



# *THE WINDOW*

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## **ENGAGE 2021**

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*D*ear Church Family and Friends,

I hope that this month of July finds you healthy and well. It's hard for me to believe we're half-way through 2021 already. For me, time stood still last year during the pandemic, but now it seems to be moving at a pretty good clip as we emerge from the COVID-induced restrictions.

We had friends over for dinner recently, all of whom go to different churches, and the conversation topic was: what have we learned from this, and what will be different moving forward for our churches?

My answer was/is: I think we have better opportunities ahead of us to tell the good news of the Gospel than we have ever realized. I think we will initially see a surge of people attending church in person again because they are so grateful to be back in our house of worship. Then, as the fall comes, we will settle into a pattern of seeing fewer in-person worshippers as people travel again, attend college football games, visit grandparents, and resume our normal lives. Nevertheless, people will realize how unpredictable and fragile life is and how much we need God.

What has changed so much over the last year is our ability to reach people online. We currently see a map of locations from which people join our worship service, and it ranges all the way from the northeast to the northwest. I expect that people who grew up at GPC, or who were once members who have moved away, long for our worship service and a place they loved to call home. Rather than visit a local congregation, they plug into our services long-distance. Plus our own members, who would not have watched church while on vacation, are tuning in on Sundays and inviting others to join them during this hour on Sunday morning that is special to them. I believe that our live-streaming, online ministry will only grow over the next several years.

I have also learned through this pandemic how much people love God through their church. I am moved to tears each week when people come back to church for the first time since March of 2020. People long to be in the house of the Lord, and there is such a feeling of relief and joy when they come back to worship in-person (and this is in the AC — just wait until we get back in the sanctuary!).

This has been such an unusual season for us and for the history of our church. I still do not believe that what we have faced was more difficult than what previous generations faced in 1941-1944, or in the 1870's (the Yellow Fever epidemic), or 1861-1865. The previous members of our church, over the long haul of GPC's life, have faced much harder circumstances than those we've faced over the last fifteen months. And yet...this has been a hard season for us, and we are ssssoooooo ready for this forced-separation to be over.



In regard to our February flood, we are grateful to several church members for their tireless efforts in working with our contractor to fix the sanctuary and our children's education wing. And while we have missed being in our sanctuary, we are grateful that timing of this accident happened while we were already in limited capacity because of COVID. We took advantage of the situation to make some improvements to the sanctuary that we would not have if not for the flood.

Even during the pandemic, we have been forward-looking as a church, especially among our deacons and elders. As many of you know, a Strategic Visioning Committee has been working for many months to assess, discern, and improve our goals as a congregation. This process has been underway since the fall of 2019, but when the pandemic hit, all of our strategic visioning work was placed on hold. We are grateful that the process was resumed in the fall of 2020 under the leadership of Kirsten King, our seminary intern, who also happens to be a former project manager at FedEx. Our deacons and elders met together on Saturday morning June 19 to hear the final report from the Strategic Visioning Committee. In the near future, you will hear much more about our four main goals that will guide our planning, work, and life together as a church for the remainder of this year and well into next. You will hear much more about these goals and the rationale behind them in the coming weeks and months: Connecting, Evangelism, Partnerships, and Communications.

Finally, for this month, in regard to your church staff, you will see in this newsletter our fond farewell to Debbi Schweizer, who has served in our financial office the last three years. We are grateful for her, as Debbi has worked hard with Fred Turverey to ensure that our financial records are perfect. We welcome her replacement Amber Miller, who will work with Fred Turverey in all of our financial record-keeping.

As a congregation, we say a heartfelt thank-you and farewell also to Anna White, who has served the children and families of our church so faithfully for almost six years. Anna has done an outstanding job in leading our call for faith formation in children and their families. Anna grew up at GPC, and as her family relocates to Brentwood, TN, at the end of July, we offer our deep gratitude to God for all of her service to GPC.

May God bless you and those whom you love in this month of July!

Gratefully,  
*Will*

# GPC ONSITE & ONLINE

**GPC** CONTINUES TO RE-OPEN THE CHURCH FACILITIES FOR WORSHIP, CLASSES, AND MEETINGS, AND THE SANCTUARY IS PROJECTED TO BE OPEN AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY AS WELL. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED DO NOT NEED TO WEAR MASKS, BUT MASKS ARE CERTAINLY STILL OK FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WITHOUT ONE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE **GPC** WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS.

IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING **GPC** EMAILS AND WANT TO, PLEASE CONTACT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

## ONSITE & ONLINE LIVESTREAMING

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS & HOW TO ENGAGE, CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST (FRIDAY MORNINGS)**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (9:30AM SUNDAY MORNINGS)**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE (6:00PM SUNDAY EVENINGS)**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOLS (10:45AM SUNDAY MORNINGS)**  
**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - (SUNDAY MORNINGS AFTER WORSHIP)**

**GPC** IS LIVESTREAMING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM** AND **SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00PM**.

**MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION - 2ND/4TH MONDAYS/MONTH ON ZOOM - CONTACT ANTHONY DUKE ([ANTHONY.DUKE@IPAPER.COM](mailto:ANTHONY.DUKE@IPAPER.COM))**  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES - 1ST TUESDAY/MONTH ON ZOOM - CONTACT NANCY HALTER ([JHALTER2097@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JHALTER2097@COMCAST.NET))**  
**VARIOUS OTHER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - TBD**

**ONLINE SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON GPC'S WEBSITE, GPC'S VIMEO & YOUTUBE CHANNELS, & GPC'S FACEBOOK PAGE. BE SURE TO LIKE, SHARE, & SUBSCRIBE.**  
**YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED EVERY TIME A NEW VIDEO IS UPLOADED.**

**VIMEO - GERMANTOWNPRES ([HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/USER22619921](https://vimeo.com/user22619921))**

**YOUTUBE - GERMANTOWNPRES TN ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCwEm01Y\\_cQ9Hys-3vYtQOMPw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwEm01Y_cQ9Hys-3vYtQOMPw/))**

**REMEMBER: EVERYTHING IN BLUE TYPE IS A LIVE LINK IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

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## UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR PLANNER

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:00PM**  
**THE RAMBLERS CONCERT RESCHEDULED**  
**(RAIN BACK-UP - ACTIVITY CENTER)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**GPC JUBILEE**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5/6**  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**MEN'S/KIDS' EVENT**

"Everything we have – right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start – comes from God by way of Jesus Christ."



**SAVE the DATE** – Women's Retreat – First weekend in November (11/5-11/6/21). This will be our 4th Annual Women's Retreat, and we are planning to return to Pinecrest for a wonderful time of incredible fellowship, delicious food (including Pinecrest's famous cinnamon rolls), God's beautiful and quiet nature, and some inspiring Bible study. This year there will be an added element for dads and kids! "What?" you ask??? Yes, Pastor Will is going to coordinate a Friday evening movie, pizza, and popcorn time in the Activity Center for dads and kids to make it even easier for moms to attend the Women's Retreat – how cool is that?! So, **SAVE THE DATE** – **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – **AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!**





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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

See below for the list of members' birthdays for the current and upcoming months. Be sure to wish your friends a happy birthday and if you know anyone who's been left out, let us know by emailing [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org) or calling the church office 901-754-5195 and asking for the communications department.

### July

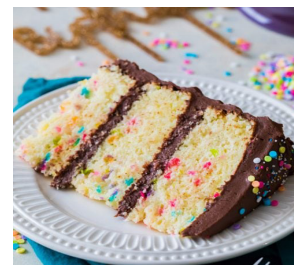
1 - Ollie Ciabattini  
 1 - McKenzie Cotten  
 1 - Jeanie Hill  
 1 - John Seabold  
 1 - Walter Smalley  
 2 - Myles Beaupre  
 2 - Joyce Cochran  
 2 - Tre Lockett  
 3 - Emmaline Farmer  
 4 - David Collins  
 4 - Barb Poier  
 6 - Jay Chandler  
 9 - Jean Carroll  
 10 - Barry Phillips  
 11 - Will Carter  
 11 - Anna Lauren Hopkins  
 11 - Jerold Teachey  
 11 - Jane Young  
 12 - Sherry Hurley  
 16 - Jerry Daws  
 16 - Brett Wells  
 17 - Taylor Cates  
 18 - Janet McCrory  
 18 - Bob Pitts  
 18 - Kila Tripp  
 18 - Brett Wade  
 18 - Jody Waldrop  
 18 - Sherry Williams  
 20 - Jan Davis  
 20 - Miller Grace Jordan  
 20 - Fred Norman  
 20 - Elizabeth Powell  
 21 - Karen Blount  
 21 - Gracey Owens  
 21 - Betsy Vacheron  
 22 - Landon Hopkins  
 23 - Clyde Blount  
 23 - Laura Farmer  
 24 - Mary Lennox Halfacre  
 24 - Kevin Wade  
 25 - Kay Dortch  
 26 - Braxton Groce  
 27 - Daniel Crocker  
 27 - Kay Shelton  
 28 - Amy Barker

28 - Alice Franceschetti  
 28 - Brian Waldrop  
 29 - Margaret Oldham  
 30 - Verna Arwood  
 30 - Bayard Boyle  
 30 - Huddy Boyle  
 30 - Dina Ciabattini  
 30 - Garner Guynes  
 30 - Mary Ann Harris  
 30 - Carol Ann Trenor  
 31 - Scott Bingham  
 31 - Jane Craddock  
 31 - Becky Stanley  
 31 - Marlene Wilson

### August

1 - Molly Aslin  
 1 - Beth Bowman  
 2 - David Waldrop  
 3 - Helen Brown  
 4 - Ali Slott  
 4 - Arlene Southern  
 5 - Shirley Billups  
 5 - Lelia Jones  
 7 - Courtney Wall Bittick  
 7 - Paula Stack  
 7 - John Wheeler  
 8 - Don McCrory  
 8 - Sara Perkins  
 9 - Jake Hurley  
 9 - Barbara Logan  
 10 - Vache Cammack  
 10 - Bruce McCulloch  
 11 - Nancy Webb  
 12 - Jeff Day  
 12 - Dot Ledlow  
 12 - Lauren Utterback  
 13 - Melissa Ivy  
 13 - Mattie Jordan  
 14 - John Humphrey  
 14 - Victoria Lindow  
 14 - Ann Phillips  
 15 - Carol Leppert  
 16 - Carolee Carlin  
 16 - Patsy Carson

16 - Elizabeth Jones  
 16 - Stephen Potter  
 16 - Winston Shaw  
 17 - Harper Halfacre  
 17 - Mary Kay Nelson  
 17 - Steve Nelson  
 18 - Kim Perkins  
 19 - Priscilla East  
 19 - Andrea Goughnour  
 19 - Vernon Sneed  
 20 - Hank Davis  
 20 - Martha Drannon  
 21 - Drew Hormberg  
 21 - Patty Jackson  
 21 - Bob McLean  
 21 - Karen Russell  
 22 - Morgan Arthur  
 22 - Garrett Guynes  
 22 - Sue Kelley  
 23 - Kendall Pasley  
 23 - David Robinson  
 24 - Barbara Arthur  
 24 - Susan Gyura  
 24 - Dick Linder  
 25 - Barbara Branch  
 26 - Debbie Moseley  
 26 - Gary Riedel  
 27 - Jim Boyd  
 27 - Jay Galyean  
 27 - Josh Perkins  
 27 - Cannon Smalley  
 28 - Chris Fienup  
 29 - Drayton Mayers  
 30 - Jimmy Kiser  
 30 - Beth Willingham



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## GPC PARTICIPATES IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

*By Michael Lyle*

Last month, on June 10, GPC participated as a Golfer Gift Sponsor in the Germantown Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Golf Classic at Windyke Country Club. The tournament serves as a fundraising event for the chamber and a fantastic networking opportunity to support local business/organizations. Since GPC has been a leader in Germantown for generations, we saw this as a fantastic opportunity to increase our visibility and share the love of Christ with people in our community.

To prepare for the event we created what we're calling a "Pop-up Promo Tent" - a promotional tent complete with various GPC gear and signage, that can quickly and easily be deployed at other community events and be used by any of our ministries. For the golf tournament in June this meant 3 shifts of volunteers who served under the tent by giving away free snacks/GPC gear and, most importantly, building relationships with people. We also had the opportunity to compete for free in the tournament with a foursome representing the church.

To that end I want to extend a deep note of gratitude to the following amazing people:

- Planning Team: Laurie Henderson & Jackie Classen
- Volunteer Teams: Sherrie Horner, Forrest Owens, Cathy Borden, Brooke Duke, Beth Brock, Ben Brock, Christopher Greco, & Pastor Susie Wiggins
- GPC Golf Team: Diane Callahan Edens, Randy Edens, Cole Gwin, & Paul Gwinn.

Thank each of you for sharing your time, creativity, and beautiful selves on behalf of our church family at the GCC golf tournament. It was such a gift to spend time together, build new friendships, and deepen ones already present.

We have no idea the impact a simple gesture of welcome, a snack, or a koozie can have on a person's life. On the surface it can seem rather insignificant. But we know without a shadow of doubt, based on scripture and 2000 years of experience, that when we approach any moment with a heart of faith, Jesus always honors and leverages that intentionality of soul for His glory.



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## STAFF CHANGES

### THANK YOU, DEBBI SCHWEIZER



As of the end of June I will be retiring. Mine and my husband's plans are to travel, garden, and spend time with family, especially our grandchildren. I have really enjoyed my time here and getting to know my co-workers and the members at GPC. I hope to see y'all again, and I will cherish my memories and friendships I've made with many of you.

Debbi Schweizer

### WELCOME, AMBER MILLER

Amber is originally from S.W Florida but has called Memphis home for nearly twenty years. She and her husband Sean share their home with their dog, Dixie and a myriad of rescue cats. She is an avid runner and looks forward to completing her second marathon in 2022.

Amber has a B.A. in History from the University of Memphis; she is a self proclaimed career student; and she is currently pursuing a degree in Accounting.

After holding financial responsibilities for local retail and service industry companies, Amber is happy to join the GPC staff and already feels like she's found a home.





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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Final clean-up in the Sunday School area and parlor/bride's room last week in June. We also have pew restoration company in the same week, then final clean up in advance of anticipated overall completion by June 30.

Fred Turverey, Business & Facilities Administrator





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## GPC WISHES GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS ON KIRSTEN KING AS SHE CONTINUES TO EMBRACE WHAT GOD HAS IN HER FUTURE

### THANKFUL FOR YOUR EMBRACE

*By Kirsten King*

When I began my Master of Divinity studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, I never imagined that I would finish my final year right back here at home in Tennessee. While the pandemic drove all the coursework online, I still needed to complete a year of supervised ministry in a church setting. I was not sure how I was going to accomplish this. Who would mentor and supervise a pastoral intern during this challenging time? Yet through the leading of the Holy Spirit, it came to me one morning with great clarity, "I have to call Pastor Susie!" With much support and encouragement, Pastor Susie and Pastor Will welcomed me into partnership in ministry.

Seminarians were encouraged to enter into our internships using the practice of PULSE: Pay attention, Understand empathetically, Love with connection, Sense the sacredness, Embody new life. For the past nine months I have had the opportunity to practice those skills and participate in all aspects of our life together as a family of faith. My experiences were diverse, rich, faith-shaping opportunities. I engaged with the staff, sometimes as a leader and sometimes shadowing others as they led. I was exposed to everything from payroll to preaching, prayer to pastoral care, baptisms to building maintenance, caregiving to communion planning, session and diaconate meetings to special needs ministry, floods, funerals, fellowship, family life ministries, and music with masks and worship with wonder. Despite the constraints of social distancing, I got to know many members and to share in the great affection of this congregation and staff. I had the privilege of working closely with the pastors and the Strategic Visioning Committee as the capstone project for my degree. We emerged with a fresh articulation of the strategic goals and calling for the life of this church in this time.

While my time of supervised ministry has officially ended, my learning and friendships continue. Your steadfast faith as a congregation has prepared me for my continued journey. With your gift to me of beautiful preaching stoles and a watercolor print of the beloved GPC chapel, I carry those reminders of this experience with me on each prayerful step I next take. Thank you. Thank you. I will spend the upcoming fall months working as a hospital chaplain at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, GA and preparing for ordination exams, but I plan to visit from time to time.

I am thankful for your partnership in sharing the Word of God and the love of God. I am thankful for your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and how you reflect that in our community. I am thankful for your affection, support, and willingness to let me share in your spiritual gifts and discover my own.

With much gratitude,  
*KK*



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Fellowship Groups are beginning to reemerge from the pandemic and are now having gatherings! Some ideas for your Fellowship Group include what others are doing:

- \*Cornerstones – Outdoor Garden Party at the Johnsons'
- \*Boyle's Bandits – Outdoor Fish Fry at the Bartons'

"Outdoor" seems to be the theme of these safe gatherings! If your Fellowship Group hasn't yet gathered and you need some ideas of what to do, contact Pastor Susie or Martha Drannon. And, if you don't yet have a Fellowship Group, also let us know and we will help you to find one that best fits!

And, always let us know what you're doing so we can share your ideas with others. As the body of Christ, we are all in this together, and together we will reemerge – and re-engage!

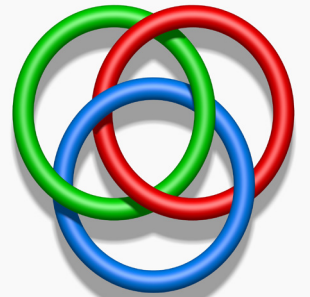


## CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY

This wonderful ministry bubbled forth during the very early days of the pandemic (March 2020), and now about 30 GPC parishioners are caring for about 216 other GPC parishioners.

How? Mostly by calling and checking on others. What do they say? "Hi, I'm (name) from GPC and I'm calling to check in on you. We want you to know that your church family loves you. How are you doing? Is there anything you might need us to do for you?"

If you'd like to be a part of this vibrant ministry and call on a handful of folks, please let Pastor Susie know by emailing her at [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org).



## MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET



Currently the Medical Supply Closet is full. There are plenty of walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, and other medical supplies folks need from time to time. If you are in need of one or more of these, you are welcome to check them out from the Medical Supply Closet. Simply contact Ann DeVere (901-754-5195 or [office@germantownpres.org](mailto:office@germantownpres.org)) at the front desk of the GPC office, and she will assist you in getting what you or your loved one might need.

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## THE GPC PRAYER MINISTRY

*Contributed by The  
Congregational Care Prayer Team*



These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We, as a church, want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request and/or otherwise participate in prayer.

1. The website has a prayer request link on the home page with a praying hands graphic or you can email [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto:prayers@germantownpres.org).

2. The prayer cards that used to be in the sanctuary pews can now be found in the AC lobby, the Welcome Center, the GPC office and elsewhere around the church. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. You can specify that your request be prayed over by pastors only, by a small prayer group, or be shared with the churchwide prayer list published in the monthly newsletter.

3. Another way to request prayer is through the email list that church member Margaret Owens oversees. She sends requests to a larger prayer list within the GPC family. If you'd also like to be included on this list to receive prayer requests or if you have a prayer request that you want to share, you may email her as well. Her email is [margaretowens1@aol.com](mailto:margaretowens1@aol.com).

4. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto:prayers@germantownpres.org).

This is a great way for us to get renewal and strength.

## GPC's GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

### Grief Support Group To Resume In-Person Meetings

Friends, at long last, the Grief Support Group held its in-person meetings in June.

On Thursday, August 12, the Grief Support Group will begin its monthly in-person meetings (held on the 2nd Thursday of each month). These meetings will begin at 6:00pm with location TBD depending on ongoing restoration of the church parlor.

The group meetings are free and open to GPC members, visitors, and those from the greater community area. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the Grief Support Ministry Team listed below.

### The Grief Support Ministry Team:

**Stephanie Wall** - The Grief Support Ministry leader, GPC member and former GPC staff member, Elder, Deacon, Certified Grief Support Specialist and Certified Grief Counselor through the American Academy of Grief Counseling, The American Institute of Health Care Providers, and The Grief Recovery Institute

**Beth Brock** - GPC member, Elder, Deacon, Former Board Member of Memphis Crisis Center

**Linda Oakes** - GPC member, Deacon, Retired Nurse St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Hospice Volunteer

### Contact information for this Ministry Team:

**Stephanie Wall**-901-494-7786 or [stephaniewall@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniewall@hotmail.com)

**Beth Brock**-901-355-0262 or [beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com](mailto:beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com)

**Linda Oakes**-901-237-6566 or [linoakes@bellsouth.net](mailto:linoakes@bellsouth.net)





# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN & WOMEN



### The Thursday Bible Study Is Back

*Submitted by Jean Carroll*

The Thursday Bible Study has returned and will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am. The room hasn't yet been determined.

#### EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

The June meeting was just a social gathering to catch up with each other and meet any new members.

The Bible Study will be 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. We will use our Bibles and the study guide book, *1 & 2 Peter and Jude* by N. T. Wright.

You may order the study guide from Amazon (\$9 or \$10); Jean can order it for you; or you can check it out from the GPC library. I think most of us have the book because we were scheduled to start when the COVID hit.

There is not a Bible Leader for this group. We take turns reading the questions and everyone who wants to do so participates in a discussion. This group has been meeting for years using this format. We share prayer requests confidentially and pray.

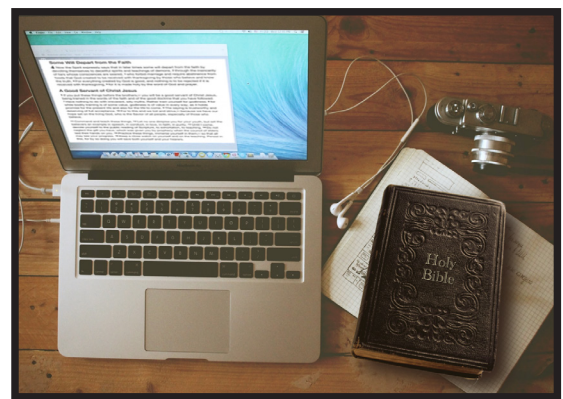
Please let me know if you would like to join this group. I need to know the number of members so we can be assigned a room to meet. We would love to have you.

We will, of course, follow the guidelines as proscribed by the CDC and the Shelby County Department of Health.

Jean Carroll (901-755-6950 home, 901-674-6950 cell or [jeancarroll1@comcast.net](mailto:jeancarroll1@comcast.net))

Presbyterian Women (PW) have no gatherings planned for the summer, but the new Bible Study will begin again in September.

If additional information is needed contact Nancy Halter at [jhalter2097@comcast.net](mailto:jhalter2097@comcast.net) or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee at [bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbalgee@bellsouth.net) or 674-2613.



**Men: You have great small group options during the week. Yay!**

**Breakfast:** The men meet in person and Zoom for Men's Sunrise Ministry Breakfast every Friday morning at 6:30am. The contact for that group is Drayton Mayers, and you can email him at [draytonmayers@gmail.com](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom codes.

**Lunch:** There is also a lunch devotional group that meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom. Currently they're reading *Mornings with Bonhoeffer: 100 Reflections on the Christian Life* by Donald K. McKim. The contact for this group is Anthony Duke, and you can reach him at [anthony.duke@ipaper.com](mailto:anthony.duke@ipaper.com) to get involved.



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## NaCoMe GPC's Annual Churchwide Retreat



A special thank-you to Laura Brown for writing the article  
and to Carlin Stewart for the magnificent pictures!



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## NaCoMe

April 30-May 2 we were able to enjoy a beautiful weekend of fellowship at Na-CoMe. A remarkable group of 92 gathered for great food, activities, and worship. Our first annual cabin decorating contest was a hit with so many creative ideas! The kids enjoyed playing in the creek from sun-up to sun-down; and the activities, group games, and live music by the bonfire made the weekend so full of life. We wrapped up the weekend with a beautiful outdoor worship led by Mike Lyle. We made sure to appreciate one of our first opportunities to gather together again and can't wait to have you join us next year!





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## WAYS TO GIVE

### In the Mail

Mail checks to:  
2363 S Germantown Rd  
Germantown TN 38138.



### Text

Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



### Online



Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR Code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.

*For more information please call  
Fred Turvey in the church office at 901-754-5195.*



### Giving App

Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

### *DON'T FORGET GPC THIS SUMMER*

*GPC WISHES YOU A SAFE, HEALTHY, & FUN SUMMER,  
BUT DON'T FORGET YOUR TITHE.*

*SUMMER'S TYPICALLY A CHALLENGE TO STAY ON BUDGET,  
SO YOUR GIVING IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS DURING THE YEAR.*

*THANK YOU, & WHEN YOU'RE IN TOWN, MAKE SURE YOU COME WORSHIP WITH US.*

**Help Needed with Worship Services:** GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. It's vitally important to our expanding presence on social. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church at [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).



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## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPTIONS



These Adult Education classes are offered on Sunday mornings following worship both onsite and online. Here's what things look like this month.

In order to accommodate the 9:30am worship service, Sunday School classes (adult, special needs, youth, child) will follow the service. Starting on Sunday, July 11, all adult Sunday School classes will resume their in-person meetings. See below for topics and room numbers.

All the study books being used by the classes can be found in your favorite online bookstore, from your class leader, or checked out of the GPC library, which tries to have one copy of each class book. Make sure you check in with your class coordinator to confirm your group's details.

It's always a good time to join a Sunday morning group.

Sunday School Classrooms – Effective July 11, 2021

- Hits of the Ages – UL218
- Coffee & Conversations – UL217
- Seekers – UL216
- Psalm 78 – UL215
- Paula's Hearts & Hands – UL214

Coffee & Conversations, coordinator Candace Askew ([candaceaskew84@gmail.com](mailto:candaceaskew84@gmail.com)) - Meeting at 10:45am, this class was designed especially for parents with children in Sunday School onsite. The group will meet throughout the summer and study the Tim Keller book *The Prodigal God*. In the electronic version, click on the book title to follow the link. You can also check it out from the GPC library. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinator.

Hits of the Ages Class, coordinators Liz ([lizcallicott@bellsouth.net](mailto:lizcallicott@bellsouth.net)) and Alan Callicott ([alan@callicottinsurance.com](mailto:alan@callicottinsurance.com)) - Beginning on July 11, the class will begin a new study using John MacArthur's book *Twelve Ordinary Men*.

One copy of the book is available for check-out from the GPC library, and you can contact your class leaders about getting a copy from them. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Psalm 78 Class, coordinators Stacy Weiss ([stacy.weiss@comcast.net](mailto:stacy.weiss@comcast.net)) and Kevin Floyd ([kevinfloyd@comcast.net](mailto:kevinfloyd@comcast.net)) - This class is made up of parents of school-age children, and over the summer class members will research and share the origins/history of their favorite hymns. Summer's the perfect time to drop in and be a guest of this class.

Pastor Mike Lyle will lead an **ENGAGE** series with them in early fall. When the class resumes meeting in person, a Zoom option will still be available.

For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Seekers Class, coordinators Randy Harris ([randyfharis2@yahoo.com](mailto:randyfharis2@yahoo.com)) and Lanny Oakes ([lannyoakes@bellsouth.net](mailto:lannyoakes@bellsouth.net)) - This group has recently completed the new **ENGAGE 2021** study with a focus on mission led by Pastor Susie. During July and August Pastor Mike Lyle is facilitating the class in the **ENGAGE** series with a focus on "Gospel." Following that, in September and October, Pastor Will Jones will lead the class in the **ENGAGE** series focusing on "Discipleship."

Once this class returns to meeting in person, they will no longer offer a Zoom option.

Paula's Hearts and Hands is a dedicated group of women that enjoys meeting together to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, booties, hats, and other things for those in need of prayer and support. They pray over each item produced and often watch a Bible Study series together. They have resumed meeting in person at church in the GPC Session room on the 2nd floor of the new adult education building. To find out more about this class, contact Mary Rogers at [mlrogers44@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlrogers44@bellsouth.net).

It's simple to participate in any of these Sunday morning offerings using a computer, a tablet (iPad), or cell phone or by coming in person. These classes continue to meet over the summer, so for information and how to join/participate on Sunday mornings, contact the class coordinators.

# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

## PLEASE WELCOME MISS GRACE BOYSEN!

By Jackie Classen

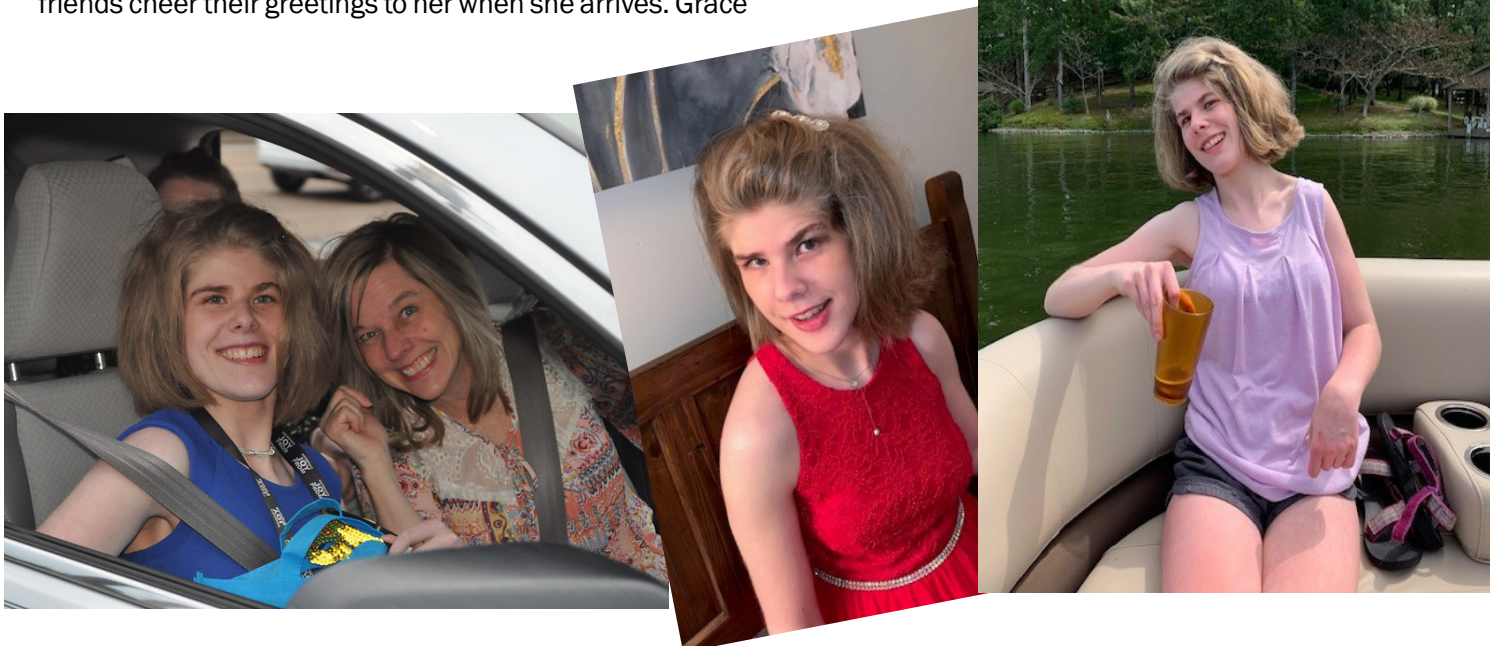
Grace is a joyful participant in Germantown Presbyterian's Friendship Circle and Wacky Wednesday programs. Each week she is eager to arrive and to participate in our activities and typically quite unenthusiastic to depart! Grace enjoys being with her friends and being out of her house, which could be said of many of us in these post-Shelter-in-Place times!

Grace lives with her loving parents, Gayle and Mike, and their pet "snorkie," Rudy, who is part yorkie, part schnauzer. Grace's twin brother, Samuel, lives locally, in an apartment, while attending Christian Brothers University. Though Grace loves living with her parents and seeing her brother during his visits, she enjoys demonstrating her own independence as an adult. Born in 1999, Grace celebrated her 21st birthday at the end of 2020, so she recently enjoyed a safe night on the town with her brother and his girlfriend, Meghan. Meghan has often joined Grace in her Friendship Circle sessions, to assist her participation in some of our activities.

Grace was born and raised in the Memphis area. She graduated from Arlington High School in 2019 with a special education diploma and Best Buddy Award. She enjoys friendly interactions with peers and wore a big smile at both the Memphis Joy Promade and the Friendship Circle Picnic! (See photos) In fact, since she began Friendship Circle in August 2020, Grace has become quite popular, and her friends cheer their greetings to her when she arrives. Grace

says she enjoys how "everyone is so nice," and that she "likes the crafts" we do. She particularly enjoys painting! Grace engages in many churches' special needs programs, including Macky and Friends, Young Life Capernaum, and JoyLife901. Previously, she attended Lucy and Company Dance program, where she initially met many of the friends she continues to see in these other programs. What Grace most enjoys is seeing and being around other people, and especially "hanging out with the other girls."

Grace has many interests, such as listening to music, watching cooking videos and helping in the kitchen, swimming, and riding a three-wheel bike. Her favorite genres of music are country, soft jazz and some "old 80's," too. Grace's whole family likes Mexican food best, and Grace shared she enjoys popcorn. Her family owns a crank-style stove popper that Grace says makes the best popcorn! The family hopes they can get their own swimming pool put in next year, so Grace can enjoy swimming more frequently. Grace tried learning the piano, but she prefers to listen, and she enjoys watching others dance.





# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

## PARENTS SHARE THEIR PAINFUL STORY AS A POOL SAFETY REMINDER



Harrison Chase Chaney, born May 29, 2011, died three years later, when he drowned while swimming. Harry was born on the autism spectrum.

Six months after the tragedy of their son's death, Harry's parents learned of a study which found the number one cause of death in children with autism is drowning. In 2009, 2010, and 2011, accidental drowning accounted for 91% of the total U.S. deaths reported in children with an ASD ages 14 and younger.

Though Harry's parents' devastation cannot be mitigated, they continue to inform other families of this correlation in hopes that fewer will suffer such a loss. They shared that despite working with many autism specialists, these statistics never came to their attention so they could have made different decisions about pool and water safety. Harry's parents urge people to share this information with parents of children with an ASD simply so they might have the chance to be better informed than Harry's parents were when they lost their little boy.

*This announcement serves as a reminder of being safe around pools during these warm summer months. Harry's parents also urge all parents to cherish their moments with their children and enjoy their recreational time, because you cannot get it back once it's passed.*

## A WEEK'S GLANCE AT THE GPC PEACE PROGRAMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### Sundays (all year):

Sunday School 10:30-11:45am

GPC's volunteer teachers are gifted in working with any individual, no matter their special needs. Ages preschool to adult.

### Wednesdays:

Friendship Circle (during the school year) 12:15–2:30pm  
A socially engaging, friendly lunch group meets weekly (throughout the school year) for fellowship and Bible study.

Wacky Wednesdays in the Word (summers) 10am–12:30pm  
A fun-focused VBS-style event, meeting weekly (throughout the schools' summer break) for fellowship and Bible study.

### Thursdays (during the school year):

AMPLify your life! 10am – 11:30am

An inclusive music instruction program using the Orff approach to teach participants about rhythm, melody, and improvisation.

Scheduled performances each semester.

Private guitar lessons available at an earlier time; application required.

For more info, call or email Jackie Classen  
901.754.5195 Ext. 107  
[jackiec@germantownpres.org](mailto:jackiec@germantownpres.org)

**2 more volunteers needed July 14 & July 21  
for Wacky Wednesday**





# MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

## MUSIC NOTES

Before looking ahead to music in July at GPC, we want to thank those who provided special leadership and music in worship in the month of June.

VBS was a big success this year. Music plays a major role in VBS. First let me say how much we missed the leadership of Sandra Franks. Sandy has been such a wonderful leader in children's music for years - her presence was definitely missed this year at VBS.

This year's music leaders planned and banded together to teach and present a wonderful variety of quality and inspired music in VBS. Karen Cooper, Shannon Redburn, Aaron Redburn, and Alex Benford spent hours of time planning and working with Anna to prepare different experiences daily through music. The opening and closing each day emphasized the theme song which was presented in worship Sunday, June 13. Our children had a wonderful musical experience - we thank our talented team of musicians who led such a successful week!!

July begins with a bang as July 4 is on a Sunday this year. Betsy Moseley will play organ/piano in Alex's absence; Shannon and Aaron Redburn will be our vocalists; and Melissa and Kyle Millsap will be in town to play trumpets. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate both Shannon and Aaron who recently completed their Doctorates in Music at the University of Memphis. They have been with us now for four years and have been such an asset to our music program. Congratulations Dr. Shannon & Dr. Aaron!!

Karen Schowalter Cooper, who is one of our Children's Choir specialists as well as a fantastic mezzo-soprano, will sing in worship on July 11. A soprano new to GPC, Desiree Soto and tenor T.J. Turner, who has been with us for one year, (both doctoral students at UM) will be our vocalists on Sunday, July 18. Brianna Reilly, another mezzo and also a student at the University of Memphis will sing on Sunday, July 25. Bo Cotten will play trombone for our service either Sunday, July 25 or August 1. Bo grew up at GPC and is now a student at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. He plays in the Ole Miss Marching Band.

Our current plan is to resume Chancel Choir when we return to our regular pre-COVID schedule of 8:30am and 11:00am worship services on Sunday mornings beginning August 15.

Pray that we continue to make progress in our fight against COVID and that we can indeed return to our normal schedule.

As usual a big Thank You to those of you who choose to support our Music Ministry through special giving to our Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund. These gifts, along with your support for music through our annual budget process, allow us to provide quality music at GPC throughout the church year. Thank You!!!

I HOPE to See YOU in Worship Soon!

Jerold C. Teachey, D.M. / Director of Music

1 Chronicles 16:33



LET THE TREES OF THE FOREST SING, LET THEM  
sing for JOY before the Lord,  
FOR HE COMES TO JUDGE THE EARTH.

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## Memphis Athletic Ministries

*Love God... Love Others... Love Self*

*contributed by Jonathan Torres, MAM CEO*

Memphis Athletic Ministries is fully into the summer months, and there is still time to get GPC members involved with our Summer Academy. Summer Academy is focused on slowing "summer slide" for rising 3rd - 8th grade students across the city. Historically, Memphis students decline in their reading and math skills due to learning inactivity in the summer months, and MAM is working hard to combat that decline. We provide all-day activities to keep students engaged in learning in a fun and safe environment. MAM families pay \$50 for the entire 5-week summer program. To offset costs, we are asking for support from friends across the city to cover our expenses to provide excellent programs to our families. To get involved, visit [www.mamsports.org/summer](http://www.mamsports.org/summer) to DONATE NOW! Thank you for your support.

Rising Together Foundation (RTF) promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community.

### Challenge 1:

#### *Summer and After-School Programming*

Students from under-resourced communities struggle to access high-quality summer and after-school programming. These students face socio-economic challenges that have brought them to this critical point in their educational development, but they are all eager to learn and thrive.

### Challenge 2:

#### *Educational Inequality*

The need for educational transformation in the U.S. is real and urgent. Right now children from under-resourced communities are performing significantly below grade level.

With third-grade reading serving as a powerful predictor of lifelong success, this educational inequity is holding back generations of children from reaching their full potential. This community crisis will affect lifelong success and the economy.

Educational inequality is the greatest social justice and civil rights issue in the U.S. today. With about 200 schools and 7,000 teachers, Shelby County Schools\* is among the 25 largest districts in the U.S. Of the approximately 106,000 students in the district, 80% are economically disadvantaged by free and reduced lunch standards.

### Challenge 3:

#### *Community Impact*

Technology is a driving force of our economy. Well-paying jobs often require a college degree and ever-greater levels of STEM skills. Yet studies show the U.S. lagging behind other developed countries in creating the workforce of the future, ranking 38th out of 71 countries in math and 24th in science.

Rising Together is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary, middle, and high school students by creating, administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate. These programs and events are a collaborative effort by individuals representing public and independent primary and secondary schools, universities and colleges, and other organizations dedicated to excellence in education and leadership.

GPC is excited to be an ongoing partner with RTF, founded by GPC member and community leader Judd Peters. There are lots of ways to get involved in this program: teach, volunteer, become a partner, donate. Check out the website (<https://www.risingtogetherfoundation.com/>) for more information. If you want to talk to Judd Peters about other opportunities, you can email him here ([judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com](mailto:judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com)).

\*Shelby County Schools is the school district serving Memphis and unincorporated areas of the county.





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## FAMILIES & CHILDREN

*By Anna White*



### Tee Shirt Sundays are Back in Session this Summer!

Tee Shirt Sundays is a relaxed, summer spin on Sunday School. We want our children to know that being involved weekly in their Christian faith is a wonderful way to live! So, we try to make it as easy as possible in the summers by encouraging children to wear a tee shirt and shorts and head to Sunday School for summer fun!

It is just as easy for teachers! Each teacher will receive a bucket prepared with a schedule, a lesson, and all needed supplies (picture below). Teachers will have time to review the lesson at home, watch the Bible video lesson with the class, and then have fun discussing the lesson and doing a fun activity with the children. We end the morning with a popsicle on the playground!

If you have a love for children, summers are a great time to try out teaching. If you would like to observe in order to learn how to teach, now is the time! Please email Anna White ([children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@germantownpres.org)) if you have interest in teaching or questions about Tee Shirt Sundays!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MAKES A STRONG COMEBACK!

After not having Vacation Bible School in two years, this year we opened our doors to let in 56 children to VBS! From our littlest 3-year-olds to our 5th-graders, I truly believe our children had a wonderfully fun week learning to FOCUS on Jesus in their life!

So many components contribute to the fun and creativity at VBS. From music to crafts to games to glow-in-the-dark...our children love it! Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who made this week possible, and it is MANY hands that make this week work!

We had 46 slots of Shepherds to fill to make this week work...it is a huge commitment and undertaking. Thank you to all who were willing to Shepherd our children.

New this year, Tamah Halfacre and the Presbyterian Women organized and served the children snacks each day! A huge thank-you to this group.

Also a big welcome to Christopher Greco who led our morning welcome game each morning as well as Jacob Pierce who led our recreation each day! Angie Richardson managed the many different art projects and crafts in the Welcome Center. The GPC Music Department - Alex Benford, Karen Cooper, and Shannon and Aaron Redburn-taught music in many creative ways including games that engaged the children which they really loved.

Vacation Bible School is truly a memorable event in the lives of many children, and I am so thankful for all the people who helped make this a special week!





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## FAMILIES & CHILDREN

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MAKES A STRONG COMEBACK!





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## YOUTH

By Christopher Greco

This past month, GPC Youth visited two locales on UNPLGGD Excursions. First, they visited Memphis Escape Rooms the afternoon of June 14. There, they divided into two teams to defeat the Shadow Manor and H.E.R.O.E.S experiences. While they were able to defeat the creepy Shadow Manor, H.E.R.O.E.S. remains unvanquished. Perhaps, they will return to it another day to attempt to conquer it once more.

The following week, they attended a private screening of the new movie ***Cruella*** at the Malco theatre. At the private screening, each student was able to enjoy their own personal popcorn and Coke. ***Cruella*** is a new film featuring the early escapades of the villain from the 1961 classic ***101 Dalmatians***. It stars Emma Stone as the titular character.

Look out for our last summer UNPLGGD opportunity on July 13 where GPC Youth will travel to a Redbirds Game. Each student will need to bring \$15 and sign up on the website ahead of time!



# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation

>Shirley Billups	>Fritz/Jeanie Crombie	>Dixie Johnson	**Susan Robinson	>Jan Thomson
>Sherril/Jim Blair	>Kay Donaho	>Dot Ledlow	>Jackie/Bill Ruleman	>Bob Thurman
>Linda Sue/Bob Bobo	>Judy/Fred Frick	>Carol/Bill Leppert	>Tavia/Cole Sanders	>Amanda Walters
>Huddy/Bayard Boyle	>Rachel Gwin	>Aggie/Jack Losa	>Diane Short	>Woodie/Johnathan Whited
>Jean/Gil Brooks	>Dot/Lamar Hartzog	>Caroline Oldham	>Pam/Bill Spencer	
>Tommie Faye Coffman	>Jean/Bob Hicks	>Pat Plunk	>Mary Strop	
>Kay/David Collins	>John Hurt	>Greg Morgan	>Anne/Wayne Tansil	

## In Service in the Military

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay Donaho  
 Kyle Bishop - grandson of Brenda Bishop  
 Trip Hiller - grandson of Anne & Wayne Tansil  
 Johnny Nowell - son of Jo & Adm. John Nowell  
 Patrick Peak - son of Eleanor Denton  
 Jason Ragain - son of Debbie Ragain

## Coronavirus Prayers

Doctors, nurses, emergency workers dealing with COVID-19  
 Patients with COVID-19  
 Wisdom for church leadership  
 Bethlehem Bible College

## GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

>Brad & family - friends of Jeanie Hill	>Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger	>Hubert Moore - uncle of Patrick Rice	**Sally - mother of Martha Mayers
>Brandon - PEACE program participant & friend of Jackie Classen	>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>Mary Ann & Troy Odom - parents of Tracey Smith	>Bill Sims - extended family of Missy Gwin
>JoAnne Day - mother of Jeff Day	>Aubrey Holder - brother of Debbie Florendo	**Nephew of Margaret Owens	>Mary C. Thrift - sister of Carol Barnes
>Brad Flynn - friend of Drayton Mayers	>Keynen - Brianna Reilly's boyfriend	>Randy & family - co-worker of Eric Buring	>Mary Ann & Merle Weaver - friends of Jackie Classen
>Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss	>Aunt Marion - aunt of Susan Morgan	>Dad of Aaron Redburn	>Amber West - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt
>Cliff Green - brother of Susan Green Jones	>Mary Jo - sister of Kristy Sneed	>Rube Reid - friend of Phyl Simmons & former GPC member	>Bryan & Robin Crouse Woodell - family of Althea, Russell, Christina Crouse
>Debra Hampton & family - co-worker of Woodson Farmer	>Bill McKinney & wife - friends of Phyl Simmons	>Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger	
	**Kim & Chris Mitchell - niece & nephew of Violet Olsen	>Patricia Rose - sister of Shirley Billups	

**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

*Friends and family requests submitted to the office for prayer will remain for 30 days before being removed. If you notice someone you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.*

## July 2021 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

### July 4

Erin Bowden, Brock, Noah  
 Cindy & Howard Cleveland,  
 Alexander, Elizabeth  
 Laura & Woodson Farmer,  
 Emmaline  
 Carol & Bill Leppert  
 Gisela & Terry Pickett  
 Paula Stack  
 Susan Walker

### July 11

Carol Boals  
 Pam & Joe Graddy  
 Christy & Mark Mestemacher  
 Frank Oakes  
 Lisa & Kevin Patterson  
 Mary Blanche Scott  
 Stephanie & Barry Wall

### July 18

Kathleen & Jim Boyd  
 Ellie & Dick Goughnour  
 Martha & Drayton Mayers  
 Lee Parnell  
 Jimmy Shumaker  
 Anne & Jim Tims  
 Arlene & Brett Wade

### July 25

Huddy & Bayard Boyle  
 Janet & Ed Dellinger  
 Dot Hartzog  
 Aggie & Jack Losa  
 Susan & Greg Morgan  
 Laura Patteson  
 Loree & Rich Tisdale  
 Jody & David Waldrop,  
 Lydia



# MEMORIALS

*During the month of May GPC received the following honorarium and memorial gifts.*

## **To the Memorial Fund**

*In Memory of Betty McAllen*  
Bettye Ulmer Weathersby

*In Memory of Sandy Franks*  
Dr. Charles Holland  
Elizabeth Houston  
Seiko & Masanori Igarashi  
Anne & George McGaha  
Agnes Thomas

## **To the Teachey Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory of Sandy Franks*  
Bonnie Algee

*In Memory of Betty McCallen*  
Bonnie Algee

## **To the Music Fund**

*In Memory of Tom Cates*  
Geneva Adams

*In Memory of Betty Green*  
Geneva Adams

## SESSION CORNER

On June 17, the 183rd Session of Elders convened in the Evans Chapel with communion. Dick Goughnour gave a moving devotional about deceased FedEx pilot & Cuban refugee Ernesto de Armas. Ask Dick about this story of faith, hope, and perseverance through trials.

Beth Brock has served our Session faithfully on the Stewardship Committee and as our most recent Clerk of the Session. Will thanked her for her devotion, then we elected Diane Callahan Edens as the new Clerk.

Church Refurbishment: Insurance paid \$300,000 for repairs, and GPC paid \$60K for items not covered. All that remains is pew repair and installation.

Sunday School will begin on campus 7/11. Regular communion elements return 8/1. 8/15 we return to 2 services, 8:30 and 11 with re-dedication of the Sanctuary.

Will reported staffing changes with Anna White moving to Brentwood 7/31 due to her husband's job relocation. Amber Miller is replacing our bookkeeper Debbi Schweizer, who is retiring.

The joint Session with Diaconate and Elders met 6/19 to approve the Charter and Goals of the Strategic Visioning Committee: Connecting, Growing, Caring, and Sharing.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:  
9:30AM WORSHIP  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

10:45/11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

6:00PM WORSHIP  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

OFFICE HOURS:  
8:30AM-4:00PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

**August Window Deadline: July 15**

### GPC Financial Summary, May 2021

	May 2021	2021 YTD	May 2020	2020 YTD
Revenue	\$156,363	\$942,059	\$ 105,224	\$ 821,591
Expenses	\$ 157,617	\$767,274	\$ 119,843	\$ 691,684
Net	(\$1,254)	\$174,785	(\$ 14,619)	\$ 129,907

GPC experienced a small deficit of \$1,254 in May after a budgeted transfer from reserves of \$54,700. While this was our plan, it was interesting to note that our real revenue of \$101,663 was the lowest since September 2018. Our year-to-date results look much better and reflect the faithful stewardship of our members in the early part of the year. Please keep in mind that the church's expenses never take a vacation. We appreciate everyone's efforts to maintain their stewardship commitment throughout the year.

WILLIAM G. JONES  
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ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO  
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