

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

July 2015



*Dear Friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves
has been born of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7*

Announcements

Mike and I would like to announce that we are doubly blessed---

Olivia is engaged to Jared Bickford-the wedding will be in the fall of 2016. We could not be happier

And... Mike and I will be proud grandparents again in December of this year- Marjorie and Brian are expecting their second baby!!!

Toni Fisher

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Fellowship CP Church August 2nd through the 5th. If you would like to help in any way, please see Tammy Marts or Christy Hancock.

Also, please save your empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes for a craft we will be doing.

Thanks!

Ushers

July 12: Tammy Marts and Toni Fisher

July 19: Al and Barb Amman

July 26: Jerry and Marjie Jones

Aug. 2: JL and Peggy Hickman

Acolytes

July 12: Rowan and John-Carl Laidler

July 19: Lizzy Hancock and Lindsey Barnes

July 26: Mike and Pam O.

Aug. 2: Kylee and Cayden Sabella

Greeters

July 12: Al and Barb Amman

July 19: Don and Mary Young

July 26: Pat Black and Gary Steiger

Aug. 2: Barbara Flippin and Lynda Meek

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Richard Beadle 8-2	Darla Mead 8-17	Lori Sabella 8-28
Gary Steiger 8-7	Alex Hester 8-17	Jayne Huber 8-28
Andy and Tammy Marts 8-9	Elizabeth Hancock 9-19	Gary and Kim Tubb 8-28
Martha Kniesley 8-11	Don and Mary Young 8-20	Sandra Thorn 8-29
Donna Wallace 8-15	Gary Tubb 8-23	Lynn Kelsh 8-30
Sam Weaver 8-15	Bruce Heiserman 8-26	Marjorie Rogers 8-30
	Nora Treat 8-27	

Nursery

July 12: Jerry Jones and Lindsey Barnes

July 19: Barbara Flippin and JoAnn Gould

July 26: JL and Peggy Hickman

Aug. 2: Marjie Jones and Ellen MacKercher

Celebrating a Milestone



We had a great time surprising mom to celebrate her 90th birthday! Family came from Minnesota, Iowa, California and Tennessee. She was really surprised and we all had a chance to catch up! It was wonderful to see the sister-in-laws reunited. With our sons and their families here for a week, it was a busy, wonderful time!



Summary of The Actions of Our Session

By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday June 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Lynn Kelsh, Pat Black, Al Cookson, Kathy Amos, Chris Steiger, Tammy Marts, Barbara Flippin, and Mike Risk. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and visitors Glenn Priebe and Joe Amos. George Hove was absent. Lynn Kelsh opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the May regular meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for May 2015.

Excused George Hove.

Approved moving the outside light by the basement door to the corner of the building to try to keep bugs from coming in the door.

Approved Pastor Gary Tubb's vacation request for October 4, 2015 and January 3, 2016.

Approved purchasing 2000 cardboard shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at a cost of about \$540.00.

Mike Risk closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be Wednesday July 22, 2015 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

As I See It

We live in a remarkable country with many freedoms which are not found in many other countries. I am proud that I was born in this country because of the liberties and opportunities which have been afforded me.

Our country was founded on Christian principles with these being interwoven in the Declaration of Independence. These Christian principles are being attacked by many who do not want to understand the value of them within our society. The more that they are eroded, the deeper the nation moves toward total decay from within.

If we look at the many atrocities committed by our forefathers and perpetuated by generations which followed, we need to review where we have been and where we are going. Many times we were and still are ruled by money rather than Christian thought. I like money and what it can do for me, but the letters WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) should come to light whenever we have any second thoughts whether something is right or wrong. (Maybe that should be our second tattoo. I mentioned a few Sundays ago about having I'm a WHOSOEVER tattooed somewhere visible to remind us who we are.)

During this last month there have been some decisions rendered by the Supreme Court and "celebrated" by many who have succumbed to external pressures and have gone against their true belief system for various reasons. As Christians, we are to continue to love those who "celebrate" the decisions and continue to share the love of Christ with them. Will we see a change in those to whom we witness? I don't know, but we will be doing what Jesus would have done.

Jesus continued to demonstrate His love to others even though they were not in His line of thought. They continued to try to find fault in Him where there was none to be found. Even the pagan Pontius Pilate stated that he could find no fault in Jesus.

Pontius Pilate was one who yielded to the cry of the crowd while in his heart he knew he needed to turn a deaf ear to the crowd. We are presently living in that same sort of world. The Supreme Court majority has yielded to the cry of the loudest which is a lost world.

Remember that we are not the ones who are to judge the heart of those with whom we do not agree. We are not to cast them outside the church because of what we call "bad" behavior. We are to pray for them and examine our own hearts with perspective to the way we live in relationship to the Bible.

Remember to pray for more people to be resilient in their time of hurting as the Mother Church AME in Charleston, SC. In the time of extreme loss for a church, they rose from the tragedy with a mission of Christian ministry to the family of the perpetrator as well as their own church families. Would we have shown such compassion? I pray that we would.

I do not have the Confederate flag flaunted, but it does not need to be buried in some museum. Where it is used as a testimony for racism, this is and has always been wrong. We are who we are, but we must mature and grow beyond the past. We must grow as GOD'S children and live the message which Jesus taught us.

There are many families who lost sons, brothers, and fathers who fought for their section of the nation and way of life. The monuments from both sides wherever they are should stand in their memories. They should be a reminder of how separated we became and the struggles we have had to try to unite. The struggles are not over. The need to pray is far from over.

Through it all, we must remain Christian in our thinking and acting. We must not be passive in our actions regarding these and other matters which are being shoved at us by liberals, humanist, and those who want our country to be free from any religious influence.

We must remember to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto GOD that which is GOD'S while taking the great commission into the uttermost parts of the world and in our own neighborhood. We need to get better at it.

While some who read these paragraphs will disagree with my thoughts, share your thoughts with me. This is how we both grow in our faith and our relationships with each other. We have a wonderful congregation with a wide range of thoughts regarding many issues. However, it appears that we do have one focus which remains constant. Our focus upon the risen Christ as our Savior remains the primary reason we are united in purpose.

Let Jesus reign in all that you do and say. I look forward to worshipping and being with you each time we gather at the "Church House."

Gary Tubb

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This and That



Madeline (Granddaughter of Glenn and Sandy Priebe) with Lady Razorback Coach Jimmy Dykes at U of A Basketball Camp.



Thomas and Phillip Priebe met some fierce creatures at the Clinton Library Dinosaur Exhibit.



Ali King was the "Camper of the Week" at Dance Camp.



Emma Griffin (Granddaughter of Jerry and Marjie Jones) hit the big 2 on June 28th.



John-Carl Laidler and Gabe McGinnis were the best looking guys at Camp Peniel this week.



Lynn Kelsh shared these photos from her archives of some events from last year with the youth and the OK Club.

