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THE CROSSROADS

We are shortly going to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation. Compared to many others, we are young as a country. When our forefathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, they seemed audacious in thinking that they could fight Britain. After all, Britain was known to rule the seas, as well as many of the nations it had colonized. Perhaps these early patriots decided that they had the advantage of “home court.” Britain would have to send that famous navy a long way from home to fight. Perhaps they were just tired of having to kowtow to a king and Parliament that meant nothing to them in their everyday lives, except that they had to pay high taxes. After all, many of the immigrants to the colonies came to get away from high taxes and governance by people they felt were unfair.

Our country has been called the “Great Experiment in Democracy.” Some in the Continental Congress wanted a king—George Washington would do. But most disagreed, saying that men had to have representation without a dictator making decisions. So here we are 250 years later—still trying at times to figure out what democracy really means. Still trying to protect the rights of the minority while following the desires of the majority. It’s till a work in progress. Sometimes we do pretty well, and sometimes we do pretty poorly. Hopefully, we can all remember why we have a democracy, and what that really means for all of us. As the poem posted near the Statue of Liberty so eloquently states, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” That’s who our ancestors fought for. That’s our legacy as a people—to breathe free.

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne

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**A light in the community
that brings all people to
God through Christ
centered worship**

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTH-DAYS

06/ Rachel Rohrbach
08/ Joan Murphy
12/ Cathy Morris
12/ Thomas Thigpen
12/ Fred Rohrbach, Sr
13/ Wallace Dunn
19/ Ed Murphy
26/ Beverly Johnson
27/ David Hatch
31/ Rick Pierce

ANNIVERSARIES

04/ Zareen & Anand
Nevrekar
12/ Betty & Henry Brock
15/ Joyce & Tom Smith
16/ Kathie & Rick Pierce

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Tom Murphy
Cathy Morris

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please plan to join us for
breakfast on Wednesday,
July 1st at 9:30am @ Egg's
Up, Morrow. See you
there!



TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

*Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and
prayerful hearts – want to know!*

06/15 Cindy Adair – carotid cleanse procedure went well
06/17 Barbara Barlow – Dr is pleased with PET scan results and is reducing
the frequency of her chemo treatments
05/13 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother – has restarted chemo treatments
06/07 Sherry Ellington – Serena's cousin – dr is monitoring implanted device
for 3 months to see if there's improvement with her heart function
05/31 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) PET scan showed she's cancer
free!
05/26 Jimmy Moore – former member – currently in the hospital because of a
stroke and has had multiple strokes over the last 2 months.
06/17 Pat Randolph – still having a lot of pain in her back but is managing
05/24 Tom Smith – He's doing well but still waiting to see what can be done
for his knee.
06/16 Serena Staats – surgery on 8/4/26 to replace rotator cuff
06/07 Larry Truex – (Dave's dad & Elizabeth's FIL) – in the hospital with cellu-
litis
06/07 Thelma Truex – (Dave's mom & Elizabeth's MIL) –is now staying with
family as she continues to recover from her injuries from the fall
**06/21 Frances Youngblood – fell at home on 6/17 and also dealing with
severe pain from neuralgia.**

**OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact in-
formation**

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

**Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@att.net or call a Ses-
sion member or Shepherd.**

Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church



Our daughter, Tammy Espe, has completed 6 months of
chemotherapy and scans show no sign of cancer. On
behalf of Darrell, Tammy, and myself, I want to thank
you all for your prayers these many months. The outcome looked
dire at the outset but prayers worked wonders.

Love,

Frances

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



JULY 11 — Circle One—10:30am

JULY — Mary & Martha—No Meeting

A Reminder:

- **We will collect school supplies Kinship Care. The last day to bring in your donations is Sunday, July 26th.**

KINSHIP CARE

This month we are collecting school supplies for Kinship Care. A detailed list of items needed is included in the Crossroads. Stores will soon have supplies on sale if they aren't already. Please consider helping with this worthwhile mission. If you have questions, please see Connie McWilliams. Thank you for your support!!!



24th Annual Tomato Sandwich Party

If you LOVE a good tomato sandwich, you are in luck! It's that time again!!! On Saturday, August 1st, the Good Shepherd Clinic will host it's Annual Tomato Sandwich Party. This will be held at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall and the time is from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and children 12 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance by going to urbanclinic.org/tsp or you can purchase tickets at the door. Please come out and support the clinic. They provide a wonderful service to our community.

JCTS Free Online Courses Through October

by Paul Roberts, Justice Center for Sacred Theological Studies

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, now doing business as the Justice Center for Sacred Theological Studies, has a sparkling new catalog of some 80 self-paced, online courses. Content ranges from biblical studies to critical thinking to women in ministry--and so much more! Visit jcsts.org/programs to check it out. These courses are self-paced and absolutely free!

PPC Clerk's Corner

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Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy 4th of July!!! It's hard to believe that our country is celebrating 250 years of independence. While we have many concerning issues going on in our country, I can't imagine living anywhere else. If you think about it, our country is only 50 years older than our church. That's amazing! Something else that is absolutely amazing is our congregation. Your continued support—financially, prayers, project support, maintaining the grounds and buildings, etc—absolutely astounds me. You guys rock!!!

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. For the month of May, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$92,025.66

Monthly Identified Offerings - \$15,440.43

YTD Identified Offerings - \$63,694.21

Monthly Total Revenue - \$18,360.71

YTD Total Revenue - \$78,681.63

Monthly Total Expenses - \$13,220.56

YTD Expenses - \$66,066.45

Monthly Surplus/Deficit - \$5,140.15

YTD Surplus/Deficit - \$12,615.18

As always, we greatly appreciate all of your support for our church as well as for the missions we support.

I hope you will take a moment this month to enjoy some ice cream, and spend time with those you love.

Love,

Jennifer

The Babb Project –Community Outreach

In May we were able to purchase all of the food needed for 13 bags each Friday, at the cost of \$58.67. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry through either monetary donations or food donations.

WORKDAY— Saturday, July 25th @ 9:00am





KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Kinship Care Resource Center is a local organization that supports grandparents raising grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In July each year, we collect school supplies for the children returning to school. A list of the types of supplies they need is below. Anytime you may find any of these items on sale and discounted, you may bring them in. The collection bin is in the Narthex. If you prefer to give money for Connie to shop with – if contributing by check please notate on your contribution that it's for Kinship School Supplies or you can just give your donation directly to Connie. **Please bring in by July 26.**

Suggested school supplies are:

large book bags
clear book bags
3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
5-tab divider sets
pens (blue, black and red)
highlighters
mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
colored folders (with and without prongs)
calculators (Scientific for high school)
hand sanitizer
tissues (small packets)
crayons (24-count only)
white out
composition books
dry erase markers

wet ones wipes
wooden pencils, erasers, & sharpeners
rulers, compasses and protractors
spiral notebooks (1-subject , 3- and 5-also)
notebook paper (wide & college rule)
index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
colored pencils
staplers and staples
markers (10-pack)
copy paper
tri-folder notebook with 3 sides
Trapper Keepers
tape, glue sticks. Scissors



Gospel Sing at First Baptist Church of Morrow

The first Tuesday of each month the First Baptist Church of Morrow is hosting a Gospel sing a long. The sing a long will be from 10:30-11:30am and everyone is invited to come.

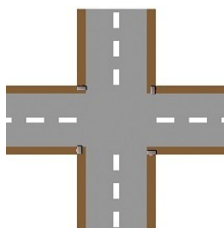
This month the sing a long is on Tuesday, July 7th.



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