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FROM THE PASTOR

Well we're off! So much for January 2020. If rain is an indicator of God's blessings in our life, watch out! I think we officially had a "toad strangler" of a month, and hope the rains continue, perhaps just not as intense.

Of course, February is Super Bowl time. The teams have played hard and earned their positions as AFC and NFC Champions, but now they must face each other, compete at the highest levels and with the advertisers as well. A thirty second ad will set one back 5.6 million this year and the competition for one's attention during time outs, breaks and injuries will be as fierce off the field as on.

What would you be willing to pay to get someone's attention?

I think about the costly nature of advertising, the risk versus the return, the planning, the energy and effort to move from concept, to story board, to paid ad is enormous. The expense required to become a household name is staggering.

In my opinion, the best ad from last year's Super Bowl was from a car manufacturer. It was a one-minute ad costing over ten million dollars to air, and another estimated 3.2 million to produce. Thirteen million dollars to get my vote as best ad.

This particular ad featured a young man walking through a field to discover he's in heaven with his grandpa, and of course a new car. However, at the end of the ad, he is abruptly awakened by a co-worker who is administering the Heimlich maneuver, forcing the young man to expel a cashew nut that was stuck in his throat. If you want to watch, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x58qVzUz0U>

Did I go buy one of these cars? No, they start at \$61,000.00, but presumably many people did go and buy one, the company is still in business and still asking over \$60,000.00 for these cars. The ad worked for bragging rights as best commercial and for selling cars. I guess you could say, "It paid off."

There is another date in February that often gets overshadowed by this game - all the hoopla and advertising. Nonetheless, it is a more important date for us than even the Super Bowl, because this date marks for us the beginning of a journey that ultimately ends at The Cross. February 26th, Ash Wednesday signals for us a time of preparation, a journey of fasting, a turning of our hearts to God. It is also a reminder of the costly nature of the event, and the lengths God will go to attract our interest and save our souls.



This February do watch the game, if that sort of thing interests you. Do watch the ads and pick a favorite, Lord knows they paid a fortune to be the best. However, don't let February be merely about a super game, but rather focus more on the Super God, who has paid the highest cost imaginable to get our attention. Perhaps a slogan to keep in mind along our Lenten journey might be: You can't get to Easter without Good Friday.

Grace for the Journey,
Pastor Darren



Sunday, February 2, 2020

The youth will be raising money for the Souper Bowl of Caring through a **soup lunch after church on Sunday, February 2.** The money received will benefit *Into The Mouths of Babes / The Filling Station*, which feeds needy children from District 5 every weekend. These are children who would not have enough food to eat if it were not for this worthy organization. Last year we raised \$2257.75, and our goal this year is to exceed that amount!

We are also taking donations of nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army. The collection will run through February 9, and food can be left in the grocery buggy in the Centre lobby. Please remember to check the expiration date of the items.

Sarah Coggins

THANK YOU FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!

Thank you members of First Presbyterian Church! We were able to send Liz Codington \$1350 for her car, almost half of the cost. You are very generous and she will be very excited and thankful. God is good!

Jane Shuler

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A special event is planned for G.T.F. on Wednesday, March 18. Stay tuned for more details. Mark your calendar!

Sloan Moore
Carol Cassone

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

6:00 P.M.



Come join the **African Children's Choir** as they perform at our church on **Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.** Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the concert.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The "Just As I Am" tour combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness. In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining.



The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. The African Children's Choir has been Music for Life's major international program during its 34-year history. Music for Life (MFL) has relief and development programs in seven African countries. MFL has currently educated over 52,000 children and hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by their international relief and development programs.

Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive worship experience through song, dance and video storytelling!

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What was your reaction upon seeing this? Was it: Why didn't I think of this or, looks so easy? Or even, why is this just a Christmas list? Obviously the "list" speaks to the contrasts in our lives of hurry hurry and of slow down. We all have deadlines with to do lists but are told take time for ourselves. The list seems to simplify life and seems so easy. Did you change your to do lists in response? Is it really that easy?

The changes in the list seem to come from an attitude of gratitude and from a desire to be instead of do. When we are truly still and truly grateful for all the wondrous thing God does, we can feel a sense of God's peace. This is the peace that passes all understanding. Jesus said in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid." This peace of God is ever-present and ever-available to us. BUT,

we must take time to be still and feel God's peace surrounding us. Our to do list must include: stop and be.

Prayer: God, You have and continue to do wondrous things in each of our lives. Give us the eyes to see, with wonder, all that is in your creation. Give us ears to hear your creation and the will to be still and feel your peace.



Challenge: Use the above list as a daily or at least weekly to do list. And Go into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Serving together,
Kaye

GENERAL FUND - YEAR END 2019

For month ending December 31, 2019

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$46,234.49	\$489,427.39
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$45,933.83</u> *	<u>\$475,928.92</u> **
	\$ 300.66	\$ 13,498.47

* Includes 4th Quarter \$5,000 transfer to Missions account.

** Includes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Quarter total of \$20,000 transfer to Missions account.



This month we have the opportunity to see some of our children at a special needs school in Peru. The students are celebrating Christmas and we support them through our donations to Medical Missions. These photos are from the Nauta and Tamshiyacu schools. First Presbyterian Church has been supporting Medical Missions for many years and they have expressed their appreciation for our generosity.

Jane Shuler



FLOWERS BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary Flower Calendar has openings on March 15, May 17, May 31, June 28, October 25, and November 8. If you wish to place flowers in the church on one of those Sundays please contact Katherine Patterson (536-5340).

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

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| Circle 1: | Tuesday, February 11 | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Centre | |
| Circles 2 & 4: | Tuesday, February 11 | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Conference Room | |
| Circle 3: | Monday, February 10 | 6:00 p.m. |



CIRCLES 2 AND 4

Circles 2 and 4 meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Centre conference room at 10:30. On February 11, we will begin a Bible study entitled "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-changing Stories for Women Today." All are welcomed!

Kaye Borgstedt

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Groundbreaking for the latest Edisto Habitat for Humanity home was in January. Volunteers are always needed and more information can be received by contacting Melissa Camp, the Volunteer Coordinator (803-378-8277). mjcampsc@gmail.com | www.edistohabitatforhumanity.org

SCHEDULED WORK DAYS:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 8 a.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 8 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 5 p.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01	Stuart Dudley	2/16	Jack Shaffer
2/02	Wallace Weaver		Ewart Irick
2/03	Margaret Barnwell		Laura Irick
	Grayson Bowers		Rick Leonard
2/06	Theresa Bramblett		Gee Gee Riley
	Matt Coggins	2/18	Craig Smith
	Moultrie Coggins	2/19	Emory Myers
2/08	Jewell Booth	2/20	Jack Dudley
	Morgan Clark		Jim Harvey
2/09	Kristen Minnich		Rusty Wannamaker
2/10	Jack Johnson	2/23	Lawton Salley
2/12	Katalin Jordan	2/24	Tiffany Hunter
2/13	Ozzie Fogle	2/26	John Strickland
	Phillip Buie	2/27	Will Irick
2/14	Pam Clayton	2/28	Suzanna Crabb
2/15	Michael Borgstedt		Jo Jo Wolfe

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

At *THE OAKS*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ♦ 11:30 A.M.

THE OAKS DINING ROOM



To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and insure adequate seating arrangements, reservations must be confirmed by noon on Tuesday, February 4. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets may

be purchased at the Reception Desk in Woodard Commons.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thank you to the many groups that are remembering me with many nice cards. It is so nice to find them in my mailbox.

Sincerely,
Helen W. Culler

- To my Church Family,

I can not even begin to list the people, groups, and members who have once again supported me in a time of need. I just can't tell you how much your cards, your care and support meant to me. I am so very blessed.

Thank you to our Session, Leaders, Intercessors, Kaye [Borgstedt], The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study, the First Presbyterian Card Ministry Team, Trudy [Frierson], and every person who has reached out to me and every group and person I have missed listing here. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My health remains a work in progress. But my spirit is strong and my heart is happy. I have jumped the hoops of treating the breast cancer. I've got this! So thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless each of you.

Karen Schweizer-Nagle
And P.S.... I'm doing great. No worries.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Penny) Stevens

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS-FEBRUARY

2-3 YEAR OLD CLASS: Leslie Lovelace

PRESCHOOL

February 2	Elsie and Ozzie Fogle
February 9	Elsie and Ozzie Fogle
February 16	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
February 23	Jane Jeffords

ELEMENTARY

February 2	Jane Holladay
February 9	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
February 16	Melissa and Tripp Plummer
February 23	Catherine and Ava Cuttino

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Janet H. Fogle
Catherine Bradford

Katherine Campbell
Mary Dillard Smith

Kim Wood Reed
A.J. Hutto, Jr.

Reuben Grambling

GIVEN BY:

Danny L. Fogle
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson
Bill and Kathie McMillan Hinson
Barr-Price Funeral Homes
Summersett Funeral Home
Moss and Peggy Perrow
Rocco and Carol Cassone
Mr. Kenneth Jones
Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes

Mr. and Mrs. William Busbee
Circle 1
Tommy and Mary Sims Gué
Skeegie and Elaine Bonnette
Dot Kirkpatrick and Nancy Daniel
Dean and Alice Flansburg
Milton and Esther Dufford
Smith's 66 Marine Inc.
Mr. Keith Byers

Saundra and Randy Smoak
Mrs. Carol Livingston
Donny and Cindy Hurley and Family
Mr. Julian Berry
Mr. Robert Horger
Mr. Gordon Huddleston
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Millender
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lanier