

# The PRESSbyterian

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## FROM THE PASTOR

You may recall, back in October, we received a wonderful blessing from an anonymous group within our church. This group wanted all of us to experience the joy of giving. To that end, during worship we handed out envelopes with \$25.35 in them with the instructions to “bless others.”

It was very encouraging, not only to hear how some of these envelopes were shared in our community, but also the seriousness and the time people spent making sure they were doing the “right thing” with the money. As we kick off the month of “love,” I thought I would share what we have heard, but also check out our written submissions on pages 4 and 5. Here are a few ways our members gave away Matthew 25:35.

“We combined our envelopes with those of other family members and helped a family whose house had recently burned down.”

“I bought easy reader books for a local elementary School.”

“I paid for a stranger’s tank of gas.”

“We bought the family behind us in the drive thru their dinner one night.”

“My husband and I were passing through on our way home to Florida and visited your church. We were amazed by the Matthew 25: 35 time. What an amazing church! When we returned home, we gave the money to a man who houses and feeds homeless Vets here in our community. Thank you for letting us share in the ministry of FPC Orangeburg.”

“I gave the money to a homeless man at Wal-Mart.”

“We added to the envelope and helped a family who needed food and presents for Christmas.”

“I’m still praying God will tell me who to give it to.”

“My neighbor, a widow lady, needed a new tire for her car. I took the money and added to it so she could get it fixed.”

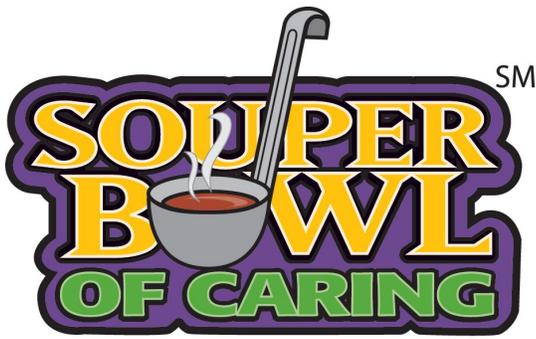
Of course, these are just a few of the ways God worked to bring a small gift, a small measure of relief into the lives of His children. It was a reminder how something “small” can make a “big” difference in someone’s life. Again, see other stories on pages 4 and 5.

Thank you to all those who made this possible, and bless you for your generosity and kindness. Thank you to all who participated and took an envelope, it obviously made a difference. Thank you for being First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg and God bless each of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Darren





[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

Sunday, February 3

The youth will be raising money for the Souper Bowl of Caring through a **soup lunch after church on Sunday, February 3**. 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 \$2150, 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 10, 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

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## NOTE OF THANKS

In recognizing an awesome and spiritual church, it's always hard to find a way to say thank you. My family and I want to recognize each and every one of you for what you have done and how you do it. We will never be able to repay all of your kindnesses but we plan to work with God to repay you for what you have done for the rest of our lives.

God Bless You,  
Geb, Nancy and Family

## FLOWERS BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY

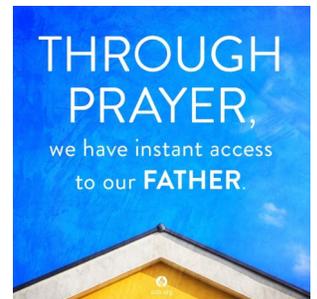
The Sanctuary Flower Calendar has openings on February 17 and March 10. If you wish to place flowers in the church on one of those Sundays please contact Katherine Patterson (536-5340).

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## YOU ARE NEEDED

Our two on-campus prayer groups have both changed to Wednesdays. We need you to join us for prayer. You do not have to commit to every week and are welcomed anytime you can come.

The prayer room in the Centre is available every day but on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 and before GTF the prayer focus is on praying for our church specifically and the church universal. Prayer guides are available. A small group meets and prays at 11:45 but you are welcome at any time.



Intercessors meet at 1ish on Wednesdays in the Centre conference room. This group prays for congregational care needs and any other request received and sends cards to those for whom we have prayed and have addresses. Prayer guides are available for this group also.

Prayer request cards are available in the pew racks in the sanctuary. A confidential prayer request line is 803-534-0088, ext. 5 and for other prayer requests, call 803-534-0088, ext. 6. You may also email prayer requests to [1stpres.prayer.request@gmail.com](mailto:1stpres.prayer.request@gmail.com).

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Kaye Borgstedt

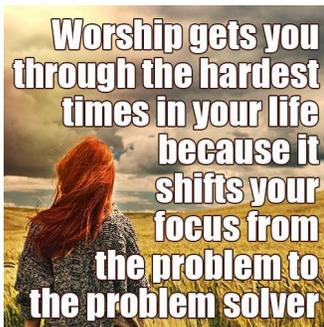
# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Joy

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness: come before Him with joyful songs.....give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalm 100:1-2, 4

Worship with joy, joyous worship, and joyful worship. Do these three phrases mean the same thing? Well, let's see. According to Webster: “Joy, a noun, means a strong feeling of great happiness; a state or source of contentment or satisfaction; anything which makes one delighted or happy. Joyous, adj, joyful. Causing or feeling joy.” What does joy have to do with worship? Does this bring to mind dancing in the aisles. shouting, lifting arms heavenward? For some, yes and that is okay. For others, absolutely not and that is okay. For Presbyterians, we believe in doing things “right and proper.”

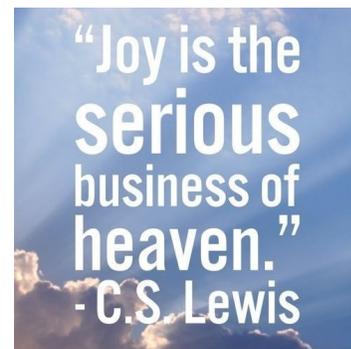
Worship with joy the noun seems to me to be worship that leaves me with a great feeling of happiness, satisfaction and contentment. Knowing that I am loved and forgiven causes me to be joyous or joyful the adjective. It also means I must strive to be a better Christian witness. Obviously we can worship God anywhere and at any time and all the time.



But what about worship services in a sanctuary? Services can be right and proper and still joyous. They can be somber and result in feeling joyful. They can be serious and uplifting. Yes, I am a sinner and don't always act as God would have me. Yes, I need to be reminded of this fact. But, to me, underlining every aspect of worship is God's love

and sacrifice for me. And that is joy and means leaving worship with a profound sense of gratitude and joy; leaving with satisfaction and contentment in God's love filled with the desire to be a better witness. “Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Let me tell you a story that illustrates what I am trying to say. An 88-year-old eating in a soup kitchen was the life of the party, encouraging everyone at her table. She talked loudly and so everyone could hear the “bless you!” that she said to everyone who stopped by to greet her. Many people had entered looking downcast. However, the Holy Spirit working thru this positive and joyful lady seemed to change the atmosphere of the whole room. Laughter and fellowship had spread to others in the room.



Serving the Lord with gladness and joy is contagious and brings joy to the hearts of others. It helps us realize that no matter the circumstances, we can be agents of blessings and where better to originate than in a worship service - a reverently joyful worship service. What better contagion to spread!

**Challenge:** Ask God to help you bring joy to others through your joyful attitude.

**Prayer:** Father God, help us to be positive and joyful witnesses for you wherever we are. Amen.

Serving together,  
Kaye

# MATTHEW 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, (v. 36) I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

The following experiences are in addition to those referenced by Dr. Bess in his article on the front page of this newsletter. Will you share your experience? (Send to [dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org).)

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◇ Danny is a soft-spoken man of few words. With permission from the Chinese Buffet, he sits in his wheelchair during the lunch hour every Sunday in front of the restaurant.

He greets people coming to the restaurant with a friendly smile and an offer. Would they like to buy what he has for sale? Danny uses the talent he has to draw pictures of Jesus, which he offers to sell for \$1.00 each.

If a prospective customer doesn't have a dollar bill? That is okay. Danny is quick to give that customer a picture for free. Sometimes a party will engage him in conversation, and he will give a picture to each one, free.

If Danny can sell ten pictures for \$1.00 each, he will have enough money to purchase all of the Chinese delicacies he can eat for his Sunday dinner.

Is the wheelchair just a prop for an ordinary beggar? Well, it would be a little hard for Danny to get around without it. He has only one leg.

It is clear that Danny calls upon Jesus for the help he needs. At the same time, does he not, in his own humble way, spread the word of Jesus?

A footnote: Danny's birthday was October 23. Happy Birthday, Danny, from Anonymous.

◇ I gave the money to someone who lost almost everything in a fire.

◇ We added some funds and got a BiLo gift card for a family whose father recently passed away. There was a real need for help with groceries, and the knowledge that this gift is not only practical but also greatly appreciated is a joy to us.

Many thanks to the 1st Pres. donors!

◇ Several weeks before Christmas I gave it to a sweet custodian at the YMCA. I met her a couple of years ago, and have gradually been able to get to know her a little better. I have such admiration for her... she's a single mom, has a son who is in middle school I think. She is very reserved, soft-spoken, so sweet, and she quietly goes about keeping the facilities at the Y extremely clean... I think she takes pride in the work she's doing, and I really appreciate her dedication and the effort she puts into doing a job that some would look down on.

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## MATTHEW 25:35 -- continued

◇ Yesterday, Dec. 6, was the date for the dedication of a *Habitat for Humanity* home built for Ms. Linda Williams. We had picked her as someone to give our money to after a call to Jamie Wood, Director of *Habitat*, to get a suggestion of a person who might need help furnishing their new *Habitat* home. Jamie told us Linda worked at Jolly Acres and had a lovely personality, big smile and big heart for the residents at Jolly Acres. She had befriended several of our First Pres. members when they went to visit Dr. Frierson along with Tom Wood, a *Habitat* worker and all the Frierson family. They saw a need for her housing situation and had connected her with *Habitat*. She lived in an apartment that was twice the rent she will pay for her new *Habitat* home.

When we arrived at the dedication, we went up to Linda and introduced ourselves as members of First Pres who had heard what a wonderful worker she was at Jolly Acres and that several of our members had spoken highly of her as an employee when they visited Dr. Frierson. Two of us had put our \$25.35 together and then doubled it so we were giving her \$100 to help her in furnishing her new home. She had not opened the envelope but was quite touched with our coming and extremely grateful for the envelope we gave her. She shook her head and said, "And this is all because of Dr. Frierson."

Linda's minister was there and many members of her family and her church. The whole dedication was quite moving with a song whose single refrain was Thank you Jesus. We toured the home and left with a greater appreciation of the *Habitat* mission and the help it gives. Linda spoke as well at the dedication of not just getting a home but a whole new family. She said, "When I look out at everyone here today, what I see here is just so much love, so much love."

◇ For many years we have been fortunate enough to have a wonderful married Christian couple to paint for us and help us move furniture. They occasionally need to borrow money from us but are very quick to pay it back, knowing it will always be available for them again.

Matthew 25:35 was a perfect opportunity for us to give to them, expecting nothing in return, and to ask them to enjoy the money in a fun way. They were thrilled, she teared up, and he was very grateful. What a blessing it was to see their happiness not just for the money but because we had thought of them.

◇ [We] combined our monies (Matthew 25:35) and gave it to a friend in need, She has lost her husband, has very bad health and is having to put a new roof on her house.

She has been in and out of the hospital. When we gave her the money, she was so appreciative and happy. We feel that we have done lots of good in cheering her up during the holidays.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01	Stuart Dudley	2/15	Michael Borgstedt
2/02	Wallace Weaver	2/16	Jack Shaffer
2/03	Margaret Barnwell		Ewart Irick
	Grayson Bowers		Laura Irick
2/06	Theresa Bramblett		Rick Leonard
	Matt Coggins		Gee Gee Riley
	Moultrie Coggins	2/18	Craig Smith
2/07	A. J. Hutto	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
			Jo Jo Wolfe

## LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

At *THE OAKS*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 ♦ 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 5. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets

may be purchased at the Reception Desk in Woodard Commons.

## GENERAL FUND 2018

For month ending December 31, 2018

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$50,217.31	\$502,962.21
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$50,644.39</u>	<u>\$537,629.10 *</u>
	<\$ 427.08>	<\$ 34,666.89>

\* Includes year to date transfer to Missions of \$30,250.00.



## FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

<b>Circle 1:</b>	Tuesday, February 12	11:30 a.m.
	Centre	
<b>Circles 2 &amp; 4:</b>	Tuesday, February 12	10:30 a.m.
	Conference Room	
<b>Circle 3:</b>	Monday, February 11	6:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS-FEBRUARY

**PRESCHOOL:** Leslie Lovelace

**KINDERGARTEN:** Kaye Borgstedt

### ELEMENTARY

February 3 Catherine Cuttino

February 10 Kathryn and Josh Nexsen

February 17 Jane Holladay

February 24 Melissa and Tripp Plummer

**YOUTH:** Katherine and Craig Smith

**Saltshaker:** Howard and Barbara Shirer

**John Knox:** John Shuler

# MEMORIALS

## In Memory of:

Mrs. Katharine Johnson  
Miss Adelyn Grae Bateman  
Mrs. Janet Fogle

Mrs. Ella B. Daniel  
Mrs. Marjorie Patterson  
Morris "Jackie" Ford, III

Mr. Richard Garick  
Mrs. Mary Lou Kelley  
Mrs. Judith York

## GIVEN BY:

Nancy and Glenn Davidson  
Delle and Shelby Bolen  
Drake and Linda Perrow  
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson  
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Mr. and Mrs. John Brailsford, Jr.  
Theresa Joyce Potts  
Dr. and Mrs. Lawton Salley  
Mr. Gordon Huddleston  
Bobby and Ida Lynn Nelson  
Ms. Diana Chase  
Joyce Vallentine  
Ms. Diane Spires and Family  
Dr. James and Mrs. Ruth Harvey  
Becky, Sarah, and Jeff Inabinet  
Mrs. Sara Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson  
John Knox Class  
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler  
Sandy and Caroline Bryant  
Dean and Alice Flansburg  
Mr. and Mrs. C. David Biswell  
Mr. Xennie Weeks  
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Mrs. May Best  
Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman  
George and Esther Fogle  
Carol and Rocco Cassone  
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Ms. Sara Bull Perrow  
Mr. Danny Fogle  
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Byrd  
A.J. and Vivian Porter Hutto  
Karen Fogle and Paul McGuffin  
Cheryl and Pinckney Dennis  
Mr. and Mr. Gene Kizer  
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Jan and Gregg Dalonas



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## WHERE IS THIS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN?

Find it and add a word and let me know your word!  
When you find it browse around.

Kaye Borgstedt

