

September

PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

When my son received a new dog, he waited for his dog to reach a certain age, and he then took his dog to obedience training. Armed with a handful of treats, my son quickly learned how to make his dog sit, stay, come on command, lie down, and play fetch. I must admit, I was really impressed **with his dog's new repertoire of new tricks. Whenever my son comes to visit us in Henderson, he always brings his dog, and the dog quickly becomes the center of attention.**



I understand that when the dogs are young, they are like clean slates and can be taught many new things, but is it possible to teach an old dog new tricks? According to Austrian researcher, Dr. Lisa Wallis, she says that older dogs are able to learn abstract and sometimes difficult tasks.

QUESTION: What about us, older adults, can we learn new tricks?

ANSWER: **We can learn new “tricks” when we allow God to come into our lives to transform us into a vessel used by God.**

*“Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”
(Jeremiah 18:6, NRSV)*

In this text, God calls Jeremiah to the potter’s house to reveal a message to him. In the potter’s house, Jeremiah observed that the potter had shaped a vessel but the clay had a defect which caused the potter to rework the clay into an entirely new vessel.

The Lord uses this metaphor of how the clay was in complete control of the potter’s hand. The infinite power of the Lord is compared with that of the potter over his clay. Just as the potter remade the clay to conform to his purpose, so the Lord’s will and power continue to mold Israel until it is conformed to his plan.

In the same way, the new “tricks” we can learn is found in the understanding that God is our potter, and we are His clay. I love the phrase, “so you are in my hand.” God really desires to shape us into His workmanship. He wants to make something beautiful and useful for His purpose.

Do you feel you are too set in your ways to be shaped by the Lord? In the same way we can teach an old dog new tricks, God can take and re-purpose our lives for greater things that God is planned.

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.



- 09/03 Keymoni Samuels
- 09/05 Carolyn Dacy
- 09/07 Ike Norment
- 09/08 Katherine Posey
- 09/11 Eric Adler
- 09/13 Anna Kate Dempewolf
- 09/14 Ben Grove
- 09/15 Martha Hodge
- 09/22 Cynthia Hoey
- 09/30 Cindy Wright

Anniversaries

- 09/01 Mark & Sarah Hardy
- 09/04 Al & LaVonne Kloet
- 09/06 TM & Cj Maple
- 09/06 Gary & Susan Thomas
- 09/18 Bobby & Martha Adler
- 09/23 Ben & Abbie Grove



Please join us in ministering to our church family by extending love and care by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Please let the church office or Pastor Eric know if you have the desire to help in any way... such as praying, sending cards, phone calling, visiting, driving, meal sharing, etc. As needs arise, every little bit of help makes a difference. Just as important, if you know of a particular congregational need, we welcome you bringing it to our attention.

**Henderson Christian
Community Outreach**

We will be collecting **Ramen Noodles** for HCCO during the month of September.

We collected 99 cans of tuna and salmon during the month of August.



Thank you for your generous support of this organization!

HCCO also has a new fundraising effort "Help Fill Our Food Pantry and Feed the Hungry."

There are small boxes to collect money for them located in the back of the sanctuary. Please return the box to the church when you fill it so we can get it to HCCO.

Come join us for our First Wednesday of the Month potluck supper on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 pm.

Our special guest speaker will be the future Mayor of Henderson, Brad Staton. He will be sharing about his hopes and dreams for the city under his new role.

Please come out and meet and support our new mayor of Henderson.



The flowers in the sanctuary during the month of September are provided by Cindy Wright

Bell Choir and Chancel Choir have resumed practicing. The Bell Choir will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm (with the exception of the first Wednesday night of each the month). And the Chancel Choir will meet at 7:15 pm. every Wednesday.



Our church is collecting money to aid the victims of the flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Please make your checks payable to the church and put "flood relief" in the memo.

We want to thank David Garber for sharing "Insights on Volunteer Firefighting" during our August Wednesday Night Supper.



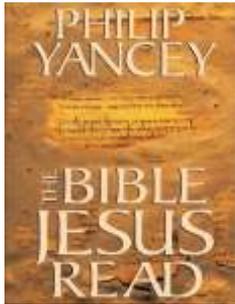
Our presbytery is blessed to have several new pastors called to churches within the last few months.

Rev. Jen Evans - First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville; Rev. Steve Fortenberry - Central Presbyterian Church of Princeton; Rev. Brittany Hesson - First Presbyterian Church of Murray; Rev. Rebecca Reader - First Presbyterian Church of Hopkinsville and Rev. Lex Allum - First Presbyterian Church of Paducah

Join us for our study on *The Bible Jesus Read* on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

There are 8 lessons so please join us anytime on Monday nights.

We will learn about the Old Testament that shaped Jesus' Life through videos from author Philip Yancey.

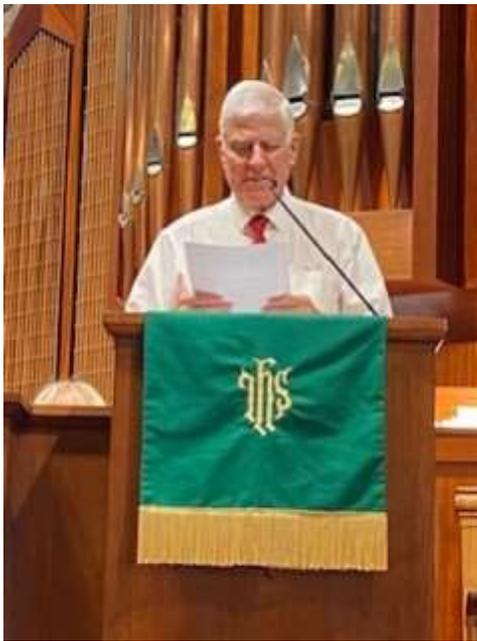


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Special MUSIC

Special Offerings of music in August were by Kristin Jones and Betty Norment and David Jarrett playing "Holy, Holy, Holy" on the trumpet.



Affirmation of Faith



After finishing his confirmation classes during the summer, it was so joyful to receive Warren Grove into Membership of the Church and to witness his Affirmation of Faith on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on [Monday, September 12th at 10:30 am](#) in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a salad lunch provided by the council following the meeting. Carol Lambert will present lesson 7 for us & copies of the lesson may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

And remember Church Family — We are two weeks away from the PW yard sale and we need the entire church to get on board in order for it to be a big success. *We need more items to sell and I'm going to share some possibilities in hopes that you will be inspired to declutter and contribute to this event.*

In thinking of household goods, remember your trash might be a treasure to someone else. Bring us your dishes and the kitchen items you no longer use and are just storing! Linens and towels and those drapes you have taken down might mean a lot to someone. *CDs and books and magazines, children's books, games, puzzles, toys, baby items, rugs, pictures, and furniture all sell well at yard sales.* While we prefer not to deal with clothing, purses, scarves, hats, jewelry, umbrellas, suitcases, totes, lawn chairs, outdoor games, wagons, bikes, skateboards and scooters are welcome.

Tools and garden supplies, including flower pots, wreaths, and flags are snapped up by some folks. If you have plants that you can pot or root and put in containers, they will sell well and if you have succulents that you can divide and put in jars or containers, I know they would be taken home with a plant lover. If you have produce that comes due, we will even put that on a table as well as any baked goods you'd like to contribute.

I'm really liking the empty spaces I'm seeing in my closets at home. *If I haven't used it in 5 or 10 years, it's time to purge even the things I've meant to use, but haven't.* This is our chance to give someone a bargain and benefit our mission work in the process!

The Rummage Sale is [September the 10th](#). Items can be brought to the church on [September 8th or 9th](#). And we need everyone who can help to make the work go faster and the event more fun! Can wait to see all your treasures!



Thanks!

Betty Norment and the Presbyterian Women



TRI-PRESBYTERY FALL YOUTH RETREAT

We hope you will join us for a spectacular weekend of fun, fellowship and faith-building in a beautiful atmosphere with other youth from around the state. Youth retreats are often an amazing highlight in a young person's spiritual life!

- For: All Middle and High Schoolers — Grades 6-12
- Date: Friday to Sunday, November 4-6, 2022
- Place: Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, KY (90 miles away)
- Theme: "Belonging Together"
- Speaker: Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator of Self Development of People, and Educate a Child, Transform the Word Initiative for the PC(USA)
- Registration: \$75 (scholarships available)
Registration forms due back by October 1st and are available in the church office or from Cynthia.



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