



The Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

"These 90-Year-Old Runners Have Some Advice for You." This was the headline of an article published in the New York Times around a week ago. Runners who competed at the National Senior Games in Miramar, Florida were 75 to 99 years old, and many of them did not pick up running until they were in their 60s. Usually, the grandparents are in the stands cheering on their grandchildren at such events but not this time; the audience was filled with grandchildren cheering for their grandparents.

Several geriatric competitors were interviewed about how they are able to run at their advanced age, and what advice they might have for aspiring runners. Walter Lancaster, 82, from Charleston, S.C said: "A lot of people, you know, get lazy or something. And I say: 'Look. You got to keep moving.' That's the secret. Just keep moving." Yvonne Aasen, 90, from Westminster, Md said that "I can't run very much now, but when I can't run anymore, I'll still walk." Roy Englert, 99, from Springfield, Va gave his secret to success: "My consistent advice is to keep moving, keep moving, keep moving. And have a little luck."

The advice of these seniors is good wisdom for life and for faith. First, we must notice what these amazing old athletes *did not say*. Not one interviewed for the article said that you have to win the race, set a record, or earn a medal. The only requirement for success is to keep moving, to have perseverance. Indeed, we live in a world that prioritizes winning and achievement when what really matters is consistency. Just finishing the race is a victory all on its own.

In fact, the wisdom of these seniors sounds like the advice given by the author of the book of Hebrews: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and **let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*** Faith does not require that we win the race, that we earn a gold, silver, or bronze medal. All that faith requires is that we "keep moving, keep moving, keep moving." Indeed, faith requires that we "keep praying, keep praying, keep praying." Faith requires that we "keep loving, keep loving, keep loving." Faith requires that we "keep serving, keep serving, keep serving." As we press forward, Jesus Christ runs alongside us, and by his grace and power, he cheers us on.

Grace and Peace,
Will



P W News

Presbyterian Women will deliver Meals-on-wheels during July and August this Summer.



PWCT will meet August 1 to make plans for the Salad Luncheon on Sunday, August 7, 2022 for all Presbyterian Women of our church. Our new officers for the 2022 –2023 year will be installed that day.

The date for furnishing desserts for the Shakespeare Festival crew is Wednesday, June 15.

We will show our support helping with school supplies again this Summer. You may send your check to the church.

Sarah Camp
Moderator



Saturday Bread Schedule:

June 4 : Bill Terrell

June 11 : St. Luke's Methodist

June 18 : Robert Lightfoot

June 25 : First Christian Church



Tithes and Offerings for Month of April

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| Anticipated Tithes/Offerings | \$ 31,226 |
| Actual Monthly Tithes/Offerings | \$ 27,518 |
| Actual Monthly Expense | \$ 37,774 |
| Overage/ (Deficit) | \$ (10,256) |

For the Year 2022

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| Anticipated Tithes/Offerings | \$ 374,719 |
| Actual YTD Tithes/Offerings | \$ 142,128 |
| Actual YTD Expense | \$ 161,337 |
| Overage/ (Deficit) | \$ (19,209) |

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!



Thoughts and prayers

Family and friends of FPC

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| * Raymond Bazinet | * Chantal Braly |
| * Patrick Braly | * Joe Brown |
| * E J Chowdhury | * Elizabeth Collins |
| * Lynda Crittenden | * Linda Curkan |
| * Carly Faulkner | * John Fout |
| * Ashley Haden | * Kenzie Hyatt |
| * Zoe Kelt | * Shirley G Latham |
| * Sherry Lockman | * Dianne Lyle |
| * Donna Marshall | * Ward McCollum |
| * Rex McCubbin | * David McElroy |
| * Abbi Melton | * Dayne Neal |
| * Larry Perkins | * Amanda Presley |
| * Nancy Pybas | * Jerry Richardson |
| * Charlotte Sechrist | * Butch Squier |
| * John Squier | * Lisa Stewart |
| * Kai Tucker | * April Watson |
| * Stewart White | * Larry & Linda Willis |
| * Carolyn Woods | |

In Service to our Country

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| * Jacob Conner | * Brent Duvall |
| * Robert Gray | * Gavin Jackson |
| | * Stone Smith |



From Gala....

Choirs will be taking a well deserved rest from rehearsals for a few weeks this summer. But soloists and ensembles will continue to be an important part of Sunday morning worship.

Both members and visitors alike all enjoyed the January hymn festival celebrating the return of our Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. Plans are being made to host other events in our sanctuary. Monetary gifts of any size can help. If you have an interest in contributing financially to the "Concert Performance" fund, it will be greatly appreciated!

GRACE NOTES END OF YEAR PROGRAM





Session Highlights

The Session held it's Regular Stated Meeting May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The meeting began with a devotion and prayer.

The Consent Agenda Committee report included the following:

Administration Committee

- * Reported on requests for Summer Camp scholarships.

Property Committee

- * A leak in the ceiling inside the Fellowship Hall entrance was discovered. Glenn Bailey plumbing repaired the leak, and Alejos Construction repaired the ceiling.

- * A hole was discovered in the garden leading under the church office area. It will be filled and bordered soon.

Visitation-Evangelism Committee

- * The committee is continuing with their Bread Ministry for new visitors.

New Business

- * A request for transfer of membership from Brian and Natalie Johnson was approved.

The Associate Pastor Search Committee is still reaching out to prospective candidates to begin interviews.

The Consent Agenda was approved, which also consisted of the previous minutes, and the financial report for April.

Session members shared joys and concerns, and prayed together for those on the prayer list, and members of our congregation.

Sarah Camp

Clerk of Session

Monthly Missions

This month we will be supporting
Saturday Bread!

Please consider a financial donation to this wonderful Ministry. Saturday Bread provides a free lunch every Saturday of the year to shut-ins, lower income wage earners, seniors and anyone in need.

Each week, nearly 150 people receive hot meals planned, cooked and delivered by one of our twelve teams.

Your donation will help the continued stocking of the pantry with can goods and supplies. If you would like to get involved helping prepare food or deliver meals, please contact the office.



The Men of the Church will host the Annual Fish Fry

Join us in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m.





**"THE WATER THAT I WILL GIVE WILL BECOME IN THEM
A SPRING OF WATER GUSHING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE"
JOHN 4:14B**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25 - 29

First Presbyterian Church

K - 5th grade

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

***Call or text Jo Little: 903-522-1429**

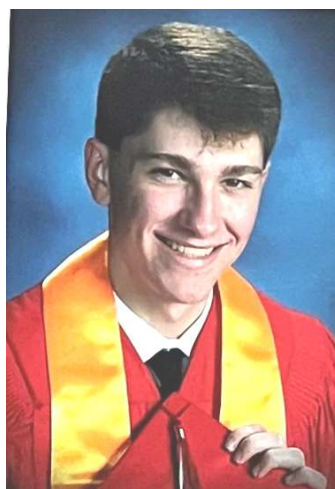


**Hosted by our friends from
Camp Gilmont.**





SENIOR NIGHT



YOUTH MINISTRY

Schedule of Events

June 5: Youth Group

June 12: No Youth

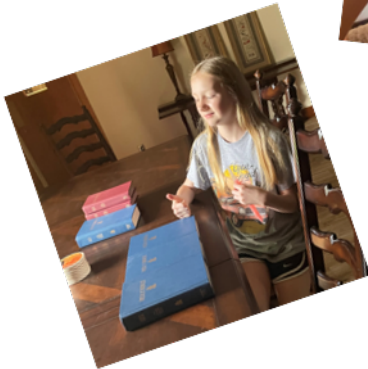
June 19: Happy Father's Day (No Youth)

June 26: Youth Group

Congratulations to our Seniors!



We had a lot of fun doing the Resurrection Scavenger Hunt!



Call for Helpers!

Dinner / Sponsor– June 5

Dinner / Sponsor– June 26

If you are willing to help with youth activities, contact Cheyenne Kirkpatrick.

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Thank you to our youth for helping clean out storage closets at the church!



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June



JUNE Birthdays

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| 1 David Covnet | 18 Jordan Lightfoot |
| 2 Jerry Fuller | 19 Nancy Smith |
| 7 Bentley Quinalty Allan Stanley | 23 Charlie Grace Griffin |
| 8 Dodie Keiser | 24 Ruth Anne Camp Andrew Terrell |
| 9 K Castles Bobby Huey | 26 Cliff Halbert |
| 10 Penni Mitchell | 28 Jennifer Hattaway |
| 14 Leah Gorman | 30 Tom Sartor |