

God is love and love lives here!



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Hey Church!

If it's been a while since you've had kids at home, you might not notice but around here things are pretty busy. School started this week and we are all back to the grind of an early morning routine filled with coffee and the hustle of getting kids out the door. Now, I won't hide my elation at the fact that we are getting back to some normalcy around our house. The routine of school and getting out early every morning speaks to my soul and my personality. I also believe the kids need the fellowship of their friends as much as we do as parents. Maybe it's just my opinion but the need to be in relationship with others doesn't just start as adults but from the time we exit the womb.

Now, even after last week's message you might be wondering, what exactly is fellowship? Well, it's all about coming together, forming connections, and nurturing relationships with others. It's about finding a sense of belonging, support, and encouragement within a community. And guess what? It's an incredible means of grace!

Andrew C. Thompson, in his book, beautifully highlights how fellowship can be a powerful channel for experiencing God's grace in our lives. As we gather with like-minded individuals, we create spaces for deepening our faith, sharing our joys, and bearing one another's burdens. In these precious moments, we discover that we are never alone on our spiritual journey.

One of the most impactful aspects of fellowship is the opportunity to learn from one another. Each person brings their own unique experiences, insights, and wisdom to the table. It's in these exchanges that we grow, both spiritually and emotionally. Through open and honest conversations, we gain new perspectives, challenge our assumptions, and broaden our understanding of God's love and grace.

But fellowship isn't just about gathering and talking. It's also about actively living out our faith together. It's about engaging in acts of service, supporting those in need, and being a source of comfort and compassion. When we join hands with fellow believers, we become vessels of God's grace in the world, making a tangible difference in the lives of others.

Now, we understand that in this fast-paced world, finding the time and energy for fellowship can be challenging. But the rewards are immeasurable. So, how can we cultivate fellowship as a means of grace in our lives?

First and foremost, let's make an effort to connect with our local faith communities. Attend worship services, join small groups or Bible studies, and participate in social events. These gatherings provide the perfect backdrop for building authentic relationships and experiencing fellowship.

Additionally, let's embrace technology as a tool for fostering fellowship. In today's digital age, we can connect with others from the comfort of our own homes. Online platforms, social media groups, and virtual meet-ups offer fantastic opportunities to engage with others, even if distance or mobility limitations are a factor.

Finally, let's be intentional about creating space for fellowship in our routines. Prioritize spending time with fellow believers, whether it's sharing a meal, going for a walk, or simply chatting over a cup of tea. By intentionally carving out these moments, we invite God's grace to flow through our relationships and bring joy and fulfillment to our lives.

As the church of God, let's embrace fellowship as a means of grace. Let's open our hearts and minds to the transformative power of community. As we journey together, let's support, encourage, and uplift one another, knowing that through fellowship, we experience God's boundless love and grace in ways we never thought possible.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture & Sermon:

Matthew 25:34-36

“Prudential Means of Grace”



New Concerns

Christa Bernard
Cheryl Bell
Betsy Phillips
Mariann Ellis

Continue Prayers for:

Beth Ann Grant
Virginia Baker
Betty Estep
Family of Hailey Holder Allen
Jessica Hirsch
Jeanne Pierce
Carol Graham

Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for July 30

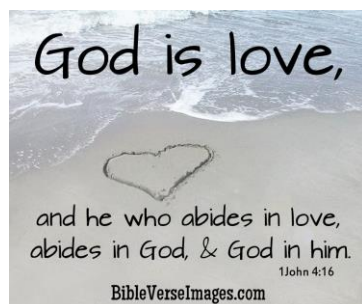
Operating Budget..... \$4,595
Local Mission..... 251
Total..... \$4,846

Worship Attendance:

122

Sunday School:

52



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Mark Your Calendars...

- ◆ Administrative Council and Finance meeting August 14 at 6p.
- ◆ Our next rotation for Family Promise is August 6, 7, 8... contact J.O. or Lynn if you would like to help out...
check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Flowers on the Altar

- ❖ The flowers on the altar last week were given by the Herrington Family in memory of Chad's birthday, which was Sunday and in honor of Leon's birthday. (sorry I forgot to include it in the newsletter last week, Debbie)

Happy Anniversary!

Happy anniversary to Patrick & Mandy Cobb! Their anniversary is August 9, as is Walter's birthday! What an anniversary gift a few years ago!

Thank you!

"To our wonderful church family... Thank you for sharing my 80th birthday. The room was filled with much love, a large family and lots of memories. You have been a Huge part of my life for over 40+ years. Thanks again for your love and friendship. With a grateful heart and much love..." ~~ Janet & W.C. Hester ~~

"Many thanks to Partners in Pray, Christian Fellowship Sunday School class and church members who offered to help with preparing a meal for the family of Robbie Robinson. It really shows how loving our church is to those outside of our church. Thanks, again." ~~ Debbie Gray ~~

Labor Day Ribs!!

The Men at the Well are grilling ribs for your Labor Day weekend enjoyment! Cost is \$25 per rack, pick up is Saturday, September 2 8a-12p. So see a Man for your ticket(s) or come by/call the office. Remember, these too freeze well!

An Invitation

Dear Friends at The Well,

I love it when special friends from different groups come together, and it's going to happen August 4th, 5th and 6th when my quilt guild, Crossroads Quilt Guild of Perry, hosts a Quilt Show at The Well. Times are Friday and Saturday 10a-5p, Sunday 12p-5p.

"Quilts in Bloom" is the culmination of months of planning and years of sewing. We hope to hang 100 quilts made by guild members, in a show meant to share our love of quilting with the public and provide funds for us to make more quilts for charitable organizations, donations to charitable organizations, and fund teachers who will hone the quilting skills of our members.

I extend a special "Thank You" to the Sunday School classes who have graciously given up their rooms for Sunday August 6th (Seekers, New Beginnings and Teens – You Rock!!) and apologize for any inconvenience experienced by anyone in the church.

You are cordially invited to join us to see the quilts, visit our demonstrations, and shop our Boutique of handmade items. Niel's Sharp Shop will join us to sharpen scissors and other small items. Entry is \$8.00, with \$1 off if you present a discount card (see me!). Remember, the funds are to help charities and allow us to improve our skills.

Thanks also to Tommy for his support and allowing us to hold our show here at The Well.

In His Service,
Jan Morales-Hill

Community Missions

- Food Pantry July totals- families served-715; people served- 2307; portions- 974; weight distributed- 20,707
- The next Food Pantry August 9, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for August 8- Joy Fleming, Marie Davis
- The Clothes Closet served 207 people for the month of July. That's awesome!
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon.
- *Clothes Closet needs: clothes and shoes for all, purses, costume jewelry, household goods, towel and wash cloths, lines and toys.*
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12noon!

Member/Visitor Orientation

New Here? Curious about our ministries or maybe even where things are located around the facility? Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month for our visitor and new member orientation immediately following 10:30 worship.

There will be a Q & A session with Pastor Tommy and tour of our facility. All are welcome and everyone is invited; just come to the front of the sanctuary following worship. See you at The Well!

Picture of the Original Church

We still have some of the framed prints of the church ... if you'd like one just call or email the office, they are \$20 for the picture only and \$40 framed.



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Mel Smeltz
8
Dwayne Wilbanks
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Walter Cobb
10
Bob Parker
12
Betty Bowen
Vicky Moore

Bible Reading Plan

Week of August 6th:

Sunday.....	Luke 15
Monday.....	Luke 16
Tuesday.....	Luke 17
Wednesday.....	Luke 18
Thursday.....	Luke 19
Friday.....	Luke 20
Saturday.....	Luke 21

Old Time Capsule...

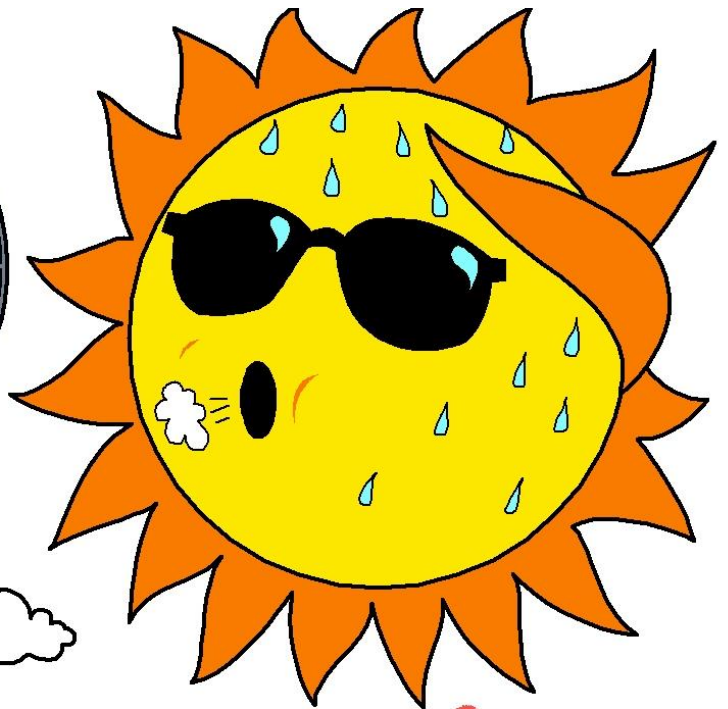
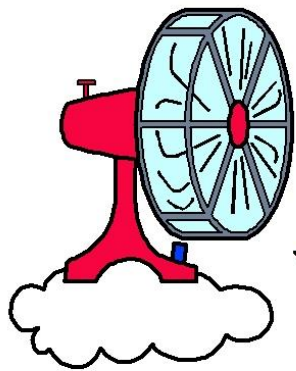
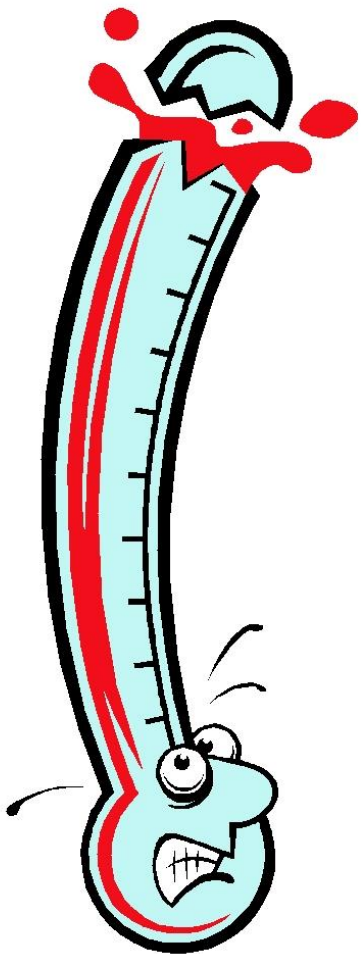
At the end of August we will be packing up the things that were in the CUMC time capsule. So if you haven't stopped by the table in the breezeway and checked it out, please do so.

New Time Capsule... alright, yall! Are you getting your pictures and items together for the new time capsule as The Well at Centerville?? Sunday School classes, Life Groups, Partners in Prayer, Movin' n Groovin', Yoga, Quilters, church historian, Library... anyone and everyone that would like to put something in the time capsule get it together and we'll do it at our October 5th Sunday lunch after worship. It's going to be fun and exciting!

Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in. I was naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me. I was in prison, and you came to me.

Matthew 25:34-36

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HOT WEATHER

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 6

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
W.C. Hester, Michael Walston
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship
12p-5p Quilt Show



Greeters

10:30a Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell

Communion Servers

Vicky Moore and Barbara Hilliard
Cheri Cox and LaWanna Porter



Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans



United Women in Faith

Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 6

Nursery- Joy Fleming, Laura McKenzie
Children- Lynn Miller, Katie Odum

Sunday- August 13

Nursery- Marie Davis, Laura McKenzie
Children- Sherry Armour, Amber Gamble



Monday- August 7

10:00a Quilters
6:30p Men at the Well
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Tuesday- August 8

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
4:30p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"
6:30p Bass Club
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Wednesday- August 9

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11a Food Pantry
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Thursday- August 10

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:30a Lynn-Pritchett Circle
10:00a Yoga
5:30p Dulcimers
6:30p Handbells
7-9p Amateur Radio Club
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Friday- August 11

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 12

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth
Pilgrims

Studies

The Jesus You May Not Know
Matthew
Psalm 91
Romans
Bible Chronology
Angels

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson
Kathy Blanchard