

# The Presbyterian

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## John's Corner

**Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

**John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

When you look at these two lines of scripture, you see not only the wisdom of parents raising their child in the Lord, but the fact that there is no effective earthly substitute to get to God. Faith in Christ is it. Yet why do we place so much emphasis for our children on every other type of activity other than growing in knowledge of Him and God's holy word that reveals this truth? While academics, sports, and various extracurricular activities have merits, unto themselves they have no possibility of leading to eternal life:

**Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.**

**Psalms 147:10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

**Ecclesiastes 2:11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.**

Our children's walk with Christ should be the springboard for all other pursuits, because through Him they should seek to glorify God in all they do. They are excellent academically because God gave them the intelligence to succeed; they are phenomenal athletes because God gifted them with remarkably competent bodies and a desire to compete; they blossom in leadership or music because the necessary talents have come from their Creator. And to cultivate this understanding within them, we as parents must commit them to consistent participation in worship, Sunday School, and exposure to His word and regular prayer at home. This begins first with parents making these activities a priority in their own lives. It does not matter if you did not have this in your own upbringing, God calls each successive generation to faithful service.

So I ask you now, not only for all parents commitment in this endeavor, but to pray and see if God is placing on your heart the desire to train up our children here at church. To teach is a sacred and blessed opportunity; God's children and your church family need you. Our goal for the fall is to have two teachers for second hour: one for kindergarten and first grade, and the second for grades two through four. Parents will be involved in a cooperative rotation model that will hopefully bring them in no more than twice per year to assist for two weeks at a time. Grades five and six will participate in regular

Sunday School at 9am with their own teacher. The nursery will be available only to children four years old and under. And sticking with what we've done in the past, Jr. High kids will be in my catechism class, while the senior high youth should attend adult Sunday School. Remember, we don't grow spiritually in being comfortable, but only when we stretch ourselves and make sacrifices for the One who gave his all for us.

May your summer be blessed with family, fun, relaxation, and a renewed commitment to serve in our wonderful family of God. We will keep all of you in our love and prayers no matter where you are!

In gratitude,

John



## Registration Now Open for Vacation Bible School

Please join us for Cosmic City. **August 1-5 from 6:00-8:00 PM.** Children in preschool-grade 5 will Explore the Awesome Wonder of God as they leave Alpha Base and travel through the Theater of the Galaxies, Asteroid Alley, Wonder U, Deeper Space, and the Shooting Star Drive-In. During their daily journey children will enjoy dramatic presentations, puppet shows, play games, learn Bible verses, sing songs, participate in science experiments, and enjoy a snack.

When registering more than one child, please use a different form for each child. Additional forms are available at the church.

## Red Cross Blood Mobile

**July** blood drive will be held on **Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** Everyone is invited to donate blood, no appointment is necessary.



## Deacon's Meeting

The Deacons will hold their July meeting on Wednesday, **July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.** All deacons please plan on attending.

## Presbyterian Women

Summer meetings will be on **July 10 and August 13 @ 12:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. There will be a luncheon, followed by a meeting and bible study. All women are welcome to attend.

## Worship Committee

The worship committee will meet on **July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.** There will be no meeting in August. Members please plan on attending. If there are any changes, you will be notified.

### Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will not be meeting during the months of July and August. See you in September!

### Session Meeting

The next session meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM**. The August session meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, @7:00 PM**. Session members . . . please remember to have your monthly report to the office **before Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, so they can be copied and placed in member mailboxes for **Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

### Faith Community Nurse

Life is a gift and each day should be treated like a present being unwrapped with wonder, surprise, and excitement. *Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)*



*Enid Thomas, R.N.*

### Women of Faith Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are available for a donation of \$2.00 from the following ladies: Debbie Hablitzel, Kathy Byrne, LaVeta Byrne, Angela Collene, Nancy Miller, Catharine Cory, Gennie Rios, Jeri Hargis, Barb Dolch, Mariann Appleby, Diane Kaple, Dorothy Watts (sold out!), Joyce Hahn, Enid Thomas, Julie Wells, Dana Wallace (Julie's sister). The drawing for this raffle is Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, after worship. The winner will receive a \$200 gift certificate for the store of their choice. This is the first of three fundraisers to off-set the cost of our Women of Faith conference tickets for next year, April 29-30, 2011. It is still possible to join in with us and look forward to an awesome weekend with thousands of Women of Faith. Call me or email me, Debbie Hablitzel, group leader, at 419-562-8152 (home) or 419-569-7844 (Verizon cell). [daveanddebbie@columbus.rr.com](mailto:daveanddebbie@columbus.rr.com).

### Summer Bereavement Kids Day Camp

HomeCare Matters and Home Health & Hospice will be holding "Journey" Day Camp for Kids – a summer bereavement program. It will be held July 29-31, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM. To register, call 419-468-7985.

### Mission Committee

LightHouse Homeless Shelter Fund Raiser **July 2, 2010** was the last day to turn in the fund raising money. The total donation amount will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you for all the time, effort and money used on this worthy cause. LightHouse Homeless shelter is very short on funds. With this donation, they should be able to stay open through September. This shelter is a last resort for many men in our town. Keep them in your prayers.

### July Soup Kitchen

We will be preparing food for the Soup Kitchen @ Assembly of God. (562-8183 – Rebon's). July's menu will be Baked Bean Casserole and Corn Pudding. **Food should be in the kitchen by church time on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. A sign up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who participate!



**Prep Time: Sun., July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM**

**Serve Time: Tues. July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM**

### Baked Bean Casserole and Corn Pudding:

10-16 oz. cans pork and beans, 10-16 oz. cans green beans, 10-16 oz. cans butter beans, 10-16 oz. cans kidney beans, 3 lb. brown sugar, 30 strips or 24 oz. Hormel bacon bits, 5 lb. ground beef, cooked and crumbled, another 5 lb. ground beef, cooked and crumbled, 7 medium onions (chopped), 60 oz. catsup, 3 ¼ tbsp. dry mustard, 15 oz. maple syrup, 6-16 oz. cans whole kernel corn, 6-7 oz. pkg. Jiffy corn muffin mix, 6-8oz. cartons sour cream, 6 sticks of margarine, and 6-16 oz. cans cream-style corn. Other items needed are Pam spray, heavy-duty wide foil, draw-strong 30-gallon trash bags, dish washing detergent, and 1 box SOS pads.

### August Soup Kitchen

**Prep Time: Sun., August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM**  
**Serve Time: Tues., August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**

The same menu will be used as for July. **Food should be in the kitchen by church time on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. A sign up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who participate! We need to provide at least 2 -3 servers each time we serve the meals we prepare. **Servers must be there at 4:00 to prepare items, and to serve at 4:30**. Thank you! *Kathy Byrne, Mission*

### Summer Giving

Many thanks to everyone for your generous support of our church budget so far this year. Generally, summer giving slows down due to family vacations and other commitments. Please remember the necessity of consistent financial support throughout the entire year. Expenses for salaries, utilities, programming needs, etc. do not slow down. Your thoughtfulness in keeping your pledges up-to-date is truly appreciated.

*Jan Fulton, Treasurer*

### Movie Night

July's movie will be held on **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 PM** in the chapel. The movie will be "The Other Side of Heaven." Everyone is welcome to come to see the movie, enjoy the popcorn, and friendship.



### Thank Yous

Paul and I would like to thank our church family for all the prayers and cards we received following Johnie's motorcycle accident and death. The warmth we felt and continue to feel really means a lot to us. We have been truly blessed because of the love you have shared. May God continue to richly bless everyone.

*Paul and Tami Robinson*

Just a note to thank you all for the support you've shown Taasha during her college years at Bluffton and at her graduation open house. She was so delighted at the attendance of so many from her church family at the party. Afterward, she remarked about how loved she felt. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are most thankful to all of you.

*Danny Nickler and Al & Jan Fulton*

**July Birthdays**



- 1 Leira Satterthwaite
- 3 Tom Ahlefeld, Deb Hoover
- 5 Corey Black
- 8 Hannah White
- 9 Deacon Kennedy Dutton
- 11 Phyllis Reed, Denny Wells
- 13 Marty Gabriel
- 14 Paige Collene
- 15 Daron Watts
- 16 Cody Kent
- 18 Kaiden Wilson
- 19 Jameson Douglas Watts
- 21 Mark Schimpf
- 22 Glenn Gibson
- 23 Samuel Satterthwaite
- 24 Frank Barth
- 26 Raven Storm Wilson
- 29 Bob Laipply Jr., Keenan Wilson
- 31 Bev Agee, Devon Wilson

**July Anniversaries**



- 11 Marty and Pete Gabriel
- 13 Mark and Susan Walters
- 15 Dana and Carol Griffith
- 20 Doug and Kathy Bardon
- 24 Al and Mary Ann Basinger

**August Birthdays**



- 3 Dan Price
- 5 Melanie White
- 7 Ashleigh Black
- 10 Harmon Guss
- 11 Carrie Diebler
- 12 Guy Baggett, Joey Rager
- 13 Angela Seibert
- 14 Carissa Diebler
- 15 Quentin "Bud" Ackerman
- 17 Ed McCarthy
- 18 Ed Dolch
- 20 Tom Britton, Kara and Kristin Guss
- 21 Catharine Cory
- 22 Tommie Rarick

- 23 Deb Dostal, Kevin Pelter
- 25 Jana Pelter, Dorothy Watts
- 28 Coralie Cover, Jenice Watts

**August Anniversaries**



- 5 Lori and Charles Rager
- 7 Denny and Julie Wells
- 10 Maggie and Frank Barth
- 22 Leon and Carrie Diebler  
Paul and Tami Robinson
- 24 Bob and Dot Hubble
- 28 Daron and Jenice Watts
- 31 Larry and Mollie Geissler

**Worship Assistants, July**

<b>Liturgists:</b>	<b>Children's Time:</b>
4 Marty Gabriel	4 Tom Heminger
11 Barb Dolch	11 Kathy Byrne
18 Catharine Cory	18 Dave Hablitzel
25 Lori Rager	25 Tom Britton

- July Duty Elder:** Sam Eichhorn  
**Deacon of the Month:** Catharine Cory  
**Ushers & Greeters:**  
 4 Sam & Judy Eichhorn; Chase, Tena & Jensen Eyster  
 11 Mollie & Larry Geissler; Dan & Barb Price  
 18 Kathy Byrne, Cindy Inscho, Barb Price, and Enid Thomas  
 25 Ed & Barb Dolch, Kathy Byrne, and Enid Thomas

**Worship Assistants, August**

<b>Liturgists:</b>	<b>Children's Time:</b>
1 Cindy Inscho	1 Deb Hoover
8 Dave Hablitzel	8 Denny Wells
15 Debbie Hablitzel	15 Susan Kent
22 TBA	22 Dorothy Watts
29 Tom Heminger	29 Al Fulton

- August Duty Elder:** TBA  
**Deacon of the Month:** Mary K. Satterthwaite  
**Ushers & Greeters:**  
 1 Chase, Tena & Jensen Eyster; Susan & Brooke Walters  
 18 Tom, Sandy, Carson & Austin Britton  
 15 Tom & Marcia Heminger; TBA  
 22 Tom & Marcia Heminger; Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
 29 Joyce & Jim Hahn; Susan & Brooke Walters

**Summer Vacation**

With the summer months upon us, a lot of families are taking vacations, camping, and sight-seeing. Remember to keep all members of FPC in your prayers as they travel this summer.

"Don't skip your vacations and breaks. Spend your breaks meditating, praying or reading. Don't bring work or your laptop with you on vacation."

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in."

"You don't need to spend a lot of money to have a vacation....enjoy the simple things in life."



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## Summer Schedule

**Worship: 9:30 AM**

The Lord's Supper: First Sunday of the month

Our church is

**wheelchair-accessible**, provide

**large-print** bulletins, and **air-conditioned**

Submissions for

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