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Bill Bowers writes...



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Friends,

This is a great time of year that tends to focus around our youth. VBS, County Fair, Swim team, Soccer, Theater and on and on. A couple Sundays ago we prayed a prayer for our youth before they lead our service and I like to add some more detail to the scripture behind the prayer. The prayer and the scripture come from Fighting for Families Ministries. They stress the importance of speaking scripture over our children. The Bible states we have not because we've asked not. It's very important to ask for God's blessing over the youth. In this prayer we're going to thank God for children. We're going to then ask for

four things for

them, Fear of God, Wisdom, Divine Favor, and Good Friends. These four blessings are all based in scripture.

As parents we are to teach our children Fear of the Lord. Why? Because Fear of the Lord brings wisdom and good judgment.

Psalm 34:11

"Come, my children, and Listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord" **Psalm 111:10** "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His instructions have good insight. His praise endures forever." **Prov 9:10**

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment." **Prov 1:7**

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."

Why do we want wisdom? Wisdom leads to riches, honor, and long life. **Prov 22:4** "The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life."

Prov 3:13-16

"Joyful is the person who finds, wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare to her. She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left." Who wouldn't cont'd on pg. 8..



August 2016

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No Mission Monday

AA- Noon

AA-8pm

7 8 9 10 11 12 13
12th Sunday after Pentecost *Mission Monday*

AA-Noon

Rev. Karen Fox

AA-8pm

14 15 16 17 18 19 20
13th Sunday after Pentecost *Mission Monday*

AA-Noon

Rev. Ken Howard

Communion Sunday



AA-8pm

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14th Sunday after Pentecost *AA-Noon*

Rev. Karen Fox

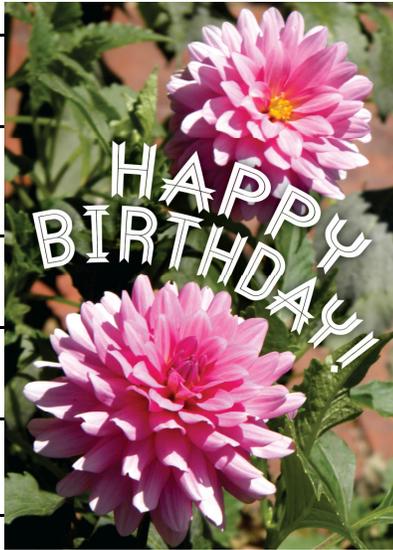
AA-8pm

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15th Sunday after Pentecost *AA-Noon*

Rev. Ed McNulty

AA-8pm

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August 2	Wanda Cooper, Madelyn Haynes
August 3	Erin Hayes, Toby Sandlin, Beth Werts
August 6	Phyllis Stewart, Dr. H. Allen Ferguson Jr.
August 8	Jennifer Springmier
August 9	Brandon Melling, Andy Murray
August 10	Cameron Willis
August 11	Lauren Schaurer
August 13	Janene Barnhart
August 14	Davona Davis
August 15	Julie Springmier
August 17	Lisa Wagner
August 19	Patty Wieland, Arthella Pollock, Bert Kalil
August 22	Michael Tinstman
August 24	Sarah Stewart
August 25	Brenna Taylor
August 26	Linda DeLuca, Bonnie Izor
August 28	Barb Ribbler, Tyler Springmier
August 30	Jimmy Moore, Chad Schaurer
August 31	Chris Fogle

CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Doug Crouse / Air Force	Allen Trogdon / Navy
Grant Davis / Army	Sarah Shoemaker/U.S. Marines
Andy Tinstman / U.S. Air Force Resrv	Cliff Garey / Navy
Laura Soper / Air Force Reserve	Brian Pool / AF Reserve
Robert Caskey / AF Reserve	Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines
	Justin Foust / Army
Caleb Cosmi / Air Force	Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force
Brandon Gorby	Ryan Hall / Army



REMEMBER AND UPHOLD:

Ruth Campbell (Hamilton)	Marion Villeli
Clarabelle Laird (Vancrest)	Marge Frazee (Vancrest)
Rosemond Murphy(Forest Pk. Hlth Ctr)	Anthony DeLuca
Betty Stewart (Greenbriar)	Margaret Smith (Greenbriar)
Robert Bourne (Vancrest)	

TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

For Our Nation
 Marilyn Shepherd
 Kelly Smith (surgery Aug. 11)
 Nancy Grassmann (Rick Daily's sister)
 Nancy Schilling
 Jean Hellmund (Doris Barker's sister)
 Troy Herron
 Jimmy and Mindy Gambrell and baby boy Tucker (friends of Shoemakers)
 Lena Shoemaker (granddaughter of Matt & Diane)
 Jessica Faulkner
 Brad Hawley (friend of Bill & Judy Pool)
 Jackie Wright's brother-in-law, Paul
 Bob Blackmore (recovering from stroke, Emily Medearis' uncle)
 The family of Davona Davis
 Donna Wolf
 Jacob Couvutsakis father, Jason
 Jacob Mauch
 Sam Tinstman (son of Andy and Jessica Tinstman)
 Phyllis Moberly
 Luke Pool
 Randy McDivitt (friend of Pam Boyd)
 Dick Frist (husband of Dorothy Frist, Davona's boss)
 Becky Morin
 Mike Petry
 Cheryl Mann
 Tesa Derr
 Nicole Hafer



Randy Flory (friend of the Pool's)
 Keith Morrow (Lois Morrow's husband)
 Bonnie Cutcher (sister of Nancy Bolender)
 Dominic Petry (Jimmy & Teresa Moore's grandson)
 All persecuted Christians around the world

MISSIONARIES:

The Smiths (Moscow)
 The Wehmeyers (Mexico)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Some of the M2Crew participants!



VBS was Wonderful thanks to all the volunteers who spent their week with the kids, the faithful families who brought their children and the supportive congregation who donated items! The kids presented an inspiring service showing the congregation what they learned, that Jesus is the light of the world. The VBS kids raised over \$116 for Home is the Heart VBS mission to help local kids receive safe homes! GOD IS GOOD!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



School starts in 19 days, but don't worry, we still have some fun activities coming!

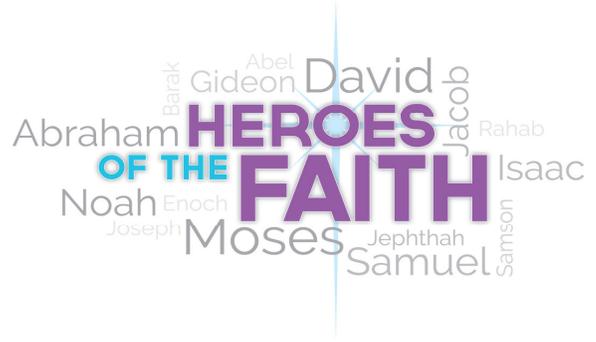
Youth 6th-12th grade:

August 7—FPC Youth Summer Night Fun—Bible Study, Bonfire, Group Games and More at Benge Farm from 7-10pm.

August 8—6th and up...Mission Day trip to Lexington to International Book Project. Leave at 7am from church, return in evening. Please RSVP if you are coming so we can plan for transportation.

Youth 3rd and up: August 15- Mission Monday-12-2pm- Last Mission Monday- Lemonade Stand!

Be sure to watch the **2016 Mission to Clarksville Picture Video** now on our First Presbyterian Youth Facebook page!



Summer Children's Church continues...

Summer Veggie's, Popcorn and Birds! **Parents- please sign up to** teach children's church during the summer. Everything provided! The following dates are available: August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28.

Veggie Tale Waffle party on August 21!

BEAUTIFUL BROKENNESS



We are bodies of broken bones. I guess I'd always known but never fully considered that being broken is what makes us human. We all have our reasons. Sometimes we're fractured by the choices we make; sometimes we're shattered by things we would never have chosen.

But our brokenness is also the source of our common humanity, the basis for our shared search for comfort, meaning and healing. Our shared vulnerability and imperfection nurtures and sustains our capacity for compassion.

—Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*

THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION

Dear Church Family,

On Sunday, July 3rd Reverend Dr. George H. McConnell (Reverend Sandy) filled our pulpit as guest speaker. His topic was compassion--the Golden Rule--living the Golden Rule, not only as individuals but as communities and nations. His message was very profound to those of us who heard him that Sunday. It was based on the "Charter for Compassion" developed by Karen Armstrong, author of 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life. This charter has inspired community-based acts of compassion all over the world--from Seattle to Karachi, Houston to Amsterdam, in schools, houses of worship, city governments and among individuals everywhere.

Where better for us to become aware of a life of compassion than right here in our own sanctuary? I've asked Stephanie to share some of the highlights of the handout Rev. Sandy offered. Also, that Sunday he shared part of the statement of faith adopted by the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which is reprinted here.

In the turmoil our country, as well as the world, is presently experiencing, with all the answers we are looking for to the question of "Why?", perhaps this is how we can take a giant step toward the life Christ has in mind for us.

For the love of Christ,
Your sister,
Emily Medearis

The Charter for Compassion is a document that transcends religious, ideological, and national differences. Supported by leading thinkers from many traditions, the Charter calls on us to activate the Golden Rule around the world.

The Charter for Compassion

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women—to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion—to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate—to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures—to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity—to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.



In 2008, Karen Armstrong won the TED Prize for her wish to create a Charter for Compassion. Thousands of people contributed to the process and the Charter was unveiled in November 2009. Since then, the

Charter has inspired community-based acts of compassion all over the world. From Seattle to Karachi, Houston to Amsterdam, in schools, houses of worship, city governments, and among individuals everywhere, the message of the Charter is transforming lives.

Join the global compassion movement!

- Sign the Charter
- Join Our Community
- Become a Partner
- Start a Compassionate Cities Campaign
- Find Resources

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twitter/The Charter



CHARTER FOR
COMPASSION

Peace starts here

Questions? Email us:
contact@charterforcompassion.org

Cover Story cont'd

want Riches, Honor, and Long Life for their kids?

It is scary as the kids grow and venture further and further from home. The first time they walk, the first time on the bus, the first time they drive off alone, to the day they move out weigh on our hearts as parents. Let's pray for divine favor for our kids.

Psalm 5:12 "Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield." With a shield of divine favor people will like our kids and not know why. Just like Moses and David. It will open doors for them and present them with opportunities. It will smooth their way.

Finally we'll pray for good friends. There are more scriptures in the Bible on friends than Hell because the Devil will take your kids out through their friends. Go down to Juvenile Jail and ask them some questions. "When did you start drinking?" "Friend gave me a beer" "When did you first shoot up?" "Friend passed it to me" "When did you first steal a car?" "Friend invited me along." Our kids need good Christian friends for when we're not there. **Proverbs 12:26** "The righteous gives good counsel to his friend and the way of the evil will mislead them." **Prov**

27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." **Prov 13:20** "Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

Let's bring it all together in a single prayer that speaks all kinds of scripture over the youth. No matter if your kids are 6 or 60 you'll always be their parent and they'll always need your prayer. So each day pause and speak this prayer over your kids.

"Dear Lord, we give thanks for these kids because they are a reward from heaven. Lord we give you permission to place the fear of God in their hearts because the fear of God is the source of all wisdom. Lord we pray for wisdom for them because scripture says wisdom will bring them riches, honor, and long life. Lord as they venture further away from us we pray

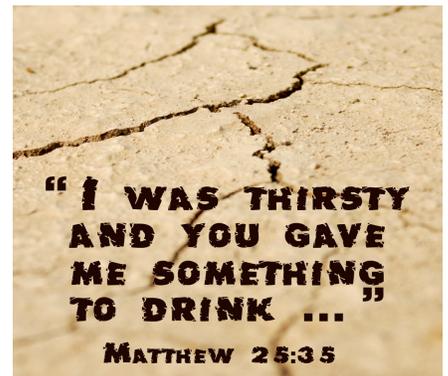
you surround them with a shield of divine favor and smooth their way. Finally Lord we pray for good friends for our kids that will provide council and guidance for them when we're not there. By your word and your grace Amen."

Bill Bowers

A GOOD PLACE

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

—Theodore Roosevelt



Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence").

VISITATION MINISTRY

Volunteers for Visitation:

Margie and Guy Bengé
Bill and Judy Pool
Wanda Cooper

Here is an updated list of volunteers and those in the nursing homes. If you would like to help with this important ministry you can get in touch with Chris Waxler. Also, please send Stephanie or Chris any names we have omitted and those in need as we move forward. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Stephanie and Chris

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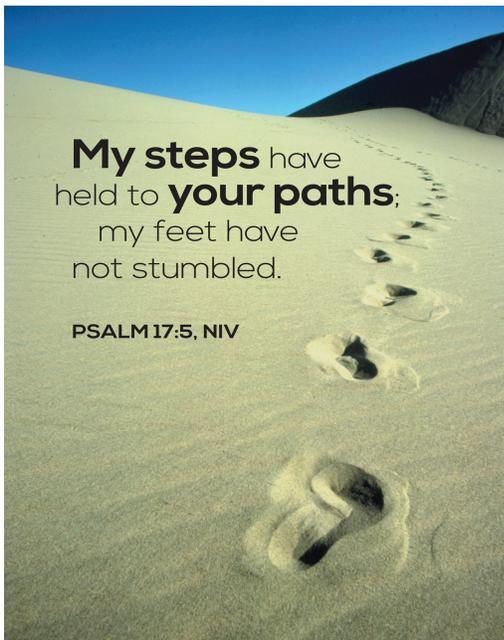
Visitation

Vancrest: Linda Daily: -Clarabelle Laird
-Marge Frazee
-Bob Bourne (nursing home)
-Betty Bourne (assisted living)

Greenbriar and Lexington Place:
-Betty Stewart
-Margaret Smith

Forest Park Health Center: Rosemond Murphy
(Richmond, IN)

Hamilton: Wanda Cooper: Ruth S. Campbell



The Gift of Grace

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach and take it is a gift too.

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

HELP, PLEASE!



OUR CHURCH NEEDS SOME TLC.
PLEASE COME AND HELP
CLEAN UP, STRAIGHTEN UP, CLEAN OUT, AND
DEEP CLEAN.

WE NEED MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND SIZES TO HELP.

AUGUST 6TH & AUGUST 13TH
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Tonna Ditmer 937-533-7640

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hi Stephanie,
 Hope you had a great family vacation! Thank you so much for your concern while Kristi was battling her breast cancer diagnosis and appreciate that you placed her on the weekly prayer list. Because of that, she received well wishes from many people.

Two weeks ago she underwent a scan that revealed she is cancer free and only has to check in every 3 months for a routine scan.

Unfortunately, her name can be replaced by another person who will need our prayers.
 Sincerely,
 Dixie & Chuck & family



"The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

LUKE 12:40, ESV

Dear Church Family,

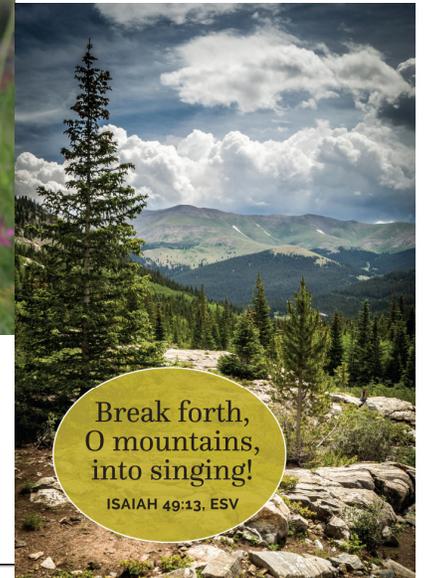
Thank you all so much for the unconditional love and support you have given to me. I thank you for the gift as it was very kind and thoughtful.

It's truly a blessing to have such an amazing and loving church family.

Love,
 Trey Smith



Many Thanks!



Break forth,
 O mountains,
 into singing!

ISAIAH 49:13, ESV



Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- C. When his hair was cut
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used

Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19.)



"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"

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ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

During a 2010 trip to report on famine-relief efforts in Kenya, Kristen Welch observed conditions unfit for living. "How can you allow so much suffering?" she asked God. In return, he asked her the same question.

That prompted Welch to put her faith into action by launching Mercy House, a nonprofit organization that rescues pregnant young women and their babies. The impact of Mercy House in Kenya — plus now in 19 other countries — is "miraculous proof that God is made perfect in our weakness," Welch says. "Who would have thought a 'yes' in 2010 would make us the poster children that [prove] God can do anything with anyone?"