

The “Press”byterian – October 2021



A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

With this edition of my letter for the newsletter, I am concluding the series of emails I have been sending the past few days labeled “A Parting Thought”. The theme verse for these emails has been the third verse of Paul’s letter to the Philippians, in which he says to them --“I thank my God every time I remember you.”

My final parting thought, as we come to our final goodbye, summarizes all the other ones I have already offered. I am thankful for what special people of God you are!

Working with you has been a joy. You are very dedicated people of God who take their faith and their church seriously. You are good church people. Honestly, I have never been pastor of a church where I have had to do as little management of ministry as I have had to do here. You just got the job done yourself, on your own, individually and together, always extremely well.

Also, being cared for by you has been a joy. You have caringly provided for Frances and me the personal gifts of your presence and grace. Our personal experience of you has brought valuable and timely blessings to Frances and me. You have sweetened our experience of life, nourished us for weak times, refreshed us after dry times, prayed for us during painful times, and encouraged us through all times.

Moreover, your presence and demeanor in worship has been a joy. I have often looked into your faces and seen the very genuine reasons why you have come into the sanctuary. You obviously yearn to share your needs with Christ, to work with God through the issues of your lives, to remember and pray for others, to gain eternal perspective, and to honor the God who loves you, redeems you, and sustains you. Your worship demeanor always reflected the depth of your gratitude to Christ for the depth of His blessings to you and the depth of your belief in Him and dependence on Him.

Frances and I have noticed that every time we leave a ministry it takes us a full year to “turn loose of it” and the people involved with us in it. During that year we constantly have our former friends in our minds and automatically want to reach out to them when we hear of a pastoral need. We expect that to be true this time too.

Over the years, you will take your considerable place in our memories of church life, for you have been our most recent experience of church family and you will have been to us very special people of God through whom God has blessed us as well as many others richly.

We are very thankful for our time together, and we will love you always!

Pastor David

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

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm



October Birthdays:

- 1 – Emily Driscoll**
- 2 – Ron Jackson**
- 4 – Jo Beth Briner**
- 8 – Martha Ann Haley**
- 9 – Lori Fisher**
- 17 – Paul Tatham**
- 30 – Brenda Simmons**



October Anniversaries:

- 4 – Charley & Gay Little (2008)**
- 16 – John & Suzanne Driscoll (1993)**
- 20 – Shawn & Cathy Keeter (2001)**
- 26 – Bob & Patti Smith (1986)**



- Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
- Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
- Building & Grounds – Jim Clark & Ken Greeson
- Christian Education – Jim Fraker
- Lydia Circle – Gay Little
- Membership Team – Megan Little
- Men of the Church – Jim Clark
- Missions Team – Doug Marvel
- Personnel Team – Ed Donn
- Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzaró
- Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
- Ushers – Jim Clark
- Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
- Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
- Women of the Church – June Antony
- Worship – Sharla Smith



Communion

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 have been busy since last month. We helped set up and take down clothing racks and tables for the Little Lambs fall sale. We are currently setting up for the annual MOC Yard Sale scheduled for October 1 & 2. Volunteers are needed on Friday & Saturday.

We plan to have a booth at the Mistletoe Market on Saturday, Nov 20 and Sunday, Nov 21. We are accepting used Christmas decorations for our booth. Volunteers are needed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 @5:30 PM. All men are invited to attend. We will be deciding on which mission projects to support with our funds, so we need your input.

We are currently waiting on an order of honey and sorghum syrup.

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Women of the Church Work Group will say "Farewell" to another member as Frances McDonald retires along with Pastor David. She has been a working part of our group and will be greatly missed.

We have planned and will carry out the Retirement Lunch for Pastor David and Frances this Sunday, October 3. Please make plans to join us to wish them God's blessings on this stage of their ministry. Our thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

The sale of bricks was a success as a new effort for us. We still have umbrellas available so get ready for the rainy winter days!

Lastly, we are always looking for new members. We only meet as needed so join us as we continue our work for His Glory.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Ready for your Glamour Shot?

After a lot of research and reviewing options, the Membership team has decided to maintain our beloved pictorial directory ourselves. It will be offered electronically and in print for those who request it.

Now we need your help!

Send over your favorite (current) picture of yourself and/or your family. It's as simple as sending an email to Debbie with your picture attached. If your picture is on your phone and your email is on your computer, no worries, just send it over to Megan by text. One more option – we can easily snap your picture after church. The dates, times, and photographer will be announced soon. Ready, Set, Snap those pics!

Upcoming events:

Itchin' 2 Stitch – Saturday, Oct 23 @9:00

Diner's Club – Saturday, Oct 23 @6:00
El Nopal / Ken & Judy Greeson – Hosts

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WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship team has scheduled our pulpit supply until the end of the year. Please welcome these faithful Christians as they lead our services during this time.

**October 10 – Dr. Joel Alvis
Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk
for Cherokee Presbytery**

**October 17 – Jim Fraker
October 24 – David Autry
October 31 – Jim Fraker**

The Worship team is looking for Liturgists. Please consider helping with this portion of our worship service. The commitment is usually only one Sunday a month and is flexible. We would like to plan a training session for all who participate in this important part of our service. Gay Little has offered to help train us. Please contact Sharla Smith at (478) 982-2571 if you are willing to help.



MISTLETOE MARKET

November 20 – 9:00 AM ‘til 6:00 PM
November 21 – 1:00 PM ‘til 6:00 PM

Believe it or not, the holidays will be here soon! We are looking forward to all your help for this event. We need the following donations to make this event successful for the vendors and CFPC.

- Soup to feed the vendors
- Sandwiches to feed the vendors
- Desserts, coffee, water and soda to sell to vendors and attendees

Due to COVID-19 we will not be selling the soup and sandwiches to the public. Please let Sharla Smith or Retha Haddock know what you would like to donate.

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BUDGET NEWS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Budget Requirement:	\$ 11,957.92
Budget Offering:	\$ 14,075.00
Other Designated:	\$ 7,415.75
Mortgage Balance:	\$184,435.44

A breakdown of the monthly and year to date transactions will be on the table in the Narthex for your review. If you should have any questions, please contact one of the Stewardship & Finance Committee members.

Lamar Harrison (Chair)
 Mikeal Smith
 Ken Greeson
 Ed Donn
 Jim Clark
 Peggy Smith
 Doug Marvel
 Fran Johnson (Financials)



LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle would like to thank everyone who helped with Little Lambs. God is good. Even though there are challenges among us, we had 32 consignors participate in the sale. The total sales were \$4,000.

We are now gearing up for the holiday season so add these events to your calendars and reminders.

The Angel Tree program will be gearing up by mid-November, so you can make those Thanksgiving sales. Be on the lookout for the angels to be placed on the gathering room glass walls.

Let's not stop there, mark your calendar now – The Christmas Tour of Homes is back. The tour is being scheduled for Saturday, December 4th. Now, it will be a little different this year. The time for the tour will be from 1-5 pm and we will have a sign-up sheet for groups of 6 to tour at different times. Our hosts for this year are Sherry Burgess, Trisha Nebel, and Nancy McPhearson.

Food for thought:

From the song ***Less Like Me:***

Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace,

A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith,

A little more like patience, a little more like peace,

A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

Helping Hands for September

Liturgists

Oct 3 – Gay Little
Oct 10 – Bob Smith
Oct 17 – Kim Fraker
Oct 24 – Retha Haddock
Oct 31 – Ed Donn

Children's Church

Oct 3 – Carson Butler (Sharla Smith)
Oct 10 – Lexi Greeson (Judy Greeson)
Oct 17 – Carson Butler (Fran Johnson)
Oct 24 – Lexi Greeson (Judy Greeson)
Oct 31 – Carson Butler (Fran Johnson)

Deacons of the Week

Week of Oct 3 – Tammy Foley
Week of Oct 10 – Carson Butler
Week of Oct 17 – Fran Johnson
Week of Sept 26 – Ronald Jackson



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, October 24!

**Please submit your articles to
Debbie Baue**



PRAISE

Congratulations to Bo & Sherry Burgess on the birth of their new grandson, Atlas! Their daughter Hannah and son-in-law Charles Ballew are the proud parents!!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

None known at this time

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

- David Pedulla (Tony & Anne Judah's son-in-law) – COVID
- Morning Pointe – COVID outbreak; Sarah Dodson is testing negative
- Susannah and Abigail Nebel (Trish's granddaughters) – COVID
- Harry (Peggy Smith's brother) – COVID pneumonia
- Diana Green (former CFPC member) – COVID; in ICU
- US citizens and others residing in Afghanistan
- Our church and its leaders in this transition period
- Our government leaders and our country