

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Carl Li, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, David Harry (Jane Edwards Hoerner's son), Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Zenda Rushing, Lib Livingston (Christy Ruffner's friend), Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Mondell & Henry Brasington (Debbie Adams' mom and dad), Clark McAlister (Jerry Turner's nephew), Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, August 14, 2017

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting

5:30pm Weight Watchers

Sunday, August 20, 2017

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN – Today at the close of worship we ask you to bring the backpacks and place them at the altar rail. It will bring glory to God who understands the strong of poverty and desires that his followers help alleviate some of that sting. Bless you for all you do for the Kingdom!

TODAY'S OPENING HYMN: - Thomas Obediah Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky in 1866. He received his education in a little country schoolhouse, and at age 16 began teaching there. He became a Christian at age 27, and with no college or seminary training was ordained to the Methodist ministry at age 36. He served as a Methodist minister for a year, but ill health made it impossible for him to continue. He moved to Vineland, New Jersey, where he opened an insurance office.

Always interested in poetry, Chisholm wrote hundreds of poems during his lifetime. He was inspired by Lamentations 3:22-23 to write the text for "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Those verses read, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Chisholm experienced that faithfulness. He suffered ill health most of his adult life, and never made much money—but he said, "God has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care which have filled me with astonishing gratefulness."

Chisholm sent the words to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" to his friend, William Runyan, and Runyan wrote the music for this hymn. Runyan was a friend of Dr. Will Houghton, the president of Moody Bible Institute, and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" soon became Houghton's favorite. Dr. Houghton invited George Beverly Shea, an unknow singer at the time, to sing hymns on the Institute's radio station. Shea, of course, included Dr. Houghton's favorite hymn in his repertoire.

Billy Graham, then a student at Wheaton College, became familiar with George Beverly Shea (and this hymn) through those radio broadcasts, and invited Shea to become part of his ministry. It was through their work that this hymn became popular internationally. Even though he suffered ill health for most of his adult life, Chisholm lived to the ripe old age of 94. During this later years, he lived in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, a Methodist camp meeting town, where he died in 1960.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

AUGUST 13, 2017

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

FUMC STAFF

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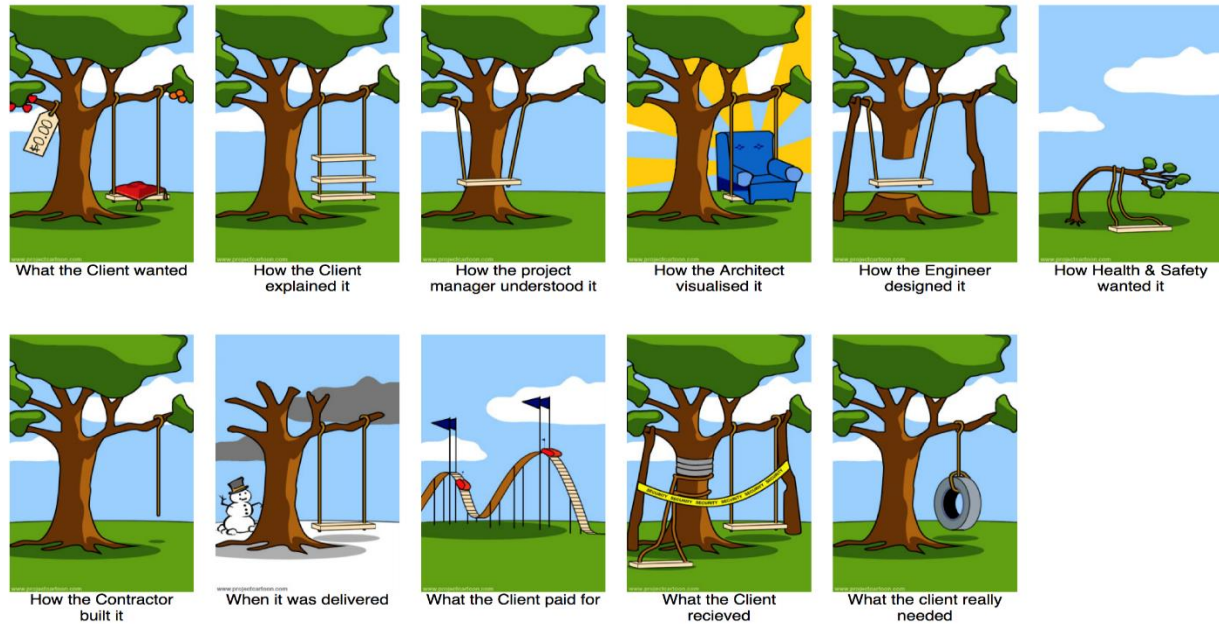
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PARSON TO PERSON



Many of us have hopes and dreams for our children. Most of those dreams are about what our children want. To have a good education, to promote a happy life, to find a career that is fulfilling, and to make good money. We entrust our children to their teachers asking that teachers help our children learn how to learn and learn how to articulate the things they have learned. Teachers, in my opinion, have the hardest of jobs because every child is different. I marvel at how teachers care about their students and strive to give their best to them. As seen in the cartoon above, there are many things that happen between the “wanted” and the “needed.”

I am far more interested in what is needed. Along with education I believe teachers give their hearts to their students. I believe that teachers help with the molding of life and character. I believe teachers see potential and observe obstacles and strive to help every child be successful. And while the current law does not allow teachers to speak about Christ in their classrooms...they can certainly demonstrate the love of Christ through the manner in which they deal with their students. Ultimately, it is God who helps us all become what is needed. I am thankful for the “touch” and influence of numerous teachers in my life who saw more in me than I could see.

This is one reason we offer blessings for our teachers (School and Sunday School). It is the hardest of jobs and for the good of the young people in the teacher’s charge. May God bless all as the year begins.

Ken Timmerman

LEADERSHIP POINT: - Positive leaders are usually over-believers. They see circumstances and situations to be greater than they are and work to bring about greatness. What you see you can reap.

CELEBRATION: Today Jake Mitchell and Jenna Quick join First Church by transferring their memberships from First Baptist Church of Plymouth, NC and Cheraw Family Worship Center. They have worshipped with us, and we have enjoyed their being a part of our church. We are delighted to have them officially become members of the family.

REMEMBER: When you are away, the church continues to count on your support. Help us move forward during this summer in strong fashion because of your faithfulness. Go to church while you are on vacation, but stop by and leave your tithes and offerings here.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Gailya Wilson
Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Turner
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Lesley Jean Watson
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Hannah Leach
Flowers Next Sunday: Sue McManus
Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick
Alternate Counter: John Straughn
Worship Attendance, August 6 —147; **Attendance in Sunday School, August 6** — 78
Received to Date: \$255,420.39 (Includes \$11,163.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$256,918.80
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week August 6:** \$9,076.10

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service. This is a sacred time when God communes with His people.**

When I think of School Days I remember great teachers, good friends, Friday night football games, secret notes passed between students, conduct grades, lunch room laughter, report cards, hall passes, pranks on teachers, and pride in our school. It was the best of times. *Ken Timmerman*

Prelude *Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” Hayford

***Hymn No. 140** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Reception of New Members — Congregational Prayer: O God, receive our joy today as we welcome these new members into this portion of the body of Christ. We pray that you will strengthen our church through our witness and ministry as we join together in the faith. We ask you, O Lord, to surround all of us in this community of love and forgiveness, bless each gift of service and compassion, as we seek to grow in our trust of you and willingness to serve others. AMEN.

Sacrament of Baptism

Walking Tour -- Jesus Loves Me (Congregation)

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Blessing of the Hands

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**
***Doxology No. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Old 100th
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 553** “And Are We Yet Alive”

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

As we open the Scriptures this morning, give us receptive hearts and minds that we might hear the Truth and respond to it. Teach us your Word, O God. AMEN.

Scripture **Romans 3:21-26** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon “Grace is a Tool”

***Hymn No. 452** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***Benediction**

***Postlude** ***Please stand if able.**

LITANY OF BLESSING

LEADER: Blessed be these hands which use pen and paper, pencil and computer keyboard.

PEOPLE: For these hands seek to touch the very lives of young people.

LEADER: Blessed be these hands which push the mop and broom, hold the steering wheel of the bus, make the copies and wrap the tape before the athletic contest.

PEOPLE: For these hands are involved in the very lives of young people.

LEADER: Blessed be these hands that develop lesson plans and quizzes, which arrange and rearrange chairs and books and posters and priorities, all in order to educate the young.

PEOPLE: For the work of these hands is not offered in vain.

LEADER: Blessed be these hands which write and sketch, add and multiply, on chalkboard and whiteboard, paper and screen, for they are drawing out the God-given abilities of young people who will serve humanity and live abundant lives.

PEOPLE: Blessed be these hands.

LEADER: Blessed be these hands which demonstrate the stewardship of one's health, one's body, one's mind and one's spirit!

PEOPLE: For a good and healthy life awaits those who have seen wholeness modeled in the lives of others.

LEADER: Blessed be these hands which show young people how to play trombone and trumpet; cheer on the team; work with brush and color; and repair a truck or car.

PEOPLE: For lives will blossom with richness and joy in the year to come.

LEADER: For the privilege of laboring in the field of education we thank our loving God.

PEOPLE: And offer our very selves for service in God's name. Amen.

**HOLY BAPTISM
SAWYER DALE MITCHELL
SON OF JENNETH (JENNA) LYNN QUICK AND JACOB (JAKE) DALE MITCHELL
AUGUST 13, 2017**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift offered to us without price. It was Jesus who instructed us to bring the children unto him for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. And this privilege must not be denied them.

We rejoice that you have brought your child to the Altar this day to be baptized in this Sacrament of God's grace.

I ask you these questions:

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins? **I do.***

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you, to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.***

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.***

Because you have brought your son to this altar, we ask you this additional question:

*Will you nurture this child in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I do.***

What name is given this child?

Sawyer Dale, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and pray God's blessings on your life. AMEN

Walking Tour: (Concludes with signing verse 1 of Hymn No. 191)

Charge to the Congregation: *Members of the Household of faith, I commend to you the love and care of this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that this child may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?*

Congregational Response: *With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that **Sawyer Dale** surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.*