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THE CROSSROADS

I suppose we should announce that summer is over when school starts, but no longer does that occur after Labor Day. This year it's August 3, which I find totally ridiculous. We need to figure out a way to return to the days of school that lets out on Memorial Day and returns back after Labor Day. Those 3 months are, in my opinion, critical to childhood. I didn't "forget" everything I'd learned in those 3 months off, and those hot days of swimming, reading, or doing absolutely nothing were important. After all, we are told in the Bible to take a Sabbath every 7th day. And we all know that once school starts, children have homework on the weekends and sports activities – so Sabbath rest gets harder.

Teachers need that 3 months also – to rest, have some planning time for the next year, and to just get away from classrooms full of kids! Everyone needs a vacation from routine, and everyone needs a sabbatical – a time to do something totally different from the ordinary. I think of summer vacation from school as a Sabbath season. European countries know how to do this. Some Asian countries do not. No, we're not dumbing down our kids by letting them have an extra month off – it didn't make any kids in my generation dumber by riding bikes and playing outside and going to the beach and staying in the swimming pool till our fingers got all wrinkled for 3 months. We celebrated play – and psychologists will tell you that without play we all wither up and lose our sense of joy.

So for those of you involved in the school system, my condolences for the month of August. For the rest of you, try to enjoy the blessings of summer while staying cool. God gave us seasons for a reason. Enjoy the rest of this one.

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne

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that brings all people to
God through Christ
centered worship**

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTH-DAYS

19/ Glenda Taylor
22/ Betty Brock
30/ Brooke Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES

24/ Dot & Emory Pearce

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
David Hatch
Debbie Bray

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please plan to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, August 5th at 9:30am @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!



WORKDAY— Saturday, August 15th @ 9:00am



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!

06/17 Barbara Barlow – Dr is pleased with PET scan results and is reducing the frequency of her chemo treatments

07/22 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother – has finished his 1st round of chemo and lung cancer is smaller but not gone. Drs are determining next steps for treatment

07/12 Ann Bryant (Janice Lockhart's stepmom) – in rehab facility due to recent fall. Janice is currently taking care of her dad.

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

07/08 Jimmy Moore – former member – not doing well. Has had at least one more stroke since May. On every stroke medication possible but there's not much else drs say they can do.

07/19 Pat Randolph – having a sacroiliac joint injection on 8/3 to address back pain.

06/28 Joyce Smith – fell and broke her leg

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

07/23 Angie Tharp—admitted to Piedmont Fayette—congestive heart failure and fluid overload

07/12 Larry Truex – (Dave's dad & Elizabeth's FIL) – in a rehab facility recovering

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

07/22 Sid Woodham – Debbie Bray's BIL – fell and broke his leg and must remain immobile for 3-4 months without bending leg. Also pray for his wife Cindy who is his caretaker.

07/14 Feroze Yusufji – home recovering from extensive spine surgery on 7/8

OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secypcc@att.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

July was the month we collected School Supplies for **Kinship Care**. School starts on 8/3. Even though we do not have an exact count yet, we appreciate all of your gifts.

Thank You!!!

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



AUG 6—Mary & Martha luncheon at 11:30

Location to be determined

AUG 8 — Circle One—10:30am

A Few Reminders:

8/2/26—PWCT Meeting—working on 2027 PW Budget

9/20/26— PW Annual Meeting after service

PW Man of the Year—2026—David Hatch

On June 28, 2026, our Presbyterian Women honored our 8th annual Man of the Year—**David Hatch**, a man who has shown dedication to God by service to our Church and community.

David joined our Church on February 19, 2012 by transfer of letter from the Riverdale Presbyterian Church and has been a devoted member since.

He attends our Sunday School class every Sunday and knows his Bible.

He comes to the Church every Wednesday to help in preparing the food each week for the Babb project.

He delivers the grocery bags that we collect to the Morrow Presbyterian Church for their use in distributing food in their Food Pantry ministry.

He is here to help on every work-day, helping to maintain the Church. And he serves many Sundays as an Usher for the Church.

These are many of the ways he lives his life dedicated to God, our Church, and community.

The Man of the Year honor includes a certificate and a gift card.

David, Thank You for all you do for our Church!

PPC Clerk's Corner

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Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope you are staying cool and hydrated during the "dog days of summer". I don't know about you but I'm ready for some cooler days.

The Session did not meet in July, however, here is our financial information for the month of June.

June financial information:

Total Assets - \$85,551.04

Monthly Identified Offerings - \$7,794.00

YTD Identified Offerings - \$71,488.21

Monthly Total Revenue - \$10,742.97

YTD Total Revenue - \$89,424.60

Monthly Total Expenses - \$17,775.18

YTD Expenses - \$83,841.63

Monthly Surplus/Deficit - (\$7,032.21)

YTD Surplus/Deficit - \$5,582.97

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, stay cool, and spend time with those you love.

Love,

Jennifer



Good Shepherd Clinic's

24th Annual Tomato Sandwich Party

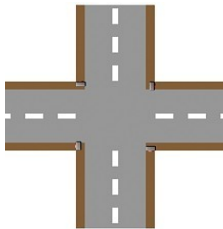
Saturday, August 1st, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall. Tickets are \$25 per person and children 12 and under are free.



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