

# The "Press"byterian – November 2018



## A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

Though the decision to not do the Pumpkin Patch this year took place a few weeks back, I need to take the opportunity to give belated thanks to some folks who were stepping up to do some important work.

First are two young men. Rob Kessler, Jessica Thomason's son and Bob and Debbie Butler's grandson, had been recruiting a large number of students from Calhoun High to help unload the pumpkins. Also, Ethan Nix, June Antony's grandson, had volunteered to work extensively from beginning to end almost every single day. Ethan also could be seen around the church pitching in to help in a wide array of projects. Thank you, Rob and Ethan, for your interest and efforts! Others who had taken on significant roles and done considerable advance work prior to the cancellation of the Pumpkin Patch are: Fundraiser Co-chairs Ed Donn and Connie Connell; Procurement Ken & Judy Greeson; Staffing Team Coordinators Ed Donn and Connie Connell; Staffing Team Captains Lamar Harrison, Bill & Dreama Giles, Gay Little, Cathy Harrison/Ron Jackson, Martha Ann Haley, Ed & Sandi Donn and Connie Connell; Financial Reporting Fran Johnson. Thanks to one and all!

A second item I would like to call to your attention has to do with the new roof on the church. I have good news ---actually great news! That major project cost the church only \$1000.00. The cost is being absorbed by our insurance carrier. All that new roof and roof repair being covered by insurance saves the church approximately \$90,000. That gives me an extra reason to believe the Lord is with us!

A third item to celebrate is the new ministry in our church, charmingly and memorably named "Mistletoe Market". Thanks to Sharla Smith for heading up this new venture. Mistletoe Market will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17. It would be good for us all to be involved in this project! We will need a lot of delectable goodies for sale in the Sweet Shop. Moreover, we can help with the set up earlier in the week leading up to the Market. Finally, check in with Sharla Smith and see what else you can do to help. We are indebted to her for coming up with the idea and pulling it together.

Oh, by the way, for those of you who were unable to be at worship this past Sunday, I introduced a dear friend who was visiting. Her name is Mary Miller and she was my Administrative Assistant when I served as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, Georgia. Mary said something to us over lunch after church that I thoroughly agree with. She said that my Calhoun congregation was full of wonderful people! Amen to that! Quite frankly, I was not at all surprised she said it after meeting you.

May God continue to bless you and all yours with every special grace. I am privileged and happy to be your pastor.

Pastor David

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Ed Donn  
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### Church Deacons

June Antony  
Debbie Baue  
Barbara Burnham  
Sandi Donn  
Dreama Giles  
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### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Wednesday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



### **November Birthdays:**

- 3 – Rafael Guzman
- 9 – Sandra Ledford
- 10 – Walter Pitts
- 11 – Bob Welch
- 13 – Rob Kessler
- 14 – Pat Glasser
- 18 – Andrew Fisher
- 22 – Melody Parker
- 24 – Shirley Marvel
- 28 – Roma Melton



### **November Anniversaries:**

None known



- 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 met on October 18 for our regular monthly meeting and to discuss duties for the annual yard sale. The yard sale was held on Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20. We had a successful sale thanks to all of the volunteers (men and women), shoppers and individuals who donated items. A special thanks goes out to Cathy Harrison who had been pricing items for over six months prior to the sale! We have cleared \$1,437 for future mission projects.

The Yankee Trader Dinner has been tentative set for Sunday, December 9. Charley Little and Shawn Keeter have agreed to cook and prepare the meal again this year. The menu has not been set. The details and sign-up sheets will be available in early November.

The MOC will be having a booth at the Mistletoe Market where we will be selling Christmas and other holiday items on November 16 & 17.

We made a \$200 donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief efforts in South Georgia and Florida.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 PM to finalize plans for the Mistletoe Market and Yankee Trader Dinner. All men are invited.

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## LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle met on Tuesday, October 2 at the church. We decided on what our activities/mission projects would be through August 2019. This will be approved by Session.

We voted to give \$500 to the Presbyterian Relief Fund for Hurricane Florence devastation.

We are planning to go on Christmas Cheer Visits to our shut-ins on Sunday, November 18 after the worship service. We will be delivering gift bags along with lots of Christmas cheer! If you would like to join us, please let either Retha Haddock or Debbie Baue know.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6 @6:00. All ladies are invited!



On October 24 we fed 125 wonderful folks at VAC. They enjoyed vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, applesauce, desserts and tea. We had lots of great help from our church. We have certainly enjoyed having Ethan help us the last two months, and we will miss him when he goes home. He has been a great worker.

We will be serving on different weeks in November and December. On November 14 we will serve either homemade beefaroni or hotdogs. On December 12 we will serve a Christmas lunch of turkey and dressing, gravy, yams, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea. In January we will get back to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Thanks to everyone who helps in any way with this mission. Come join us! You will be blessed.

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The holidays will be here before we know it. Sharla Smith is looking for craft vendors for this fundraiser. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in our event, please have them contact Sharla.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Room for volunteers to help in the Sweet Shop and also provide baked goods.

We know with God's help and your help, we can have a successful fundraiser.

## CFPC MISTLETOE MARKET NOVEMBER 16th & 17th

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

SHARLA SMITH  
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### **Gay Little & Cathy Keeter Make Things Happen**

Gay Little and Cathy Keeter don't resemble each other and have different talents, but both are a catalyst for making things happen! Creativity is in their DNA!

The sisters are from a family of three girls and one boy, of which Gay is the eldest and Cathy is the youngest girl. They grew up in Gordon County, and both graduated from Red Bud High School.

Gay joined CFPC in 1988 when she married Charley Little, whose family had been members for generations. "It was important for my family to go to church together once I was married," Gay said. "Our beliefs were so very close it was an easy transition."

Cathy joined CFPC about four years later. "I was visiting different churches and thought I'd try the church Gay and Charley went to," Cathy said. "So, I visited CFPC, liked it and joined." Her husband, Shawn, joined after they married.

Gay is the more outgoing of the sisters and is known for an enthusiastic approach to anything she does. She attended Dalton College, receiving an associate degree in Office Administration. The dust hasn't settled under her feet since!

Gay works as Regional Claims Manager for Shaw Industries' commercial division, she's ISO certified, serves on the executive committee of the Voluntary Action Center and will be chair of the executive board next January, is on the Youth Leadership Committee for Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, and is on the North Georgia Technical College's Business Advisory Board.

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Her CFPC commitments include being a member of the choir, president of Lydia Circle and choir liaison for Session. She's an Elder and has served on the Session multiple times. Gay is also known at CFPC for her fabulous baking endeavors, which are self-taught! She loves, loves, loves to bake and held Christmas baking parties for her daughter, Megan, from the time she was five years old until she finished high school. Gay said the baking parties got messier as Megan and her friends got older. "There was flour all over the place," she laughingly said.

Cathy is an Administrative Support Specialist for Yanmar, a Japanese manufacturing company that builds tractors, ag construction equipment, generators, marine engines and related items. Previously, she worked in customer warranty services.

Cathy is the behind the scenes sister at CFPC, but equally effective. You won't even know she's creating something, and "voila" there are beautiful table decorations or a lovely display that just appear and set the tone at various CFPC occasions!

There's more to Cathy than her office and creative abilities. She and Shawn operate a small cattle farm in Walker County, and she knows how to drive a tractor, work cows, bottle feed calves and a variety of other farm chores. She's also the "go to" aunt for her nieces and nephews.

Cathy has a zest for sports and new experiences. She played softball for many years and was the pitcher for both women's and co-ed teams. She and Shawn have done hang gliding, para sailing, ridden snow mobiles, zip lining and whitewater rafting from Georgia to Colorado.

Both sisters took tap and jazz dancing lessons in their 30's! And, both enjoy scrapbooking. "We enjoy doing it together," Gay said. "It's a special hobby for me because it gives us time to spend together," Cathy added.

## **WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CLOTHING SALE EXCELS AND ENDS**

The WOC had a very successful fall fundraiser, as the "Fall Fashion Fiesta" netted a profit of \$2,003.48! Thanks to all CFPC members who supported this initiative by helping with the sale, donating items, purchasing items and promoting it to their families, friends and neighbors. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

In spite of the success of two annual sales, the WOC voted to discontinue this annual event. This fundraiser is time intensive (over a 2-3 week period) and requires a lot of physical labor. The majority of our members range in age from 50 to 80+, and many have had health issues this past year.

Even though the clothing sale was discontinued, the final sale ended with a new WOC initiative, large donations of clothing, shoes and accessories donated to school advocates for all high schools in Calhoun and Gordon County, scarves donated to Gordon Cancer Radiology Center, and remaining items donated to Goodwill Industries.

## **WOC INITIATES "CLOTHES CLOSET"**

The WOC voted to use the room designated for storing clothing sale items and their portable clothing racks to begin a "Clothing Closet" for needy families in our community. Prior to donating items remaining from this year's sale, WOC members selected a variety of items in a broad range of sizes to stock CFPC's new "Clothing Closet."

As part of this initiative, the WOC also purchased a large quantity of children's clothing for Lydia Circle's "Little Lambs Sale." CFPC members are invited to donate new or gently used men and boys clothing to expand the selection of clothing. Please contact a WOC member to find out how and what to donate.

## **WOC SUPPORTS OUR CHURCH**

The WOC put all profits back into our church to help pay for building repairs, renovations and new equipment. They also provide financial and hands-on support for a variety of church functions and initiatives.

Recent WOC donations include: \$59.33--Carpet Shampooer; up to \$500 toward the insurance deductible for roof repairs; up to \$200 for children's clothing for "Clothes Closet;" and \$500 toward the new projection system now used in Sunday worship.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Team met on Wednesday, October 3 for our regular monthly meeting. Several things are in the works!

This is a great month to be Thankful for ALL OUR MANY BLESSINGS. We could begin to name them one by one. So very grateful for our visitors: Barbara Dobbs, Lonnie & Barbara Bell. Very thankful for our NEW Roof, NEW Sound System, NEW TV screens in the sanctuary and Gathering Room, our beautiful church, our uplifting staff, and for our MEMBERS!!

Our next team meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 7 at 7:00 PM.

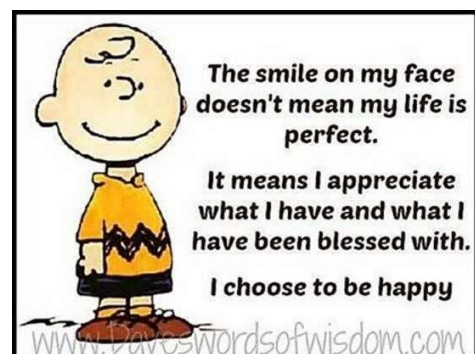
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All are invited to join us in Bible study. We are a group of learners attempting to better understand the message of God to us through scripture with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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.







The youth had an outing on Saturday, October 27 to Mellow Mushroom, then to the movies, onto Gates of Misery, finished up at Starbucks. Lots of fun and fellowship with this young group. Our plans to finish out the year are to go ice skating, help with Mission fruit baskets, walk in Christmas Parade with Scout Pack #11, visit Gordon Health Care, and hand out a little something to each resident for Christmas. Continue to pray for this group and for God to send other youth to join us. Thanks to everyone that has donated funds to help with expenses. The youth and I are very appreciative.

Judy Greeson



## CUB SCOUTS – PACK #11

The Tiger Cubs planted this tree in the church's front yard in appreciation of the church sponsoring the scouts.



The kids that helped with the tree are: Raven Walker, Jonah Cate, Chase Hall, and Damien Barnett -- all Cub Scouts in the Tiger Den. The two little girls who are relatives who helped are Madilynn and Addyson Hall. A plaque is being made for it too!

## **Helping Hands for November**

### **Ushers:**

Walter Pitts  
Ken Greeson  
John McPhearson  
Cathy Keeter

### **Liturgists:**

Nov 4 – Gay Little  
Nov 11 – Ed Donn  
Nov 18 – Bob Smith  
Nov 25 – Retha Haddock

### **Sound System Operators:**

Nov 4 – Tony Judah  
Nov 11 – TBD  
Nov 18 – Tony Judah  
Nov 25 – Megan Little

### **Money Counters:**

Nov 4 – Connie Connell / Doug Marvel  
Nov 11 – Ken Greeson / John McPhearson  
Nov 18 – Ed Donn / Judy Greeson  
Nov 25 – Lamar Harrison / Peggy Smith

### **Children's Church:**

TBD

### **Deacons of the Week:**

Week of Nov 4 – Barbara Burnham  
Week of Nov 11 – Sandi Donn  
Week of Nov 18 – Retha Haddock  
Week of Nov 25 – Dreama Giles

### **Refreshment Providers:**

Nov 4 – Bob & Beverly Welch  
Nov 11 – Janet Yeckes  
Nov 18 – Ray & Mary Anne Albee  
Nov 25 – June Antony

### **Communion Servers:**

Ken Greeson  
Judy Greeson  
Pat Grinnell  
Vern Grinnell  
Trisha Nebel  
Gay Little  
John McPhearson



## **Let's Pray For...**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS**

Barbara Burnham – Health issues  
Peggy Smith – Upcoming gall bladder surgery 11/19  
Tony Judah – Recovering from rotator cuff surgery

### **OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Fred Burns (Shirley Marvel's brother) –  
Congestive heart failure, problems with bladder  
and gall bladder (Redmond Hospital)  
Jodean (Friend of Janet Yeckes) –  
Bleeding from unknown cause  
Velma Jo Stancill (Relative of Sandra Ledford) –  
Back injury  
Preston Evans (Jim Clark's nephew / age 6) –  
Cancer treatments

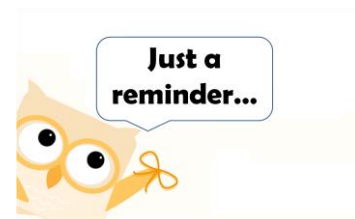
### **OUR SHUT-INS**

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

### **“Press”byterian Newsletter Deadline for Articles**

**Sunday, November 25**

**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.