### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

**JULY 2020** 

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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.

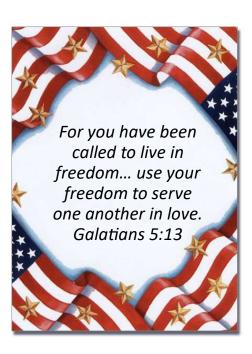
We will miss Jeff and Amanda and Ellie and Nathan, and I wish him and his family well. It seems like such a short time ago that we were welcoming Jeff to our church as our new pastor. God brought him to us and now God has called him away to another ministry. God's plan for us is perfect and all we need 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



Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	Independence Day  God  Bless  America
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 B-day: 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  WM Council Meeting: 4:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Session Meeting: 4:30pm	20 <b>B-day</b> : Clay Mackin	21 <u>B-day</u> : Kami Basinger	Puddle Jumpers: Registration Deadline	23 <u>B-day</u> : Scott Kirkpat-rick <u>B-day</u> : Liam Rimes	24	25 B-day: Makenna McNutt
26 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	27  Puddle Jumpers: Consignor Check-in & Setup 4-6pm  B-day: Merry Coburn  Anniv: Jimmy & Joy Mackin	28  Puddle Jumpers: Consignor Check-in & Setup 4-6pm  B-day: Joe Morgan	29 Puddle Jumpers: Pre-Sale for Consignors 4-6pm	30  Puddle Jumpers: Public Sale 3-6pm  B-day: Genevive McNutt	31  Puddle Jumpers: Public Sale 3-6pm	Aug 1  Puddle Jumpers: 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>		MAY		2020 YTD	
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>		MAY	2019 YTD		
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



# 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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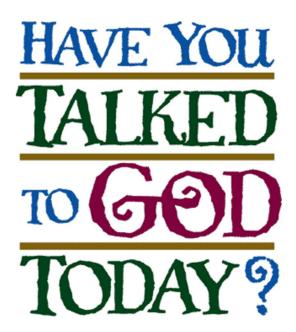
# We need volunteer help for Puddle Jumpers.

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.





### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart Andy & Bev Warren Doug McNutt Aaron & Leticia Zapata Chaplain Ministry Jimmy & Nadia Dukes **Beth Acton** Jov Avabe

Clete Hux Jonah & Jennifer **General Support General Support** 

Mission to the World — Japan Mission to the World — Ethiopia

Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist

Mission to North America — Mexico

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Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL

Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country

Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL

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

Duncan, Conner Dunning, Norbourne Dyer, Doug Eshee, Judy Farst, Sharon Finley, Betty Harstad, Paula Hart, Sarah Elizabeth

Daughtery, Jody

Davidson, Karen

DeWitt, Robert

Hayes, Betsy Hocker, Jeannie Hogg, lan 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

Haubert, Chloe Belle

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

Hooked on Prayer

Wright, Hettie

# Pickerill, Paula Plummer, Kaegan Reynolds, Christy Sakon, Ethan

### **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.