



Presbyterian Times

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*"For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
(Matthew 9:13)*

As parents we have this responsibility to teach our children right from wrong. If they do something right, they are praised. If they do something wrong, they are told how bad they were. When our children step out into the world, it reinforces a performance based acceptance. They do well in school, they are praised. If they score the winning basket, they are admired. If they are good looking, high performing, and well networked, they are affirmed.

Our acceptance from the very beginning is to earn the respect and admiration of parents, family, friends to keep the accolades coming. But when it comes to our faith, does God operate in the same way?

There is a harmful false narrative that exists in and outside the church that goes like this, "God only loves me when I am good." Is this true? It may be logical because it is what we have learned since childhood. Another word for this is legalism. It is the attempt to earn God's love through our actions, to earn God favor or avoid God's curses through pious activities. This leaves us in a constant state of anxiety and uncertainty.

The good news is that Jesus' ministry turned the tables of a performance based society and religion into an emphasis on love. In Matthew 9, Jesus says that he came to earth not for the righteous or the performers of acceptance but for sinners, people like you and me who mess up all the time. God's love is demonstrated in Jesus as he ate with tax collectors and sinners and avoided the religious elite. The parable of the prodigal son is about the forgiveness of the Father toward his wayward son.

A loving God who reaches out to sinners over and over again tells me that even the worst of our sins does not prevent God from loving us. He reaches out to us every time. Therefore, stop running from God. Take time to sit in his lap and marvel over that fact that you are considered sons and daughters of the maker of the universe! Enjoy his presence and allow Him to bring healing and wholeness to you.

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

DECORATIONS

The decorations in the sanctuary are provided by Martha Hodge and Carol McDougall. Looking ahead, our space will be decorated by LaVonne Kloet & Pam Moore during the month of March

GREETERS

02/4 Dave & Lucy Williams
02/11 Scott Berry & Dave Williams
02/18 Mac & Terry Arnold
02/25 Carolyn Dacy

CCO COLLECTION

We will be collecting shampoo for the Christian Community Outreach program. Thank you for your generous support of this organization. Just to update you, during the month of January, you donated 76 tubes of toothpaste, 52 tooth brushes, 3 packages of dental floss, 5 bottles of dish soap, and a box of miscellaneous hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity towards this effort.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

February 10, 7:00 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

02/01 Ruth Clum
02/06 Jessica Wilder
02/08 Jonas Durham
02/08 Betty Norment
02/11 Rana Donahue
02/11 Cynthia Simmons
02/13 Tess Floyd
02/13 Allen Jenner
02/16 Nathaniel Hoey
02/17 Suzie Chisholm
02/17 Bitsey Horton
02/17 Susan Thomas
2/18 Timothy Hoey
02/23 Brooke Ershig
02/25 Al Kloet
02/26 Bettye Bates

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries on file for February.

If there is anyone we have missed on this list, please contact the Church office to correct the information we have on file!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

02/07 - Speaker will be Kenny Noblet, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. Meal will include fried chicken furnished by the church, rest of meal will be pot luck

02/14 - Ash Wednesday dinner and Service - a simple meal of soup and bread will be provided.

02/21 Program will be presented by the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Club from HCHS. Meal will be pot luck.

02/28 Program will be presented by Steve Treece, Young Life Regional Director. Meal will be pot luck.

Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for more details and/or updates!

The Christian Education Committee invites you to participate in a Contemplative Bible Study on Jonah," 4:00-5:30 Sunday evenings February 18-March 11, led by Becky Durham. We will read a chapter of Jonah each week and examine it and then participate in the discipline of evening prayer. No additional materials are needed and all high school aged students and adults are welcome to join us.

2018 Lenten Series Schedule

2/21 First Christian Church
2/28 Community Baptist Church
3/07 First Methodist
3/14 Presbyterian Church of Henderson
3/21 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
3/29 Zion United Church of Christ
3/29 Maundy Thursday dinner and service -
Presbyterian Church - 6:00 p.m.
3/30 Good Friday Service - Holy Name of Jesus Catholic
Church
4/01 Easter Sunrise Service - Methodist Hospital
Garden 6:30 a.m.

The Community Lenten Worship Services will begin at Noon, with the host Church serving lunch at 12:30 p.m. An offering will be collected at each service to benefit the Ministerial Association's "Good Samaritan Fund". It will take a lot of volunteer time and effort to host this event in our church on March 14, stay tuned for the request for your time and talent!

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NOTES

We need Children's Church volunteers for February and March! Sign up in the fellowship hall by the mailboxes, please!

Wednesday Night Youth and Children's Activities: We will have Bible Study and activities for youth group students (grades 6-12) in the youth room and Christian Education and fun activities for preschool thru elementary aged children in the Hoffman Hall art room on Wednesday nights after dinner until 7:10pm. A nursery is available during this time as well.

Youth Group Super Bowl Party: The youth group will gather at Jason and Becky Durham's house on Sunday, February 4 from 5-8pm to watch the Super Bowl and necessary commercials and halftime show. Everyone should bring a finger food to share. RSVP with Becky by February 2, please (beckydurham@preschurchky.org).

We will have an All-Church Dinner and Board Game Night on Saturday, February 24 from 4-7pm at the church. Participants will be asked to contribute \$2 each to help with food costs. All ages are welcome (and you're welcome to bring a favorite board game with you)! Come for fellowship and fun in the Fellowship Hall.

NOTES FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Hi, and best wishes for the new year! Hope everyone is toasty warm. Please take a few minutes for these details for the future for the PW.

Without a formal vote but an overwhelming "let's do it" from your council and those of you who have talked to me, we are in it to win it, again, with Trees and Treasure! If you've been anywhere this year retail, you have seen that all that glittered was not sold and now they are practically giving it away. Jean Marie Gadiant has gifted us with lots of ribbon that are very inspiring so you can look for traditional as well as off beat colors. Black, dark purple, Browns and copper are not out of the question and if it's gorgeous and cheap, don't pass it up even if you don't have a clue about what you'd do with it. We'll figure it out!

We need trees (up to 5 feet, 6 if it's absolute amazing but preferably 4 or under) with lights or trees without lights, if you pick up a couple of strands to go on it. I got some lights for 2 dollars!

We'd love for all trees to walk out of here! That delivery is a head ache!

So you've shopped and considered it your donation to a worthy cause and we will multiply your efforts into big bucks but you are standing at your trunk thinking, where am I going to put this stuff? We are ready for you! The girls who showed up for un-decorating got a big surprise! It was all done! Dave, aka the third little pig, had jumped ahead and come to work on his day off and hauled it upstairs. So the girls did a total overhaul of the storage area and now when you go upstairs you will see just how organized we can be! There is a closet to the left inside the Christmas storage room and that's to be used for your treasures! Please leave in an orderly fashion, preferable so that we can see what's there without having to go through boxes or bags. Label or use clear plastic or see through bins or even open boxes. Also for more delicate things the closet at the end of the hall has been designated as ours for ribbon, ornaments, delicate garlands, or those treasures in excellent shape that you no longer wish to use or store! There are great shelves there and it's perfect for our needs! I'm doing the purge to end all purges this year! I promise myself.

I loved Christmas in our church, I feel sure you did too, and although I'm enjoying this break, I am looking forward to seeing you all on February 5 at 9:30 for coordinating team and 10:30 for circle. We will be celebrating the love of Presbyterian Women with some fun memories and stories, plus some big plans for spring, plus, our lesson of course, and food, so plan on blocking out that day to spend a couple or three hours with your friends at church.

One last challenge. If you find a great deal on a toy, then buy one to donate. A doll baby, a truck, a ball, a game, or gloves or sock hats, anything like that would be great! Bring them February 5 to add to a giving table! I've learned of some projects that will melt your heart even if the temperatures remain below freezing.

Blessings,
Betty Norment