

The “Press”byterian – October 2018



A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

Recently, Bob Lichy gave us an update on his Haitian mission of which we are a part. It is a testimony to God’s involvement in that ministry that it has expanded so quickly. One of the things we look for to determine if an effort in ministry is legitimate is to see if and how God has blessed it – and God has mightily blessed “Love the Children Haiti”. We can believe in what He is doing there through that ministry and feel generous toward it.

Bob told me recently that he knows of over two thousand ministries begun in Haiti since Bob started “Love the Children Haiti” that are no longer there. The reason? They tried to do it all for the Haitians. Instead, Bob does it with them, training them to become self-sufficient along the way.

By the way, Bob told me that on the Sunday he was here, as he and Diane headed toward the door to head back to Florida, someone handed him some money. That person did not identify herself. Later, Bob pulled the money out of his pocket and discovered it was a \$100 bill. Bob is quite intent on thanking people who invest themselves into the ministry he began and loves. I’m sharing this so that our generous member might let me know who she is so that I can inform Bob. If that were not to happen, then on behalf of Bob, I am thanking you in this newsletter.

Another by the way--our members are encouraged to consider special individual gifts to any of our CFPC sponsored ministries, international and local.

Speaking of our mission involvement, I dropped by VAC this week and found our folks there running around tending to folks. At times I felt that I was on the Daytona 500 race track trying to run across the track on race day with all the fast cars whizzing by me. I was even drafted by dedicated server Trish to work with her. She carried the onions around to give to folks and I followed her with the tomatoes. What a team! If you ever need expert onion and tomato service, call us. We will give you the member rate. It was a privilege working with Trish and all the other folks who are there pretty much every month for our VAC day of service.

You can tell that I have mission on my mind. A couple of months before Bob Lichy made his presentation, Darryl Roberts updated us on the Orphan Aid Liberia mission that we participate in. In another month, we will be hearing similarly from the directors of several of the community ministries we support. That’s a lot of help in a lot of places. You are a giving, sharing, caring community of faith.

As always, I am privileged to be your pastor and friend,

David

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October Birthdays:

- 1 – Emily Driscoll
- 2 – Ron Jackson
- 8 – Martha Ann Haley
- 9 – Lori Fisher
- 12 – Jon Marvel
- 17 – Paul Tatham
- 24 – Samantha Mitchell
- 25 – Barbara Jackson
- 26 – Phyllis Joy
- 30 – Brenda Simmons
- 31 – Patti Smith



October Anniversaries:

- 4 – Charley & Gay Little (2008)
- 6 – Max & Teri Thomas (1962)
- 16 – John & Suzanne Driscoll (1993)
- 20 – Shawn & Cathy Keeter (2001)
- 26 – Bobby & Patti Smith (1986)



Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
Buildings & Grounds – John McPhearson
Christian Education –
Lydia Circle – Gay Little
Men of the Church – Jim Clark
Membership Team – Martha Ann Haley
Missions Team – Judy Greeson
Personnel Team – Ed Donn
Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzarro
Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
Worship – Peggy Smith
Ushers – Jim Clark
Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
Women of the Church – Sandi Donn/Dreama Giles
VAC – Jim & Joan Clark

Give Thanks
to the Lord
for he is good.

First Sunday of the Month

We observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion and collect our Missions Offering on the first Sunday of the Month.



MEN OF THE CHURCH

The MOC did not hold a regular meeting this month since we were setting up clothing racks and tables for Lydia Circle's Fall Little Lambs Sale. We also assisted Women of the Church Work Group in late August to set up tables and clothing racks for their sale.

A special thanks to all of the men who helped set up and take down the clothing racks for both events.

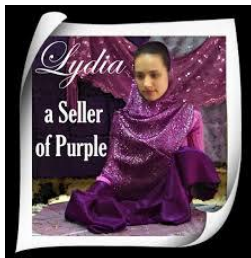
We did vote to pay for half of the new carpet cleaner for the church. Women of the Church Work Group paid the other half.

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 PM. We will be setting up our annual yard sale which is set for Friday, October 19 @8:00-4:00 and Saturday, October 20 @8:00-12:00. We need volunteers to help with the yard sale, so mark your calendars!

The MOC is selling local honey and sorghum syrup. The cost is \$8 for a 16 oz jar and \$14 for a 32 oz jar.

Our tentative date for our annual Yankee Trader Dinner is set for Sunday, December 9.

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Little Lambs Fall 2018 Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped with our recent sale! The Lydia Circle members feel very blessed to have the support of our church family in this endeavor. We sold \$6,596 worth of merchandise, with 30% of that amount going to Lydia Circle for upcoming projects. The Little Lambs sale is also a mission to our community as many people are able to buy affordable winter clothing for their children. God is good!



We had a busy day at VAC on September 26! We fed 118 hungry folks and had several wonderful volunteers from the church. We served one of their favorite meals: pinto beans, slaw, cornbread, tomatoes, onions, dessert and drinks. Thank you, Judy Greeson, for making the slaw. It was great and every bite was eaten. Next month we will have vegetable soup and cornbread. Our day to serve in October will be the 24th. Our dates change in November and December. Our VAC days will be November 14 and December 12. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

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The holidays will be here before we know it. I am looking for craft vendors for this fundraiser. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in our event, please have them contact me (Sharla Smith) at sjerrolsmith@gmail.com or 706-383-8854. I know with God's help and your help we can have a successful fundraiser.

VENDORS WANTED FOR CFPC MISTLETOE MARKET NOVEMBER 16th & 17th

Friday 10:00-8:00
Saturday 10:00-2:00

SHARLA SMITH
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MEET BARBARA & RONALD JACKSON

Barbara and Ronald Jackson are our newest set of member siblings. They have four additional siblings, one of which also lives in Calhoun. Barbara joined CFPC two years ago, and Ronald joined earlier this year. They have been attending CFPC nearly four years.

The Jacksons had an interesting child-hood, traveling in the U.S. and abroad. Their father was a medic in the U.S. Army, and he worked in M.A.S.H. units in both Korea and Viet Nam. Barbara was born in West Germany at the Army Evac Hospital and has a German and a U.S. birth certificate. Ronald was born in Ft. Devon, MA.

When their father retired, the family moved to Gulfport, MS where he worked with the Veterans Administration. Barbara and Ronald both were graduated from Harrison Central High School in Gulfport.

After graduating, Barbara attended Jefferson Davis Jr. College for a year, which was only two blocks from the beach. "A terrible place to go to college," Barbara said. "The beach beckoned during those afternoon classes." After taking a couple years off, she attended and was graduated from the University of Houston with a BBA degree in accounting. While in college, she worked part time managing 401K investments. After getting her degree, she got a job with Franklin Templeton in Sacramento, CA in the retirement division. When the division was closed, she moved to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and joined Fidelity Investments.

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After their father died, Barbara's siblings chose her to handle the affairs of their mother, who was ill with Alzheimer's. Since Barbara and Ronald already had an older sister, nieces and nephews living in the Gordon County area, the decision was made to move their mother to Morning Pointe. Barbara commuted for a couple years, and then moved to Calhoun six years ago after getting approval from Fidelity to work from her home.

Ronald, who is the youngest of the six siblings, attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he received training as a welder. He was looking for a job when a friend told him about an opening for a driver at a welding supply company. Ronald applied and was offered the job if he could get a commercial driver's license. He got his CDL and the job!

About four years ago, he got very sick and was hospitalized with three different infections. Plus, he was dealing with diabetes. His doctors were concerned about him living alone once he was discharged, since it would be at least 6-8 weeks before he'd be well enough to function on his own.

Barbara, who was now living in Calhoun, invited him to move from Gulfport and stay with her until he was well. Ronald said it was at least 6 weeks before he recovered from the infections. In the meantime, he decided he liked the Calhoun area and wanted to stay near his sisters. The job market was still very tight at that time, so he accepted a job as a security officer for a few years. Since then, he's moved into his own place and now works as a pole heister driver for Engineered Floors in Calhoun.

Ronald has been active with the Men of the Church (MOC) barbeque, helps get the church open for Sunday service and serves as an usher.

Barbara helps with the Sound System, assisting the pastor on Sundays and supporting special church activities requiring sound system use. As time permits, she also helps with the annual dinner/auction, children's church and missions.

Ronald said he and his sister weren't reared in the Presbyterian Church but were looking around at different churches they might enjoy attending when they visited CFPC. Barbara and Ronald both say the quality that appealed to them was the other church members--how friendly they are and how they interact with the community.



BUILDING & GROUNDS

The roofing work is expected to start the first week of October weather permitting. Two large dumpsters will be delivered to the church as well as many palates of shingles. This is a two-week job. The company hopes to allocate two full roofing crews, if possible. This would reduce the job to one week (if everything goes perfectly). The funds for this roofing project (with the exception of \$1,000) are coming from insurance money.

Next B&G meeting will be Wednesday, October 3.

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MEMBERSHIP

Our telephone messaging system is working WELL! Thank you, Debbie! We've heard nothing but positive feedback.

ANOTHER PIECE OF GREAT NEWS is that Cheryl Melis is setting up e-mailing information about our activities to potential visitors from the names she received from the sign up at the women's clothing sale. Twenty-nine names were added.

We had at the last team meeting visitors from Bellwood School – Sheri Turley and Katie Roberts. They are starting Reading Buddies and Lunch Buddies. If you have 15 to 30 minutes to read with 2-3 children between 7:15-8:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays OR to have lunch with a student every other Friday to provide encouragement and be a positive role model, then call the school counselor, Sheri Turley at 706-879-5205. Originally, our team thought we could offer the tutoring here in our church, but that turned out to be not feasible. Then we recognized that it was a mission project and turned the sign-up sheets over to the Missions team.

Thank YOU, WATER WALKERS Sunday School class, for hosting the well-attended Fifth Sunday Breakfast.

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls during the time of Jim's surgeries and recovery. We love all of you and appreciate so very much your love and support.

Love,
Jim & Joan Clark

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My Dear Church Family,

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your cards and prayers during this time of heart problems. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving group of people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Roma Melton

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Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and offers of help during Bill's recovery. It was very much appreciated!

Bill & Dreama Giles

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All are invited to join us in Bible study. We are a group of learners attempting to better understand the message of God to us through scripture with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We share our thoughts of what the Scripture says to us openly and without criticism. We pray for each other and others on our list, sharing actual experiences of blessings and answers to prayer. We also have Bible quizzes and a little humor, which enhances our camaraderie. You will feel welcomed and comfortable with us.

Join us if you are available on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM.



On October 21st we will have another Mission Sunday. We will be bringing in our local non-profits that we support. Below is a list:

Doug Clark, Principal of Gordon Central High School, along with Ms. Worley, and two student helpers from the Co-Op Store

Vicki McEntire from Family Connections

Sheila Callaway from Ray of Hope

Stacey Parker Long from VAC and also speaking for The Bridge

A lunch will follow with sandwiches, fruit, dessert and drinks. Mission will provide everything but desserts and drinks. We asked the congregation to help us with those items.

Hope to see you there!

Judy, Joan, Sandra, Roma, Sandi, Trisha

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THE CASE OF THE MISSING LAMP

Has anyone seen a beautiful blue glass, 3-candelabra Tiffany lamp at the church? The last time it was seen, Ken Greeson had it in the small kitchen and planned to get it repaired for Connie Connell. He got distracted with other church business and forgot about the lamp for quite a while until asked if the repairs had been made. Neither Ken nor Connie have been able to locate it.

The lamp actually belongs to Steve Connell, and it has special meaning because it came from his deceased brother. If you know anything about the whereabouts of the "missing lamp," please contact Ken.



CFPC MUSIC EVENT A SUCCESS

CFPC's first public music event was definitely a success as nearly 70 members, friends and total strangers attended our free concert the afternoon of September 23. The concert featured gospel to classical church music and was followed by beautifully presented light refreshments in the Gathering Room.

Featured musicians were concert pianist Johnnye Burnham and the choir from Gray's Chapel A.M.E. Methodist Church.

Johnnye, who is the husband of member Barbara Burnham and our backup church pianist, kicked off the concert with a jazzy rendition of "I'll Fly Away," followed by a soulful and moving version of "Amazing Grace."

Next up was the Voices of Grays Chapel Singers, an ensemble from the A.M.E. Methodist Church in Adairsville. These amazing women, ranging in age from 61 to 82, took over the microphones and the piano as they treated attendees to a medley of gospel and Negro spiritual songs. There wasn't a still hand or foot in the audience as these ladies belted out their love of Jesus in song.

Next, Johnnye played "How Great Thou Art" and an awesome rendition of "Hallelujah." The audience was so moved by the music there was absolute silence when he finished as attendees soaked in the universal beauty of God's music. The concert ended with everyone standing and holding hands as the Voices of Grays Chapel Singers said a short prayer.

This terrific church event was the work of Martha Ann Haley and her Membership Team. We thank you and your team for making it happen and look forward to similar events in the future.

As an aside, some of the Grays Chapel Singers approached Johnnye (who also lives in Adairsville) about collaborating on future music events at their and other churches. Who knows? We may be the catalyst for bringing God's music to many, many others.

Helping Hands for October

Ushers:

Lamar Harrison
Cathy Harrison
Joan Clark
Shawn Keeter

Liturgists:

Oct 7 – Gay Little
Oct 14 – Ed Donn
Oct 21 – Bob Smith
Oct 28 – Retha Haddock

Sound System Operators:

Oct 7 – Barbara Jackson
Oct 14 – TBD
Oct 21 – Tony Judah
Oct 28 – TBD

Money Counters:

Oct 7 – Ed Donn / Peggy Smith
Oct 14 – Ken Greeson / Connie Connell
Oct 21 – Martha Ann Haley / John McPhearson
Oct 28 – Judy Greeson / Lamar Harrison

Children's Church:

TBD

Deacons of the Week:

Week of Oct 7 – Cheryl Melis
Week of Oct 14 – Bob Smith
Week of Oct 21 – June Antony
Week of Oct 28 – Debbie Baue

Refreshment Providers:

Oct 7 – Peggy Smith
Oct 14 – Bob Smith
Oct 21 – Paul & Pat Tatham
Oct 28 – Jessica Thomason

Communion Servers:

Shawn Keeter
Cathy Keeter
Tammy Foley
Cheryl Melis
Ed Donn
Gay Little
Jim Clark



Let's Pray For...

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

Sandi Donn – At home dialysis treatments
(Prayers also for Ed & Cheryl)

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Jackie Dutto (Melody Parker's sister) –
Health issues
Family of Jennifer McPeters
(Nancy McPhearson's daughter) – Passed away
Family of June Jackson
(Barbara & Ronald's aunt) – Passed away
Felicia Gilley and her family
(Pat Tatham's niece) – Forced from their home
in NC due to Hurricane Florence
All victims of Hurricane Florence
Preston Evans (Jim Clark's nephew / age 5) –
Cancer treatments

OUR SHUT-INS

Pat Glasser – Morning Pointe
Max & Teri Thomas – Home
Jack Sloan – Home

“Press”byterian Newsletter Deadline for Articles

Sunday, October 28

**Please submit articles to Debbie Baue by
email if possible. Thank you!**



**The weekly sermons are now uploaded to the
church's website!**

<http://www.calhounfpc.org/>

In addition, recordings of the entire worship services
are available on CD each week for your use. Please
contact the church office if you would like one.