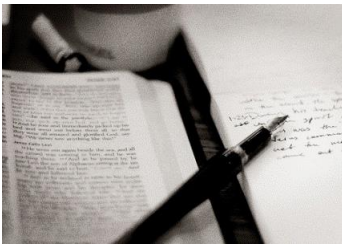


First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

MESSENGER

August 2017



***Pastor's
Points***

As the calendar turns to August, it is a reminder of the beginning of the public school year. Students, teachers and their families begin again the time of teaching and learning; not just the three R's, but about life.

Teaching and learning is not restricted to 200 days per year or only until we reach a certain age. Each of us teaches and each of us learns every single day of our life. The important questions are:

- Who are you teaching?
- What are you teaching?
- Who are you learning from?
- What are you learning?

In the Upper room on the night of His arrest, Jesus comforted His disciples that they would not be left as orphans after Jesus returned to His Father. "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14: 26)

This is the teaching we need to follow and use as instruction to others. Jesus has promised us that this is so. Go and be His disciples.

In Loving Memory

First Presbyterian recently experienced the loss of cherished members of our church family. Memorial contributions were given in memory of those we lost.

Alvin Duff

February 12, 1925 – July 4, 2017

Katrena & L.H. Boyd, Jr.
Andrew & Emily Lofstrand
Mark & Rebecca Shull

Lois Duff

October 21, 1925 – July 9, 2017

Lucy or Thomas Hughes, Jr.

Alvin & Lois Duff

Dorothy Walsh
Kenneth & Ruth Wilkerson
Freddy & Linda Brummett
Nancy & Harry Burck, Jr., M.D.
Gerald & Lois Harkinrider
Charles & Charlene Miller
Carolyn & Russ Overbey
James & Dorothy Holmes
Edward & Lynn Womack
George & Freda White
Lawrence & Myrna Powell
Mitchell & Sharon Rabon
Tim & Carol Stout
J. Polk Cooley
Teresa Hickey
Betty Hay
Steve & Donna Lewis
Deland & Jane Dacus
Patricia Wright
Helen low
David & Laura Weigle
Steve & Hilda Osborne
Geraldine Wallick
Ann Heigel
Pam's Friday Night Dinner Group

In Loving Memory

Steve Clayton

Freddy & Linda Brummett
Geraldine Wallick

Jeane Warner

April 24, 1929 – July 11, 2017

Tim & Carol H. Stout
Geraldine Wallick
Steve & Hilda Osborne
James & Dorothy Holmes
Freddy & Linda Brummett
Ann Heigel
Border States Electric Supply of TN



The Family of Jeane Warner wishes to send our deepest appreciation to everyone for all the love, support and prayers for her and the family during her illness and passing. She had so much love and respect for

her church family and we truly appreciate the love and respect you've shown to her. We want to thank Pastor Charles for the wonderful service he provided, the beautiful music provided by Ms. Wallick, Chris and Justin, the attendance of so many and to Dot, Carolyn and everyone that provided a delicious lunch for us after the service. She is no longer in our lives to share but she will always be in our hearts.

Thank you,
The Warner Family

We also remember the passing of

Xavier Mankel

Brother of George Mankel

“So thankful that the Lord made you—So thankful for your kindness, too!”

Thanks all of you for your thoughts and prayers.
-The Mankel Family

God's Word, Our Strength

August 6: Bless each person here today, Loving God. Whether their week has been smooth or rocky, may they find refuge in you.

Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21.

August 13: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season” (Psalm 145: 15, NSRV). With harvest underway across the land, I thank you, Lord, for food—and for spiritual nourishment.

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45 b; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

August 20: “Jesus loves me; this I know.” Thank you, Holy Spirit, for reminding me of this simple—yet profound—truth.

Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-28

August 27: I pray for students getting ready to go back to school or already having started. Bless their learning and growth in academics, life skills and faith.

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20



28th Justin & Keri Phillips

31st Rusty & Kathy Dryman

12th Jenny Summerfield
15th Mylah Jade Dryman
16th Archie White
19th Greg Pelfrey
20th Cindy Brummett
22nd Olivia Metcalfe
23rd Daisy Peden
24th Angel Harold
30th Rachel Robinette



Prayers for our

Shut-Ins

Carolyn Gill
JoAnn Glover
Carolyn Pemberton
Nancy Williams
Terry Newman

Military

Jerald Dixon
Nate Mankel
Chris Marney
Jake Russell
Maeghan Redmon
Jesse Scarbrough

JULY SESSION MEETING

- Next Communion will be held August 6.
- Vacation Bible School was successful. Good job done by all.
- No decision has been made yet on whether we will hold a Block Party this year.
- Cards were sent and contact was attempted for each member of military personnel known to us.
- The Love Kitchen is doing fine.
- Next meeting of the Congregational Care meeting will be held August 17.
- Proposal was made that we send flowers from the church to funerals for church members and regular attendees. Hilda moved that flowers be sent to funerals for member/attendees, their spouses, parents, and children. Cost of flowers not to exceed \$50.00.
- Needed roofing repairs are underway.
- Waterproofing by B-Dry was proven effective during our last rain storm. The basement stayed dry.
- A professional electrician will be contacted to:
 - Install electrical outlet in basement for Sump Pump which is currently plugged into an electrical extension cord.
 - Re-wire electrical in the administrative office.
 - Provide recommendations and estimate to improve wiring in the sanctuary for overhead lighting and the mural window at the back of the church.
- Installation of water faucet at back of building has been completed.
- Jerry has looked at a couple of pianos for the choir room. No decision yet.
- Steve Osborne will be added to names of those who can access the bank safety box.
- The Visitation Committee enjoyed visiting with people in the community on its last trip out. Another trip will be planned soon.
- The Presbytery meeting will be held August 19 in Cleveland, TN. Chris Goddard will attend with Charles as Commissioner from our church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Receipts	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 48,520.00
Expenditures	\$ 7,080.00	\$ 48,740.00

JULY ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
July 2	21	35	\$ 1,112.00
July 9	19	36	\$ 1,998.00
Jul 16	18	38	\$ 1,017.00
July 23	15	31	\$ 1,043.00
July 30	21	44	\$ 777.00

Lemonade On The Lawn

Volunteer Hosts for August

- August 6 Communion
- August 13 Women's Cookout
- August 20 Carolyn Bolinsky
- August 27 Jonathan & Arlene Foust



2017 Hunger Fund

July, August and September are months we collect for the Hunger Fund. Six pennies a day for a total of \$5.52 is the suggested minimum amount. The offering will be received on October 1st and 8th.

Women's Association Cookout August 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. The WA will provide meat, drinks and condiments. Everyone is invited to attend and bring side dishes. The featured speaker will be from Mid-East Community Action Agency.

BIBLE QUIZ

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah? (See Genesis 30:19-21.)



- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



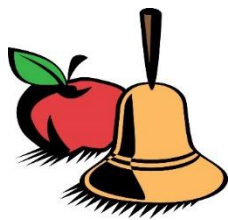
In biblical context, scales symbolize judgment, particularly divine judgment. In Daniel 5: 27, the king is told he has been “weighed on the scales [by God] and found wanting.” Job also uses scales as a metaphor for judgment: “Let God weigh me in honest scales and He will know that I am blameless” (Job 31: 6, NIV). Finally, scales may represent the archangel Michael, who is sometimes considered responsible for “weighing” the souls of the dead.

Teaching is Caring

It's been said that public school teachers don't teach values. The truth is that more public school teachers teach in Sunday School than do people from any other profession. Using examples and patient guidance, most regular school teachers treat their students with love, respect and appreciation. Many teachers help students from poor homes get money for school supplies, find nicer clothes for them to and make sure they have something nutritional to eat. Last year, the average school teacher spent \$468 for student necessities, workbooks, gym clothes, special needs and supplies. Yet teaching is one of the poorest paid professions in our nation.

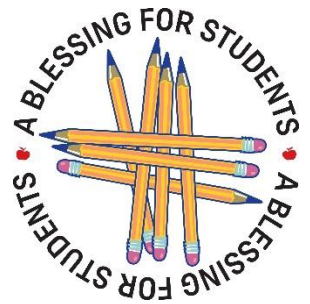
Think about teachers who teach children who don't know English. Consider the teachers who patiently strive to educate children who are mentally or social challenged. In America there are some two million children who fall into one or several categories that hamper their learning: homeless, poverty-stricken, unwanted, unloved, abused or hungry. What future might such children have without the patience and guidance of concerned teachers?

Often a child's only hope comes from a caring public school teacher. A large percentage of such teachers are likely to be involved with a church, synagogue or mosque. Their love and dedicated service is surely pleasing to God. It should be to us as well.



Dear Lord Jesus,

Bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



Gratitude Perspective

Adults aren't the only ones who benefit from counting their blessings. Research shows that thankful kids get better grades, experience less depression and jealousy, and maintain a more positive outlook on life.

Experts emphasize that parents must model gratitude, especially in today's consumer-driven culture. But professor Robert Emmons notes that being thankful usually comes pretty easily for children. “Kids have a natural affinity to gratitude,” he says. “They often teach parents as much or more about gratitude than the other way around.”

Showing Some Spine

Because of a back injury, a teacher had to wear a plaster cast around his upper body. It fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable at all. On the first day of school, still wearing the cast, he walked confidently into a classroom full of rowdy students.

After giving a lecture and assignment, the teacher opened the window and busied himself at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he grabbed his stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Needless to say, the teacher had no trouble with discipline that year.

Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Genesis 30:19-21.)

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 RMA Mtg	9 1st Day of School	10 RHS Band	11 RHS Jamboree	12 Love Kitchen (Bethel) 5-7 pm
13 Women's Cookout 5 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18	19 PET Meeting
20 Lemonade Host Carolyn Bolinsky	21	22	23 Session 7 pm	24	25	26 Love Kitchen 5-7 pm
27 Lemonade Host Jonathan & Arlene Foust	28	29	30	31		
		Narcotics Anonymous meets each Tuesday 7:30 p Fellowship Hall				

AUGUST EVENTS

August 6	Communion
August 8	Rockwood Ministerial Assn. Meeting
August 12	Love Kitchen (Bethel Presbyterian)
August 13	Women's Cookout
August 19	Presbytery of East Tennessee Meeting
August 23	Session Meets
August 26 th	Love Kitchen

SESSION

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Wilma Brummett	Kathy Dryman	Geraldine Walltick
James Cox	Jonathan Foust	Hilda Osborne
Chris Metcalfe	Tim Pelfrey	Steve Osborne



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