

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 22, 2021

10 AM Worship Service: “Get Suited Up”

Prayer Requests (Updated 8/19/21)

- *Betty Aiton, Bob Britt, Mary Burris, Don and Kathy Burriss, June Dean, Walker Martin, Linda Murphy, Cathy Neal
- *Lori Kennedy, daughter-in-law of Carol Kennedy, who is currently taking chemo therapy
- *Carolyn Huey, previous sitter for Cozy Todd
- *Laurie Moore, community member
- *Billy Kirby, friend of Melinda Gray & 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)

July 2021 Financial Statement

Budgeted Income	\$ 297,866.38
<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>\$ 267,878.48</u>
Difference	\$ -29,987.90

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 297,866.59
<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 241,034.54</u>
Difference	\$ -56,832.05

Balance (Income less Expenses) \$ 26,843.94

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES FORMING NOW!!

- 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:

Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

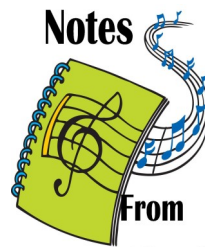
For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places... - Ephesians 6:11-12

Our full passage for Sunday is Ephesians 6:10-20 and speaks, as highlighted above, about putting on the whole armor of God in order to stand against the wiles of the devil as well as various manifestations of evil forces, both cosmic and earthly. All of this can sometimes seem to be slightly over the top or at least not as applicable to our age of reason conditioned sensibilities.

And then we turn on the news and know that the whole armor of God is what we will need just to get through today. God speaks to us and through us but most importantly, God equips us for the world we are living in. It’s time to get suited up.

Because we are gifted with the armor of God to stand firm, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike



Notes
From
Dr. Ken

CHANGE OF DATE:

*Chancel Choir Rehearsal has been postponed until **September 1**. Please consider joining this wonderful, caring group of folks who use their talents to praise the Lord and lead in worship. Watch for more details soon!*

Sanctuary Flowers

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| August 29 | EDWARDS,
Chris and Julie |
| September 5 | BURRIS,
Don and Kathy |
| September 12 | BYARS,
Susan |



The sanctuary flowers on August 22 are given to the glory of God by Mary Burriss.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



With the "Blessing of the Backpacks" this past Sunday, we continue to remember our students, teachers, school staff, and administrators in our thoughts and prayers. May the words of Numbers 6:24-26 remain in your hearts.

<p><u>Ushers: Aug. 22</u> <u>Mark</u> James Buchanan* Jackson Edwards Neal Todd Betty Jo Bell</p>	<p><u>Ushers: Aug. 29</u> <u>Luke</u> Travis Thomas* Chris Edwards Scott Todd Jane Seigler</p>
<p><u>Ushers: Sept. 5</u> <u>John</u> Bill Baldwin* Kathy Baldwin Jim Todd IV Tommy Smith</p>	<p><u>Vine Helpers:</u> <u>11:00 AM</u> 8/25 Diane Milam 9/1 Peg Basche 9/8 Connie Parker 9/15 Gail Parker</p>
<p><i>Worship Attendance</i>—August 15, 2021: 87</p>	



Child care is available every Sunday!
Toddler Room: 2-year-olds through 5K.
Infant Room: Infants through 2-year-olds.

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