, who in any way are concerned for our small part in the solution to homelessness

We on the Board thank you and give thanks for you.

Dale Miller, for the Outreach Mission Board

20 Things You Can Do For Peace In Your World

14. When you speak with parents of your child's friends that he or she visits to play, ask if they have guns in the home, and if they do, ask how they have them secured.



**June 7th
Youth-Graduation-
Confirmation
Sunday**

Please join us for a morning of worship and celebration! The youth will be hosting both the 9am and 11am worship services.



We are in need of **summer Sunday School teachers**. Please call Rhonda in the church office, 775-5216, if you are interested in teaching one or more Sundays. There is a sign up sheet in the colonnade.

**June Door
Greeters
Mclver Hall**

Jimmy Washburn
Sanctuary
Steve Morgan
Russ Knight
Colonnade
Ann McCracken

**June
Meals on Wheels
Circle # 3
Church Flowers
Circle # 8**

A Communion Class will be offered to non-confirmed Baptized children of First Presbyterian Church. Please call Rhonda in the church office, 775-5216, when you are ready for your child to partake of the Lord's Supper. Date and time to be determined.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lib Williams and Family in the death of her husband, Kenan.

College kids home for the summer are invited to join us in the young adults Sunday School class that meets in the old library. We would love to have you!

**Circles Meet on
June 8th at:**

- #1- Marlene Miller, 206 North Franklin Drive
- # 2 - Dottie Gall, 1720 Margarita Lane
- # 3 - Church Parlor
- # 4 - Church Library
- # 5 - Hobson Classroom
- # 6 - Joanne Hamilton, 708 Fitts Street - meet at 6:30 and bring a salad
- # 7 - Emily Kelly, 604 Thomas Williams Road
- # 8 - Will not meet in June, July & August



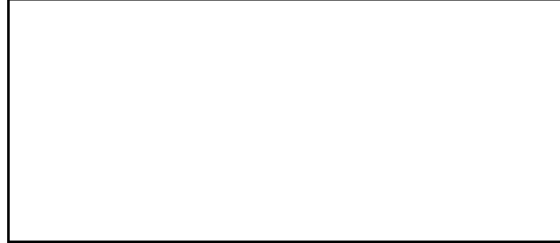
Louise Berndt (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Kelly Holt; Mildred Johnson; Charlotte Lutton; Bert McCracken; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Lewis Yow (St. Joseph's); Brady Burnett; Bob Davis' father - Willie Davis; Ashley Kelly

Lind; Bill & Lisa McClelland's nephew - Jacob Biewer; Donna McClune's mother - Rosalie Scott; Bill & Marlene McDonald's daughter - Tara Ruffin Knight; Mary Sue Riddle's brother-in-law - Howard Caudle; Burton & Betty Sherrod's son - Marc Sherrod; Elizabeth Suther's cousin - Amanda Mager; Jennifer Tatum's mother - Edith Beasley; Gladys Weaver's daughter - Mary Jon Herman (Lee Co. Nursing & Rehab.)

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What's Happening in June???

- Mon., June 1** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 5:45pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet (Confirmands Received)
- Tues., June 2** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., June 3** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., June 4** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sat., June 6** - 6pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner - Harper Center - St. Mark Church
- Sun., June 7** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship: YOUTH-GRADUATION-CONFIRMATION Sunday; 12pm PW Coordinating Team meets
- Mon., June 8** - Circles Meet; 9:30am Staff Meeting; 6pm CDC Board Meets
- Tues., June 9** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., June 10** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., June 11** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sun., June 14** - 9am Contemporary Service/Communion; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Congregational Meeting, Worship/Communion; 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- Mon., June 15** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- Tues., June 16** - 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- Wed., June 17** - 5:30pm Vacation Bible School; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., June 18** - 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- Sun., June 21** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship
- Mon., June 22** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 3:45pm PW Spring Gathering
- Tues., June 23** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., June 24** - 4pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Contemporary Choir;
- 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., June 25** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sun., June 28** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship
- Mon., June 29** - 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Tues., June 30** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting