



Pastor's Corner

There is an idiom that states that “a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.” It first appeared in Thomas Reid’s ‘Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man’, which was published in 1786. This idiom is used to express that a group can only be as successful as its least successful or powerful person. Even if the other links on the chain are strong, the strength of the chain depends on the weakest link, and its failure will occur at that point. I have often used this to describe the importance of every member in the body of Christ. If it is applied literally, then it means the church is only as effective as the effort put forward by the least involved member.

Fortunately, there is another idiom called synergy. It states that, when two or more organizations, substances, or agents work together, they produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects. So when 2 people work together they produce the work of 3. So, while a chain may only be as strong as its weakest link, the coming together of separate parts can produce more than they could have individually.

As I am writing this, we are just finishing Camp Noah. I would have liked to have seen more children, but I think the children all gained a lot from their experience. I was most amazed by how many different churches and organizations came together to host the camp. Not only the ones that taught the children, but also the ones that volunteered to drive the children and the ones that fed everyone. It was synergy. That is the way it is supposed to work in the church. Different people, different talents all coming together to produce more than they can with the sum of their wholes. Perhaps enough synergy overcomes the weaknesses of our links.



Independence Day

The Membership Team will be hosting the annual Independence Day Picnic on Sunday, July 9. The church will be providing pulled pork and BBQ chicken. Please sign up for sides, salads, fruit, & desserts with Sabrina. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Raindrops to Rainbows

Thank you to everyone who took part in Vacation Bible School held on June 13th. Our theme was Raindrops to Rainbows which highlighted the story of Noah and God's promise to us represented by the rainbow.

The day was filled with lots of fun, laughter and good food. There were rotations of crafts, games, storytelling, experiments and music. A tasty lunch time and make your own sundaes rounded out the day.

The Christian Education team appreciates everyone that gave of their time, talents and donations to make VBS such a great time of fellowship. Thank you also to those that attended! Photos are posted on Facebook for everyone to enjoy.

Camp Noah

We, along with Pike County Relief Services, had the pleasure to host Camp Noah the week of June 19. With the help of the Camp Noah staff, which included Mrs. Dee, and volunteers the camp was a success. Our rooms were filled with decorations, laughter, puppet shows, games, and crafts. The camp provided a great opportunity for children affected by the flooding to bond with other victims.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center's Baby Bottle drive. The center provides support to anyone experiencing a pregnancy related crisis.

REMINDERS

- Vespers is suspended until after Labor Day.
- Praying Pelicans will be here the week of the July 17.

Upcoming Events

- 7/4 Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 7/9 Church Picnic
- 7/10 Elder’s Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7/16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7/25 Community Dinner 5:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



Melanie Brown	July 7	Bob Van Hoose	July 15
Bob Mayfield	July 10	Patty Sowards	July 16
Shirley Sweeney	July 10	Cathy Bartley	July 18
Kimberley Harrison	July 15	Daryl Ratliff	July 28



Bill & Ginger Van Hoose	July 15
Larry & Lauren May	July 25
Bruce & Dana Batten	July 29

LEADERSHIP

Serving Deacons

**Ryan Brown
Jane Robinson
Kimberley Harrison
Mike Carnes**

Elder of the Week

**7/2 Randy Roberts
7/9 Blake Robinson
7/16 Tom Thompson
7/23 Terry Trimble
7/30 Bob Van Hoose**

July Communion Preparation

Bob Sweaney



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 CC: Barbara	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 Church Picnic CC: Robin/ Ginger	10 Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 CC: Pam Sowards Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 CC: Suzy	24	25 Community Dinner 5:00	26	27	28	29
30 CC: Lucy						

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

As of June 30, 2023

MEMBERS

Amick, Matt
 Anderson, Greg
 Anderson, Lynn
 Auton, Dorothy
 Batten, Bruce & Dana
 Cantrell, Danny
 Cantrell, Vernon
 Carlson, Dorothy
 Compton, Mary
 Deskins, David & Barbara
 Hamilton, Thelma
 Harrison, Jillian
 Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family
 Little, Meleta
 Mayfield, Bob
 Perry, Jennifer
 Roberts, Howard
 Runyon, Camella
 Scott, John
 Sharp, Shirley
 Sturgill, Phyllis

GENERAL

Abney, Kim Wilson (J. Hogg) 3/15
 Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29
 Anderson, Joann (R. Roberts) 10/16
 Bartley, Pam 10/19
 Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)
 Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21
 Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26
 Blackburn, Eugene (L. Compton) 3/15
 Bleeker, Kaleb (R. Roberts) 6/23
 Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30
 Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4
 Branham, Betty & Family (H. Brown)
 Branham, Mike (J. Branham) 4/6
 Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23
 Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30
 Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17
 Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25
 Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6
 Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21
 Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21
 Crotts, Catherine (B. Baird) 11/10
 Damron, Katelyn 12/25
 Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24
 Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19
 Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20
 DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30
 Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 8/22
 Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6
 Eddington -Cook Family (LaBreche)
 Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)
 Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)
 Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21
 Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17
 Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16
 Friend, Kelsey Jr. (L. Compton) 3/15
 Gibson, Deb 12/18
 Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)
 Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4
 Hall, David (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25
 Harrison, Hannah (M. Harrison)
 Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3
 Hogg, Frances (J. Hogg) 1/25
 Hogg, William & Paige (J. Hogg) 1/4
 Howard, Linda (G. Justice) 4/16
 Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16
 Huebner, Ashlee (M. Huebner) 1/22
 Huebner, Ben (M. Huebner) 1/8
 Huffman, Charles (K. Baird) 10/5

Hunt, Billie (G. Justice) 6/4
 Ison, Barbara (S. Huffman) 5/3
 Jones, Jeff (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Justice, Bridget (G. Van Hoose) 3/222
 Kanney, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown) 4/25
 Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7
 Kidd, Ryan (S. DeLong) 1/11
 Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28
 Lawrence, Jackson (V. Lawrence) 4/9
 Lawson, Amanda (R. Wells) 5/21
 LaBreche, Dennis (S. LaBreche) 4/16
 Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27
 Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11
 Matney, Marie (G. Van Hoose) 3/19
 McCoy, Diane 12/18
 McCoy, Ron 1/1 (R. Roberts)
 McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)
 McNamee, Nicole (G. Trimble) 8/28
 McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22
 McDonough, Theresa (M. Huebner)
 Nelson, Ray 5/17
 Newsome, Chester (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15
 Page, John (S. Huffman) 5/10
 Parada, Ibis 12/18
 Prather, Sue Ann (J. Branham) 5/3
 Preston, Nikki 12/18
 Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18
 Ratliff, Pat (L. Compton) 5/17
 Robinson, Harold (D. Caarnes) 6/4
 Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson)
 Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5
 Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7
 Sanders, Billy Clyde (J. Brown) 5/14
 Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11
 Seticoili, Ryam 1/1 (M. Huebner)
 Shearer, Robert Boo (B. Van Hoose) 8/26
 Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBreche) 2/27
 Slone, Andy (T. Slone) 11/17
 Slone, Brooke 12/11
 Slone, Sarah 12/11
 Slone, Sidney 12/11
 Steitz, Pat (M. Huebner) 3/19
 Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23
 Stewart, Janice (S. Huffman) 5/15
 Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26
 Michelle Tackett (K. Corbin) 4/24
 Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10
 Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7
 Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29
 Thornsby, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2
 Turner, James & Jeweline (H. Brown)
 Zoellers, Dave (G. Van Hoose) 3/15
 Warburton, Betty (K. Harrison) 6/4
 Williams, Patty 1/1 (M. Huebner)
 Wright, Shirley 10/19
 Yates, Dereck (J. Robinson) 4/14

SYMPATHY
 The Family of Charlene Adams
 The Family of Jody Goodson
 The Family of Chloeteel Woofter
 The Family of Doc Fletcher

Other
 The Hungry in our community
 Those dealing with drug addiction
 People of Ukraine
 Civility
 Flood & Tornado Victims
 Victims & Families Affected by Violence
 Preschool Director & Teacher



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Come Worship With Us!

Sunday School at 10:00 am

**Sunday Worship Service at
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at
6pm**

*We are called to love God,
To love Others,
and to lead Others to Jesus
Christ.*

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