



PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

FROM
THE
PASTOR



“Look Up”

In Genesis 14 Abram has just become the victor in a military campaign to retrieve his nephew Lot from the hands of a coalition of four kings that invaded the land of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abram not only rescued his nephew but was able to return all the property taken. This was a striking demonstration that God was on Abram’s side.

However, Abraham’s victory left him with mixed responses and great discouragement because he had looked at his own legacy and had no offspring and no land to claim as his own. Abram’s only hope in a successor was his servant, Eliezer. Abram turns to the Lord in complete honesty and vulnerability. Listen to his cry:

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” (Genesis 15:3-4)

God enters into the picture to bring Abram comfort and hope. God brings Abram outside and told him to look up and count the stars.

He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” (Genesis 15:5)



The way God brought hope to Abram was to look up and to count the stars. Too often, when we become self-occupied with our whining “O, poor me. My situation is so depressing!”

We are only focused upon our current situations, and our eyes are fixed on the wrong things.

When we look up, we are able to take our eyes off ourselves and to reflect and dream. Counting the stars is the key if you are able. How many stars can you count of God’s faithfulness in your life? How many stars of friends or loved ones who have come along side of you to support you and encourage you during difficult times?

The more you look up the more you will count and discover that God’s remedy for the blues is to see more of who He is in our past, and in our present. Take time to reflect on the stars in your life. Count them, list them, and reflect upon them. Guess what, God also has a future and hope for you as well. It’s up there, ready for you to count.

Blessings, Pastor Eric



June Birthdays

- 6/01 Warren Grove
- 6/03 Ben Mabee
- 6/04 Josiah Dickinson
- 6/06 LaVonne Kloet
- 6/08 Tim Johns
- 6/09 Helen Posey
- 6/10 Walt Dickinson
- 6/11 Isabella Redmon
- 6/12 Nina Jones
- 6/15 John Henry
- 6/21 Martha Adler
- 6/22 June Skaggs
- 6/27 Cindy Johns

June Anniversaries

06/22 Mark and Bitsy Horton

Grand Piano Fund

A special fund has been started to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary. The fund currently has \$1,225.00.

You can make your contribution in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like to contribute please make sure your donation indicates "Piano Fund."



Henderson Christian Community Outreach

We will be collecting **dish liquid** for HCCO during the month of June.

We collected 33 cans of shaving cream and 145 razors during the month of May!

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!



Marsha's Place is having their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. This fundraiser began on Sunday, May 9th and will end on Sunday, June 20th.

Please pick up a bottle at the entrance of the sanctuary and fill it with change, bills or checks during this time. You can return the filled bottle to the church and we will deliver them back to Marsha's Place.

You can also visit their website at marshasplace.org to get information on other ways to donate.



PRESBYTERY MEETING

We hosted the first in-person (and Zoom) Presbytery Meeting since November 2019 here at the church in May.

We were blessed by the song "Give Me Jesus" shared by Betty Norment and Kristin Jones.

Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell were Honorably Retired as PCUSA Missionaries to Brazil.

We are thankful for all those from our Church who offered warm hospitality to our guests!



*Ask not what your Church can do for you ---
--- ask what you can do for your Church.*

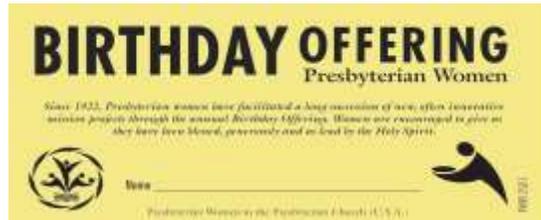
Paraphrase off John F. Kennedy's quote



Mother's Day gifts
made by the children for their Special Loving and Caring Mothers



The flowers in the
sanctuary during
the month of June
are provided by
Jackie Cole and
Bitsy Horton



We collected \$475.00
for the Birthday Offering!

Thank you to all who contributed.



We have weekly Sunday School class opportunities to learn and grow available for all ages. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am. Please join us!

The Adult Sunday School Class uses "The Wired Word" to look at current issues in our world and draw biblical application from scripture. The in person class is led by Tom Mioduszowski. This class is also available via Zoom (Meeting ID: 959 5801 9748, Passcode: 144400). If you have any questions about the Zoom Meeting please contact Pastor Eric.

The Youth (Middle/High School) class is led by Cynthia Hoey and the Children have a fun and interactive class led by Helen Posey.

The Presbyterian Women were so glad to be together again on May 3rd!

We shared a delicious lunch, heard the exciting plans for the coming year, looked at old church memorabilia, and prepared snack bags for the residents of Henderson Manor Retirement Home.



Come join the Presbyterian Women on the move!

On Friday, June 4th we are going shopping in Owensboro at Preservation Station. An old school house which has been converted into shops and a small restaurant. It is chock full of antiques, crafts, vintage, new and repurposed items as well as jams and jellies, honey and other specialty kitchen items. It is worth the drive just to visit the unique set up! It is 30 minutes from the church and we will leave at 10:00 am from the church parking lot. Call the church or Betty at 270-860-2168 so I can have enough drivers lined up to get us there and home. We will return to the church no later than 4:00 pm.

Hope you can join us!



SINGERS and RINGERS

Singers and Ringers will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings until Wednesday, June 23rd.

Handbells at 6:30 in the gym and Chancel Choir at 7:30 in the choir room.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Jones. Thanks!



HAPPY
SUMMER



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