

# The PRESSbyterian

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

*"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36*

What is freedom? Sometimes, perhaps frequently, I think we forget or take for granted what it means to be free. It is not that we don't daily exercise our freedom, but rather it seems we grow complacent or even apathetic about the great blessing of freedom.

Long before the founders of this nation would gather and declare before God, each other and the world that this would be a land built on the founding principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, freedom for all was given in and through the person of Jesus Christ.



Please remember this 4th of July all those who have given so much. Pray for them and their families, especially those that are fighting for freedom this very day. As I think of those who are serving, as I think about our nation, about freedom and the Author of it all, one of my favorite poems comes to mind...

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world,

The foe long since in silence slept,  
Alike the Conqueror silent sleeps,  
And Time the ruined bridge has swept  
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,  
We set to-day a votive stone,  
That memory may their deed redeem,  
When like our sires our sons are gone.

Spirit! who made those freemen dare  
To die, or leave their children free,  
Bid time and nature gently spare  
The shaft we raise to them and Thee.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

I hope you have a wonderful summer, a blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July and an opportunity to celebrate God's great gifts. Especially the freedom found in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Grace, Mercy and Peace,  
-Pastor Darren



We have an exciting line up of family friendly movies at the only movie theater in town! Each movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Centre. We'll have popcorn, candy, and Cokes, and you're welcome to bring a beanbag or a comfy chair.

Our remaining summer movies include:

July 18 "Coco"

August 1 "Inside Out"

Sarah Coggins

## DEACONS CLASS OF 2021

Delle Bolen

Josh Ridley

Joni Thackston

Geni Gillespie

Taylor Riley

## ELDERS CLASS OF 2021

Michael Borgstedt

Michael Delaney

Cal Bruner

Howard Shirer

## COLLECTION FOR HANDS OF CHRIST

Help us support the children of Rivelon Elementary (PreK–2nd grade) by contributing the following items for Hands of Christ: Children's belts (new and gently used), children's books (new and gently used), new children's socks and new children's underwear. Leave your items in the labelled boxes in the Centre lobby through July.

Sarah Coggins



## S.T.E.P.S.

August 25 - Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Worship, knowledge and fellowship are available for everyone and for all ages. Lunch is part of registration fee. Daycare is available and Bethelwoods is providing a day camp. You may register on line, [www.capresbytery.org/steps-2018](http://www.capresbytery.org/steps-2018) or booklets are available in the Centre and church office. We will pay early bird registration for Sunday school teachers and youth advisors if you have your completed form in the office by July 11 or let Kaye Borgstedt know you registered on line. With 15 people we can take the bus.

## GENERAL FUND 2018

For month ending May 31, 2018	Month	Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$29,133.30	\$214,014.77
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$44,664.44	\$220,144.63*
	(\$15,531.14)	( \$6,129.86)

\* Includes \$7,562.50 transfer to Missions account.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIVING FAITHFULLY  
BELIEVING

SERVING BOLDLY  
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## PRAYER - PART II

*"Be anxious for nothing, but...let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7



Oswald Chambers said, "We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there is nothing else to do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all." Does this apply to you? Hard as I try to remember to pray first, sometimes, I realized I went out on my own. We know it is never too late to pray.

Prayer is a conversation with God with the expectation that God hears and answers. God always listens. Also, God encourages us to pray and He promises that when "two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be in the midst of them." Matt: 18:20. "Prayer opens the way for God Himself to do His work in and through us." (Andrew Murray, 19<sup>th</sup> century pastor) In the book of James, he gives practical advice for daily life as a Christian. In the Bible verse above, we read that prayer is the appropriate response to any and all situations. If we suffer, pray. If we are happy, pray. If we are sick, pray. If we are well, pray, and everything in between, pray. "Pray without ceasing" 1 Thess. 5:17.

Some interesting info about prayer and the Bible:

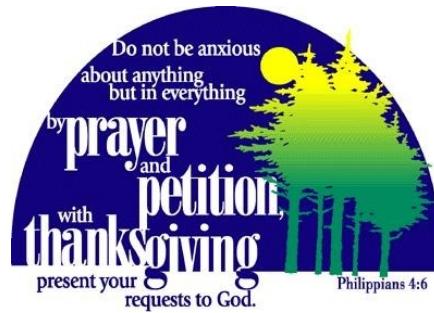
Prayer is mentioned at least 650 times and there are 450 recorded answers to prayer. The first time, initiated by man, is Genesis 4:26. The Bible records Jesus praying 25 times. Paul mentions prayer 41 times. We can pray anytime and in any bodily form but the Bible mentions five: standing (Mark 11:25); sitting (2 Samuel 7:18); kneeling (Chronicles 6:13; Daniel 6:10; Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60, 9:40, 20:36, 21:5; Ephesians 3:14); with one's face to the ground (Matt 26:39, Mark 14:35); and with hands lifted up (1 Tim. 2:8). The Bible lists 9 main types of prayer: faith, James 5:15; corporate prayer, Acts 2:42; request/petition/supplication, Phil. 4:6, thanksgiving, Psalm 95:2-3; worship, Acts 13:2-3; consecration/dedication, Matt. 26:39; intercession, 1 Tim. 2:1;

imprecation, Psalm 69; and praying in the Spirit, 1 Cor.14:14-15.

Source:verticallivingministries.com

We know that, when asked, Jesus gave His disciples a model prayer in which He provided five areas of focus. **One.** God's name be honored focusing on His everlasting glory (Father, hallowed be Thy name and for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.). **Two.** That God's kingdom come—focusing on His eternal will (Your kingdom come). **Three.** God's provision is given---focus on the present (Give us this day our daily bread). **Four.** God's forgiveness is granted---focusing on our past (Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us). **Five.** God's deliverance is provided---focusing on our future (lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil). The "amen" at the end is first used in Numbers 5:22 and means, "let it be," "so be it".

This can all be summed up in PRAY FIRST.



**Challenge:** Remember prayer is one of the best gifts we can give and it is free.

**Prayer**—from Mother Theresa: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be confident knowing you are a child of God. Let His presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love."

Serving together,  
Kaye  
Christian Education Coordinator

# A RHETORICAL QUESTION FOR YOU

Would you rather see this ...



or this?



Thanks to Pastor Darren and "Miss" Carol and all the VBS participants, we now have a beautiful butterfly garden by the fellowship hall patio. The children also made a fountain which has their fingerprints on it. Thank you so much to everyone who made this beautiful spot available for all of us.

Kaye Borgstedt

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01	Stacey Walter Jimilyn Kell	7/17	Steven Patterson Katherine Patterson
7/03	Solomon Selvam	7/20	Tracy Myers
7/06	Helen Culler	7/21	Elise Myers Harry Mims, III
7/08	Marji Albergotti	7/22	Nancy Hudson
7/09	Ann Edwards	7/24	Davis Dangerfield
7/13	Marcia Wood Delle Bolen	7/25	Sloan Moore
	Julianne Shuler	7/26	John Shuler
	Anna Kate Kuck		Wendy Dudley
7/14	Sylvia Trimmier Logan Miller	7/28	Candace Fowler
7/15	Nancy Nance		Carol Cassone
	Robin Mims		Andrew Hunter, Jr.
7/16	Zoe Wingard	7/30	Evelynn Myers
			Sandy Price
			Beth Nexsen

## NOTES OF THANKS

- ♦ Dear Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and meals after my cervical spine surgery. I appreciate this so much and am so very thankful for all of you. First Presbyterian is a wonderful and loving church.
- ♦ A BIG thank you to Gordon Huddleston for the gift of a wagon to use with the lawn mover at the church cemetery. Our members who volunteer there are very grateful!

Sincerely,  
Libby Ridgeway

## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

July 8 and August 26 are open dates on the flower calendar. If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these Sundays please call Katherine Patterson (536-5340).



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**Return Service Requested**



*July 2018*

## PRESCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 1	Lanier
July 8	Turner
July 15	Walter
July 22	Myers
July 29	Nexsen



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

July 1	Albergotti
July 8	Fogle
July 15	Sanders
July 22	Coggins
July 29	Richardson

## LIBRARY

We have some new books in the church library (upstairs in the Centre). They are:

5 Minutes With Jesus (a devotional book)  
7 Prayers That Will Change Your Life  
A Father God Blesses  
God's Peace When I Cannot Sleep  
God's Promises for Women  
God's Promises for Men  
God's Tender Promises for Mother

Come read these or others in the library or take them home with you. We have an easy sign out/sign in process.

Kaye Borgstedt



## LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR AT *THE OAKS*

WILL NOT MEET IN JULY OR AUGUST.