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## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In Psalm 65:2a, David addresses God, *O you who hear prayer*. Two New Testament passages inform us as we approach the One who hears.

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:4-7).

These verses, which come just before that well-known passage, *I can do all things through him who strengthens me* (4:13), were written by Paul while he was in prison for his faith. This circumstance adds depth and texture to his words.

He calls us to rejoice. From prison? Yes. Believers can always rejoice, even in the midst of conflict, adversity, and need, because joy does not rest in our circumstances, but *in the Lord*. Further, he tells us not to be anxious. What he is getting at is a deep worry that is incompatible with trust in God. Jesus had already warned against unbelieving anxiety (see Matt. 5:25-34). So we bring our requests before God with thanksgiving first because the attitude of gratitude is always an antidote to worry. Now we are ready to bring our deepest requests, needs, hopes, and fears before the Lord in prayer.

How will he answer? He will answer according to his most holy, wise, and perfect will. For us that can come as an obvious *yes*, *no*, or *wait*. One of the reasons I often recite these verses is verse seven. As you may have learned in the KJV, *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*. It is that glorious peace that comes only from outside ourselves, but manifests itself within us, that can get us through our current circumstances. Paul wrote from experience. We too need that peace to guard us against unbelief and despair in the face of affliction. And God offers it to us.

*4 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and grace to help in time of need* (Hebrews 4:14-16).

I hold these verses close as a divine promise as I pray. Hebrews 4 and 5 teach us why we can *with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and grace to help in time of need*. Because *we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses*. Why the double negative? The writer knows we are prone to doubt such wonderful news. So he is emphatic. Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses. He knows and understands.

Not only was he *in every respect ... tempted as we are, yet without sin*, but also <sup>7</sup> *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.* <sup>8</sup> *Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.* <sup>9</sup> *And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him* (5:7-9).

Because Jesus understands the afflictions we face in this life, the force of temptation without giving in, and the learned obedience included in these, he receives our prayers with sympathy and understanding. In fact, *he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.* (7:25). Shall we pray?

In His Grace,  
Pastor Josh



**O You who hear prayer,  
to You shall all flesh come.**

**Psalm 65:2**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	4 <b>Independence Day Holiday</b> <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am	5	6	7	8 <b>B-day:</b> Kristy Johnson	9
10 <b>Deacon Meeting</b> <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Communion</b> <b>B-day:</b> Claire Coddington	11 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am <b>B-day:</b> Ansley Basinger	12 <b>Anniv:</b> Mike & Bernice Cork	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Fellowship Potluck</b>	18 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am	19	20 <b>Session Meeting:</b> 7pm <b>B-day:</b> Clay Mackin	21 <b>B-day:</b> Kami Basinger	22	23 <b>B-day:</b> Scott Kirkpatrick <b>B-day:</b> Liam Rimes
24 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>HOP:</b> 2pm	25 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am <b>B-day:</b> Makenna McNutt	26 <b>B-day:</b> Thomas Carmichael	27 <b>Puddle Jumpers: Deadline to Register</b> <b>B-day:</b> Merry Coburn <b>Anniv:</b> Jimmy & Joy Mackin	28 <b>B-day:</b> Joe Morgan	29	30 <b>B-day:</b> Genevieve McNutt
31 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Deacons Fund Special Offering</b>						

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** Mike Cork and Glenn Basinger

**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.

**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>MAY</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,562.00	\$ 43,085.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,994.30	\$ 40,000.24
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,567.70	\$ 3,084.76
<u>2021</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,045.00	\$ 41,955.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,000.47	\$ 34,648.60
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,044.53	\$ 7,306.40

**MAY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 32

## JULY EVENTS

**July 10:**

- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

**July 17:** Fellowship Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

**July 20:** Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

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

**July 31:** Deacons Fund Special Offering.

**Congratulations:** Our congratulations go out to Chris and Katie Gill on the birth of their daughter, Emily Elise, who was born on Monday, June 13th. She was 7.9 pounds and was 20 inches long. Also, our congratulations go out to grandparents, Scott and Patty Kirkpatrick.

**Puddle Jumpers Children’s Consignment Sale:**

Because this is our annual big event to raise money for our women’s and children’s ministries, we will need many volunteers... it will be time for “all hands on deck.” Be watching for sign up sheets to help us make our annual sale a success. THANK YOU!  
(See page 5 for more information.)

<b>2022 PUDDLE JUMPERS SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Consignor Registration Deadline	Wed, July 27	
Begin to Setup Fellowship Hall	Sun, July 31	
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

# Puddle Jumpers

## Children's Consignment Sale



### 2022 SALE DATES

Thurs. Aug 4 3-6pm

Fri. Aug 5 3-6pm

Sat. Aug 6 8-12noon  
(Half Price Sale)

### PUDDLE JUMPERS INFORMATION:

***Would you like a fun way to earn some money this summer?***

If you would like to clear out unused infant and children's items from your home, we are accepting consignors for our annual Puddle Jumpers Consignment Sale.

Consignors will receive 70% of their sales proceeds, but can earn an additional 5% in sales for each 3-hour shift worked (limited to 2 shifts or up to a maximum of 10% additional proceeds.)

***What can I sell?*** You can sell just about anything that is kid related: clothing (kids' sizes newborn to size 10,) shoes, hats, gloves, belts & other kids' accessories; maternity clothes; costumes & dress-up clothes; toys, books, games, puzzles, DVDs; outdoor play equipment & bicycles; baby & children furniture, strollers, high chairs, booster seats, bedding & décor. More information about acceptable inventory is provided when you request our Consignor Instructions Form.

***What is the Half-Off Sale?*** On the last day of the sale, consignors have the option to select any of their items to be sold for half price. What a great way to move your inventory!

***When do I get paid?*** All consignors will receive payment on Saturday, August 6th when they retrieve any remaining inventory after the closing of the sale.

***How do I register as a consignor?*** Email [fpcdemopolis@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdemopolis@gmail.com) to get all the information you will need to be a consignor.

**Thank you for supporting our Women's and Children's Ministries here at First Presbyterian Church!**

**We hope to see you at our Puddle Jumpers Consignment Sale!**

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