

The Vine

“O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish...”
 Also, refer to John 15:5 — “I am the vine, ye are the branches ...”

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10 AM Worship Service: “Get Wise”

Prayer Requests (Updated 8/11/21)

- *Betty Aiton, Bob Britt, Mary Burris, Don and Kathy Burriss, June Dean, Walker Martin, Linda Murphy, Cathy Neal
- *Laurie Moore, community member
- *Billy Kirby, friend of Melinda Gray and Tony Bailey who is battling leukemia
- *Barbara Edwards, Lesley Mitchell’s mother
- *Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny Lister
- *Brittany Michelle Person, friend of Robyn Prince’s niece
- *Charlsie Cox, granddaughter of Judy White McGeehon and great-niece of Debbie Vaughn
- *Marie McCracken (Presbyterian Home, Clinton)
- *Nancy Cook Smith (Martha Franks, Laurens)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, SCHOOL PERSONNEL, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO PACKS A BAG FOR THE DAY!

Bring your backpacks and bags this Sunday for the “Blessing of the Backpacks” that will occur during worship at 10 AM!



It's not too late to join a Presbyterian Women's Circle!

- Circle 1:** Meets the first Tuesday (after the first Sunday) of the month at 12 noon in Hunter Hall beginning September 7. Leaders: Donna Williams, Mary Ellen Swofford.
- Circle 2:** Meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in downtown restaurant venues beginning September 13. Leaders: Linda Lester, Margaret Davis.
- Circle 3:** Meets the first Tuesday (after the first Sunday) of the month at 6:30 pm in members' homes or in Hunter Hall beginning September 7. Leaders: Mary Fortune, Connie Parker.

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you...” -1 Kings 3:9-12

Any assistant coach who moves one seat over on the bench to become the head coach knows that the seats may be close together but the feeling is vastly different. Regardless of the thoughts one might have about how things will be “when I’m in charge,” the feeling of responsibility and the task of making the final decision weighs much more heavily when moving into that new chair. Solomon could likely understand what that felt like as he assumed his father David’s throne.

Solomon could have asked God for anything and he asked for wisdom. Just asking the question was a wise move in itself and showed a level of unselfishness and humility that pleased God. Wisdom is something we can never have too much of, and these days seems to be in short supply as we try to discern how to live and be in the world that often makes the wise decision hard to come by. We’ll talk about it Sunday.

Because God guides us when we ask for help, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike

Sanctuary Flowers

- August 22 **BURRIS,**
Mary
- August 29 **EDWARDS,**
Chris and Julie
- September 5 **BURRISS,**
Don and Kathy
- September 12 **BYARS,**
Susan



The sanctuary flowers on August 15 are given to the glory of God by Ed and Cindy Burke.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



From
Dr. Ken

Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, August 25. Come, and bring your bucket that you carry your tune in, and sing your sins away! Please consider joining this wonderful, caring group of folks who use their talents to praise the Lord and lead in worship.



Child care is available every Sunday!

Toddler Room: 2-year-olds through 5K.
Infant Room: Infants through 2-year-olds.

Ushers: Aug. 15
Matthew

Lewis Matthews*
William Smith
Kaye Richard
Ron Richard

Ushers: Aug. 22
Mark

James Buchanan*
Jackson Edwards
Neal Todd
Betty Jo Bell

Ushers: Aug. 29
Luke

Travis Thomas*
Chris Edwards
Scott Todd
Jane Seigler

Vine Helpers: 11 AM

8/18 Harriette Brewington
8/25 Diane Milam
9/1 Peg Basche
9/8 Rucia Wilson

Worship Attendance—August 8, 2021: 85

August 15: CE meets at 8:30 am
August 15: “Blessing of the Backpacks” during worship service
September 8: Wednesday night fall line-up of supper, Bible study, music, and more kicks off!
September 12: First day of Sunday School



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