FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

SEPTEMBER 2020

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THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

September gives us the Labor Day holiday. The holiday when we honor those who labor and make possible all the goods and services that we enjoy because we live in the United States. I marvel at the craftsmanship that goes into those goods and services. Each person has within their power to do an OK job or the very best they can. If your attitude is – close enough for government work -then you are shortchanging our creator. God tells us in his word "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31.) This includes our God given vocations and even the mundane things like housework.

Musician Marc Anthony is attributed the quote: "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." This means that you will not consider it work because it is what you love to do. Imagine what it would be like for everyone to have that same attitude in the work that we do for God. Giving your best no matter what you

are doing. Doing it cheerfully and with gratitude that you can be a participant in the work and worship of God.

Have you ever worked for someone who was the absolute worst boss? You may think: how can I give my very best working for someone who does not appreciate what you do? The key here is, I do not work for him but work for God. Give your very best to God. God rules and cares for his creation in part by using ordinary human beings. Doctors and nurses treat patients to bring them back to health; farmers and bakers produce the food we eat. The purpose of our vocations is to love and serve our neighbors. When we do that God works through us to bestow His blessings.

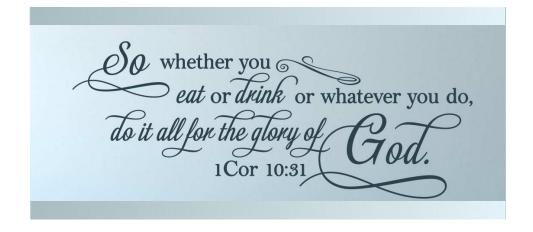
Peter points this out to us in 1 Peter 4:10-11. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

whoever speaks, as one who who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

When we work only to enrich ourselves, we glorify ourselves and deprive God of the glory that is rightfully due Him. It is easy for us to take the credit and receive the admiration of others. But God wants us to humble ourselves and serve only Him. If we do this, He will reward us beyond anything we could imagine. Be that shining city on a hill, a beacon for others to follow by your example.

God bless you all,

Dennis



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 <u>B-day</u> : Vickie Cannon	4 Anniv: Dennis & Karen Davidson	5
6 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via	7 Labor Day Holiday B-day: William Symon	8 <u>B-day</u> : Olivia Tripp	9	10	11	12
Zoom) Davidson's 50th Anniversary Celebration: 2-4 (see invitation, pg 3)						
13 Diaconate Meeting: 9am Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion Joint Officer Meeting: 4:30pm B-day: Bernice Cork	14	15	16	17 <u>B-day</u> : Josh Huizinga <u>B-day</u> : Adam Mackin	18	19 <u>B-day</u> : Eli Grant Basinger
20 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Session Meeting: 4:30pm B-day: Gabe Lawrence	21 B-day: Glenn Basinger	22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25 B-day : Anna Caroline Dukes	26 Anniv: Peter & Beth Niehoff
27 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	28 <u>B-day</u> : Emma Kate Atkins	29	30			

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>DEACONS OF THE MONTH</u>: David Coddington and Mike Cork.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Patty Kirkpatrick.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS: Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

2020	JULY		2020 YTD		
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$	7,910.00	\$	58,461.86	
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$</u>	4,113.16	\$	57,753.49	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$	3,796.84	\$	708.37	
<u>2019</u>		<u>JULY</u>		2019 YTD	
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$	7,069.00	\$	55,612.59	
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$	10,781.33	\$	68,714.74	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$	(3,712.33)	\$	(13,102.15)	



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the
Gill and Kirkpatrick families. Chris and
Katie Gill are the proud parents of baby
Evelyn Ruth! She was born on August 17th
at 12:15 pm, and she was 7lbs 10oz.

NOW AVAILABLE ON ITUNES!

Claire Mackin has recently cut a song, "I'll Be Okay" and is available for purchase/download on ITunes.
Congratulations to Claire, OUR RISING STAR!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Can you believe we are heading into September already? We hope you will help support our Christmas Cards for the Troops annual event.

Start planning now to prepare your cards. All cards will need to be delivered to the church by November 22nd.







FREE Digital Prayer Guide you can share!



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ~Philippians 4:4

WHAT TO DO:

- Go to the website: (https://pcacdm.org/ gratitude).
- . Download the Prayer Guide.
- Watch the video.
- Pray, pray, pray!
- Invite those in your church and community to pray with us.

Let's Pray Together for 30 Days in September!

Do you need a little encouragement?

Are you tired of the pandemic and political conflict?

It may feel strange to say we are going to focus on gratitude, but Paul's words from prison can be a real encouragement during these uncertain times!

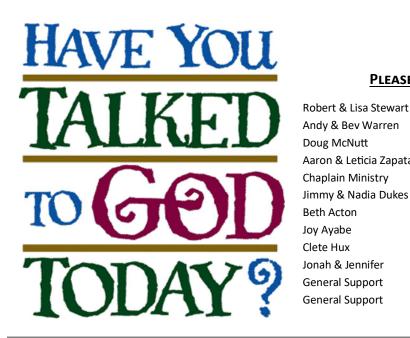
CDM is inviting churches and their congregations to join together again in prayer for 30 Days of Gratitude, based upon the book of Philippians.

Each day, you will meet a pastor, a missionary, a campus pastor or a church planter, who will share about how God is moving in their communities. There is so much to be grateful for, even in these uncertain times.

Paul wrote this letter of joy and gratitude to the church in Philippi as he suffered in a prison in Rome. Today, we have much to learn from this epistle as we strive to set our hearts and minds on Christ, who is our eternal home, and seek His will. As we are unified in prayer across the PCA, we hope that we will each find encouragement in these stories of God's faithfulness.

Will you join us?

And will you help us get the word out to your community?



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

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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

Daughtery, Jody Davidson, Karen DeWitt, Robert Duncan, Conner Dunning, Norbourne

Curry, Walter

Dale, Kelly

Dyer, Doug Eshee, Judy Espy, Emily Farst, Sharon Finley, Betty Harstad, Paula Hart, Sarah Elizabeth Haubert, Chloe Belle 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 Mackin, Jimmy 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 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) Scott Kirkpatrick Maggie Brantley Kendall Ivy

Illness:

Ian Hogg Laura Morgan **Neal Bules David Headley**

Special Needs:

Liz Bond

Sarah Elizabeth Hart

Viola Cook William R. Horton The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick Sam Brasfield

Steven Mackin Victor Resto Joseph Wilson Josh Tyson Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers:

Janie Basinger Kristen Resto

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.