



The Covenanter

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Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

-2nd Corinthians 3: 17

We have much to be grateful for each and every day. The order of seasons, the cycles of life and the rhythms of creation that surround us. On our best days, our hearts beat to such rhythms, our minds perceive various cycles and our spirits find peace amid the ebb and flow of time. However, all days are not our best ones.

During the month of July, we often think about such things as Liberty, Freedom and Independence. It should be said that these are not a reality for everyone. In cities, amid the urban and the rural, life for many in our country, and indeed around the world, means knowing little of these amazing, fought for gifts and blessings. I think about the abject poverty in our own community. I think about the scarcity in places like rural Kentucky, the Mississippi delta and the I-95 "corridor of shame," that is visible as I drive through South Carolina. All of these combined merely represent a small fraction of humanity that live isolated, marginalized and separate from much of the world around them.

Our Nation, these United States of America, is facing significant challenges. Although united, we are also a people divided. We are divided along social, racial and economic lines every day. Unfortunately, many of our leaders, elected and non, and on all sides and all stripes, are seemingly happy to foster, encourage and promote the tribalism and balkanization we witness daily. This demonstrates a lack (or absence) of servant leadership and an opportunity for the consolidation of power and authority. And where power and authority consolidate, freedom, liberty and independence of the individual and the masses becomes problematic.

Freedom and Independence are facets of the "jewel of religious liberty." Ezra Stiles, on April 23rd 1760, in the Colony of Rhode Island, amid a sermon titled "A Discourse on the Christian Union" said:

"The right of concise and private judgment is unalienable; and it is truly the interest of all humanity to unite themselves into one body, for the liberty, free exercise, and unmolested enjoyment of this right, especially in religion... God be thanked, we are not embarrassed with subscriptions and oaths to uninspired rules for defining truth in this land of liberty, where the Scriptures are professedly our only rule, and being possessed of the precious jewel of religious liberty, a jewel of inestimable worth, let us prize it highly, and esteem it to dear to be parted with on any terms. Our cause is one. Let us be cemented together by forbearance, fellowship and union. Let the grand errand into America never be forgotten."

As we give thanks for our national independence, we are also thankful for "the right of concise, private judgment and the jewel of religious liberty." I pray though the Holy Spirit, God will animate us as Winter Park Presbyterian Church, and that the "Spirit of the Lord," would inhabit our being, so that the oppressed, the poor, the outcasts of our world, even ourselves, might discover something more valuable and precious than the Hope diamond. Indeed, that everyone might lay hold of the jewel of religious freedom, and that God's Spirit would be present in our land, around the world and in our hearts. For where God's Spirit resides, so does Freedom.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Darren



More pictures can be found at:
www.winppcphotos.org/Graduation-Sunday-6-13-2021



The Relationships in Action adult Sunday School class (R in A) at WPPC will resume meeting on July 11th from 9:15-10:15 AM in Room 301 after 16 months. Our class uses a theme that we study issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” We are interested in ideas, events and social issues that affect our lives and the lives of others and how we can be a factor in positive change.

Individual classes are often provided by invited guests and specific experts on subjects of spiritual and social interest, as well as individuals from the class and WPPC.

If you think this class would be something that would bolster your faith as you walk through life’s journey, you are encouraged to attend this “re-organization” class.



As we resume activities at the church, we will begin providing bus service for residents at Westminster and the Mayflower. The bus is currently scheduled for two dates: Sunday July 4th and Sunday August 1st. We would like to provide this service every week and are currently seeking volunteers (no special license required) to drive the bus and assist with this important ministry.

The concept would be to have as many drivers as possible, so that no one person is responsible each week. We are hopeful this will allow for increased participation and an opportunity to share this responsibility among many.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or either Ron Ellman (Ron@ellmanpower.com) or Jim McKinney (JBMCK60@gmail.com).



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is an important step for a youth on their faith journey. Confirmation is a time when a youth looks carefully at promises that were made at the time of their baptism and makes the decision to carry their faith for themselves. It is the moment that they take responsibility for their faith, deciding what it means for them not only to be a Christian in the world but also an active member of a Church. It is a time of study, looking not only at the Bible but also at creeds of the Church as they examine the political practices. It is a time for them to participate in missions of the Church as well as Youth Group and begin to find their footing so that they can call themselves members of the Body of Christ!



On Sunday, June 27 WPPC celebrated the confirmation of Samantha Harmeson and Griffin Seel. Sam and Griffin started their Confirmation class in Fall of 2019 and completed it in Spring of 2020, even in the middle of a Pandemic! In February of this year they finally presented their Statements of Faith to session and both were unanimously accepted! With the reopening of the Church we were thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate this step in their faith with them.

A new Confirmation class will be starting in Fall of 2021. If you are a youth going into High School or know of any Youth going into High School who would be interested in taking this next step in their faith journey, please contact Emily Wasser to talk about the possibility of participating.



LOOKING FOR USHERS & GREETERS



Are you great at smiling? Do you love making others feel warm and welcome? Can you direct others with ease to the bathrooms or the sanctuary or the offices? Can you expertly hand things to others without breaking a sweat?! Are you here on Sunday morning? If you answered "yes" to any or all of these questions, then you have what it takes to be an usher and a greeter here at WPPC. Ushers and Greeters are responsible for helping others feel warm and welcome at the Church on a Sunday Morning. They help to monitor the congregation on Sundays, and once COVID procedures are lifted they will make sure

that everyone has a bulletin, a seat, and a place to put their offering. WPPC is desperately searching for more ushers and greeters to help out on Sundays, so if you think this is a job you might fulfill please contact: Usher—Mike Galyean at galyeanmike@gmail.com or 321-276-7515 or Greeter—Doris Anguish at 407-599-5040.



DEACON'S DEN DENNIS SCHMALSTIG, WPPC DEACON

The rush of riding "The Beast" rollercoaster begins when the car reaches the top of the first hill. I look down and see an impossibly small tunnel at the bottom of the slope. As the coaster rushes forward, I know that I will never survive the dread moment when flesh and metal get crushed into a compacted mass. But the tunnel magically expands as the car approaches the opening, and I safely come out on the other side. The invigoration of survival lasts until the next slope approaches...

As I get older, more and more relatives, friends and acquaintances make departures. Some die. Others leave town or lose interest in maintaining a connection. My wife and I discussed the feeling that we have moved up in the queue. Sooner or a bit later, we will take our turn and exit this planet.

As we begin our descents, we turn toward memories of times when we could climb a hill effortlessly, when others depended on us, when our minds worked clearly and efficiently. Wasted time and lost opportunities take on greater weight. Why did we engage in pointless fights and worry? Why didn't we reach out to those who needed us? When did we let ambition trump kindness?

The trap lies in looking over our shoulders too much. If we cling to the past, wallow in loss, and slump into pessimistic fatalism, then we limit our ability to go onward. We become concentrated versions of our worst, most fearful selves. Like Lot's wife, we turn into pillars of salt.

Instead of fearing the inevitable and pining for the past, it is better to look at each moment as a new adventure. Some adventures, of course, bring pain and exhaustion. But any journey into the unknown surpasses passive surrender to gloom.

If we remain open, we become like hot air balloons that have finally slipped their tethers. We float away on the wind. A clear horizon beckons.



Thank you everyone for praying for me during my shoulder surgery. It is so wonderful to be back on Sundays! I want to give a special thanks to the prayer warriors of this congregation. Several of them I've never met, but they put me on their list and sent me cards saying they were all praying for me. As I told Pastor Bess, "what a blessing they are!"

- Penny Walsh, organist



**Dave Rea
Lil Rea
Dori Wentz**

We're glad you're here!



SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATES **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

Caring for Generations

On Sunday, May 9, our congregation donated \$360.00 for this Special Offering. 100% of these monies will be sent to the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation to help support the residents of Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities who have outlived their financial resources. Because of your gifts and the gifts of others, no resident in these facilities has ever been asked to leave their home because of insufficient funds.

Pentecost Offering

On Sunday, May 23, our congregation donated \$150.00 for this Special Offering. 60% of these monies will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to assist young adult volunteers serving communities, guiding youth ministries and advancing child advocacy. The remaining 40% will be sent locally to Covenant House Florida in Orlando to provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling and supportive services to Central Florida's most vulnerable homeless. Their mission is based on faith and the belief that all children and youth have a right to love, respect and genuine concern.

"As you did to one of the least of My brethren, you did to Me." -Matthew 25:40



5 CENTS A MEAL **SUNDAY, JULY 25**



On Sunday, July 25, we will take the third quarterly collection for 5 Cents A Meal this year. Please continue your support for P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer To Hunger). Your contributions support the Second Harvest Food Bank, which distributes meals to partner feeding programs across our six-county area; Society of St. Andrew (SOSA), which coordinates gleaning events with volunteers to provide fresh, nutritious produce to local food banks; Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) in Guatemala, which plants fruit trees to provide fruit and prevent mudslides, as well as building and installing fuel-efficient brick stoves in remote poverty-stricken villages; and Madagascar Project [Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC (USA) missionaries], which allows Dan to train seminar students in the planting and cultivation of fruit trees, and help Elizabeth implement a community health program, teach AIDS awareness and advise the family planning program.

Your contributions in the past have helped our partners to combat hunger in many ways and in many places. The fishbowl will be on a table in the Narthex to accept your donations. You may also mark your Special Offering envelope for 5 Cents A Meal or go to our website to give online. Thank you for your continued support.

The Compassion Committee thanks you for your continued support.



LIBRARY NEWS

DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN

We switch our attention on the stained glass windows from over the door on the east side to the west side where two giant figures of Biblical history are—one a king (David) and the other, a prophet (Isaiah).

A crown symbolizes David as King. He was brave and brilliant in battle, molding Israel into one nation. He was so popular with his people that everything he did pleased the people. He also had deliberate sins, deceit and crimes of blood—the death of his little child by Bathsheba—a revolt again him led by his delinquent son, Absalom, who was killed in battle and lamented by David.



Out of the 150 Psalms, 73 are attributed to him. The shepherd boy in his early years tending his flock and singing his songs is shown here on the left.

Isaiah is pictured on the right. He is one of the major, if not the greatest, of the Hebrew prophets. Born around 770-760 B.C., he lived his life in Jerusalem serving as friend and counselor to four kings. He was an outstanding statesman, influential in the formulation of his nation's policies.

Isaiah's greatness was as a prophet, one who sought the mind of God and spoke His word in times of national and international crises. No

political or military officer, king, or priest was beyond the reach of his voice. His utterances had the authority of *Thus saith the Lord!*

Isaiah is the longest of the prophetic books. Pictured here is Isaiah in the foreground agonizing over his vision of the Messiah's suffering. In the background is the figure of Christ, the Messiah.



UPDATE ON WPPC'S "MISSION TO FEED THE HOMELESS"

Because of the Pandemic, we were unable to provide food and serve at the Coalition for 13 months (March, 2020-March, 2021). We have now been back on track for the past 3 months.

We've had to make a number of adjustments and as with everything Pandemic related, it is a slow process getting back to normal.

Many WPPC volunteers have returned to this mission, while we've also had new faces come to our rescue. Here are the folks that have made up our teams during the last 3 months. Of course, not all these volunteers come each time; it is important to have extra members to cover absences. For days and times, please check the Coalition table on page 10.

Food Preparation Team (salad or meat/pasta dish)—Mary Van Hook, Chair

Members: Jay Van Hook, Marilyn & Steve Bryant, Julie Rankin, Robin Danley, Dana Irwin, Jodi Tassos, Eileen Silver, Susan & Alan Davis. Eileen is serving as Chair until Mary is able to return. When we serve pasta, Jyme Smith comes to the kitchen at 1:30 to heat the meal so it will be ready to serve when the bus pulls out at 4 p.m. When it is our turn to make and serve the salad, Nancy and Mike Galyean come an hour early to mix 2 gallons of mayonnaise into the 6 pans.

Brownie Baking Team—Bonnie Gaughan, Chair

Members: Sevilla Morse, Reta Jackson. In addition, each month Reta purchases the supplies from Costco to make the brownies and delivers them to our kitchen.

Brownie Cutting/Bagging Team—Joann Robertson, Chair

Members: Wendy Jamison, Doris Anguish, Sharon Twitchell, Dona Stepp

Bus Drivers—Will McCurdy, Chair

Members: Steve House, Ron Ellman

Servers—Nancy Galyean, Chair

Members: Mike Galyean, Sevilla Morse, Gary Henderson, Pat Morgan, Gene & Carol Pickler, Curtis Koon, Will McCurdy, Woody Storey, Fran Morrissey, Cynthia Nants, and Laureen Fustachek

Sign-up List: Now that the front office is open to pass through to the sanctuary, the sign-up list to serve at the Coalition is posted on the bulletin board. Nancy depends on this list to communicate with volunteer servers during the week before we serve.

We hope to again provide PB&J sandwiches and toiletries soon as the Coalition continues to adjust. This means we will need additional volunteers to fill these important positions. If you are interested in any of our volunteer opportunities, please contact Nancy Galyean, nangalyean@gmail.com (407-929-0903).

"MISSION TO FEED THE HOMELESS"





COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Nancy Galyean at 407-929-0903 or nangalyean@gmail.com.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 7/7 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 7/8 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 7/9 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines (news, sports, cars, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	All month: Place in COALITION giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 7/9 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:30 PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway or call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 7/9 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 7/9 7:30-8:00 PM
Financial Donation: Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition.

We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated!

**To help in any way, please contact: Nancy Galyean
407-929-0903 or nangalyean@gmail.com.**

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



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to tho bonos.

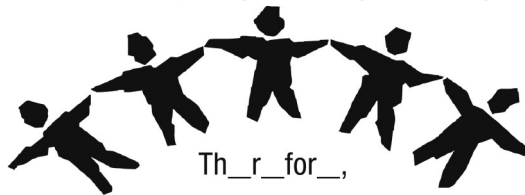


PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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h_ly __nd d__rly l_v_d, cl_th__

y__rs_lv_s w_th c_mp_ss__n,

k_ndn_ss, h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n_ss

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C_l_ss__ns 3:12-13, N_V

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

Don't even think about it!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<u>1</u> Paul Danley	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> Peggy Bargar Carolyn Deatrick Alison Frazier	<u>5</u> Katharine Antommara	<u>6</u> Michelle Trahan	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Jeremiah Boyle Wade Edwards Dee Herschel	<u>9</u> Catherine Fields Jennifer Fields	<u>10</u> Shanda Needham
<u>11</u> Anne Bensinger Jayne Leach	<u>12</u> Ann Paulsen Deanna Spangler Tricia Wilson	<u>13</u> Yvonne Manking	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Jean Cumming Gloria Duncan	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> Melissa Storey Mark Wilson	<u>19</u> Lynne McKnight	<u>20</u> Nancy Miller	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Donna Brokop	<u>23</u> Christina Trexler	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Charles Wagenhauser	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Jennifer Roe	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Sue Erdmann	<u>31</u> Leeann Lee Gene Pickler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> Stan Halterman LaRue Ott Jim Ocque	<u>2</u> Tom Simmons	<u>3</u> Ernestine Beattie	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Marilyn Kieffner	<u>6</u> Bette Jumper	<u>7</u> Brad Hurd
<u>8</u> Laurie Grizzard Emily Elizabeth Kent Carol Pickler	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Robbie Dreasher Carol Howell	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Steve Bryant	<u>14</u> Cheryl Darcy Malcolm MacDiarmid Hilda Shaw
<u>15</u> Mary Beardall	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Harper Erb	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Bianca Anderson Jean Carolan Isidoro dePaula
<u>22</u> Sandy Matrick	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Nancy Hamlin	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Larry Seel Ann Tebbetts	<u>27</u> Ann MacDiarmid	<u>28</u> Susan Price
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Donna Ettinger	<u>31</u> Marilyn Simmons				



Summer camp is in full swing at Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool. In June we explored under the sea, made joyous music and had so much fun digging dinosaurs. Water days on Tuesday and Friday were the best! Our campers' favorite water day activity is driving plasma cars through our Kid Wash.

July is another busy month of camp as the children will enjoy nature activities, learn about the different animals on our planet, and blast off to outer space.



Campers of all ages love splash days at WPPP summer camp.

Summer will be over before you know it, and we will host our annual Meet Your Teacher event on Monday, August 9. The first day of the brand new school year is Tuesday, August 10.



Cruising through the Kid Wash at WPPP summer camp.



Painting a shaving cream masterpiece at a recent summer camp splash day.

Big kids love the rocket ship sprayer at WPPP summer camp.



The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
 Justin Chase, Director of Music
 Penny Walsh, Organist
 Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

SESSION

2021

Phillip Anderson
 Lisa Dreasher
 Jayne Leach
 Shaheed Mohammed
 Nelson Roe

2022

Theresa Coker
 Bonnie Gaughan
 Fran Morrissey
 Michelle Trahan
 Jay Van Hook

2023

Syd Davis
 Fred Kittinger
 Malcolm MacDiarmid
 Jim McKinney
 Dawn Sumrall

DIACONATE

2021

Mike Galyean
 Reta Jackson
 Julie Kent
 Curtis Koon
 Sara Van Arsdell
 Jeanne Vinci

2022

Susan Davis
 Jane Munns
 Rachel Myers
 Christine Rich
 Dennis Schmalstig
 Meg Ball Thomas

2023

Ron Ellman
 Betty Johnston
 Sevilla Morse
 Cynthia Nants
 Jyme Smith

MISSIONARIES

Rev. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell - Brazil
 Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica
 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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