

# McAllister Messenger

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## Enjoy the Season!

“Come on, James, let’s go play in the snow!”

James looked up lethargically. His brother already had his snow bibs on and was energetically pulling boots over his feet.

“All right, I guess I’ll go. But I do wish it wasn’t so cold! I can’t wait for summer,” James grumbled.

For a brief moment, Eric felt tempted to complain about the cold too. But then the boys’ father walked into the room and offered to go sledding with them. One look at his father’s face wiped all thought of complaint from Eric’s mind. How could he complain when his father was with them? Besides, he also remembered how much he and his brother had longed for the cool weather last summer. He wasn’t going to complain about the cold! He was going to enjoy the season!

“It will be summer again soon enough,” he told James as they headed out the door. “Let’s enjoy winter while it’s here!”

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Eric and James were keeping quite busy. Between finishing their schoolwork and all their other spring activities, they could hardly find any time for play or relaxation.

“Oh, man, I just wish things would slow down!” James moaned. “I do wish planting season would hurry up and end. I can’t wait to rest and relax in the summer.” James was just trying to survive the busy planting season.

Eric paused for a moment on his shovel to think about his brother’s words. “I’m sure father wouldn’t give us more work to do than we could handle,” he reflected. “He loves us so perfectly. This hard work must be just what we need. I’m going to choose to enjoy it!”

“But we can’t possibly get it all done!” James countered.

Eric knew James was right. They had more things to do than they could ever hope to finish. James’ words brought the weight of all that needed done pressing down on Eric’s shoulders. Then Eric remembered—it was his father’s problem to figure out how everything would get done! Eric was only responsible for doing each task with a full heart. The smile returned to Eric’s face. He didn’t have to carry the burden; he just needed to be diligent with the tasks his father had given him.

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Spring eventually ended and summertime came. Now, instead of having too much to do, the boys seemed to have the opposite problem. Besides keeping the crops watered and the grass mowed, there wasn’t much to do.

The inactivity, coupled with the summer heat, was taxing on the boys. Yet both chose drastically different responses. As he had in the past, James chose to complain. He longed for something—anything—exciting to happen. And he longed for a relief from the heat!

Eric, however, again chose to rejoice in the season. Although he, like James, felt the heat, he knew autumn would come soon enough, bringing cooler temperatures. And while he liked excitement just as much as his brother, Eric chose to use the quiet summer season to spend extra special time with his father. He spent hours sitting at his father’s workbench listening—and learning. The more he sat there, the more confident he became that his father would give him just what he needed in each season of life. He had only to trust and delight.

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

# Memorials & Gifts

## **In memory of Gerald Gibson, Sr.**

*Bobby and Anita Rice*  
*Johnsey and Camillia Cabaniss*  
*Jerry and Darlene Taylor*  
*Bob and Leta Bartley*  
*Marshall and Donna Fox*  
*Joe and Dot Wimer*  
*Winding Way Neighbors*  
*Howard and Pam Poague*  
*Butch and Norma Curtin*  
*Danny and Rhoda Hill*  
*Chuck and Jean Bartley*  
*Debbie and Danny Rodgers*  
*Travis, Jeri, Larry & Josephine O'Rourke*  
*Gene and Gail Wood*  
*Gary and Diane Walker*  
*Joe and Pat Martin*  
*Carole and Trucky Lemon*  
*Covenant Class*  
*Terry and Dorothy Thompson*  
*Frederick Gibson*  
*Kathleen Loan*  
*Gail and Larry Washburn*  
*Paul and Karen Icenhour*  
*Elizabeth M. Cropper*  
*Mary and Melvin Munsey*  
*Paul and Joyce Armentrout*  
*Buddy and Margie Young*  
*Lee Ann Poague*  
*Jerry and Darlene Taylor*  
*Preventive Maintenance Oil Gang @ WestRock*

## **In memory of Agnes Arritt by**

*Butch and Norma Curtin*  
*Edward and Lynn Hemp*  
*Chris and Beth Whitely*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arritt*  
*Marion Williams*  
*New River Electric Corp.*  
*Lanford Brothers Company*  
*Butch and Joanie Tyree*  
*Joe and Dot Wimer*  
*Chuck and Jean Bartley*  
*Fred Johnson*  
*Vance and Fran Kegley*  
*Karen Switzer*  
*Linda Campbell*  
*Floyd and Emily Honts*

## **In memory of Ruth Altizer by**

*Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Holsinger*

## **In memory of Donna Bennett Coffman by**

*Terry Coffman*  
*Gene and Gail Wood*

## **In memory of O. E. Parker, Jr. by**

*Buddy and Margie Young*

## **In memory of Edward O'Rourke, Jr. by**

*Buddy and Margie Young*

**McAllister Church extends sympathy and prayer to the family and friends of:**

David Creech and his son, Matthew  
*step-brother and nephew of Bobby Leitch*

Gerald "Jerry" Gibson, Sr. ~ *member*

James Michael Arritt ~  
*former member (son of Buck Arritt)*

Allan Wulff ~  
*brother-in-law of Brenda & Paul Linkenhoker*

Chris Downer ~ *nephew of Richard Downer*

Frank Lee ~ *uncle of Brenda Walker*

Agnes Kegley Arritt—*member*

"Why were the saints, saints?  
Because they were cheerful when  
it was difficult to be cheerful, pa-  
tient when it was difficult to be  
patient; and because they pushed  
on when they wanted to stand  
still, and kept silent when they  
wanted to talk, and were agreea-  
ble when they wanted to be disa-  
greeable. That was all. It was  
quite simple and always will be."

# Scott Scholarship Recipient for 2018

Danielle Alicia Conner was awarded the 2018 T. Stratton, Sr. and Helen J. Scott Scholarship .

Danielle graduated from Alleghany County High School in June, and started classes at Radford University in August. She is planning a career in nursing.

Danielle is the daughter of Tarie Warlitner and Robert Conner, Sr. and the granddaughter of Pearl Conner; and the late Hubert Conner, and the late Tony and Wanda Warlitner.

*Congratulations Danielle!*



## Congratulations

To Lauren Hoffman, granddaughter of Martha O'Conner Wilhelm, and frequent visitor at McAllister Church, for an outstanding year in Girls Softball at Lord Botetourt High School. Lauren, a sophomore at LBHS, won first-team, first base and second-team pitching honors in the Blue Ridge district. She was a first-team, first base selection in Region D and was a second-team, all-state pick.

*Way to go, Lauren!*

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time,  
but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

## Prayer Works Miracles

Prayers and cards are needed for an 18 year old teenager injured in a car accident. (Jonathan Gillette is Dot Wimer's cousins step grandson.) On February 18, Jonathan was a passenger in a car driven by his girlfriend when they had a wreck. Jonathan was paralyzed on his left side and his eyes can't focus on people. His family is caring of him at home, but he has to take therapy in Chesapeake Virginia Monday thru Thursday each week. They are in need of a handicapped van to make transportation much easier and safer back and forth to therapy. If you would like to send a card or help with a donation, please mail them to:

Michele Carletti  
106 Gregg Court,  
Moyock, NC 27958

(memo line: handicapped van)

You can google "CARINGBRIDGE" for his story and pictures.

*Thanks for all the prayers and cards!*



# Thank You Notes

I want to thank the ladies of McAllister Church and Lee Ann Poague for the delicious dinner you delivered to me. The food was great, but the visit was even better.

Love and best wishes to you all,  
*Lillian Wood*

Thank you all for the prayers and concern for my recent surgery. It seems to be successful and I am progressing well—only time will tell.

*Daryl Bartley*

Dear McAllister Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, visits, and food during the past year. Also, thank you for the wonderful basket of goodies for Stacey from the Women of the Church. Your kindness and caring for our family has really helped us through some very dark days. We love you all. With Christian Love,

*Betty, Stacey, Gerald Jr. (Gibson),  
April and Frank Reynolds, and Families*

THANK YOU so much for the TWO baskets of goodies—I have everything!! The words of encouragement and inspiration mean so much.

\*The most wonderful places to be in the world are in someone's thoughts, in someone's prayers, and in someone's heart.

\*Where are God's angels? Though invisible, angels work through the voices, hearts, and hands of those who waltz along with you.

You McAllister Ladies know just what to say and do—Love You All!!

*Libby Riley*

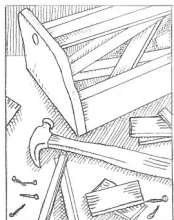
The family of Agnes Arritt would like to thank everyone for always remembering Mom over the years. She always enjoyed the cards, calls, bulletins and newsletters. A special thank you for all the prayers, love and kindness during her recent illness and passing. Especially for preparing a delicious meal for our family following her service. Peace and Love,

*The Family of Agnes Arritt*

## Relay for Life

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Relay for Life. Our Team—*McAllister Cancer Prancers*—raised over \$2000 and had a great day.

Shout out to Anita Boone, Marlene Faidley, Carol Bush, Lee Ann Poague, Howard Poague, Ed Gibson, Buzzy & Libby Riley, Jean and Harry Casey, Bonnie, Kelly, & Abigail Patterson, Tarie Warlitner, Ruby and Paula Stull, Anita & Bobby Rice, Charity Hale, and all others who didn't get to walk but were on the team. And to all who sold and bought raffle tickets and who helped with the yard sale. Everyone and everything helps to get this TEAM EFFORT! Thank you!



Thank you to all how helped work and serve during Mission Week. An average of 40 individuals participated in the mission projects.

If you were unable to join us this year, mark your calendars for June 24 thru 28, 2019 and come share your talents and receive a blessing.



## Centennial Celebration is taking shape!

The Centennial Committee is making progress on plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Sunday, December 16, 2018.

The regular worship will be at 11:00 a.m. with a meal following the service. At 2:00 p.m. the celebration will continue with special music, history of the church, recognition of special guest, visitors and members, past and present.

The guest speaker will be Reverend Mike Fleenor.

The committee is asking the congregation to submit addresses of former members and congregants so that they might be included on the invitee list.

The committee would also like congregants to digitally submit photos of church members, activities and events from the past.

These will be used to put together a digital slide presentation that can play on a loop on the television in the fellowship hall during the day's festivities.

For those who may not be equipped to digitally submit photos, they may drop off photos at the church office to have them scanned. People submitting actual photos will be responsible for retrieving those photos from the church during normal business hours.



## Circle Meetings

Circle # 2 will meet September 12<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10 a.m. at the church  
October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. at the church

Circle # 3 will meet September 11<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:30 p.m. at the church  
October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at the church

Circle #4 will meet September 11<sup>th</sup>  
@ 5:30 p.m. at Betsy Caul's on  
Snake Run for a covered dish supper.  
Any one is welcome to come.

October 9<sup>th</sup> @ TBA

### **PW Fall Gathering**

Saturday, September 29, 2018 @  
Westminister Presbyterian Church  
1022 Floyd St, Lynchburg, VA 24501

### **CT Meetings**

**September TBA & October TBA**

## **Presbyterian Women Special Service Project**

The Presbyterian Women  
are collecting the following items  
for distribution to local teachers  
for their classrooms.

Liquid hand soap

Tissues

Hand sanitizer

Clorox wipes

# Our Prayer Concerns

Skipper Ailstock  
Midge Akers  
Doc Altizer  
Dale Anderson  
Jan Taylor Armentrout  
Paul Armentrout, Jr.  
Erskine Back  
Bob Bartley  
Daryl Bartley  
Lucille Beasley  
James & Lu Bowen  
Jean Broughman  
Carla Brunetti  
Edna Buffaloe  
Doris Burley  
Billy Burns  
Carol Bush  
Emily Byer  
Lee Cabaniss  
Elwood & Geraldine Cadd  
Harry & Jean Casey  
David Clarke  
Sandra Clemmons  
Katie Cline and baby  
Danielle Conner  
Curtis Craft  
Harold Craft  
Steven Craft  
Calvin Crawford  
Joey Crowder  
Bob & Wynona Crush  
Imagine Deeds  
Becky Downer  
Leslie Downer  
Priscilla Downer  
Hallie Dressler  
Bobby Eggleston  
Kaylee Elmore  
Lee & Lelia Fadley  
Shirley Ferris  
Barbara & Lem Fitzgerald  
Jim & Barbara Flint  
Anna Fox  
Donna Fox  
Helen Deisher-Fox  
Ike Fox  
Courtney Fridley  
Ann & Earl Fuller  
Eddie Gibson  
Robert & Gail Gibson  
Stacey Gibson  
Jonathan Gillette  
Margaret Nicely Griffith  
Evan Groves  
Charity Hale  
Mason Hale  
Don Hampton  
Richard Hastings  
Norma Hazelwood

Joe Hermann  
Pam Higgins  
Rhoda & Danny Hill  
Joshua Hoel  
James Hoover  
Matt Huffman  
Dana Humphries  
Becky Hunter  
Rev. Ernie Johnson  
Becky Jonas  
Emily & Ryan Jones  
Wendell & Judy Jones  
Butch Kemper  
Susan Taylor-Kennedy  
Mary Kern  
Bobby & Debi Leitch  
Trucky & Carole Lemon  
Germaine Levisay  
Gerry Loan  
Pat & Lynda Loving  
Pat Martin  
Bob & Winnie McAllister  
Derrick Miller  
Pearl Miller  
Sonya Milton  
Gary Morris  
Bucky Mottern  
Marion Nicely  
Travis O'Rourke  
Burton Parker  
Patsy Parker  
George Persinger  
Palmer Persinger, Jr.  
Kiersten Pierce  
Teresa Powell  
Linda Ratliff  
Betty Ray  
Peggy Redmon  
Frank & April Reyns  
Ann Rickett  
Riley Family  
Libby Riley  
Shelby Rock  
Joyce Rose  
David Rothwell  
Burdette Rupert  
Tiffany Sanders  
Angie Shinault  
Dee Dee Simpson  
Pat Smith  
Monzell Sovereign  
Angie Sponaugle  
Frank & Susan Sponaugle  
Olivia Sponaugle  
Sally Steele  
Gary Stone  
John Taylor  
Richard & Jane Terrell, Sr.  
Ethan Thompson

Karen Tingler  
Tootles Tingler  
Betty Jean Toombs  
Darrell Tucker  
Frankie Tucker  
Pete Turner  
Buddy Vass  
Kimberly Wade  
Barbara & Danny Warlitner  
Tarie Warlitner  
Gail & Larry Washburn  
Carolyn Waugh

Rilee Webb  
Dennis Whitehead  
Louise Whitehead  
Christy Wiley  
Angie Wilkerson  
Donna Wilson  
Joe Wimer  
Joey Wimer  
Betty Wolfe  
Linda Payton Wolfe  
Lillian Wood  
Buddy Young

## DEATHS

Mike Adcock  
Agnes Arritt  
Doc Bailey  
Nellie Burns  
Sandy Bostic  
Luther Bowen  
Bobby Dawson, Sr.  
Chris Downer  
Billy Gladwell, Jr.  
Paul Hoover  
Candice Jackson  
Bobby Jones  
J.P. Kern  
Nellie Kern  
Frank Lee  
Candice Martin  
Senator John McCain  
B.G. McElwee  
Doris Nicely  
Graham Padgett  
Margaret Rooklin  
Margaret Sizemore  
Mike Snead  
Jim Swaim  
David Wolfe  
Allan Wulff  
Ronnie Yancey

## MILITARY

Kristin Bennett  
Richard Bray  
Ryan Pritts  
Chris Whitehead  
Jessica Young

## SHUT-INS

Joyce Bartley  
Jean & Carl Irvine,  
Etha Hayslett  
Trucky Lemon

## OTHERS

All U.S. Troops  
Caregivers  
College Students  
Economic Situation  
Elected Officials  
President Trump  
Students/Teachers  
WRE

## NURSING HOMES

### ASSISTED LIVING NURSING FACILITIES

BRIAN CENTER—Mickey Humphries, Doris Jamison,  
Annie Stinespring, Ruby Stull

FRIENDSHIP MANOR—Irene Drumheller

VIRGINIA VETERANS CARE CENTER—Charles P. Hall,  
Roy Reynolds

WOODLANDS—Elizabeth Donnally, Carolyn Tolley

SHUT-IN—Joyce Bartley, Edna Buffaloe, Hallie Dressler,  
Etha Hayslett, Jean & Carl Irvine,  
Sadie Landis, Trucky Lemon, Lillian Wood

2018 has been a tough year for the COPE Food Pantry. Costs are up, donations are down, but the hungry still come. On average it takes \$800 per week to keep the pantry stocked. With a balance of \$449 in the bank, there is a real danger that by the time you read this, the COPE Food Pantry will be closed. Summertime is the low point for monetary donations which makes it hard to keep going until the fall when donations increase.

Please help this important area mission continue to serve the residents of Covington and Alleghany County by sending a donation today to:

**COPE Food Pantry—900 N. Alleghany Ave.—Covington, VA 24426**

P.S. Due to illness, age, and injury, volunteers (male or female) are **desperately** need.

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September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> will be our monthly COPE Food Collection Days. All types of non-perishable food is needed in the food pantry. Please help the food pantry remain well stocked for those in need.



We are grateful for all the donations of food and financial support provided by McAllister Church through the years and hope to continue this partnership for many years to come.

Please help us to keep the food pantry well stocked for those in need.

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

All information for the Sunday bulletin must be turned in by **12 noon each Thursday.**

The deadline for the next newsletter will be **October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

Newsletter folding day will be October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 p.m.  
**That newsletter will be for November 2018 thru January 2019.**

***Please submit all information, IN WRITING, to the church office by the deadlines.***



**!!!Thanks!!!**



The flowers are placed in the church today In Honor of Hallie Dressler for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 5, by her daughters, Pat and Cindee.

Belated Birthday Wishes may be sent to Hallie at:

*Hallie Dressler  
118 Maple Lane, Covington, VA 24426*

These teams graciously volunteered their time to deliver Meals on Wheels during 2018: Bob and Leta Bartley, Larry and Gail Washburn, Harry Casey and Ed Gibson, Marshall and Donna Fox, Doris and Bucky Mottern, and Debbie Bennett. Thanks for your commitment to this important mission for the elderly in our area.

# 9th ANNUAL TRENT YOUTH RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 • 5PM  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\$5 Pizza Dinner

# STANDING ALONE

# STAYING TOGETHER

*RSVP for your church to [rachel@spres.org](mailto:rachel@spres.org) by October 1*

## OUR SPEAKER: Andy Cooke



Andy Cooke has served as the Campus Minister and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Student Center at the University of Georgia for the past ten years. He has also served other congregations in various ways, including several years in youth ministry. Originally from Georgia, Andy completed graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of St. Andrews (Scotland) before returning home. Andy has served as a keynote speaker for many presbytery youth retreats, presbytery camps, and at Montreat.



## OUR MUSICIAN: John Fawcett



John Fawcett, from Raleigh, NC, grew up participating in youth group, experiencing retreats and mission trips. This time in his life was so formative that it drove him to become an ordained pastor. John has served at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church for nearly four years, and he spends time reflecting and teaching about the ways we tangibly connect to God in our lives inside and outside the church's walls. He enjoys playing music, playing disc golf, petting his dog (Lady Bird Johnson), and growing spicy peppers in his garden along with his wife, Madeline.



# Don't Hit the Ducks

Three golfing partners died in a car wreck and went to heaven. Upon arrival they discover the most beautiful golf course they have ever seen. St. Peter tells them that they are all welcome to play the course, but he cautions them that there is only one rule:

Don't hit the ducks.

The men all have blank expressions, and finally one of them asks "The ducks?"

"Yes," St. Peter replies, "There are millions of ducks walking around the course and if one gets hit, he squawks then the one next to him squawks and soon they're all squawking to beat the band, and it really breaks the tranquility. If you hit the ducks, you'll be punished, otherwise everything is yours to enjoy."

After entering the course, the men noted that there was indeed a gaggle of ducks everywhere. Within fifteen minutes, one of the guys hit one of them. The duck squawked, the one next to it squawked and soon there was a deafening roar of duck quacks.

St. Peter walked up with an extremely homely woman in tow and asked "Who hit the duck?"

The one who had done it admitted "I did."

Immediately, St. Peter pulled out a pair of handcuffs and cuffed the man's right hand to the homely woman's left hand. "I told you not to hit the ducks," he said.

"Now you'll be handcuffed together for eternity.

The other two men were very cautious not to hit any ducks, but a couple of weeks later, one of them accidentally did. The quacks were as deafening as before and within minutes St. Peter walked up with an even uglier woman than before. St. Peter determined which one had hit the duck by the fear in his face, and cuffed the man's right hand to the homely woman's left hand.

"I told you not to hit the ducks," he said. "Now you'll be handcuffed together for eternity."

The third man became extremely careful. Some days he wouldn't even move for fear of even nudging a duck. After three months of this, fortunately, he still hadn't hit a duck. St. Peter walked up to the man at the end of three months, with a knock-out gorgeous woman -- the most beautiful woman the man had ever seen. St. Peter smiled to the man and then, without a word, handcuffed him to the beautiful woman and walked off.

The man, knowing that he would be handcuffed to this beautiful woman for eternity, let out a sigh and said: "What have I done to deserve this?"

The woman responded: "I don't know about you, but I hit a duck."

[ Author Unknown -- from 'Lab Laughs' (LABLaughsClean@topica.com) -- Ed:Anon. ]

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Burton Parker
4th	Eric Hayslett
5th	Greg Pollock
6th	Shelby Rock
7th	Elizabeth Donnally Brenda Linkenhoker
8th	Callie Jane Uzzell
10th	Carol Fleenor Lennox Webb
11th	Priscilla Downer Darrell Tucker
12th	Donna Craft
13th	Deanna D'Arpa
15th	Eddie Williams
19th	Karen Arahovites
20th	Allena Brooke Curtis Wendy Poague Shane Reid
21st	Conner Patterson
22nd	Stephen Carper
24th	Greyson Young
25th	Libby Riley David Rodgers
26th	Ashtyn Bishop
28th	Krist Walker
29th	Emilee Givens Nathan Hale

## ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Larry & Pat Whitmer
4th	Paul & Brenda Linkenhoker
5th	Grady & Garlynda Haynes
7th	Chris & Sharon Rice
12th	Michael & Brigitte Young
17th	Richard & Shelly Curtis
20th	Craig & Angie Poague
21st	Robbie & Melinda Weikle
22nd	Daryl & Phyllis Bartley
29th	Trucky & Carole Lemon
30th	Howard & Linda Wickham

# Christmas Cheer 2018



The Christmas Cheer Committee wishes to thank everyone for their generous support during the many years the Christmas Cheer Program has been part of our Church. We hope to continue this program for many more years.

Once again, we plan to purchase as much food as possible when it is on sale and store it in the Church until it is time to make up our food baskets. Being able to take advantage of sales between now and Christmas will enable us serve more families. Therefore, we are asking you to send your donation as soon as possible so we will have a better idea of how much money we have to work with. Again, thank you for everything you have done to support this program.

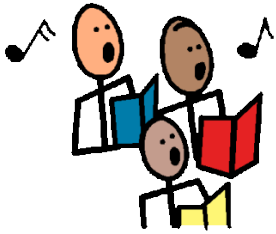
## *A Special Thanks to Our VBS Sponsors for 2018*

Stacey Gibson  
James and Amy Hoover  
Marshall and Donna Fox  
Bucky and Doris Mottern  
Nathan and Charity Hale  
Bobby and Anita Rice  
Greg and Lisa Dickson  
Buddy and Margie Young  
Gary and Diane Walker  
Carole and Trucky Lemon  
Bob and Leta Bartley  
Paul and Libby Riley  
Jim and Marlene Faidley  
Larry and Gail Washburn  
Mildred McCabe  
Debbie Bennett  
Terry and Dorothy Thompson  
Charles and Jean Bartley

Priscilla Moncus  
Carol and James Bush  
Lee Ann Poague  
Gary Rice  
Tonya Jones  
Bartley's Meat Market  
Paul and Brenda Linkenhoker  
Danny and Rhoda Hill  
Rob and Anita Boone  
Joe and Dot Wimer  
Shifflett and Ramsey Family  
Pam and Howard Poague  
Martha Wilhelm  
Harry and Jean Casey  
Gerald and Betty Gibson  
Sandy Persinger  
Frankie Marshall  
Joe and Pat Martin  
Debbie Rodgers

Pam and Berkley Key  
Burdette Rupert  
Ed Gibson  
George and Cindee Stinnett  
Diane Hicks  
June and Ricky Cooke  
Gail and Gene Wood  
Bert and Betsy Caul  
Van and Brenda Walker  
Tarie Warlitter  
Danielle Conner  
Bonnie Patterson  
Butch and Norma Curtin  
Jerry and Darlene Taylor  
Richard and Priscilla Downer  
Rhonda Mayberry  
Circle members  
Anonymous

Thank you for all donations we received, and thank you for all the time and talents you shared during this important week of Vacation Bible School.



<<Coming Soon>>  
Choir practice will resume soon. We would love to have you join us.

Handbell rehearsal will also resume soon. There is always room for one more ringer. Won't you give it a try?



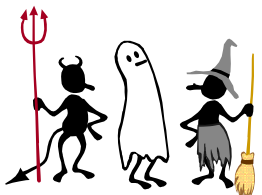
### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to participate in this service as we celebrate World Communion Day.

### VACATION

The secretary, Janet Linkenhoker, will be on vacation October 8<sup>th</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup>. Anita Boone will be in the office each day from 8 a.m. 'til 12 noon. Anyone needing assistance at other times may call the church office at 962-2675 and leave a voice message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



### The Annual Pumpkin Party

will be held on

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5p.m.

Put on your most interesting costume and join us for this delightful evening of fun and thrills provided by McAllister's youth.

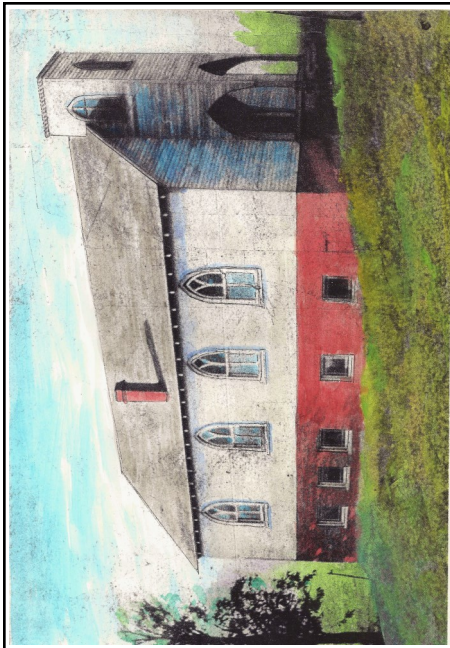
### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gail Wood
- Harry Tingler
- 3 Rob Bartley
- 4 Gary Rice
- Sadie Landis
- 10 Danielle Conner
- 11 Heather Young Johnson
- Gabriel Meagan Whitmer
- 12 Olivia Sponaugle
- 13 Danny Rodgers
- 15 Makenzie Shifflett
- 16 Ronald Barger
- Tracy Hill Wegman
- 17 James Bush, Jr.
- Christopher Rice
- Sabrina Yox
- 20 Rhoda Hill
- 21 Samuel Poague
- 26 Edna Buffaloe
- 28 Diane Barksdale
- John Bush
- Lisa Sponaugle
- 29 Dolly Whitehead
- 30 Gail Washburn
- 31 Charles "Woody" Whitmer



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Van & Brenda Walker
- 3 George & Cindee Stinnett
- 6 Shane & Missy Reid
- 8 Danny & Debbie Rodgers
- 10 Mark & Shirley Thompson
- 11 Gene & Gail Wood
- 12 Stacey & Amy Bishop
- 16 Stacy & Kelly Patterson
- 17 Howard & Pam Poague
- 25 Howard & Lora Thompson



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### McAllister Church

invites you to join us at one of our services.

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School— 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service— 11:00 a.m.

Clerk of Session— James E. Faidley, Jr.  
Custodian/Sexton— Anita Boone  
Director of Music— Kathy Crutchfield  
Musician— Elizabeth Leitch Dreszer  
Secretary/Treasurer— Janet Linkenhoker  
Youth Activities Director— Tarie Warlitzer

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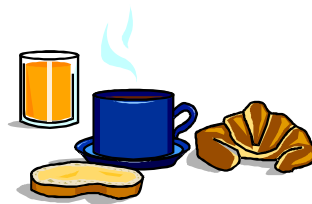


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The Church office  
will be closed  
on Monday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
in observance of  
**Labor Day.**



The Men of Mission  
will meet at 8 a.m.,  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
& Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
at Boy's Home for breakfast.  
All *MEN* are  
invited to attend.



The Choir will sponsor a  
**Family Night Supper**  
September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.,  
Everyone is invited.  
Bring a covered dish or two  
and enjoy an evening  
of fun and fellowship!