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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the LORD do what seems good to him. (2 Samuel 10:12 ESV)

I have mentioned often in my sermons that I love music. For example, I love classic rock and heavy metal, yet I love listening to Eloise play the organ. I have a wide musical palate! Now, I do not endorse crass or godless lyrics. I do listen to music with discretion. I have also listened to Christian popular music for a long time and I am a devoted listener to a number of artists and groups. Some Christian radio stations advertise that they play music that is "safe for the whole family." There was such a billboard on an interstate in South Carolina when we lived there. I know what they mean and I appreciate the sentiment. But we must remember that Christianity cannot be described like those radio stations.

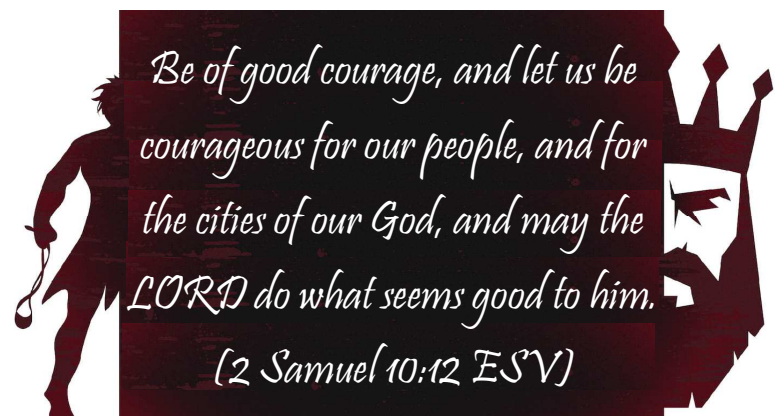
For some people becoming a Christian means being ostracized within their own families. In some cases in countries hostile to Christianity it can even mean death. In the last few years we have seen Christians in the fields of journalism, sports, and entertainment "canceled" publicly for their faith. More and more people are losing their jobs because of their faith. Many now claim one to be unfit for political office or the bench due to believing what the Bible teaches or being known to attend a Bible-believing church.

In a stark description of what it means to be a Christian, Jesus put it like this: *If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels (Mark 8:34b-38).* Whatever adjectives we use to describe Christianity, it is certainly not "safe."

But life itself is fraught with dangers. The psalmists knew this. Psalm 121 is one of the fifteen Psalms of Ascent. These were traveling songs sung by the pilgrims making their way to Jerusalem for their various festivals. As they walked up to Jerusalem they sang, *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?* Some mistakenly think the answer is the hills. But the song continues, *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.* I submit to you that the case remains the same for us today—masked or unmasked, vaccinated or unvaccinated, walking, driving, boating, or flying. *Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 124:8, another of the Psalms of Ascent!).*

Joab, the leader of King David's mighty men, put this principle well in a pithy statement he made in the midst of battle. Finding himself and Israel's small army in a vise between thousands of Ammonite soldiers on one side and the Syrian armies on the other, he urges both action and faith. *Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the LORD do what seems good to him.* In the trying times of 2022, whether financial, social, political, or vocational, the same goes for us. So be of good cheer. Jesus overcame the world. Rejoice and be glad. This is the day the Lord has made.

By His Grace,
Pastor Josh



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Puddle Jumpers: Consignor Check-In 4-6pm B-day: Courtney Coddington	2 Puddle Jumpers: Consignor Check-In 4-6pm	3 Puddle Jumpers: Closed Pre-Sale for Consignors/Guests 4-6pm	4 Puddle Jumpers: Public Sale 3-6pm	5 Puddle Jumpers: Public Sale 3-6pm	6 Puddle Jumpers: Public Sale/Half Off Sale 8am-12noon; Post Sale Clean Up 12noon-1pm Consignors Pick Up Inventory and Com- mission Checks 2pm B-day: Eleanor Gill
7 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) B-day: Sara Dukes	8 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am WM Council Meeting: 4pm B-day: Heather Rimes	9	10	11 B-day: Madison Solliday Anniv: David & Nadine Coddington	12	13
14 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion	15 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	16	17 Joint Officer Meeting: 7pm B-day: Evelyn Gill Anniv: Bill & Melissa Weltin Anniv: Ozzy & Ann Resto	18 B-day: Ray Evans	19	20
21 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Fellowship Potluck	22 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	23 B-day: Karen Davidson	24 B-day: Cooper Symon	25 B-day: Laura Morgan B-day: Lizzy Johnson	26 B-day: Billy Symon, Jr B-day: Aubrey Ward	27 WP-WM Spiritual Connection at Aliceville PCA: 9am
28 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) HOP: 2pm	29 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	30	31			

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: David Coddington and Ray Evans

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Joy Mackin

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.

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

<u>2022</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,530.00	\$ 49,615.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 9,015.34	\$ 49,015.58
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (2,485.34)	\$ 599.42
<u>2021</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 48,605.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,903.73	\$ 41,552.33
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (253.73)	\$ 7,052.67

JUNE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26

AUGUST EVENTS

August 1-6: Puddle Jumpers Children’s Consignment Sale.

August 8: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 4pm.

August 14: Communion.

August 17: Joint Officer Session and Deacon Meeting, 7:00 pm.

August 21: Fellowship Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

August 24: Hooked on Prayer (HOP), 2:00 pm. (See page 5 for more information.)

August 27: Warrior Presbytery Women’s Ministry Spiritual Connection at Aliceville PCA.

WARRIOR PRESBYTERY WOMEN’S MINISTRY: SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Aliceville Presbyterian Church

Registration and Fellowship:

9:00 to 9:30 am;
Lunch provided

RSVP: Patty Kirkpatrick by August 22, 2022, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker:
Betsy Carmichael

Title: “Loneliness, Love, Literature and Loss”



2022 PUDDLE JUMPERS SCHEDULE	DATE	TIME
Consignor Check-in	Mon & Tues, Aug 1 - 2	4 - 6 pm
Pre-Arranged Check-in	Mon & Tues, Aug 1 - 2	10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Pre-Sale for Consignors	Wed, Aug 3	4 - 6 pm
Pre-Sale for Consignors’ Guests	Wed, Aug 3	5 - 6 pm
Public Sale	Thur & Fri, Aug 4 - 5	3 - 6 pm
Half Off Sale	Sat, Aug 6	8 am - 12 noon
Clean-Up and Inventory	Sat, Aug 6	12 noon - 1 pm
Consignors Pick Up Unsold Items & Pick Up Checks	Sat, Aug 6	1 - 2 pm



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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

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
Austin Griffith
Kaleb Brown