

McAllister Messenger

JUNE 2023

A Word From Your Pastor – *What I Learned In Confirmation Class*

It's pop quiz time! How many questions can you get correct? (answers are at the end)

1. Which of the following statements is not true?

- A. Predestination means that God saves us before we are even born
- B. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's grace
- C. The two sacraments in the Presbyterian church are communion and marriage
- D. The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

2. The Presbyterian church split into two factions during the Civil War. When did these factions come back together?

- A. 1873
- B. 1923
- C. 1953
- D. 1983

3. The national governing body of the Presbyterian church is called the:

- A. Presbytery
- B. General Assembly
- C. National Council
- D. Synod

4. Which of the following is one of the symbols in the Presbyterian seal?

- A. Dove
- B. Pulpit
- C. Baptismal Font
- D. Flame
- E. All of the above

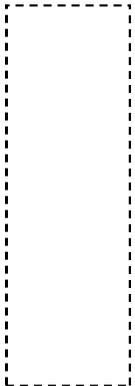
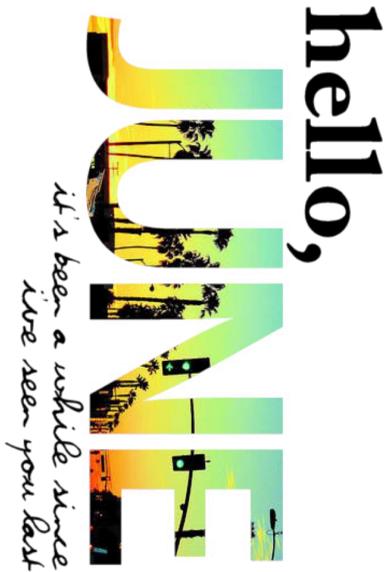
5. Which of the following is not a committee in our church?

- A. Building and Grounds
- B. Commitment
- C. Witness and Evangelism
- D. Spirituality and Prayer

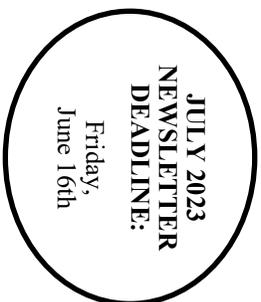
How did you do? All of these questions represent things learned in this year's Confirmation Class. This spring the class has been meeting each Sunday morning to learn about the church, what it believes, and how it works. Congratulations to Rilee and Lennox Webb for completing the class. They made their statements of faith and were welcomed into adult membership in the church on May 28.

(Answers: 1.C 2.D 3.B 4.E 5.D)

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June Birthdays

- 3rd Joe Martin
- 7th Molly Parker
George Stinnett
- 10th Kellen Sponaugle
- 14th Jennifer H. Lodge, David Keith
- 15th Hayli Givens
- 16th Maggie Webb
- 18th Howard Poague
- 19th Marlene Faidley
- 20th Rob Boone
- 23rd Maddox Hale
- 24th Tarie Warlitrer
Katie Gibson
- 25th Leta Bartley
Wayne Barksdale
Linda Wickham
- 27th Aubrey Bowling
Silas Riley
- 28th Donna Tucker
- 30th Jeff Horn



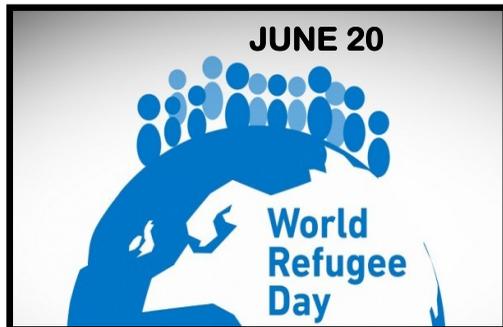
Anniversaries

- 2nd Bobby & Anita Rice
Rick & Leslie Downer
- 3rd Chris & Ruth Caul
Jerry & Katrina Givens
- 7th Mike & Carol Fleenor
- 9th Lee & Lelia Fadley
- 12th Larry & Gail Washburn
Marshall & Donna Fox
- 14th Danny & Rhoda Hill
- 15th Jennifer & Brad Hannah
- 21st Frank & Susan Sponaugle
Gary & Beverly Bishop



Father's Day - June 18th

Remember your father on this day with kind words or deeds. Bring him to church with you or attend church with him. If your father has passed on, spend a moment saying a prayer for him.



Prayer Concerns

Carlene Gibson	Linda Ratliff	Norma Lowry	Fred McCormack
Kenny Lowman	Sandra Sayer	Colton Poague	Jonathan Travers
Jill & Makenzie Shifflett	Martha Wilhelm	Carol Rule	Sally Wolfe
Jean Terry	Joey Wimer	Margaret Sams	Tony Baker Family
Nancy Tyree	Gwen Wolfe	Dot Wimer	Marshall Fox
Huck Tyree	Pat/Linda Caldwell	Edna Wilfong	Betty Laws
Bo Gann	Jim Faidley	Midge Akers	JoAnn Ralsten
James Hoover	Ruth Fleming	Holly Crump	
Meg Jackson	Pat Forbes	Ralph Lane	<i>Non-Believers</i>
Pat Martin	Nathan Lacks	"Belvis" Thompson (CF)	<i>Our Nation & Troops</i>
	Samuel Moss	Gary Bartley	<i>Government Officials</i>
			<i>Ukraine & Russia</i>

Shut-In; Military & Missionaries

BRIAN CENTER - Louise Humphries, David Lynn, Kara N. Asboth, Sarah Mays, Jim Faidley
SCOTT HILL - Phyllis Lynn
WOODLANDS - Gary Skidmore, Marilyn Lambert
THE SPRINGS - Andy Howell
THE GLEBE (Daleville) - Patsy Parker
TOCKWOTTEN (Rhode Island) - Shelby Rock

Those at home—Bob & Leta Bartley, Ricky Cooke, Lee & Kinky Fadley, Betty Gibson, Priscilla Moncus, Bonnie Patterson, B.R. Rupert, Dolly Whitehead

MILITARY - Kristopher Hoffman, Colton Poague, Chris Whitehead
MISSIONARIES - Tom & Judy Harvey, K. Esslinger/H. Lee

Constant Need

Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, Gary Bartley, Linda Bogar, Harry & Jean Casey, Luke Crawford, Barry Daniel, Lisa Dickson, Leslie Downer, Evan Groves, Barbara Flint, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Lori Issacs, Robert A. Jackson, Wendell & Judy Jones, Jenna McFarland, Pearl Miller, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Denise Pillow, Linda Ratliff, Ethan Thompson, Buddy Vass, Shirley Wickline, Dorothy Wimer, Gwen Wolfe, Linda P. Wolfe

Deaths

<i>Anthony "Tony" Baker</i>	<i>Jackie Lee Chambers</i>	<i>Anita Boone</i>	<i>Rodger Chatting</i>
<i>Timothy A. Craft</i>	<i>Seth Wayne Dressler</i>	<i>"C.A." Burton, Jr.</i>	<i>Clyde Crissman</i>
<i>Robert Lacy, Sr.</i>	<i>Linda Hippert</i>	<i>Samuel Fawley</i>	<i>Sue Howell</i>
<i>David Rothwell</i>	<i>Margie Martin Leavine</i>	<i>Richard Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>Randy Huffman</i>
<i>Martha Rutter</i>	<i>Bobby Swieder</i>	<i>Martel Jordan</i>	<i>Yolanda Montgomery</i>
<i>Connie Owens Smith</i>	<i>Adena Redman Tingler</i>	<i>Audrey Mack</i>	<i>Frances Pratt</i>
		<i>Betty Lou Reid</i>	<i>Ronnie Snead</i>

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Woodrow “Buddy” Young, Jr. (member)

Husband of Margie Young (member)

Father of Mike Young, Kevin W. Young, Renee Y. Gann (members)

Edward “Ed” Gibson, Jr. (member)

Father of Ed “Eddie” Gibson, III

Brother-In-Law of Betty Gibson (member)

Uncle of April G. Reyns & Gerald Gibson, Jr. (members)

Jody Riley

Father-In-Law of Heather Rowan Riley (member)

Mike Ayers

Cousin of Chuck Bartley (member)

Honorary & Memorial Gifts

Woodrow “Buddy” Young, Jr. by:

Mildred Wilson

Meg Jackson

Joyce Armentrout

Littlepage/Gooch Bible Class

Marshall & Donna Fox

Bobby & Anita Rice

Betty Gibson, Frank & April Reyn’s Family

Johnsey & Camilla Cabaniss

Joe & Pat Martin

Edward “Ed” Gibson, Jr. by:

Littlepage/Gooch Bible Class

Betty Gibson

Gerald Gibson, Jr. Family

Lee Ann Poague

Butch & Norma Curtin

Johnsey & Camilla Cabaniss

Marshall & Donna Fox

Danny & Rhoda Hill

James & Carol Hallet

Jim & Marlene Faidley

April G. (Frank) Reyns Family

Chuck & Jean Bartley

Debbie & Danny Rodgers

Joe & Pat Martin

John & Karen Chichester

Paul Riley

Circle #3

Richard & Priscilla Downer



Graduates will be celebrated at McAllister Church on Trinity Sunday, June 4 worship service.



*****Announcements*****

The church office is aware that our website is in need of vast attention and significant updating. In the near future we will be working on training in website management and maintenance. This will allow staff to be able to provide online changes with better consistency and accuracy. The majority of the outdated content is due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We sincerely apologize for the delay and promise that it will be much more informative, useful, and accurate in the future. We appreciate your patience with this matter.

The church office will be CLOSED Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

SESSION

Session does not plan on conducting a stated meeting in June. The next meeting is planned for July 9th.

We hope all Session members will be able to attend.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

CIRCLE #3:

**T.B.D. ~
potentially
Wednesday,
June 27**

CIRCLE #4:

NO JUNE MEETING!!

Father's Day Blessings

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you
... and give you peace.

- Numbers 6:24-26

FATHERHOOD

Desiring to protect,
but wanting to let live.
To have more freedoms than I had,
but with the safety I give.
To guide them, not shape them
into who they will be.
To love them, not push them
to be something for me.
Encouraging their decisions
while helping along the way.
Being there at the beginning
and end of each day.
It is my duty to be all of these things
And through it all experience the joy it brings.

- Cole Bradburn

New 2023 Church Directory Information Request

McAllister Church is putting together a new church directory. Please complete and place the following form in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Names and Birthdays (for all members of household):

Address:

Email(s):

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Further details about the directory will be available in the future. Stay tuned.

“Thanks” is just not enough...

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, calls, visits, cards, and food following my hip replacement surgery. God Bless You.

In Christian Love, Marshall & Donna Fox



THANKS to everyone who made a memorial donation to McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church in Buddy's name. It was very much appreciated and helped bring light during a very difficult time.

God bless you all.

Margie Young & family



Dear Ladies of the Church,

Thanks so much for preparing and serving the delicious meal after Ed's funeral. This gift was a blessing which we all appreciated very much.

Thanks again!

Love,

The Gibson and Reyn's Families

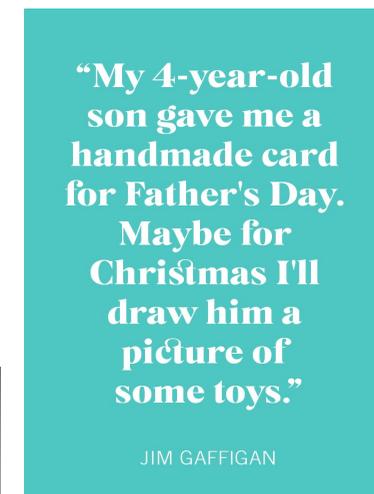
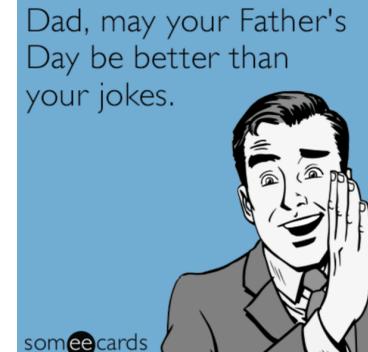


The family of Edward W. Gibson, Jr. would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, calls, and cards we received during Ed's illness and at his passing. Thanks again for being such a wonderful support system.

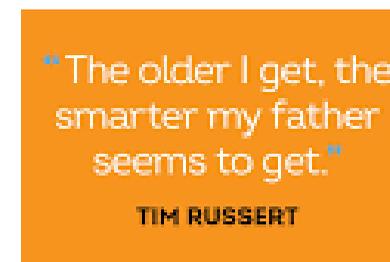
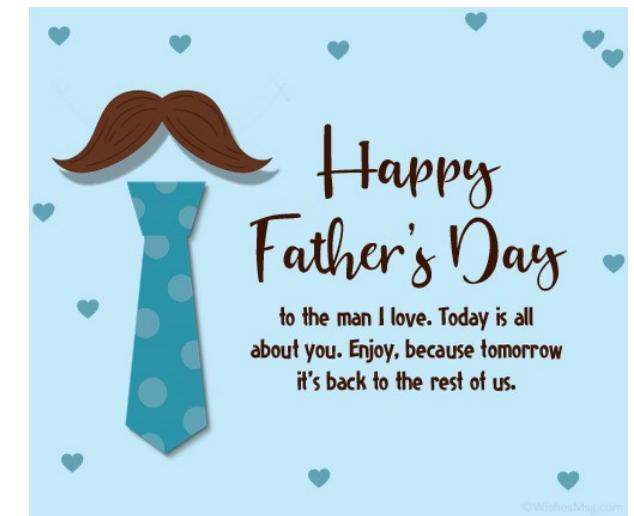
Love,

The Gibson and Reyn's Families

AND for a little chuckle this Father's Day...



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 11—
Thursday, June 15th
McAllister Church: 6—8 p.m.



Please bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors to this special event. Volunteer sign up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary or contact Margaret Moss at 434-738-8512 or moss3401@gmail.com.

*Dinner served nightly!

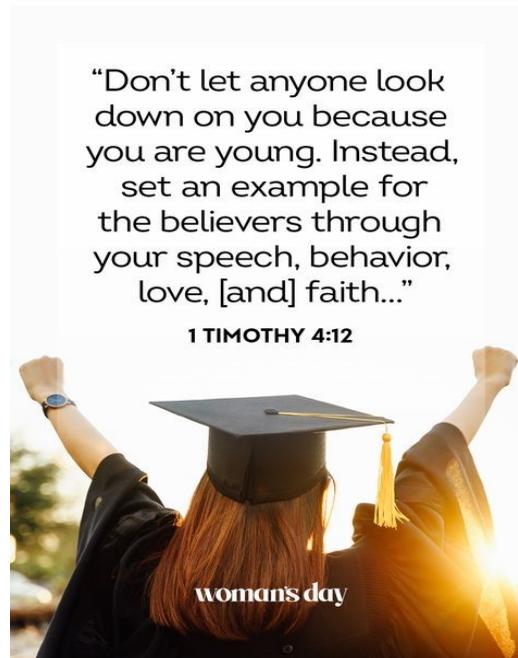


DONATIONS towards this year's VBS week are gladly accepted to offset costs associated with such.

RACHEL ANNE MADELINE REYNS graduated from Covington High School with honors in 2021. She recently graduated from Mountain Gateway Community College with an Associate's Degree in General Studies. While at MGCC, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society—a wonderful opportunity. She will continue her education at James Madison University in the fall, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

MAKENZIE SHIFFLETT has graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness and a minor in Horticulture. During her time at VT she worked at Hahn Horticulture Garden and was involved in the Block & Bridle Club. She recently traveled to California to complete an internship with E. and J. Gallo Winery. Makenzie is the daughter of Jill Shifflett and the granddaughter of Van and Brenda Walker.

BENJAMIN JAMES MOSS just graduated from the final class at Covington High School. He is the son of Jim and Margaret Moss and the grandson of Omie McClary of Darlington, SC and Bob and Mary Moss of Rock Hill, SC. Benjamin graduated with honors as number four in his class. Benjamin played soccer for the Covington High Cougars where he was a fierce goalkeeper. He also participated in the school band and on the academic bowl team. An entrepreneur, Benjamin started his own lawn care business. He enjoys fixing up old lawn mowers and doing yard work. Benjamin plans on attending Bethany College in the fall where he will be a biology major. He hopes to eventually go to vet school and become a veterinarian.





Graduates will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, June 4, during the morning worship service.

HAYDEN MATTHEW RODGERS, son of David & Shannon Rodgers and grandson of Danny & Debbie Rodgers, graduated from Covington High School. Hayden has been active in sports, playing basketball and baseball for five years while at CHS. He plans to enter the work force after graduation. He fondly remembers his years in Sunday School with Carole Lemon, Gina Tingler, and Donna Craft at McAllister Church.

MASON KINSEY is a 2023 graduate of Alleghany High School with an Advanced Studies Diploma. While at AHS, Mason played JV and varsity football, JV basketball, and JV and varsity baseball. Mason is also a graduate of Jackson River Technical Center and completed three years of welding courses. He is the son of Christie and Ronnie Kinsey, the grandson of June Anne and Ricky Cooke, and Jakie Kinsey. Mason plans to attend Byer's Technical Institute to continue his training in welding.

RACHAEL KINSEY is a 2023 graduate of Mountain Gateway Community College, graduating Magna Cum Laude with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a certificate in Advanced Healthcare. She has accepted a position as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at LewisGale Hospital Alleghany. Rachael plans to continue her education in the nursing field and is a past recipient of the Scott Scholarship. Her parents are Christie & Ronnie Kinsey. She is the granddaughter of June Anne and Ricky Cooke and Jakie Kinsey.

HANNA GILLIATT MORGAN will graduate from Glen Allen High School on June 7. She will be attending Christopher Newport College this fall. She is the stepdaughter of Marc Downer, daughter of Kim Downer, and the granddaughter of Richard and Priscilla Downer.

AIDEN MICHAEL DOWNER will graduate from Deep Run High School in Glen Allen on June 6. He will be leaving for the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, GA on August 7, 2023. Aiden is the son of Alan and Kristen Downer and the grandson of Richard and Priscilla Downer.



Notes From Pastor Jim

- Sunday, June 4 is the Sunday when we will honor our graduates. There will be a special ceremony during worship where they will receive a gift from the church.

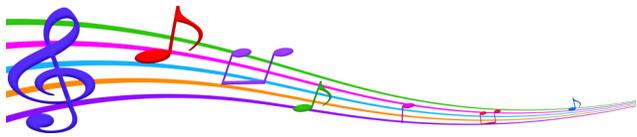
- Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 11 – Thursday, June 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We will have dinner, crafts, games, storytelling, music and much more. Please invite any children you know to join us!

- Thank you to the Women of the Church for leading worship on Mother's Day. It was a very touching service, from Patty Anderson's message on "Inspiring Women" to the poems that were read to the children handing out carnations to all the women present. It was a great day to be at church!

- Adult Bible study has been postponed for summer and will resume in the fall.

- RELAY FOR LIFE (American Cancer Society - Alleghany County) is being held at Jackson River Sports Complex on Saturday, August 5, 2023. This year's theme is "Rollin' For a Cure". The opening ceremony begins at 4 p.m. with the luminaria ceremony to begin at 9 p.m. McAllister Church is supporting this year's event by making a \$100 donation to the cause as well as assembling a team to participate in the walk. You may sign up to be a team member on the sign up sheet in the narthex. The event will be held rain or shine.

AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:
MAY 2023 = 65 (65/65/76/54)



Musical Minute:

The Musical Minute writer is currently lost among the flowers and butterflies deep in the garden...She'll return soon!



For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



P.S.—While the Adult Choir will continue to lead Sunday morning services throughout the summer, choir rehearsal has been suspended until September. Thank you to our dedicated and talented singers.

IF JESUS CAME TODAY

Would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines, and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder... if the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing, the thing you always do?
Would you go right on saying, the things you always say?
Or would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go?
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends?
Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know, the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person, to spend some time with you.

By: Sarah M. Parker

**submitted by Pat Martin*