Worship News for Next Sunday

_Baptism: A Matter of Conscience_

Psalm 66:8-20; I Peter 3:13-22

Next Sunday is Graduate Recognition Sunday, and one of our graduates, Ashley Olmsted, will be baptized. Peter’s baptismal sermon (I Peter) calls baptism a matter of “a clear conscience.” Join us for a special day of worship. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

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Business Meeting, May 17

We will have a called business meeting on May 17 to hear two motions:

1. From the Nominating Committee, a motion to fill a committee vacancy.
2. From the Church Council, a motion to amend the bylaws to create a new committee to initiate a new ministry to families with young children.

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Pastor’s Ponderings

_Gardening and Grace_

When was the last time you looked closely at a rose? I don’t mean walking by and commenting about how pretty it is. I mean bending on a knee, lifting it up, and looking closely at the petals, the variety of shapes, the perfection and imperfections. If you’ve not done so lately, I highly recommend it.

This spring has been near perfect. The fall of 2016, as you surely remember, was brutal. We are just now seeing the effects of the “exceptional” drought we experienced. This year spring has been as gentle and nurturing as last year was harsh and destructive. The temperatures have been temperate, and the rains have come as if someone placed an order. As a result the roses, peonies, rhododendrons, and our other friends in the landscape have rewarded us with a floral spectacular.

Isn’t that a parable of life? It can be so hot and dry that we struggle to survive. Rewarding those around us with gifts is not even a consideration. Then life has its way of turning, becoming gentle again, refreshing and nurturing. Then we bloom.

Notice all the stressed trees in the landscape. They have leafed out, but their leaves are thin. Some of the limbs are dead. Some evergreens have brown dead spots. These stressed trees are alive and may recover fully, but they still bear visible reminders of the pain they endured.

We do too. Some scars are visible while others are inside and known only to us. That is why we all need God’s grace. Grace is gentle and healing. Grace is the balm of Gilead. It makes the wounded whole.

Take some time to enjoy this beautiful spring. Look at a rose. Look carefully. Turn it. Smell it. And allow it to point you toward its Creator and the grace that is found there.

On bended knee,
David
Skip Babcock  
Joy Hildebrandt  
Barton Avery  
Patrick Streeter  
Jim Hearn  
Dwight Malone  
Hal Waggoner  
Norma Terrell  
Karen Taylor, sister of Rick Caniglia  
Marian Aldridge  
Jeff King, brother-in-law of Melanie Berbrier  
David Hardin, father of Melanie Berbrier  
Willodean Boyle, aunt of Beverly Olmsted  
Alice Caruso  
Meghan Still  
Fred & Helen McDaniel  
Brian Parker, son-in-law of Bobby & Pat Williamson  
Family & Friends in the military  
Our country

May 18  
Joyce Egedy, Memorie Elliott, Chapman Morris, Donna Stott  

May 19  
Jody Greer  

May 20  
Barbara Lehman, Jeffery Long, Cole Moody  

May 21  
Cody Brothers, Caleb Brothers  

May 22  
Eunice Augustus, Methel Foster, Jesse West

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Deacon on Call**

**Week of 5/14:** Ray Tucker  
**Week of 5/21:** Rhonda Wegrich

**TELLERS**

Simone Calvert, Connie Stephens

**ACOLYTES**

Hannah Long & Emie Little

**NURSERY**

Beverly & Ashley Olmsted

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Robin Sells & Donna Stott

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**Weekly Requirements** $11,242.00  
**Offering of April 30** $ 7,148.00
If you ordered CDs of Dr. G. Todd Wilson’s lectures, they are ready for pick-up in the church office. We ask only that you reimburse the AV committee $1 for every disc you receive.

Hear ye, hear ye!  
Join us for VBS worker training at 4:00pm on May 21. You may call Elaine Avery at 256-880-6475 to let her know you will be attending this training session.

TOMORROW
We are serving roasted pork loin with scalloped potatoes and green beans to help celebrate everyone whose birthday is in May or June. If you have a May or June birthday, your dinner is FREE!

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Kentucky Mission Trip

Our KY trip is almost here. We will be leaving on June 11 to build for the Price family, a young couple with a boy, age 7, and a girl, age 2 ½. When we met with the family a couple of weeks ago, we discussed their wish list for the new home. They mentioned that they really need two twin beds and chest of draws for the children along with a small dining table (4 to 6 chairs). If you have any of these items, please let Steve Pinke know.

Additionally, we will be providing new kitchen appliances, window blinds, ceiling fans, and probably light fixtures. For these we could use monetary donations. Please make any checks out to WHBC and note it is for the KY Mission Trip. If we have extra money, we will find some other house furnishings while we are in KY.

Hear ye, hear ye!

Join us for VBS

June 5-9,
9:00-11:45am

We will explore how our God is a mighty fortress for us.

Bring your friends!

Contact Elaine Avery at 256-880-6475 or elaine3504@att.net to volunteer.

Register online at vbsmate.com/WHBCHuntsvilleAL
May is Decatur Children’s Home month at Weatherly. Help us to help them by giving a special love offering throughout the month. The thirty-two children who are residents and the children who stay in the transient homes depend on your support to provide the atmosphere so necessary to the success of the homes.

Make your checks payable to WHBC and put Decatur Children’s Home in the memo line.

This weekend, May 21, we will celebrate the graduates in our congregation. Please make sure that Patrick has the names of all high school and college graduates of every degree level to include in the festivities. We need the names by Wednesday afternoon.