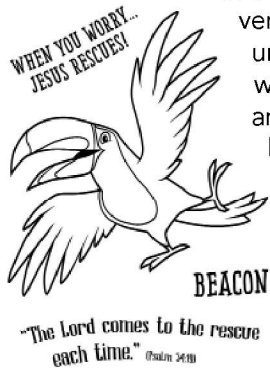


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



In VBS this year, venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. You'll experience thrilling "real-life" dramas,

play high-energy games, enjoy some great crafts, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

This year our journey will take place Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13. Check-in and dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., with opening assembly at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Classes are available for children ages 2 years through rising 6th graders. Childcare is available for volunteers with children younger than 2.

Register your kids and volunteer to help on our website today at newprovidencepres.org/vbs. Contact Fairlena Googe (983-0182 x119, children@newprovidencepres.org) with questions.

Fairlena Googe

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

The Fellowship Committee is planning a Parents' Night Out for Friday evening, June 15, from 6-9 p.m. The committee will provide childcare, dinner, a movie and games. The cost will be \$10 per child. There will be sign ups in the Atrium between the services on Sunday, June 3 and June 10.

Bethany Russell

VBS NEEDS

Decoration items needed - sand, grass, and water-colored tarps, greenery, empty toilet paper rolls, glue sticks, cornstarch, empty water bottles, battery-powered small tea lights, tempera paint, inner-tubes, and beach balls. Please let us know if you can donate any of these items and if they will need to be returned.

If you can't volunteer for VBS, but you want to help, you or your group (i.e. Sunday school class, Geneva group), can provide the meal, drinks, or the snacks for one night. Contact Jenny Troyer (jjtroyer@gmail.com), for more information.

Jenny Troyer

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that travel together to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road.

The June 15th trip to Rugby is almost full, so contact Stephanie Bell now to reserve your seat.

In July, Life Beginners will meet on July 20 at 10:00 a.m. to go to the Sequoyah Museum that has just undergone major renovations. Lunch will be at the Pizzeria Venti (order off the menu) and there will be a \$1 transportation fee.

In August, Life Beginners will take a hiatus and be back on the road in September. There will be no November or December trips planned due to frequent cancellations for weather.

Contact Stephanie Bell (stephaniebell47@gmail.com or call) to make your reservations or for any questions you may have.

Stephanie Bell

APPLE TREE AND THE DAY OF SERVICE

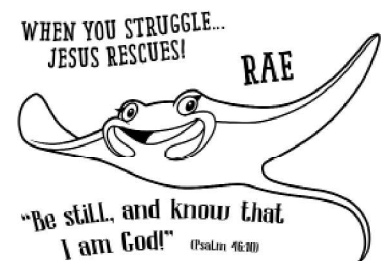
The Apple Tree Project is our ministry to fill backpacks for the children in need in Blount County, Alcoa City, and Maryville City Schools. The Apple Tree will be set up in the Atrium starting June 20th and you'll be able to take an apple labeled with needed school supplies and return those items to the church by July 15th for our Sunday Service of Service. Please take note of the specific needs on the apple. On Sunday, July 22nd, during our Service of Service, we'll pack backpacks and write notes in the 10:30 a.m. combined service all wrapped up with worship and fellowship.

Fairlena Googe

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE

There will be an Antiques and Collectibles Mini Sale in Eastminster Hall on Thursday, June 21 and Friday, June 22 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Community Benefit Sale volunteers comb through donated items and reserve specialty items for the Antiques and Collectibles sales. These items sell for more providing more money for local non-profit agencies.

Donna Booher



FROM THE PASTOR

"Be the Church You Wish to See"

I've always loved that quote from Gandhi: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." In other words, if you want the world to be more loving, be more loving. If you want the world to be more tolerant, be more tolerant. If you want the world to be kinder, be more kind.

I was disappointed to learn recently that it may be fake news. It turns out that Gandhi died in 1948, and the quote didn't surface until 1974. Oops.

Nevertheless, the sentiment is still valid. This old tired world could certainly use some change, and who better it come from than us? Let's be the church we want to see in the world.

That's the impetus behind our summer listening groups at New Providence. As you've heard, in the next 2-1/2 months, the session is inviting every member and friend of NPPC to participate in listening groups to talk about where we believe God is calling us in the next 3-5 years of our life together.

We are referring to these as "soul-stirring conversations," because they're not just about data, or budgets or buildings, but about who we are, what we're passionate about, who we want to be, and what we want to be known for as we move forward.

Why now? Because this is a unique moment of our life together that offers us the opportunity to talk and pray about the future into which God is calling us. Those conversations will pave the way for church leaders to discern how we focus our resources and energy in those directions.

Beginning in the first week of June, the session will host (at least) 18 different listening groups that will continue through the middle of August, and our hope is that everyone connected to NPPC will participate. Each gathering will last 90 minutes.

Groups will be asked to respond to several different questions:

- First, what Biblical story best reflects NPPC in your experience? This is

not a Bible quiz, it's a way of seeing our story as a part of God's ongoing story. Are we a Good Samaritan church or a "loaves and fishes" church, or something else? How do we line up in God's broad mission to the world?

- Secondly, what are our strengths/assets?
- What challenges will we face in the next 5 years?
- And finally, what do you want NPPC to be known for?

*Let's be the church
we want to see
in the world.*

In each listening group, recorders will compile notes, and that information will be distilled to discern patterns and themes that arise. This winter, church leaders will

turn those central ideas into actionable plans about who God is calling us to be, including staff design, budgets and ministry initiatives.

Each session will begin with a few ground rules:

- This is a time to dream about the future; while we are grateful for our history, we want to look forward, and not just reminisce.
- This is not a budget forum, a time to air grievances, or a time to advocate for specific projects.
- While we have to operate within the limits of our resources, this is a time for dreaming and envisioning the future.

Does that wet your whistle? I hope so. Because this project will only be successful if we have input from as many NPPC members and friends as possible. Following this article, you will see a list of dates, names and locations for listening groups. You may sign up online at www.newprovidencepres.org/visioning, or contact Carrie Eaton (carrie.eaton@hotmail.com, 984-7440).

Let me say this as clearly as I can: everyone is invited to be a part of this. Have you only been at NewProv for a few months? We need your fresh perspectives! Are you a part of the youth group? Older members need to know what matters to you! Are you not *technically* a member, but still hang around? Even better! We need

your input. Have you been at New Providence since God was a baby? Fantastic. Your experience will help us ground our story in our history.

In other words, everyone is wanted, every opinion matters, every voice is needed. Please give an hour and a half of your time this summer to this important moment in our life together. I look forward to hearing from you, and I look forward to what God has in store for us!

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

YOUTH SUMMER PLANS

Hello there! It's me, Eric, your Interim Youth and College Coordinator, I wanted to keep you in the loop as to how your students will be spending their summer together here at New Providence! For starters, as you're certainly aware, an intergenerational team of students and adults will be heading to Guatemala again this year during the first week of June to further our community's ongoing relationship with Porch de Solomon. We commissioned them and their work on Sunday, May 27th, and we look forward with anticipation to how their work in Guatemala will shape both them and us as a New Providence family!

As for the rest of our summer together, we'll be firing up the ever popular SOFAS (Summer of Fun and Service) by serving with KARM, New Hope Children's Advocacy Center, Family Promise, and Second Harvest (as well as doing some tubing, swimming, eating, and hanging out along the way). In addition to our regular work in the community, on Sunday mornings in the summer our students plan on sharing worship with our sister congregation, St. Paul AME Zion, hearing from Steve and Emily on what makes us unique as an NPPC Family, eating pancakes, and getting to know one another better.

We look forward to the next couple of months, and if you see us around on Sunday morning, please say hello!

Eric Minton

VISIONING SESSIONS

There are 17 sessions to choose from with the date, time and host of each session. Sessions are in host's home unless otherwise listed:

- 6/6, 2:00 p.m., Alida Graves
- 6/7, 7:00 p.m., Steve Musick
- 6/10, 3:00 p.m., Andrew Irvine
- 6/14, 6:00 p.m., Nick Bradford (at Vienna Coffee House)
- 6/18, 7:00 p.m., Carrie Eaton
- 6/27, 7:00 p.m., Emily Anderson
- 6/28, 2:00 p.m., Hayley Lynn at Shannondale
- 7/1, 4:00 p.m., Gabie Kerr
- 7/5, 6:30 p.m., Laura Shamiyeh
- 7/11, Bill Yarborough
- 7/15, 4:00 p.m., Bill Savell
- 7/22, 4:30 p.m., Tracy Luttrell
- 7/23, 7:00 p.m., Tyler Johnson
- 7/29, 7:00 p.m., John Pittenger
- 8/2, 6:00 p.m., Jane Morton (at NPPC)
- 8/5, 4:00 p.m., Maxey Long
- 8/8, 6:00 p.m., Bryan Kilday

Visit our website at www.newprovidencepres.org/visioning to sign up for one of these sessions and for more information.

Carrie Eaton

BARTLETT BUZZ

As we move into summer, we are planning a cookout. We will also have visits from Ex Libris this month. If you have a talent to share, please contact Trish at 865-983-0182 to arrange a visit time.

If you have a talent or hobby to share, we would love for you to visit with us. Contact Trish (983-0182 x106, trish@newprovidencepres.org) to set up a time!

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

LISTEN FOR THE CALL

"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." Romans 11:29

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11

In the next few months, you may receive a call from the NPPC nominating committee asking you to serve as a deacon or ruling elder. The leadership development team at NPPC would like to encourage you to consider a resounding yes to this call. Many strong excuses can make saying no an easy response. Busy lives, uncertainty about what being a church officer involves, and a failure to recognize your special gifts are common reasons for declining this invitation.

What are the reasons for saying yes? Is the busy of your life coming from meaningful places. Perhaps this is the time when you can find a place in all that "busy" to listen for that still, small voice leading you to a new direction. Becoming a church officer allows you to respond to the God who Timothy says "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages." How about these words as a reason to become involved!

Perhaps you would resist this calling because you are unsure of the church officer's role. Early on in your training our committee will provide opportunities to match your gifts with the many teams at NPPC. Truly, there is a team for everyone. The key word here is team. This is the best chance you will have to become a part of a faith community. Relationships you make as an officer will take you far beyond just sitting in a pew on Sunday morning. True, you may have to learn "how the sausage is made." Such knowledge might include seeing what goes into planning budgets, mission trips, Welcome Table, personnel decisions and a host of joys and concerns. When

you are part of a growing community of faith, ignorance is not bliss. It just means you are on the outside missing opportunities to travel with other people on the faith journey.

Do you understand the gifts you could bring to our community of faith? Don't you realize that we need all types of people to keep us afloat? First, we would want to reassure you of the gifts you recognize, and then we would help you to find those gifts you have never acknowledged. Is serving others a gift you could bring? We have a place for you with those who visit the sick and comfort the bereaved. You would make a great deacon. Do you have a gift for education? Discipleship and Education would be a good place for you. Is music your gift? Bring your talent to Worship and Arts. Is oversight of people and policies a place where you have found your talent lies? Become a part of the Administrative Team. Do you hunger to become involved in social justice? The Church in the World Team can answer that hunger.

Will this be the year that you answer your calling to serve? As Paul says in the letter to the Corinthians, "let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him." We ask that you listen for your call in both a literal and spiritual sense and prayerfully consider your response.

*Yours in Christ,
NPPC Leadership
Development Team*

CHURCH CLOSURE

The church will be closed, Wednesday, July 4 to observe Independence Day.

FIFTH SUNDAY VESPERS

The life of the church is held within its cycles. Some of these overlap, like the end of Ordinary Time that leads to Advent marking the first academic semester for the schools and students in our lives. Christmas (I mean the liturgical season) gives a very short breather, and then comes Epiphany, which leads into Lent, then Easter, then Pentecost and these all during the already busy spring semester of school.

Next comes another all too short break of summer vacation, which really isn't a break at all when we figure in Vacation Bible School, Guatemala Mission Trip, family trips and the like. And then we start it all over again at the beginning of August. Life's rhythms can get faster than we might like, and sometimes become too much or unsynchronized, especially when the unexpected changes we encounter like glitches in our health, disruptions in career, family etc., get tossed at us. When I was a campus pastor I had a mantra that helped me get through the year: Every September's a sprint to December, every January a mad dash to May.

Let's take a breath. Let's gather on the fifth Sunday's of the year to have a time of refocus, renewal, rededication to the relationship that is the source of our strength and our joy. Fifth Sunday Vespers will be services where we can be gentle with ourselves and allow the rapid pace of our lives to pass us by for one evening so that we can be just quiet enough to reacquaint ourselves with God. There will be music, prayer, meditation, and anointing for those who desire it. Most of all, there will be a moment of peace out of all the frantic, hectic, frenetic moments we live.

Our first Vesper service will be July 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. That's right before school begins once again and we get set to sprint once more. Come and get nourished for the race.

Steve Musick

HEALTH TIPS

Far too many people know that smoking is at least as bad for the heart and circulatory system as it is for the lungs. The 4,000 or so chemical compounds in cigarette smoke conspire to:

- make the heart beat faster and harder,
- narrow blood vessels,
- increase blood pressure,
- lower the level of HDL (good) cholesterol,
- make blood more likely to clot inside blood vessels, and
- contribute to the formation of artery-clogging plaque.

Each of these increases the chances of having a heart attack or stroke or developing peripheral artery disease - poor circulation to the toes, legs, genitals, arms, and fingers.

Now is a good time to stop smoking! Taken from Harvard Heart Letter.

Taking care of yourself often means saying NO to some obligations. Here are ten examples of phrases that can help you turn down a request clearly, politely, and firmly.

1. I don't have any more room on my calendar.
2. That's not my strong suit.
3. I need to focus on my family/my career right now.
4. Let me suggest someone else who might be better.
5. I'm too busy right now, but perhaps another time.
6. I'd prefer not to do it.
7. I'm sorry, but I'll have to say no.
8. I wish I could help, but right now I can't take on anything else.
9. I'm overbooked now. Let me call you when I have some available time.
10. I would rather tell you no than accept and do a mediocre job.

Taken from Massachusetts General Hospital Newsletter

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Did you know that New Providence has a myriad of communications for friends and members?

We have this monthly newsletter, the *New Prov Press*, which announces both items to put on your calendar for future reference and articles that let folks know how things went.

We also have electronic communications for those on the go. This newsletter can be sent to your digital device via e-mail in PDF form.

For last minute reminders and updates to information already communicated, you can subscribe to our weekly E-news. For monthly reminders of Adult education news, you may subscribe to our monthly Adult Ed E-news.

All of this information is available on our website as well. Go the tab labeled "Online Resources," and you'll find links to everything under the sun.

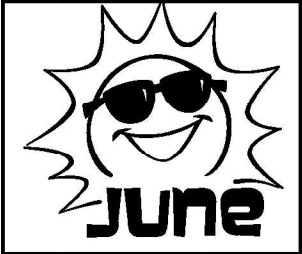
To receive any of these communications, please contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) or anyone in the church office and we'll be glad to get you hooked up!

If the electronic communications from the church are not in your e-mail account's inbox when you expect them to be, you might want to check your junk/spam folder. The E-news and other electronic communications are considered spam.

Please know that I am always interested in improving our communications here at New Providence, so if you have any ideas, I'd love to hear from you! I'm available Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Coco Everett

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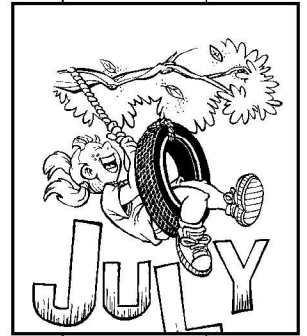
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FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall

ACS/BCS/MCS - Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville School Systems

JUNE CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet on Thursday, June 1, at the following times and places:

10:00 A.M. CIRCLES

- Leah - Cindy Hodges, Kittie Ponder (Parlor)
- Martha - Stephanie Bell (Chapel)
- Ruth - Brenda Craig, Patty Quinn (Youth Room)

12:00 P.M. CIRCLE

- Deborah - Liz Blackburn
- For this last Circle meeting, Mary Circle has changed their meeting date to Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Diane Pezick's home (243 Harbor View Lane). It will be a potluck supper with husbands, friends, and relatives invited. Anyone interested can meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to carpool.

Brenda Craig

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur this summer. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them they are special!

- June Lane, 6/3
- Mary Stapp, 6/10 (Who is 102!!)
- Effie Cotton, 6/11
- Lee Mason, 7/3
- Grayce Goertz, 7/9

Donnae Farley

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on April 29, 2018 and approved the following new members:

- Robert Hawsey, Letter of Transfer
- Sarah Malone, Reaffirmation of Faith
- William Malone, Reaffirmation of Faith
- Karen Hime, Letter of Transfer
- Andy Hime, Letter of Transfer
- Sarah Hime, Letter of Transfer
- William Hime, Letter of Transfer

The Session met on May 15, 2018 and approved the following:

- True Purpose Ministries will be contracted on a part-time weekly basis to set up chairs, tablecloths, and tables for the Welcome Table for a contribution of \$50 per week, with funds to come from the Welcome Table budget.
- Expenditure of \$613.56 for the purchase of a washing machine from the Welcome Table budget.
- Bylaw changes for PWC for 2018, were approved unanimously.
- *In the Presence of God* by Dr. R. C. Sproul, an online devotional series, for "The Rest of Us" SS class.
- The establishment of a discretionary transportation fund of \$25,170.27 in New Providence Foundation for bus maintenance and eventual purchase of new bus. No requirement to maintain corpus, interest/earnings will be reinvested into the transportation fund. 1/3 of total available by majority vote of session, full amount available by 2/3 vote. The amount comes from an undesignated estate gift.
- Requests for baptism:
 - Oliver Johnson, son of Matt and Mattie Kidd Johnson on 6/3
 - Sydney Black, daughter of Christ and Julie Paxton Black on 6/17
- At approximately 83% into our budget year, pledged giving is at 93% and unpledged giving at 112%. Total revenues are at 95%. Expenses are at 77%.

Beth Lazar, Clerk of Session

TENDING OUR FLOCK

CONGRATULATIONS

- Westervelt McAllister Penn, son of Marie & Mark Penn and brother of Walker Penn, was born May 10, was 20.5 inches long and weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces. Welcome, West!
- Doris Mabrey's granddaughter, Sarah E. Shuford, graduated from Ferrum College, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, with a degree in Media and Communication and a minor in Journalism. She will spend 10 months with AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA - Pacific Region beginning with training in Sacramento, CA on June 6, 2018.

WE SHARE SORROW

- Chip Creswell's grandfather, James Creswell, May 19
- Bob McLeod, May 5
- Alice Mansmith, in the death of her sister, Patricia O'Reilly
- Sheryl Birdsall in the death of her brother, Bob Birdsall
- Jessica Tate in the death of her grandfather, Curt Reneau
- Lisa Yount in the death of her father, April 28
- Chuck Miller in the death of his father, Bill Miller on April 26

HAVE FAMILY NEWS?

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) or anyone in the office.

LECTIONARY READINGS

- June 3: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20), Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18, 2 Corinthians 4:5–12, Mark 2:23–3:6
- June 10: 1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15), Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1, Mark 3:20–35
- June 17: 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17, Mark 4:26–34
- June 24: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49, Psalm 9:9–20, or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16, Psalm 133, 2 Corinthians 6:1–13, Mark 4:35–41
- July 1: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7–15, Mark 5:21–43
- July 8: 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10, Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2–10, Mark 6:1–13
- July 15: 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19, Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3–14, Mark 6:14–29
- July 22: 2 Samuel 7:1–14a, Psalm 89:20–37, Ephesians 2:11–22, Mark 6:30–34, 53–56
- July 29: 2 Samuel 11:1–15, Psalm 14, Ephesians 3:14–21, John 6:1–21

PHONE EXTENSION LIST

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- Coco Everett -ext. 102
- Peggy Rogers -ext. 103
- Steve Musick -ext. 105
- Trish Badgett -ext. 106
- Emily Anderson - ext. 107
- Penny Bever -ext. 108
- Eric Minton-ext. 109
- Rob Britt -ext. 110
- Stan Rushing -ext. 116
- West Kitchen-ext. 118
- Fairlena-ext. 119
- Bartlett-ext. 120

ABOUT THE GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

One of the things that drew me, as a pastor, to New Providence and the interim Youth Coordinator position here, was this community's longstanding commitment to justice, both globally and locally.

This commitment, even if it is sometimes costly, is something NPPC willingly embraces: from the Welcome Table, to the Community Benefit Sale, to making space for marginalized people in Blount County to find rest, healing, and hope through Family Promise, and even through this church's willingness to welcome all God's children no matter their identity, ethnicity, sexuality, or baggage.

This commitment is rooted in the way we speak about what it means to "be Church" in the world, and it's a gift. One of the most powerful expressions of this justice-centered New Providence identity, is this intergenerational global mission trip, where students, adults, and whole families have the opportunity to encounter the way of Jesus in the lives of people with whom there is little in the way of commonality.

Our "Porch team" will provide necessary and deeply integral resources to the family of Lilian Jesusita Chumil Tun by building a simple cinder block house for her and her three children (all 7 and under), and by partnering with Porch de Salomon directly in their efforts to combat malnutrition and other public health crises besieging Guatemala.

But they will also learn from the indigenous Guatemalan faith community what it means to depend, to trust, and to have faith in a God that has a foundational and long-standing preference for their poor.

Our church here in East Tennessee is quite comfortable when asked to celebrate the blessings of God weekly together, but is often harder to share burdens with one another. However, when we engage cross culturally, in small communities, interacting with what are now the "average Christians" on our globe

(impoverished, Latin American, non-Protestant) we are given the gift of seeing what it means to have faith in the midst of pervasive suffering.

So, while this Sunday is a commissioning of our Guatemala team and their work this summer, as we have and continue to provide them resources and encouragement for their journey abroad, it is also a commissioning of our entire New Providence family.

May we all be encouraged to seek out cross-cultural, cross-socio-economic, and cross-community experiences that provide correction and challenge to the ways we view what it means to believe in God in the midst of excess, in the midst of wealth, in the midst of "blessing," in the midst of dearth, in the midst of poverty, and in the midst of "curses."

We collectively can only grow both from the experiences shared by our Guatemala team, as well as by any of us who seek a deeper connection with a God who liberates slaves, frees captives, remits debts, and dies for others. Let's partner together in this work with our prayers, our gifts, our encouragement, and our hard work, because it's who we are and who we seek to continue being. -

Eric Minton, Interim Coordinator of Youth and College Age Ministries



SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR JUNE

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
3	Carrie Eaton, Bill Savell, Hayley Lynn	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Dick & Sandy Dalhaus, Terri Carroll	Hayley Lynn
10	Bryan Kilday, Gabie Kerr, Chad Rogers	Tom Raines*, Peggy Raines, Terry & Judy Woods	Vandy Kemp
17	Bobbie Briggs, Nick Bradford, Bill Yarborough	Chrissy Irvine*, and Will Irvine, Jamie Irvine, Bobbie Briggs and Vandy Kemp	Tracy Luttrell
24	Maxey Long, Bryan Kilday, Jenifer Greene	Jenn Hardy*, and Claude Hardy, Roy & Ruth Fox and Martha Cobb	Susan Young

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
3	Andrew Irvine, Tracy Luttrell, John Pittenger	Jason Brooks*, Ann Spencer, Lynne Musick, Phil Mummert, and Susan Young	Hayley Lynn
10	Jane Morton, Tyler Johnson	Karen & Ken Paxton*, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall and Jeanne Ezell	Vandy Kemp
17	Mike Teffeteller, Jane Morton, Tracy Luttrell	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, and Mot Krick	Tracy Luttrell
24	Carrie Eaton, Bill Savell, Chad Rogers	Stephanie Bell*, Dennis & Ann Cherry, Jack Bell, and Jeff Pezick	Susan Young

* Head Usher

NOTE: As there are combined services through the month of July, the leadership for July will be determined at a later date.

FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

It's been a few years since some of these kids were in the preschool, but we wanted to share some answers from the past about Dads.

MY DAD IS GREAT BECAUSE...

Juliana T - he married my mom.

Isaac D - because when he goes to work he's handsome.

Cora H - because my mom is a princess.

Hall B - he got awesome toys.

Lily R - he does laugh.

MY DAD LOVES ME BECAUSE...

Lily R. - he loves the heart.

Isaac D - Me

Hall B - because I said so.

Juliana T - he likes to hug me.

WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR DAD DO TOGETHER?

Cora - Play.

MJ & Hall B - Work in the yard or go to Dollywood.

George L - Go outside and play in the sandbox.

Grant O - Nap.

Ava R - We talk in his office.

Blake B - Cut roses off and cut weeds off.

WHAT DOES YOUR DAD DO AROUND THE HOUSE?

Amelia O - He walks around the house. He snores.

George L - He just does the pressure washer.

Juliana T - Like get some work done around the pool.

Hall B - He washes dishes.

Blake B - He plays with us.

MINISTERS & SUPPORT

The Reverend Doctor Emily J. Anderson	PASTOR
The Reverend J. Steven Musick	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
The Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing	PARISH ASSOCIATE
Rob Britt	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Peggy Rogers	ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS
Eric Minton	INTERIM YOUTH & COLLEGE AGE COORDINATOR
Fairlena Googe	INTERIM CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR
Leah Thomas	INTERIM CHILDREN'S FACILITATOR
Trish Badgett	PARISH NURSE
Amelia Geis-Scott	WELCOME TABLE COORDINATOR
Ray Bryant	FACILITIES MANAGER
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Coco Everett	COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JUNE/JULY

6/2-9	Guatemala Mission Trip
6/17	Father's Day Money for Manna
6/23	Community Benefit Sale Mini Antiques and Collectibles Sale
7/4	Church Closed
7/15	Bluegrass Sunday Money for Manna
7/16	New Prov Press Deadline
7/22	Service of Service
7/27	Community Benefit Sale