

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar Wetternek (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Mike Starling, Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Dick Mullis (Holly Miles' friend), Frances Leppard (Julia Jones' friend), Rhett Butler, II (Rhett & Marcia's son), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Rowland Faust (Jerry Turner's brother-in-law), Carlyle Smith family (Angie's father-in-law), Mark and Norma Moore and family (Nancy Wagnon's friend), Charlotte Pope family (Becky Thompson's niece). **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, October 15, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 6:00pm Festival of Praise

Monday, October 16, 2017
 2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
 10:30am Staff Meeting
 Noon Lunch and Munch (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30pm Weight Watchers
 6:00pm Charge Conference (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
 5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30-7:30pm UMKF Activities (Kid's Nook)
 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19, 2017
 12:00pm J.O.Y. Club (Fellowship Hall)
 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 22, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 12:30 pm UMYF State Fair Outing (Back at 9:30pm)

LEADERSHIP NOTE: Positive leaders do not share negative gossip. Even their gossip is positive declaring "thus and so to be great" and doing well. Positive leaders never say negative things about anyone.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Meal at 5:30. The menu is: Roast beef, rice, string beans, fat back, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family. Our Study this Wednesday will be on the book *Anxious For Nothing* by Max Lucado variety of scripture to study. This Week: "Rejoice in the Lord's Mercy." Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30 p.m. Join the choir and lend your talents

LUNCH AND MUNCH: Tuesday, October 17, we will meet to share a brief lunch (bring your sandwich) and then munch on the Word. This week's session: "I am the Good Shepherd." John 10:1-10.

ATTENTION WOMEN: Baked goods are needed for Market to Market on Saturday, October 21. Baked items should be fall realated (popcorn balls, cheese wafers, pumpkin goodies, "trash", etc.) Your participation would greatly be appreciated.

J.O.Y CLUB: J.O.Y. Club will start this month, October 19. Come enjoy a good meal and program. Hostess will be Beth Witherspoon, Nell Huntley, and Martha Greene. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00 per person.

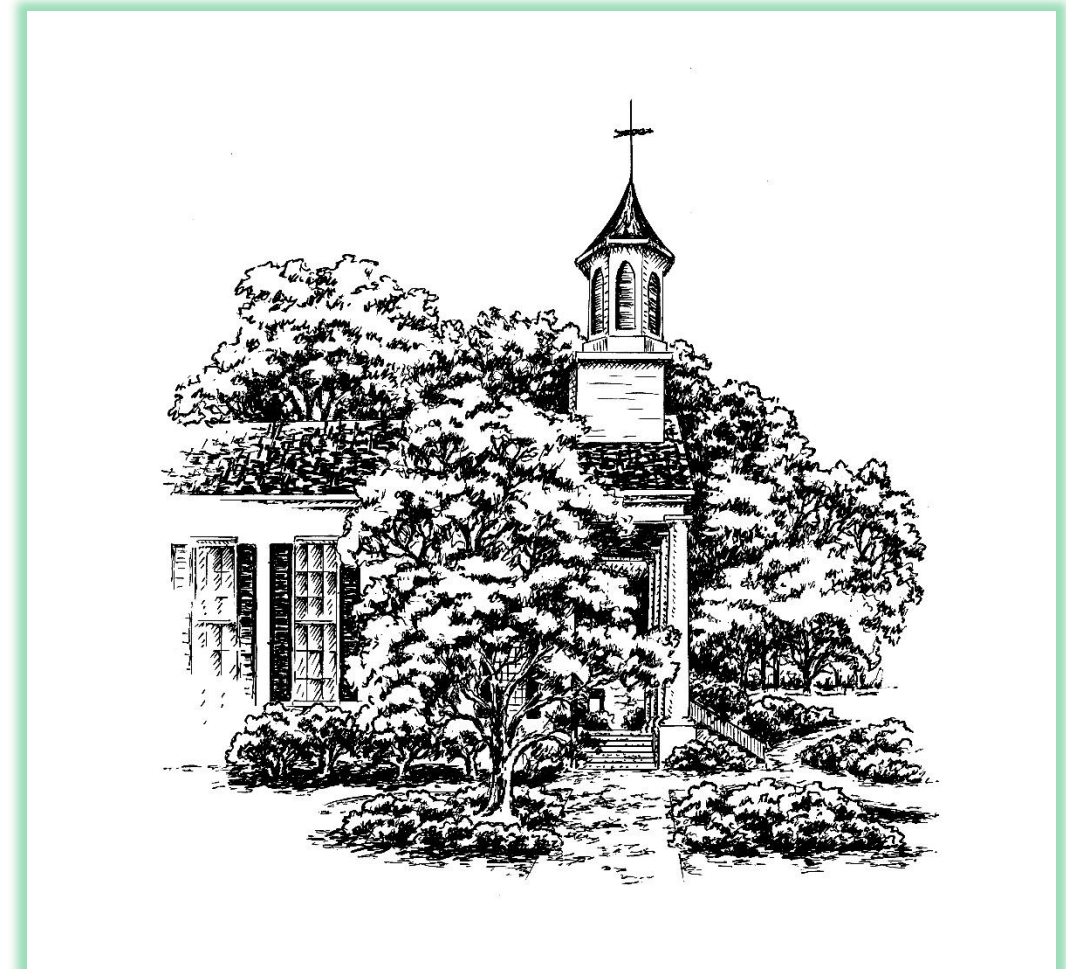
ACCOLADES: To Elijah Haire of Troop 655 upon receiving his Eagle Scout Award. The ceremony was held in our Sanctuary at 3:00pm last Sunday.

PLANNING AHEAD: Loyalty Sunday will be November 19. Please save the date on your calendars. This is a day when all members of First Church need to be present for worship and Sunday School. This is also the Sunday we will present the Roy L. Smith award.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 15, 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

FUMC STAFF

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PARSON TO PERSON

Every now and again I like to take my car through the car wash. I am amazed at the technological advances and impressed with “no brushes touch your car.” The water pressure is enough to clean my car better than I can do when washing it at home. It cost more, but it is also quicker.

Just the other day as I left the car wash, I was pleased that my car had a “spic-n-span” look. But that was on the outside. I noted in the sun’s glare the amount of dust and grime gathered within on the dashboard and seats. I realized that my job was not complete, so with cleaners in hand, I went to work sprucing the inside.

As I worked, it occurred to me that cleaning the car is a lot like the soul. From the time we’re children, we are taught to: Do right. Think right. Be loving. Be kind. With effort we are able to accomplish such things. The true origin of such life choices must be deeper than the surface. We have not been encouraged to “act” Christian as much as we have been instructed to “be” Christian. Being Christian is beyond the surface of our lives. It goes to the heart of every believer. When the first disciples spoke on the Lord’s behalf they discovered that his love had done a work within them. God’s love was not a show just for looks, but a life-altering power at work inside.

The message does not change with time. God continues to work from the inside out. The Lord’s work is to inspire, to direct, to encourage, and to cleanse. I had the pleasure of working with my friend, Bill Bouknight, at First UMC in Myrtle Beach. Our work strengthened and deepened our friendship. Bill is a great preacher and I learned many things in my working with him. He is not ashamed of the Gospel in any way, shape, fashion, or form. He speaks to the Godly life with clarity and distinction. His heart is an evangelical one that wants to see the world and all believers embrace Scriptural Christianity. His own passion for Christ helped deepen my own. His willingness to speak the truth, no matter the response strengthened me.

Early in my ministry, I was one of those who tried to “dumb down” the Bible. I tried to think that what it said could be explained and not have the edge on it I thought was there. Working with Bill taught me about a deeper relationship with Christ. The Church is a saving station pointing people to the mercy and grace of God. It is a place to make disciples. My ministry grew as I worked with my friend. It continues to grow as we share friendship and a love for the cross and for Jesus. The Bible is not a book to be “dumbed down” or ignored.

This morning I commend him to you. He will speak about “When Life Breaks Your Heart” from the Book of Job and this evening he will preach on “Almost Persuaded” from Luke’s Gospel. Lend your hearts and ears for the message and prepare to be blessed.
Ken Timmerman

STATE FAIR OUTING: Next Sunday, October 22, we will leave at 12:30pm and be back at 9:30pm.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES: The Christian Education Ministry Team would like to get your college students address. Please place it in the offering plate, email it to the church office, or call the church office and give it to Angie. Thanks, Holly Miles.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Will be on Sunday, October 29. Trunks need to be decorated by 4:45pm, event begins at 5:00pm.

ENDOWMENT FUND: We now have 36 pledges for the Fund. We will continue to receive those pledges through next Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Henrietta and Manfred Kollitz on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 7.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE UP DATE: If you didn’t have your picture made for the pictorial directory, you have a makeup date on Wednesday, November 8. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby by the church office.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Doug Marsh

Lobby Door Greeters: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Nancy Wagnon

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Pam Baker

Flowers Next Sunday: Outen

Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Worship Attendance, October 8 —151; **Attendance in Sunday School, October 8** — 104

Received to Date: \$315,471.37 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$318,039.32

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week October 8:** \$7,659.55

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.***

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

***Hymn No. 73**

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We gather as people who confess that life is tough at times, O God. The circumstances literally break our hearts and cause us sadness and hurt. Teach us to look beyond the hurt and to see your hand at work. Remind us that faith always wins the day because we make your strength and perspective ours. Walk with us day by day and teach us that beyond our hurt there is a truth from above. Everything here is not always right, but everything in your Kingdom is good forever. Teach us, again, that our relationship with you through Christ enables us to keep going even when life has broken our hearts. Keep us strong, we pray, but keep as focused on the truth. It is in the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Promotion to Jr. High and High School Peyton Taylor, Olivia Samuel (Jr. High) Sophia Prevatte (High School)

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 797

Psalms 76

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***Gloria Patri**

Morning 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. 2130**

“The Summons”

KELVINGROVE

Scripture

Job 40:1-5; 42:1-6

Sermon

“When Life Breaks Your Heart”

Rev. Dr. Bill Bouknight

***Hymn No. 368**

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of our parents’ 45th wedding anniversary on October 18, with love to them both on their special day. By Kale (Heather) McManus and Klint McManus.