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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

*So whether you
eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.*
1Cor 10:31

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 B-day: Vickie Cannon	4 Anniv: Dennis & Karen Davidson	5
6 Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Davidson's 50th Anniversary Celebration: 2-4 (see invitation, pg 3)	7 Labor Day Holiday B-day: William Symon	8 B-day: Olivia Tripp	9	10	11	12
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 B-day: Josh Huizinga B-day: Adam Mackin	18	19 B-day: 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 B-day: Emma Kate Atkins	29	30			

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: 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.

<u>2020</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,910.00	\$ 58,461.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 4,113.16	\$ 57,753.49
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 3,796.84	\$ 708.37
<u>2019</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
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?***

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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
Joy Ayabe
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
Mission to North America
Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
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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
Daughtery, Jody
Davidson, Karen
DeWitt, Robert
Duncan, Conner
Dunning, Norbourne
Dyer, Doug
Eshee, Judy
Espy, Emily
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
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.