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THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

And my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

The strange paradox of humility is that when a man realizes he is humble, he then ceases to be so. Many seek to be humble so they can become great. This is self-deceit. Humility cannot be verified by the way a person acts or speaks, but only in the way he thinks and relates himself to God.

The apostle Paul almost brashly declared himself an example of what a Christian should be like, but he gave the true nature of humility when he confessed: "I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Humility is not the performing of a certain act, but the awareness of an omnipotent God. It is not the speaking of pious words, but the pulsation of a Spirit-filled life. Nor is it the false insistence of, "I am nothing!" It is the rousing declaration, "I am God's, and I find my strength in Him."

Jesus demonstrated by His life that one who seeks nothing for himself has true strength. To one who

makes no claims on life, the fullness and richness of life comes as a bountiful and undeserved gift. Making no attempt or pretense at strength and domination of others, he has the strength that comes from complete dependence on God.

Do not let pride get in the way of your relationship with God. The word proud comes from a word that means literally "one who shows himself above other people." An early Christian writer called pride "the citadel and summit of all evils." Scottish theologian William Barclay said that pride shuts itself off from God for three reasons: it does not know its own needs; it cherishes its own independence; and it does not recognize its own sin.

The humility that permits God's grace to abound in us is not a weak, shrinking thing. It is a humility filled with courage because it has opened the channel through which God's grace flows more and more.

We confess our sin and weakness, heavenly Father, and ask for Your forgiveness and strength.

God bless you all,
Dennis

“NOTHING SETS A PERSON
SO MUCH OUT OF THE DEVIL’S REACH AS
HUMILITY.”

JONATHAN EDWARDS

OCTOBER 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 <u>WM Council Meeting:</u> 8am
3 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Love Gift Offering</u>	4 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	5 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30am or 6:30pm	6 <u>Dinner & Bible Study:</u> 5:30pm/6pm	7	8	9
10 <u>Diaconate Meeting</u> <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	11 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	12 <u>Session Meeting:</u> 9am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30am or 6:30pm	13 <u>Dinner & Bible Study:</u> 5:30pm/6pm	14	15	16
17 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship/Communion:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Pastor Candidate:</u> Josh Carmichael <u>Monthly Fellowship Potluck</u>	18 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	19 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30am or 6:30pm	20 <u>Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Jimmy & Nadia Dukes</u> <u>Missions Presentation:</u> 6pm	21	22	23
24 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Congregational Meeting</u>	25 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	26 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30am or 6:30pm	27 <u>Dinner & Bible Study:</u> 5:30pm/6pm	28	29	30
31 <u>Reformation Sunday</u> <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Deacon's Fund Offering</u> <u>Deadline:</u> to submit Deacon nominations						

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Glenn Basinger and Mike Cork

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: TBD

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Fall Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or at 6:30 pm at Ann Resto’s House.
- Dinner/Bible Study, Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall; dinner is at 5:30 pm and the Bible study is at 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

DEACONS CLASS OF 2022: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

<u>2021</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 11,085.00	\$ 65,525.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,185.39	\$ 51,384.52
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 5,899.61	\$ 14,140.48
<u>2020</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,348.00	\$ 68,809.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 4,691.08	\$ 62,444.57
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 5,656.92	\$ 6,365.29

AUGUST AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 2: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 8:00 am.

October 10: Deacon Meeting.

October 12: Session Meeting, 9:00 am.

October 17:

- Pastor Candidate, Josh Carmichael, is scheduled to deliver the sermon.
- Communion.
- Fellowship Luncheon Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

October 20: Missions presentation with Jimmy and Nadia Dukes. We will have our Wednesday night dinner at 5:30 pm, and the missions presentation will follow the dinner.

October 24: Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service to vote on the pastoral calling of Josh Carmichael.

October 31:

- Deacon’s Fund Special Offering.
- Deadline to submit your Deacon nominations to the Session. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule or in the hallway.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

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 21st.



Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.
James 4:10

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING, OCTOBER 3RD

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LOVE GIFT LEGACY



Seeking to leave a legacy of relationships and resources that will prayerfully strengthen the Church for the next generation.



Based on the momentum and anticipation of providing more Women's Ministry Resources, we will seek to raise funds in 2021 to produce written, video, and digital resources to strengthen the church for the next generation. These funds would be used to produce accessible women's Bible studies and videos, training materials that will strengthen the Church, and digital resources to encourage women.

Our prayer is that this money will be used to underwrite:

- A Denomination-wide Women's Bible Study - Summer 2021
- Development of a Women's and Children's Ministry Complementary Bible Study Curriculum for 2022
- Help[H]er Advocacy Training: A Church-wide Response for Women in Crisis
- Development of a Digital Women's Ministry Resource Hub (a library of videos, audio from past conferences, and blog articles) to encourage and equip women

For more information: Visit pcacdm.org/wm-love-gift

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HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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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	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Hux, Karen
Allinder, Kate	Ivy, Kendall
Bazuin, Caiden	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beale, Amy	Kelly, Dale
Beeler, Peggy	Lane, Barbara
Belcher, Samuel	Lawson, Connie
Brantley, Maggie	Lewis, Kathy
Brooker, Chrissy	Ligon, Brandon
Brooker, Jan	Mackin, Jimmy
Busby, Rhae	McCraw, Kay
Bynum, Linda	McIntier, Jodie
Cannon, Mary	Mize, Bethany
Chastang, Kristye	Morgan, Laura
Coker, Jean	Mutisya, Cecilia
Craig, Noah	Parr, Higley
Curry, Walter	Plummer, Kaegan
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sall, Terry
Dyer, Doug	Sharp, Chris
Emerson, Saundra	Sims, Anna Katherine
Espy, Emily	Sims, Sarah
Finley, Betty	Snipes, Vernon & Ramona
Foshee, Barbara	Taylor, Marie
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Thornton, Alaina
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Tipton, Carolyn
Hayes, Betsy	VanderMolen, Popko
Hocker, Jeannie	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hogg, Ian	Womble, Caleb
Hoggle, Judy	Zimmerman, Steve
Hooks, Chesnee	
Huizenga, Fran	

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Heather Wilson
Rick Wilson

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Paige Niehoff

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Frank Ramey
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Military Personnel:

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

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.

