

The Epistle

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FROM THE PASTOR

Someone asked me recently if, since I wrote about mothers last month, I was going to give equal time to fathers this month. Well, I'm not sure whether this constitutes "equal time," but I did find some very interesting statistics on the importance of fathers from recent studies that I would like to share with you:

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes --U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes --Center for Disease Control
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes --Criminal Justice and Behavior, Vol. 14, p. 403-26
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes --National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools
- 70% of juveniles in state operated institutions come from fatherless homes --U.S. Dept. of Justice, Special Report
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home --Fulton County Georgia jail populations & Texas Dept. of Corrections
- Translated, this means that children from a fatherless home are:
 - 5 times more likely to commit suicide
 - 32 times more likely to run away
 - 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders
 - 14 times more likely to commit rape
 - 9 times more likely to drop out of school
 - 10 times more likely to abuse chemical substances
 - 9 times more likely to end up in a state operated institution
 - 20 times more likely to end up in prison

Can there be any doubt about the important role a father can (and must) play in the emotional, social and spiritual development of their children? Dads (and granddads) – take notice!

This month also brings us the Day of Pentecost on the 8th, when we celebrate the Birthday of the Church

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through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was originally an Old Testament festival, the only festival for which no specific date is given in the Bible. Leviticus 23:15-16, however, instructs the people to count 7 full weeks from the day after the Sabbath on which they brought a special offering of grain, and to “keep counting until the day after the Sabbath fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the Lord.” Our Pentecost observance, then, is fifty days after Easter. Be sure to wear red on June 8 and be here as we again experience the “rushing wind and tongues of flame” of Pentecost.

See you in church.

Jay

JUNE HYMN OF THE MONTH - #290, "O Day of Joy and Wonder"

Although appearing for the first time in a Presbyterian hymnal, this is not really a “new” hymn. The 1957 text by Violet Buchanan is set to a 1996 tune by Hal Hopson, composer of many well-known hymns and anthems. The first two stanzas declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as “Comforter divine.”

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

	<u>Sermon topics</u>	<u>Scripture Readers</u>
June 1	“Finding Your Purpose and Your Joy” Text: John 17:6-11	Janet Walker Reading: Acts 1:1-14
June 8 (Pentecost)	“Inside Out” Gospel: John 7:37-39	Karen Krone Reading: Acts 2:1-21
June 15	“It Takes More Than Belief” Text: Matthew 28:16-20	Jean Shuping Reading: Psalm 8
June 22	“The Upside Down Kingdom” Text: Matthew 10:24-39	Janice Woods Reading: Psalm 86:1-10
June 29	Dialogue, Q&A Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42	Diane Taylor Reading: Genesis 22:1-14



IN HIS SERVICE

JUNE USHERS

Carol Parke
Jan Walker
Janet Walker
Janice Woods

JUNE COMMUNION SERVERS

Sunday, June 1 – Carol Parke
Diane Taylor
Merrilou Williams
Janice Woods



ANSWER TO APRIL BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUESTION

Who was given his choice of any gift from God, and chose wisdom? It was Solomon, who had found favor with the Lord. The Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." (See 1 Kings 3:1-15)



Birthdays This Month

June 5 – John Perkins
10 – Edith Taylor
30 – Megan Saunders



Anniversaries

June 1 – Joe and Liz Miles
7 – Bob and Shirley Berthold
9 – Jay and Phyllis Lambeth
19 – Allen and Judy Cook
25 – Paul and Janet Walker
28 – Dick and Jean Shuping

"In the opinion of the world, marriage ends all, as it does in a comedy. The truth is precisely the opposite: it begins all."

-Anne S. Swetchine



*** * * OUR MAY RECORD * * ***

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
May 4	56	\$ 2,947.00
11	64	\$ 1,534.00
18	44	\$ 786.00
25	37	\$ 3,053.00



FOOD CART

June’s featured food cart items are jars of peanut butter and jelly. Please – no glass jars.

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

As we celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this month’s question has to do with the Holy Spirit. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul lists nine “fruits of the spirit.” How many can you name?



PRAYER CONCERNS: Luke Finison, Barbara Carter, Marjorie and Jack Herndon, Andy Bristow and family, Emily Bristow, Lucy Smith, Aiden and Jeanetta French, Bob Berthold, the families of Myrna Stell, Earney Walker and Joe Herndon, Katie Williams, Chuck Adams, Ron Ervin, Dale and Nita Holder, Ruby Whitley, Jane Lochbaum, John Perkins, Joe Miles, Edith Taylor, Gary Houglan, CF Houglan, Roger Coleman, Mark Griffin, Ed and Becky Taylor, Rick Fulp, Jim Anderson, Luke Neal, Carl Hollman, Carolyn Davis, Pauline Hales, Candice Walker, Kevin Tewes, Terri Battle, Zachary Reavis, and our own family members in the military: James Lochbaum, Andy Bristow II, Shane Finison, Brian Fountain, Rob Salka, Brandy Zehr, Brett Slate and all who serve in our armed forces.

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

James 5:16 (NLT)



DONUTS FOR DAD

On Sunday morning, June 18, Fathers’ Day, we will have our traditional “Donuts for Dad” in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Dads, granddads and not-dads are all invited to join us for this time of food and fellowship before Sunday School.



GEORGIA GIBERSON RECORDING AND CONCERT

Georgia Giberson, who sings in our choir and also plays with the Good News Ringers, is releasing a CD Recording of sacred songs, "Praises and Promises." To introduce the CD, Georgia is presenting a concert on Saturday, June 7 at 6:30pm in the High Point Church, 279 Eastchester Dr. She will be accompanied by Beatrice Serban. A reception will follow the concert and CD's will be available. Everyone is invited. There is no admission charge.

SCOUT PROJECT – REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

Daisy Troop 02415 will be collecting items to send to an Army unit currently stationed in Afghanistan. One of the soldiers in this unit is a Guilford County native and graduate of SE Guilford High School. There are 20 young men in this unit and they are on a one-year deployment in one of the world's most hostile environments at this time. The girls in the Girl Scout Troop would like to send a care package to these young men to let them know someone back home is thinking of them, proud of them and appreciative of their service.

The following items will be accepted: non-perishable snack items (crackers, Slim Jims, pre-packaged trail mix, granola bars, Beanie Weenies, Little Debbie snacks that do NOT have icing, Ramen noodles), travel-sized toiletries (lotion, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, soap, chapstick) drink mix straws (add to bottle of water - Koolaid, lemonade, etc.), hard candies (mints, Jolly Ranchers), pre-paid phone cards, pens, notecards/pads, stamps, puzzle books (crossword, sudoku, word searches).

The girls will be including cards addressed to each individual in the unit and the troop will pay the shipping. A box will be in our narthex on Sunday, June 1 for your donations'

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Love/Peace Circle will meet Tuesday, June 3 at 9:45am in the Epiphany classroom. Members should bring fruit to share in making a fruit bowl. The Charity Circle will meet that evening at Nita Holder's home.

GAD-A-BOUITS

The Gad-A-Bouts will go to the ACC Museum on Thursday, June 26.