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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). So God created man in his own image,... male and female he created them (1:27). The flood continued forty days on the earth.... The waters prevailed above the mountains.... And all flesh died that moved on the earth, ...Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark (7:17-23). Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me (Psalm 51:5). For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb (139:13). The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? (Jer. 17:9). And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17).

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak (12:36). And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire (18:9). Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife....What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate (19:5-6).

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, ... because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead (Acts 17:26, 31). For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Rom 10:13). Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Cor 6:9-11). Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, [and] he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures (15:3-4).

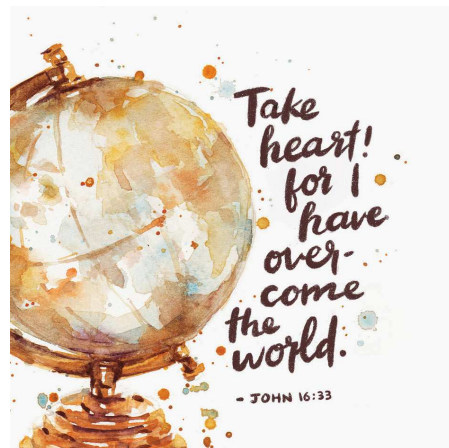
I have not provided a context for these verses of Scripture, though I did provide references. However, I believe that most who read this newsletter will already know these passages. They may seem random, but I think you all can see where I am headed. These are just a fraction of the passages of Scripture

that make us seem crazy in the eyes of the world. Let me say, that while the truths contained in these passages are not all necessary to salvation, they are all equally a part of the infallible, inspired and inerrant word of God. None of them are tricky. The words and sentences are perfectly clear, comprehensible, and intelligible. We have no need of science, sociology, or society to correct what God hath spoken so clearly. Do you believe God?

But what am I getting at? Here are just two examples. In mid May in her article in the *New York Times*, "Too much Church in the State," Maureen Dowd considers justices like Amy Coney Barrett (one of several historic Catholics on the bench) to be religious extremists. Dowd claims this is "a churchly ethos that threatens to turn our whole country upside down." In his article in *Salon*, "Why is the Supreme Court Using Religious Belief to Alter Secular Law?" Thom Hartman makes the *shocking* claim, "It's really all about Alito's religious belief that human life begins at conception." Indeed it is. (I will spare you the articles about the LGBTQ revolution for now.)

Friends, because of our basic Biblical beliefs, we are seen more and more as dangerous to society. Jesus warned us however, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18). And he declares, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (16:33). So what shall we do? "See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess 5:15-17).

Thankful for Jesus,
Pastor Josh





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	6 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am WM Council Meeting: 3pm	7 WM Circle Study: 9:30 am and 6:30pm	8 B-day: Claire Mackin	9	10	11
12 Deacon Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion	13 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	14	15 Session Meeting: 7pm B-day: Jimmy Mackin	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Fellowship Potluck B-day: Moses McNutt B-day: Milledge Carmichael	20 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	21	22	23	24	25 B-day: Morris Carmichael
26 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) HOP: 2pm	27 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Mills McClure Anniv: Trey & Chonda Griffith	28 B-day: Hannah Mackin B-day: Ann Resto	29 B-day: Karen Lashley B-day: Jackie Tripp B-day: Grey Tripp	30 B-day: Katy Basinger		

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Joel Coddington and Trey Griffith

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Eloise Harris

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.

<u>2022</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,516.00	\$ 33,523.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 7,080.60	\$ 33,005.94
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 435.40	\$ 517.06
<u>2021</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,570.00	\$ 31,910.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,758.98	\$ 28,648.13
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (188.98)	\$ 3,261.87

MARCH AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023:

David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024:

Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

DEACONS CLASS OF 2025:

Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith



JUNE EVENTS

June 6: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 3:00 pm.

June 12:

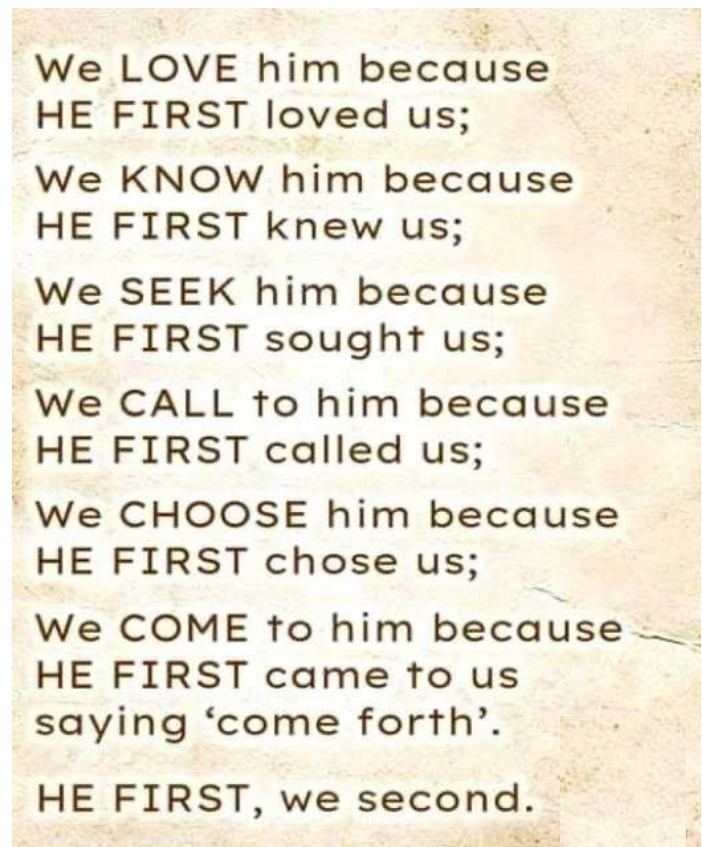
- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

June 15: Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

June 19:

- Father’s Day
- Fellowship Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

June 26: Hooked on Prayer (HOP), 2:00 pm.
(See page 5 for more information.)



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

JUNE 2022

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
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
U.S. Military Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
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	Hooks, Chesnee
Allinder, Kate	Huizenga, Fran
Bazuin, Caiden	Hux, Karen
Beale, Amy	Ivy, Kendall
Beard, Ken	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beard, Ronnie	Kelly, Dale
Beeler, Peggy	Lane, Barbara
Belcher, Samuel	Lawson, Connie
Brantley, Maggie	Lewis, Kathy
Brooker, Chrissy	Ligon, Brandon
Brooker, Jan	Mackin, Jimmy
Bunn Jr., J.L.	McIntier, Jodie
Busby, Rhae	Morgan, Laura
Bynum, Linda	Mutisya, Cecilia
Chastang, Kristye	Parr, Higley
Coker, Jean	Plummer, Kaegan
Craig, Noah	Reynolds, Christy
Curry, Walter	Sakon, Ethan
Davidson, Karen	Sall, Terry
DeWitt, Robert	Sharp, Chris
Duncan, Conner	Sims, Anna Katherine
Dyer, Doug	Thornton, Alaina
Emerson, Sandra	Tipton, Carolyn
Espy, Emily	Tulipan, Amelia
Finley, Betty	Tulipan, Hansen
Griffith, Michelle	Turner, Becky
Hall, Jimmy	VanderMolen, Popko
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Womble, Caleb
Hayes, Betsy	Zimmerman, Steve
Hocker, Jeannie	
Hoggle, Judy	

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.

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
Rick Wilson
Kendall Ivy
Jimmy Hall
Kristye Chastang

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Linda Dunning

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison
Abigayle Kircharr

Military Personnel:

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

Pregnancies:

Katie Gill (due 6/22)