

McAllister Messenger

August 16, 2020

Getting Out of the Boat: New and Exciting Ideas

During my sermon on Sunday, August 9, I challenged the congregation. The challenge had to do with Peter getting out of the boat to try to walk on water toward Jesus. I encouraged church members to get out of our metaphorical boats, out of our comfort zones. This would come in the form of new and exciting ideas for mission and outreach, for education and for keeping connected - for any way we can continue to be the church during this time of pandemic. Already, some new ideas have emerged from this challenge:

- 1) **VBS In A Bag** - Since Vacation Bible School had to be cancelled, we are going to deliver VBS in a bag to our children. It will include lessons, activities, and possibly even a snack. We might even go so far as to do a Zoom meeting to sing VBS songs together.
- 2) **Butterfly Flocks** - Symbolizing new life, we are going to plant a flock of plastic butterflies in the yard of a church member. It will include an encouragement to “flock” to our Facebook Live broadcast on Sunday mornings. This church member will then, within two or three days, plant the flock in another church member’s yard. The flock will hopefully travel from yard to yard in this way – until we finally get back together for in-person worship, when the flock will be brought to the front of our church. A fun and goofy idea with a neat bit of symbolism.
- 3) **Duck Hunt** – An activity for the youth group. Rubber ducks will be hidden around Covington, and the youth will be given hints as to their location. They will search for the ducks in another fun and goofy activity.

We need more ideas! If you have a new and exciting suggestion, please let Jim Moss know (434-738-8841). We look forward to hearing your ideas and to getting started with these. It’s time to get out of the boat!

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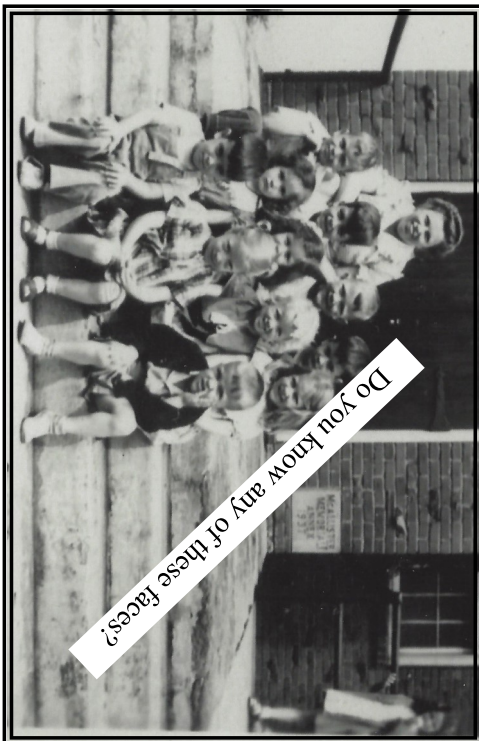
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THE WARRIOR'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Your warrior prepares for battle.
Today I claim victory over Satan by putting on
The whole armor of God!

I put on the Girdle of Truth!
May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word
So I will not be a victim of Satan's lies.

I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness!
May it guard my heart from evil
So I will remain pure and holy,
Protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the Shoes of Peace!
May I stand firm in the Good News of the Gospel
So your peace will shine through me
And be a light to all I encounter.

I take the Shield of Faith!
May I be ready for Satan's fiery darts of
Doubt, denial and deceit
So I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

I put on the Helmet of Salvation!
May I keep my mind focused on You
So Satan will not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the Sword of the Spirit!
May the two-edged sword of Your Word
Be ready in my hands

So I can expose the tempting words of Satan.

By faith your warrior has put on the whole armor of god!

I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory!

Amen

Submitted by Pat Martin

Our Daily Bread for September thru November have arrived.

Members	Gary Bishop Linda Bogar Luke Crawford Lee Fadley Doris Mottern Carolyn Waugh Buddy Young	Leslie Downer Frankie Marshall Sonya Milton Travis O'Rourke Teresa Powell Gary Whitehead	Charity Hale Debi Leitch Patsy Parker Bonnie Patterson B. R. Rupert Natalie Sponaugle	Anita Boone Edna Buffaloe Jean Casey Dwain Tyree Brenda Walker Martha Wilhelm
	ReRe Bryant Jace Cantrell Connie Holloway George Leitch Justin Nicely	Natalie Austin Tom Greenwood Barbara Hayse Shana Hotzapolous Koonce Family Margaret Nicely	Randy Anderson Andy Casey Pat Eads Randy Gilbert Pat & Dottie Shumaker	<i>Covid—19 Patients</i> <i>Essential Workers</i> <i>Healthcare Workers</i> <i>President Trump</i> <i>Prisoners</i> <i>Students</i> <i>Teachers</i>
Hospice	Carl "Pete" Irvine	Deaths	Kathy Agnor Billy Groves Shirley Linkenhoker Pullin Ann Tingler Shirley Powell Wright	Libby Boone Norma Kirby Kemper Matthew Howard Eldridge Roake
Continuing Prayer	Tillie Agnor Roger Akers Doc Altizer Jan Armentrout Grayson Asboth Sherry Ayers Erskine Back Miki Ballengee Bob & Leta Bartley Steve Bennett Becky Bowers Jean Broughman Doris Burley Emily Byer Lee Cabaniss Elwood Cadd Jean & Harry Casey Betsy Caul		Junior Clark Minnie Clark Sandra Clemmons Kenzie Cline Ricky Cooke Harold Craft Steven Craft Randell Dilley Joy Dodson Corky Downer Kaylee Elmore Joyce Emerson Lee & Lelia Fadley Jim & Barbara Flint Marshall/Donna Fox Betty Gibson Eddie Gibson Robert/Gail Gibson	Evan Groves Don Hampton Jennifer Hannah Richard/Cora Hastings Danny/Rhoda Hill James Hoover Neil Horn Becky Hunter Charlie Jeffries Wendell/Judy Jones Susan Kennedy Susan Lindstrom Bonnie Lockhart David/Phyllis Lynn Doris Ann Miller Pearl Miller Patty Nicely Denise Pillow
<u>BRIAN CENTER</u> —Bill Lockhart, Bonnie Patterson, Ruby Stull <u>THE WOODLAND</u> —Edna Buffaloe <u>VIRGINIA VETERANS CARE CENTER</u> —Charles P. Hall, Roy Reynolds <u>SCOTT HILL</u> —Norma Leech, Sara Mays, Mary Whitehead <u>SHUT-IN</u> —Joyce Bartley, Hallie Dressler, Shirley Ferris, Etha Hayslett, Sadie Landis, Louise Whitehead, Eddie Williams				<u>MILITARY</u> Kristen Bennett, Richard Bray, Kristopher Hoffman Ryan Pritts, Chris Whitehead, <u>MISSIONARIES</u> Tom & Judy Harvey

The Barber

After twenty years of shaving himself every morning, a man in a small Southern town decided he had enough. He told his wife that he intended to let the local barber shave him each day. He put on his hat and coat and went to the barber shop, which was owned by the pastor of the town's Baptist Church. The barber's wife, Grace, was working that day, so she performed the task. Grace shaved him and sprayed him with lilac water, and said, "That will be \$20."

The man thought the price was a bit high, but he paid the bill and went to work. The next morning the man looked in the mirror, and his face was as smooth as it had been when he left the barber shop the day before. Not bad, he thought. At least I don't need to get a shave every day. The next morning, the man's face was still smooth.

Two weeks later, the man was still unable to find any trace of whiskers on his face. It was more than he could take, so he returned to the barber shop.

"I thought \$20 was high for a shave", he told the barber's wife, "but you must have done a great job. It's been two weeks and my whiskers still haven't started growing back."

The expression on her face didn't even change, expecting his comment. She responded, "You were shaved by Grace and once shaved, always shaved!"

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FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

(Serves 6)

5 green tomatoes, sliced $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour, divided
1 cup buttermilk
1 large egg
1 cup plain yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
Vegetable oil, for frying

Place tomato slices on paper towels and sprinkle with $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt. Turn tomatoes, and sprinkle with remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt. Let stand for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours to remove excess water. Pat dry with paper towels.

Place $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour in a shallow dish. Wisk together buttermilk and egg in a separate shallow dish. In another shallow dish, combine cornmeal, seasoned salt, and remaining 1 cup flour.

Dredge tomatoes in flour. Shake off excess. Dip in buttermilk mixture to coat. Dredge tomatoes in cornmeal mixture. Shake off excess.

In a large skillet pour vegetable oil to a depth of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and heat over medium heat. Add tomatoes in batches. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Drain well on a wire rack. Serve immediately.

LECTIONARY

August 16
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalms 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 23
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 1: 8—2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 1: 13-20

Newsletter Information

Please submit newsletter information and prayer request by email, post mail, or by phone. We would love to hear from you and share you joys, laughs, and concerns.

(Deadline for next newsletter is Monday ~ August 24 @ 4 p.m.)

The Church Office is open, but we encourage people to refrain from stopping by if a phone call or email will suffice. The office contact information is located on the back page. Also, please mail donations to the church address or donate online.

Quotes For Challenging Times

"None of us is promised an easy life. There is nothing we can do to keep ourselves immune to trials, and we cannot eradicate painful feelings in our lives.

But even the most difficult seasons are not absent of God's love. And this love changes us. This is what I want to tell you: on the far side of pain we don't prefer, we find transformation we wouldn't trade."

— Nicole Zasowski

"To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float."

— Alan Watts

"Nothing but encouragement can come to us as we dwell upon the faithful dealing of our Heavenly Father in centuries gone by. Faith in God has not saved people from hardships and trials, but it has enabled them to bear tribulations courageously and to emerge victoriously."

—Lee Robertson

"Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

—Joshua 1:9

August Birthdays

- 16th Louise Whitehead
Ronnie Barger
Brigette Young
- 18th Jim Faidley
- 20th Jennifer Markham
- 21st Marc Downer
- 22nd Larry O'Rourke
- 23rd Darlene Taylor
Norma Leech
Craig Nicely
- 24th Reagan Paitzel
- 25th Bonnie Patterson
Joe Wimer
Evan Nicely
- 26th Eric Hill
Gary Whitmer
Brandon Weese
- 27th Jill Shifflett
Phyllis Bartley
Michael Whitehead
- 29th Wynona Crush
Jean Casey
- 30th Susan Sponaugle
- 31st Stacey Bryant

August Anniversaries

- 15th Jim & Marlene Faidley
- 17th David & Shannon Rodgers
- 20th Rob & Erin Bartley
Heather & Brian Riley
- 21st Jerry & Susan Givens
- 22nd Darrell & Donna Tucker



Help Louise
Whitehead
Celebrate her
95th Birthday!
*No presents
please!*

Just send lots of cards
and stop by her house on
August 16 from 12 to 4pm
for cake and ice cream.

Presbyterian Women

We need your support.
You can include your dues in
your regular offering envelope.

*Luke Crawford needs your support
and to know that he is loved.
Please send cards!*

Luke Crawford
Inmate #1663392
Lawrenceville Correctional Center
1607 Planters Rd.
Lawrenceville, VA 23868

*Also, send prayers to God for Luke's
rehab and recovery.*

Louise Whitehead ~ 1016 North Beverly Avenue, Covington, VA



Musical Minute:

Pastor Jim spoke in his sermon last Sunday of our new means of communal worship during the Covid-19 pandemic. While we are currently unable to worship together as a family in our sanctuary, many of McAllister's members have found a way to meet and greet on Sunday mornings in our Facebook live community. Everything that you see from the sanctuary on Sunday mornings is streamed through a smart phone on the church's wireless network! It's really quite remarkable that this technology is even available to us and that Pastor

Jim and others recognized so quickly that this would be the ideal way to stay in touch with many members during this time of uncertainty.

While I am not "on Facebook," I am able to watch the video of each Sunday's service later in the week. It is always a treat to see who was watching and see all of the warm greetings as the service begins. Your kind sentiments to one another and your positive comments about the sermon and the music mean so much during this unusual time when there are only three of us in the sanctuary and we can't see the expressions on your beautiful faces. And who doesn't love imogeess?! ☐☐☐ (And to those of you who prefer to watch without commenting, that's okay, too. It's nice just to know that you are out there.)

The gathering of the McAllister church family, whether all together in the church building or online, reminds me of one of my very favorite old American folk hymns, "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship." First published in 1829, it can be found on page 585 of our hymnal. There are many beautiful renditions of this lovely tune, both vocal and instrumental, to be found online. Just type in the title, or the hymn tune name, HOLY MANNA. The most traditional text for this tune reads as follows:

*"Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely. Let us love each other too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven. At His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around."*

So whether we are together in body or just in spirit, we are still the church family of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian, always striving to "love God supremely and each other, too." Take good care.

Beth