

McAllister Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2023

A Word From Your Pastor

~ *Taking Jesus With You* ~

A few mornings ago, I had pulled out of my driveway and was heading down White Oak Drive toward the church. That's when I got the sinking feeling that I was forgetting something. It was that feeling that I was missing something, that I had neglected to do something habitual as I prepared for the day.

So I ran over a mental checklist in my head. Brushed my teeth. Check. Taken my medicine. Check. Made sure that the dogs had been fed. Check. Grabbed my wallet and phone on the way out the door. Check.

No, wait a minute. I felt down at my left front pocket, where I usually keep my phone. It wasn't there. After a moment of panic, I realized that I had to turn around and go back home. I couldn't go anywhere without my phone. So I pulled into a driveway, backed my truck back into the street, and headed back to the house to get my phone.

What if we felt the same way about Jesus? What if it didn't feel right going anywhere without taking Jesus with us? What if he was part of our morning routine just as surely as brushing our teeth and feeding the dogs?

How do we make Jesus a part of our morning routine? How do we take Jesus with us? One way is through prayer. In addition to all those other things we have to do, we can add a few minutes to be with the Lord. As I'm going through my busy morning, I take a few moments to lie still on the couch and meditate. I ask Jesus to be with me as I go through my day.

I started doing this a few years ago and have found that it really centers me and sets me in the right frame of mind. I can handle whatever the day throws at me because I know that the Lord is with me.

So don't forget to brush your teeth. Or to feed the dogs. Or to take your phone with you. Or to take Jesus with you. Make time to be with him part of every morning. And if you forget, take time out from any part of your day. It's never a bad time to slow down, to breathe for a few minutes, and to lift a prayer to the Lord.



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- 11th Priscilla Downer
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- 13th Deanna D'Arpa
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- 19th Karen Arahovites
- 20th Wendy Poague
Shane Reid
- 21st Conner Patterson
- 22nd Stephen Carper
- 24th Greyson Young
- 25th David Rodgers
- 26th Ashtyn Bishop
- 27th Samuel Moss
- 28th Krist Walker
- 29th Emilee Givens, Nathan Hale



- 4th Paul & Brenda Linkenhoker
- 5th Grady & Garlynda Haynes
- 7th Chris & Sharon Rice
- 10th Brittany & Adam Baker
- 12th Michael & Brigitte Young
- 17th Howard & Pam Poague
- 18th Taylor & Luke Byer
- 19th Heather & Chris Johnson
- 20th Craig & Angie Poague
- 21st Robbie & Melinda Weikle




The church office is CLOSED on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

BIBLE STUDY will resume Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.



ADULT CHOIR will resume Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 in the sanctuary.

Circle 3: Tuesday, September 12


Circle 4: Wednesday, September 13

NEXT SESSION MEETING


September 17, 2023

~ following worship service ~


“Be still, and know that I am God.” *Psalm 46:10*



Stop talking.
Switch off your phone.
Stop commenting.
Listen.
Stop arguing.
Stop questioning.
Stop moaning.



Stop doubting.
Be sure.
Have faith.
No second opinion.



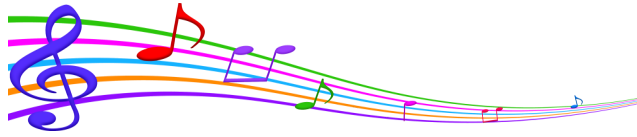
God is Almighty
God is in control
God is love
God is King
God is my hope, rock, and fortress.
God is ever present.
God is a help in times of trouble.
God is my Father.
God is my shepherd. He will lead me, nourish me, protect me, and restore me.

**I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work for bills would soon be due.**

**So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time to spread a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.**

**No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need but at last the time,
the time to die.**

**I went before the Lord, I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in His hands God held a book; It was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said, “your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down... But never found the time.”**



Musical Minute

Two of our dedicated choir members, Pearl Miller and Joe Martin, collaborated on that golden oldie, “Take the Name of Jesus with You” at McAllister on Sunday the 20th of August. Reflecting on the morning’s service later that afternoon, I marveled at the longevity of some of our favorite hymns in the Christian church. Just how many people have sung those very words or hummed its tune in the 150 or so years since the text was penned by Lydia Baxter? And why does it still have meaning for the church in 2023? According to hymnary.com, Baxter wrote numerous hymn texts, but “Take the Name” is the only one still found in contemporary hymnals – 625 hymnals of various denominations, to be exact. The tune is catchy and the refrain, no doubt, is fun to sing, but it’s clear that both the tune and text are of another era. Yet still, both resonate.

As an organist, I confess that my preferred hymns are the *real* oldies. “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” was written and composed by reformer Martin Luther sometime between 1527 and 1529, but the sound of a congregation, no matter the size, singing those confident words of faith paired with that powerful tune is soul stirring. “Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!” Strong words, to be sure. The tune to the Doxology (OLD HUNDREDDTH) which we sing each and every Sunday is commonly attributed to Louis Bourgeois who was born in Paris in 1510, and parts of the melody may date back even further. Its effect on us is all the more meaningful because we know that for centuries before us believers have worshiped using the same tune.

McAllister Memorial has, in my lifetime at least, not only tolerated, but embraced a wealth of musical genres and eras. In the years before I went off to college I was exposed to a vast variety of sacred music from classical to gospel, to timeless spirituals and contemporary pieces. A typical Sunday in our sanctuary these days might include a prelude from 2017, a Choral Call to Worship from the 1970s, a hymn or two from the 1700 and 1800s and maybe one from 1983, a solo or anthem from the 1990s, and a baroque postlude from the late 1600s. It can all be meaningful and beautiful. Even our beloved

LAST CALL ~ New church directory in the works!

We have received many information forms to date. The directory will list both ACTIVE and INACTIVE members. If you have not submitted a form and wish to be included, please do so as soon as possible using the form below. Thank you.

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 personally, by mail, or e-mail at admin@mcallistermempcusa.org. 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.

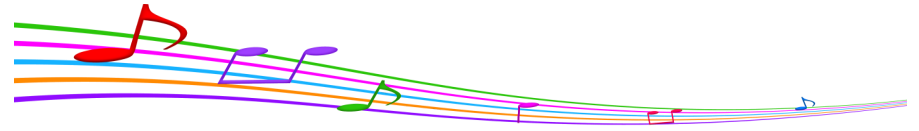


McAllister Church participated in this year's Relay For Life event held on **Saturday, August 5** at the Jackson River Sports Complex.

We are thrilled to report that our team, the McAllister Movers & Shakers, raised **\$1,264** to help in the fight against cancer. Way to go!!!



THANK YOU to each and every person who participated on this year's McAllister team and especially Diane Hicks for leading our team as captain.



"old" hymns were once new to someone's ears. In fact, our oldest hymns were once new to our ears! Why does "Silent Night" carry such emotional weight when we sing it on Christmas Eve? Probably because many of us heard it for the first time many years ago in the hushed, expectant atmosphere of a church sanctuary surrounded by loved ones. "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" brings back joy-filled memories of brilliantly sunny Palm Sundays as we celebrated the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. In the years since I returned to McAllister, many of you have shared with me your favorite hymns and sacred songs. Sometimes you love an old hymn because it was "mama's favorite," sometimes because the words spoke directly to you in a time of great joy or deep pain, sometimes because the tune makes you feel inexplicably happy. No matter where your tastes fall in the musical spectrum (and I hope that you can find a little something to enjoy in all of the music that you hear at McAllister), the music of the church speaks to all of us in unique ways, grounding us in our faith, and establishing our lineage in the history of Christianity. Our beloved, classic hymn urges us, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing." Let's go make some noise!

Take good care—and keep a song in your heart.

Beth

BACK TO SCHOOL

10 VERSES TO PRAY OVER YOUR KIDS AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

1. EPHESIANS 4:32 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM BE KIND.
2. JOSHUA 1:9 – PRAISE GOD FOR ALWAYS BEING WITH THEM.
3. PROVERBS 10:9 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM WALK IN INTEGRITY THIS YEAR.
4. PSALM 56:3 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.
5. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM NOT WORRY.
6. LUKE 2:52 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM GROW THIS YEAR.
7. PROVERBS 17:17 – PRAY FOR THEIR FRIENDS.
8. COLOSSIANS 3:23 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM WORK HARD.
9. JAMES 1:5 – ASK GOD TO GIVE THEM WISDOM.
10. PHILIPPIANS 4:12 – PRAY FOR THEIR CONTENTMENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and make music to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:19

JesusIsOllifestyle

With Deepest Sympathy

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

~ **Rev. J.B. Broughman, Jr.** ~

*Cousin of Carole Lemon, Norma Curtin, and Martha Wilhelm
(members)*



So
Sorry
for
Your
Loss



Memorial Gifts

*Stratton & Helen Scott,
Ed Gibson by:*

John Scott



Prayer Concerns

Aubrey Bowling	Patty Anderson	Craig Back	Dean Andrs
Heather Bryant	Doug Altizer	Rina Brown	Helen Gibson
Joyce Hawks	Rob Bennett	Kelly Campbell	Pete Gibson
Robert Jackson	Vanessa Bennett	Evan Groves	Richard & Tammy Law
Pastor Dennis Nicely, Sr.	Mike Bowen	Louise Humphries	Betty Laws
Peggy Nicely	Betsy Caul	John Keller	Connie Lowman
Sue Puhle	Aiden Downer	Carole Lemon	Pat Martin
Jay Scruggs	Michael Hepler	Beth Lewis	Joyce Meyers
McKenzie Shifflett	Brenda Lemon	Linda Ratliff	Wayne & Arlene Peery
Travelers in California	Erick Mann	Anita Rice	Joe Reid
	Winnie McCallister	Mike Seldomridge	Marlys Swearengen
	Rocklyn Phillips	Ehtan, Allison Thompson	Kelley Tingler
	Buzzy Riley	Burks Twins	H.L. & Linda Wickham
	Ella Ryder	Benjamin Moss & family	Maui, Hawaii

Shut-In; Military & Missionaries

BRIAN CENTER-Louise Humphries, David Lynn, Kara Asboth, Sarah Mays, Lee Fadley, Pat Tabor,
Bonnie Patterson 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, Kinky Fadley, Jim Faidley
Betty Gibson, Priscilla Moncus, B.R. Rupert, Dolly Whitehead
MILITARY— Kristopher Hoffman, Colton Poague, Chris Whitehead, **Aiden Downer**
MISSIONARIES—Tom & Judy Harvey, K. Esslinger/Hyeyoung Lee

Constant Need

Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, 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>Louis E. Burns</i>	<i>JoAnn C. Anderson</i>	<i>M. "Peggy" Akers</i>	<i>Cecil Bryant</i>
<i>Linda B. Hodge</i>	<i>Kevin Bailey</i>	<i>Chris McCoy</i>	<i>William "Bo" Gann</i>
<i>Samera M. Houchins</i>	<i>Rev. J.B. Broughman, Jr.</i>	<i>Gary "Goose" Smith</i>	<i>C. "Ed" Hawkins, Jr.</i>
<i>Juanita Kern</i>	<i>Evelyn Crowder</i>	<i>Michael E. Switzer</i>	<i>Shirley B. Leichter</i>
<i>Doris Metzler</i>	<i>Lyall Griffin</i>	<i>Dorothy H. Thomas</i>	<i>Walter B. Spinner, Jr.</i>
<i>Carl Mullins</i>	<i>Tina Haggerty</i>		<i>Freddie Tucker, Jr.</i>
<i>Jack Pendleton</i>	<i>Brandon L. Jordan</i>		<i>Florine W. Kirts</i>
<i>N. "Peggy" Shaffier</i>	<i>Edith Lawrence</i>		<i>Alfred Walton, Jr.</i>
	<i>Steve "Kuhlke" Mize</i>		
	<i>James "Bones" McFall</i>		
	<i>Ronald W. Pierce</i>		
	<i>Ed Sedwick</i>		
	<i>J.W. Tingler, Jr.</i>		