



June 2017

A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

I was on my way back from the grocery store over twenty five years ago. My arms were filled with groceries as I tried to get in the house without dropping something or breaking the eggs. Taped to the door was a piece of paper covered with what looked like a child's drawing. It was an invitation from Whitney, a little girl in the church, to "Pastor Appreciation Day" at Lee Christian School the next morning.

Whitney was in the third grade. Now, she is grown, married, and expecting her first child, but back then she was just a child and time didn't mean much to her. For me it did for it was a really busy week, a sermon to write, a Sunday School lesson to prepare, folks to see – on and on. I didn't want to disappoint Whitney but I had responsibilities and the invitation was sort of last moment you know.

The next morning was "Fix it yourself" breakfast day. I'm not much of a cereal eater now but I was back then. I was reading a devotional book as I munched on my Captain Crunch. The passage was from Mark's Gospel 10:14 "**Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not**". The writer went on to say, "The greatest gift you can give a child is your time." I picked up the invitation from the previous day glanced back at my devotional book. I got the message and

decided to reschedule my day and go to the school for the "Pastor Appreciation Day" program.

At 9:30 parents and children were squeezed into the school gym and we pastors were seated in two or three rows at the front. After we were introduced by church, each class made a presentation, a song, or a poem, or some other recitation.

After the program, Whitney gave me a hug as I thanked her for inviting me. Her face beamed with pride. I silently thanked God for using cereal and a devotional book to nudge me to do the right thing.

I believe we should thank our Heavenly Father for his nudges to always be willing to encourage the very young.

Rev. George Walton
Stated Supply Pastor



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Sunday School Class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. For the month of June, we will study the following lessons:

- June 04th **Deborah and Barak**
Judges 4 – 5
- June 11th **Gideon's Call**
Judges 6 – 8
- June 18th **Jephthah Answers the Call**
Judges 11
- June 25th **Samson's Call**
Judges 13 – 16

Remember with love and prayer:



CHURCH MEMBERS: J.W. Bailes, Lynda Bowers, Sheila Brewer, Dr. David Ciliberto, Nellie Cox, Greg Deck, Barbara Jo Glass, Clay Ingram, Brad Johns, Bobby Johnson, Sandie Lemons, Lois Martin, and Susan Mierisch

FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Vernell Cersosimo, Linda Crompton, MacKenzie Deck, Brielle Frear, Lynn Godwin, Inez Holt, Michael Holt, Stanley Jones, Taylor Jones, David Key, Elaine McBryde, Sam McClearen, Marie Robinson, Carson Setzer, Mary and Jerry Smith, Doug Ury, Allison Williams, and Theresa Williams

FRIENDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Ruth Berryman, Noah Clifton, Wendy Cole, Michelle Daurity, Henry and Nancy Douglas, Billy Edwards, Terry Farmer, Frank Gaddy, Jim Griggs, Dr. Earle Hill, Brian Holland, Eva Jones, Claire Kennedy, Kim King, Will Kirkland, Kasyn Kolacinski, Judy Lloyd, Pat Maguire, Rebecca Mansfield, Wendy McBryde, Chris McRae, Emily Moonyham, Megan Nelson, Tommy Scott, Cheryl Smith, Frank Tibbett, Hannalore Vickers, Marie Wicker, and Emily H. Wright



FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY DURING JUNE BY THE FOLLOWING:

- 06/04/17** – by Mike Cersosimo in honor of his mother
- 06/11/17** – **OPEN**
- 06/18/17** – by **WOC** in honor of **Father's Day**
- 06/25/17** – by Ken & Jackie Frie in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd

HOME COMING 2017



KINSLEY RAYE, AUSTIN, and BRAD



LYNDA, JOLYNDA, and AUDRA



ANDY

SHEILA

JEFF



MARY LEE and JEFF



CAITLYN and JOHN



ANNE and LARRY



PAT, SUSAN, MARIE, TAMMY, and JERRY

MORE HOMECOMING PICTURES



REV. MCDOWELL, JAN, and BUDDY



FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH



JOHN, CAITLYN, EVELYN, and BOBBY



PAT, DEBBIE, MARY, and J.W.



TIFFANY and CARLTON



MISSY and MIKE



JIM, TIM, LINDA, and B.J.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Homecoming was a wonderful day at Buffalo Church! We had a great turnout! So many familiar faces we have not seen in a while returned home to Buffalo. What a joy it was to see so many old friends. Thanks to Nikki Cashion Thomas for the beautiful flower arrangement in the sanctuary.

In the coming months, the Women's Coordinating Team will be making plans to improve our kitchen area. Thanks to Jan Renwick and Pat Setzer for leading the charge on this important project.

Thank you to Ken Frie for donating his 54 quart country cooler to the Women of the Church. Also, thank you to Marie Macko, as well as the Mary Lou Campbell Circle for the donation of two new microwaves.

Thank you to the Sunshine Circle for hosting our Joint Circle Meeting. A total of \$170.00 was collected for the Birthday Offering. The Birthday Offering is a Presbyterian Women offering that celebrates the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects such as Mission Support, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, and others.

After a busy year, the PWCT will take a break during the months of June and July. I would like to thank the ladies who have served on the team this past year. Thank you for your dedication and faithful service.

There will be two positions open on the team that will need to be filled by September. They are the positions of moderator and co-moderator. If you are now, or have in the past been a member of a circle, please consider volunteering to fill one of these roles. Contact Jackie Frie or Anne Collins for more information.

Jackie Frie, PWCT Moderator

**WOMEN'S JOINT CIRCLE
BIRTHDAY PARTY**
May 8, 2017



1ST ROW: SARAH, MARIE, JACKIE, JAN, and ANNE
2ND ROW: PAT, SUSAN, SHEILA, JEAN, SUSAN, GERI, PAT, and VIRGINIA



JAN, ANNE, and JEAN



JEAN and PAT



VIRGINIA, SUSAN, MARIE, SUSAN, PAT, and GERI



JAN, JEAN, SHEILA, ANNE, JACKIE, and PAT



SUSAN, PAT, GERI, and SARAH



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Virginia Ellis
Geri Hales
Jean Wilberg



In Memory of Virginia Cashion
Pat Johnson

**In Memory of Horace and Esther Barber
and Ruth Barber McCracken**
Glenn and Fran Griffin

In Honor of our Buffalo Church Family
Lynda and Jolynda Bowers



June 01st - Jan Tart June 13th - Tiffany Davis
June 02nd - Buddy McNeill June 19th - Brooks Kelly
June 05th - J. L. Thomas June 26th - Karen Johnson
June 06th - Susan Patterson June 29th - Kevin McDonald



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 22nd Ken and Jackie Frie
June 28th J. L. and Debbie Thomas



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/GREETER

June 04th Buddy McNeill
June 11th J. W. Bailes
June 18th Larry Collins
June 25th Karen Johnson

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

May 07, 2017 - \$1214.00
May 14, 2017 - \$1223.00
May 21, 2017 - \$1970.00
May 28, 2017 - \$1522.00
5 Cents A Meal Offering - \$95.96
Backpack Kids Offering - \$84.05

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Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of the newsletter will be Friday, June 23rd by 9:00 a.m.



Mother's Day

May 14, 2017



RED CARNATIONS

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
All Mothers.....	Virginia Brown
Holly Bastress.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Lynda Bowers.....	Cathy Bridges
Sheila Brewer.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Virginia Brown.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Virginia Brown.....	Bobby and Evelyn Johnson
Kathy Jolly-Burke.....	Bob and Jeanne Jolly
Ruth Thomas Cashion.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Missy Cersosimo.....	Mike Cersosimo
Vernell Cersosimo.....	Mike and Missy Cersosimo
Anne Collins.....	Bob and Jeanne Jolly
Anne Collins.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Nellie Lett Cox.....	Greg Cox
Kay Davis.....	Cathy and Caitlyn Bridges
Tiffany Davis.....	Cathy and Caitlyn Bridges
Tiffany Davis (my mommy).....	Max Davis
Angela Deck.....	Greg, MacKenzie, and Kolby Deck
Carolyn Harrell.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Inez Holt.....	Darlene and Buddy McNeill
Kathy Jolly.....	Cathy and Caitlyn Bridges
Pat Kelly.....	Cathy Bridges
Lois Martin.....	Cathy Bridges
Darlene McNeill.....	Cathy and Caitlyn Bridges
Darlene McNeill.....	Angela Deck and Shawn McNeill
Roylene Monson.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Sarah Monson.....	Jim Monson
Sharon Pancoast.....	Jan Renwick
Susan Patterson.....	Camran Patterson
Lindi Renwick.....	Jan Renwick
Theresa Renwick.....	Jan Renwick
Jan Renwick.....	Cathy Bridges

RED CARNATIONS Continued:

Elizabeth Shermer.....	Marie Macko
Trina Stoker.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Karen Ury.....	Jan Renwick



WHITE CARNATIONS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Rosa Lee Cashion Abernathy...	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Tennessee Kimbell Abernathy.....	Patricia A. Johnson
Anne Altmayer.....	Mike and Missy Cersosimo
Evelyn Bailes.....	J. W. and Mary Bailes
Geraldine "Hanny" Bridges.....	Caitlyn and John Bridges
Geraldine Bridges.....	Rick and Cathy Bridges
Floyd Brown.....	Bobby and Evelyn Johnson
Mamie Ethel Wicker Cashion....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Valene McDuffie Cashion.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Viale Holder Cashion.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Virginia Thompson Cashion.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Ina Foushee Cox.....	Greg Cox
Sandy Deck.....	Greg, MacKenzie, and Kolby Deck
Clara Lee Dowdy.....	J. W. and Mary Bailes
Annie Mae Cashion Ferguson.....	Patricia A. Johnson
Elsie Higbee Gorsline.....	Jean Wilberg
Nell Johnson.....	Bobby Johnson
Gladys Knott.....	Nancy K. Smith
Alice McNeill.....	Darlene and Buddy McNeill
Hazel Cashion Medlin.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Peggy Cashion Moore.....	Patricia Abernathy Johnson
Kathleen Morgret.....	Jan Renwick
Mary Olinger.....	Evelyn Johnson
Pauline Pfaff.....	Jim and Sarah Monson
Mary McKay Ritter.....	Cathy Bridges
Mrs. William Seagroves.....	Marie Macko
Becky Setzer.....	Lee and Pat Setzer
Flora Warner.....	Janet Warner
Annie White.....	Lee and Pat Setzer
Janice Winchester.....	Lee and Pat Setzer
My Parents.....	Geri Hales

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