

# The “Press”byterian – August 2020



## A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

Isn't it wonderful to be back together again in our sanctuary for worship!

Our sanctuary is a beautiful and sacred space where we love to be. Though Scripture says that we can worship anywhere, everywhere, anytime, we love having a beautiful place that feels like our own to worship God. Especially after being shut out of our sanctuary for an extended period of time, we rejoice that our familiar location for praising our Savior is now again available to us.

There are those of us who cannot yet join you in the sanctuary. We miss our sanctuary. The few times I have had to run by the church to check on something, I have found myself drawn to the sanctuary and have spent a few minutes admiring it and meditating in it.

In the meantime, we are thankful that we can use the ZOOM technology to enable the rest of us to join in our worship. We are blessed to have our rotation of preachers during this interim period. I am certainly enjoying them and being blessed by them. I'm going to miss them when we move out of our current arrangement.

We continue to appreciate all the time and effort put into coordinating our sanctuary sound and visual effects, along with the ZOOM broadcast, provided by Megan Little.

By the way, our church family has recently been enduring a large number of personal crises, whether it be involving our church family directly or immediate family members and close friends. It's been a lot for a church our size. Through it all, God has faithfully shown to us His love and grand purpose for each of our lives and our life together. He keeps blessing us.

Furthermore, we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus intends us to be a blessing as well as receive a blessing. How do we become a blessing? By helping people with Jesus.

A good number of people out there don't know Christ. Others know about Christ, maybe even have a past with Him, but do not currently have a sense of relationship with Him. Many people out there have been rattled by the corona-virus and are beginning to search for some ultimate answers to their life questions. They are more open to Jesus and the church. We can see this as an opportune time to connect with these folks and offer them what Christ can give.

We might feel that we have lost our advantage in reaching and keeping new folks as we have to deal with masks and distancing. Masks and distancing are no match for Christ, however, and we do not have to assume that we have lost our advantage in growing our church and reaching folks for Christ. Let's double down on our current opportunity to help others with Christ. The more we are the more we are. That is, the more of us Calhoun First Presbyterians there are, the more able we are to do what Christ has positioned us to be and do.

As always, I am privileged and grateful to serve with you as your pastor.  
Pastor David

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## Office Hours:

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

Wednesday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



### **August Birthdays:**

- 2 – David McDonald
- 2 – Retha Haddock
- 2 – Cathy Keeter
- 2 – Daniel Hughes
- 4 – Nancy McPhearson
- 5 – Anne Judah
- 10 – Gay Little
- 11 – Lindy Harrison
- 11 – Vern Grinnell
- 25 – Bob Butler
- 25 – Teri Thomas
- 27 – Mary Anne Albee
- 28 – Joanna Foley
- 31 – Peggy Smith
- 31 – Sharla Smith



### **August Anniversaries:**

- 26 – Jim & Kim Fraker



- Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
- Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
- Buildings & Grounds – Jim Clark & Ken Greeson
- Christian Education – Trisha Nebel
- Lydia Circle – Megan Little
- Men of the Church – Jim Clark
- Membership Team – Megan Little
- Missions Team – Doug Marvel
- Personnel Team – Ed Donn
- Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzaró
- Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
- Worship – Sharla Smith
- Ushers – Jim Clark
- Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
- Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
- Women of the Church – Fran Johnson
- Voluntary Action Center – Jim & Joan Clark



### **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 donated \$250 to the Christmas in July project to help families with children. They provide clothes, food, school supplies and personal hygiene items to 100 families.

We have just received a new shipment of local honey. Please see the office staff to purchase a bottle.

We are accepting items for the annual MOC Yard Sale.

The MOC is not currently meeting.



Hope this finds everyone well. This is just a reminder that we will NOT be serving at VAC until further notice. Food donations are being accepted for the food pantry, and they continue to do take-out meals. Stay safe!

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The Christian Education Team is continuing the search for a teacher for the Children's Sunday School Class. Currently, there are two children, one age 4 and one age 6. Since we are not providing a nursery these days, the younger child has been coming to this class. As everyone knows, teaching is not my strong suit but I am doing my best to provide a short lesson. Also, if anyone has any Bible story puzzles suitable for young children, please let me know.

Trisha Nebel  
Christian Education Chair

## WORSHIP TEAM

Just a reminder that we will continue to social distance and wear our masks for the safety of all in the sanctuary. We appreciate your willingness to help keep all of us safe. If you cannot attend in person, please join the zoom meeting to worship with us. If you have any questions or concerns with our service, please let us know. We value your opinion.

### August Pulpit Supply

August 2 – Jim Fraker

August 9 – David Autry

August 16 – Jim Fraker

August 23 – Steven Pearson

August 30 – Russ Ritchel

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## MEMBERSHIP TEAM



### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Drive-In Breakfast and Service**

August 30, 2020

Time: To Be Announced

Let's all come together for breakfast and fellowship at a Drive-In Service.

The parking lot will be spaced out to provide great social distancing. Breakfast will be served; then we'll continue with our normal Worship Service from the parking lot.

More details to be announced soon!

### **Membership Team meeting**

**Thursday, August 6 @5:30pm**

The meeting will be held in person in the church's Gathering Room.

Zoom will be available.



The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will not be meeting until further notice.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
**Lydia Circle** was able to donate 20 pairs of shoes to the VAC for their "Back to School Shoes" project through the generosity of our church members. The shoes will be distributed to Calhoun City and Gordon County schools.

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**The weekly sermons are  
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.

**“Press”byterian Newsletter  
articles are due the week of**

**Sunday, August 23!!**

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

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**Helping Hands for August**

**Ushers:**

Lamar Harrison  
Cathy Harrison  
Bill Giles  
Sharla Smith

**Liturgists:**

August 2 – Gay Little  
August 9 – Ed Donn  
August 16 – Bobby Smith  
August 23 – Bob Butler  
August 30 – TBD

**Deacons of the Week:**

Week of August 2 – Jo Beth Briner  
Week of August 9 – Retha Haddock  
Week of August 16 – Debbie Butler  
Week of August 23 – Jim & Joan Clark  
Week of August 30 – Tammy Foley



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Carson Butler – Upcoming surgery on her arm  
August 18. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery.

Debbie Butler – Upcoming hip replacement  
surgery August 12

David McDonald – Upcoming surgery Sept 3

Jim Clark – Continued prayers as he recovers  
from pneumonia

Vern Grinnell –Gordon Rehab; scheduled to  
come home next Friday but Pat is concerned  
that he is not walking well enough to come  
home. Please pray for Vern to gain strength  
this week!

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Family of Frankie Howard (June Antony’s  
brother-in-law) – Passed away from  
Coronavirus; June’s sister has been cleared.

David Parker (Randy’s brother) – On Hospice;  
Lou Gehrig’s Disease

Melody Parker’s mother – Dementia (family  
having to make decisions)

Tom Barnes (Sue Van Buren’s brother-in-law) –  
He has one more chemo & 11 more radiation  
treatments.

Adam Bradley (Nancy McPhearson’s cousin) –  
Hospitalized with Covid-19; transferred to  
St Thomas hospital (Nashville) and doing  
some better.

Jessica – In ICU diagnosed with autoimmune  
encephalitis. Her white cells are attacking her  
brain cells.