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## THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

A lot has happened in the past couple of months. We have had a viral pandemic that basically shut down the entire nation. We were not allowed to meet at our church because doing so might cause the spread of this virus to those who were at greatest risk of this disease. But God did not leave us to figure out what to do by ourselves. He gave us Zoom. There was a learning curve for this new technology. But after some trial and error we were able to continue bringing the message of God to our congregation even when we couldn't meet together in person.

Then we were all taken back by the senseless killing of George Floyd, and all the demonstrations and riots that took place. So many people were injured or killed during this time. This is not something entirely new to us as a nation. We have seen demonstrations and riots many times before. I wonder why people think it is okay to destroy property and injure and even kill others just to get their point across. We as Christians should pray that the change that people seek would be peaceful. Many times, this is not the case. Injustice is something that we as a nation should not tolerate. Jesus gave us the answer for this. When asked what the greatest commandment was, he replied,

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. The second commandment is like the first, You shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these hang all the Law and the prophets." (Matthew 22: 37-40.)*

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, which is flag day in the United States, was Jeff's last Sunday to preach to us. We were not able to be in the sanctuary because it was full of flies. Not sure where they came from but we moved to the fellowship hall and had Sunday service there.

We will miss Jeff and Amanda and Ellie and Nathan, and I wish him and his family well. It seems like such a short time ago that we were welcoming Jeff to our church as our new pastor. God brought him to us and now God has called him away to another ministry. God's plan for us is perfect and all we need to do is trust Him. God has already selected the man who will be our new pastor, and he will reveal him to us in His time.

I would ask that all of you would continue to pray for our nation. Sometimes it seems like we are all alone and helpless to do anything during these times of trouble and unrest, but remember we serve the one true God who is always with us.

2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us: *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Friends, this land needs a lot of healing. Let us together join in prayer and claim the promises that God has made. May God bless you all.

- Dennis





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			1	2	3	4 <u>Independence Day</u> 
5 <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	6	7	8 <u>B-day:</u> Kristy Johnson	9	10 <u>B-day:</u> Claire Coddington	11 <u>B-day:</u> Ansley Brooke Basinger
12 <u>Diaconate Meeting:</u> 8am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Joint Officer Meeting:</u> 4:30pm <u>Anniv:</u> Mike & Bernice Cork <u>Anniv:</u> Wes & Lisa Lawrence	13	14 <u>WM Council Meeting:</u> 4:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Session Meeting:</u> 4:30pm	20 <u>B-day:</u> Clay Mackin	21 <u>B-day:</u> Kami Basinger	22 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Registration Deadline	23 <u>B-day:</u> Scott Kirkpatrick <u>B-day:</u> Liam Rimes	24	25 <u>B-day:</u> Makenna McNutt
26 <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	27 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Consignor Check-in & Setup 4-6pm <u>B-day:</u> Merry Coburn <u>Anniv:</u> Jimmy & Joy Mackin	28 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Consignor Check-in & Setup 4-6pm <u>B-day:</u> Joe Morgan	29 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Pre-Sale for Consignors 4-6pm	30 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Public Sale 3-6pm <u>B-day:</u> Genevive McNutt	31 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Public Sale 3-6pm	Aug 1 <u>Puddle Jumpers:</u> Public Half Off Sale 8am-12noon Clean Up, Inventory, Consignors Pick Up 12noon-2pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** Stephen Cannon and TJ Keasler.

**FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Joyce Huizinga.

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:** Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom. (Fellowship Time, 10:20am)

<u>2020</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,812.00	\$ 44,825.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,150.71	\$ 43,268.46
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,661.29	\$ 1,557.40
<u>2019</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,977.32	\$ 40,159.59
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,332.37	\$ 48,757.31
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,355.05)	\$ (8,597.72)

## Puddle Jumpers

### Children's Consignment Sale



Cash Only

### Sale Dates

Thursday, July 30 3-6pm  
 Friday, July 31 3-6pm  
 Saturday, August 1 8am-12noon  
 (Saturday is ½ Price Sale)

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## We need volunteer help for Puddle Jumpers.

We will need help with set up and check-in of inventory, distribute yard signs around town, workers for the sale, and tear down/clean up after the sale.

We will strive to maintain social distancing during this time, and the wearing of masks will be encouraged.

Your help will be greatly appreciated as this is our one and only event to raise money for our church's women and children's programs.



# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

## HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Allinder, Ike  
Allinder, Kate  
Bazuin, Caiden  
Beeler, Peggy  
Belcher, Samuel  
Brantley, Maggie  
Brooker, Chrissy  
Brooker, Jan  
Bryant, Jessica  
Burkett, Holly  
Busby, Rhae  
Bynum, Linda  
Coker, Jean  
Craig, Noah  
Curry, Walter  
Dale, Kelly  
Daughtery, Jody  
Davidson, Karen  
DeWitt, Robert  
Duncan, Conner  
Dunning, Norbourne  
Dyer, Doug  
Eshee, Judy  
Farst, Sharon  
Finley, Betty  
Harstad, Paula  
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth

Haubert, Chloe Belle  
Hayes, Betsy  
Hocker, Jeannie  
Hogg, Ian  
Hoggle, Judy  
Holman, Joann  
Hooks, Chesnee  
Husbands, Jennie  
Hux, Karen  
Ivy, Kendall  
Jennifer (Missionary)  
Keasler, Jo Anne  
Kelly, Dale  
Lane, Barbara  
Leascher, Chad  
Lewis, Kathy  
Ligon, Brandon  
Lockett, Joanne  
McCraw, Beverly  
McIntier, Jodie  
Morgan, Laura  
Mutisya, Cecilia  
Parr, Higley  
Pickerill, Paula  
Plummer, Kaegan  
Reynolds, Christy  
Sakon, Ethan

Sall, Terry  
Segura, Chris  
Sharp, Chris  
Sims, Anna Katherine  
Sims, Sarah  
Spree, Thed  
Taylor, Marie  
TenHaaf, WM  
Thornton, Alaina  
VanderMolen, Popko  
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart  
Womble, Caleb  
Wright, Hettie



### OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Cancer:

Jody Daugherty  
Luke (Jonah's son)  
Kaleigh Craig  
Scott Kirkpatrick  
Heather Wilson  
Maggie Brantley  
Kendall Ivy

#### Illness:

Ian Hogg  
Laura Morgan  
Neal Bules  
David Headley  
Allen Hammond

#### Special Needs:

Liz Bond  
Sarah Elizabeth Hart  
Frank Ramey  
Viola Cook  
William R. Horton  
Baby Oliver Sullivan  
Francis Mahaffey  
The Hutton Family

#### Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick  
Sam Brasfield  
Steven Mackin  
Victor Resto  
Joseph Wilson  
Josh Tyson  
Blake Ivy

#### Expectant Mothers:

Amanda Bryant  
Katie Gill  
Janie Basinger

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.