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PASTOR'S LETTER:

The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.
They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.
Those who have been replanted in the LORD's house
will spring up in the courtyards of our God.
They will bear fruit even when old and gray;
they will remain lush and fresh in order to proclaim:
"The LORD is righteous.
He's my rock.
There's nothing unrighteous in him."
—Psalm 92:12-15



Don't you wish this were so?

Sometimes I feel exactly opposite of this Psalm's sentiments. Sometimes I don't feel like I'm growing, much less growing strong. Sometimes I don't feel like I'm bearing fruit (and if I am, who would want it?). Sometimes my faith life feels far from lush.

But then there's that phrase at the beginning of the passage: "The Righteous." Do I dare count myself among them? Even if I accept that the Bible calls me (call us all) righteous because of Christ, how do I begin to accept that in my mind, in my heart?

There is an ongoing debate among Christians about how salvation works. Is it a process? Is it instantaneous? Can we lose it? Do "11th hour" professions of faith count? In my own mind, I understand the Scriptures to be saying two things at the same time. First, salvation was achieved, ultimately and finally, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Second, that the Spirit of God given to us because of Jesus is a partner with us in growing and perfecting our faith. It's both "done" and "ongoing." This may seem contradictory, but consider what happens to us from birth. We are, immediately, part of the family, the child of our parents. But we are also a human being full of all the potential and promise of what we might be as we grow. Both parts of that identity are true at the same time.

So, yes, we are a part of the family: we are children of God and heirs to the kingdom God is building. This is true now. Even in those times when God feels far away and my faith feels stuck, even worn down. It's true even when I question what I believe.

But what is also true is that my faith is a work in progress. While grace abounds, God has expectations of me. Faith is not just a gift, but it is work. Hard work. Daily work. My wife, Mandy, marrying me was a gift. And even before we said our vows, we were married, existentially. But every day since September 4, 1999, it has been beholden on me to demonstrate that I love her and that I am her husband. Some days she feels this from me. Other days less so. But each day I get it right is a step further on the path we set for each other when we decided our identity would be moving through life together.

This same thing is true for our faith. We are moving together with God. It's true whether we "feel" it or not. But there should be signs, growing signs, that the love of God in our life matters; that the love of God is making a difference in what we think, how we behave, in what we believe to be possible. This doesn't mean we'll be happy all the time. But it does mean that we can be sure we ARE righteous and growing and bearing fruit.

Thanks be to God.
Peace, David

SESSION MEETING RECAP:

As is often the case, the Stated Session Meeting ("stated" because it's our regularly scheduled meeting) was very busy. We had both old and new business to attend to and things to consider both before and during the course of the meeting.

We received with regret Mary Lee Tyndall's resignation. Our prayers go with her and the path God is putting before her.

We reviewed (as our agreed practice) what we've been doing thus far in relation to the objectives that came out of the Session Retreat (see the April Newsletter).

After suspending the Session Meeting and assuming our responsibility as the Board of Trustees, we heard two proposals related to plot sales in the Cemetery. One had to do with the pricing schedule and the other whether the Church should be receiving anything from plot sales now that the Cemetery and its endowment are established. After the Cemetery Committee reviews the proposals and gives their recommendation, we'll take the matter up again and put it all before the congregation.

After resuming the Session Meeting, we turned our attention to several outstanding items, including approving new job descriptions for our music program. It was decided earlier that our experience in searching for one person to handle music for both services was not working out and so we once again split the position. Copies of the new description can be obtained from the church office or emailed to you.

We talked logistics for the upcoming Work of the Church Gathering, the time set aside for all the committees of the church to meet at the same time and date (2nd Sunday at 2:00pm; see page 8 for more details). It should be noted that while we have indeed heard feedback questioning having the start of this process on Mother's Day, the Session did consider that extensively, with many mothers sitting in the room. In the end, looking throughout the year and at each month's peculiarities, this was the best date and time determined.

Also related to our committee meeting day, we answered questions related to David's participation as well as meeting spaces. The meeting space plan will be published Sunday, May 7th.

Among our new business was anticipating the formation of a Nominating Committee for the 2020 Class of Ruling Elders. Elders Danny Thompson and Jennifer Brogan are the Session's picks for this task. Others will be selected from the congregation at our ONE Sunday Service on June 18th at 4:00pm. It may be that the proposals presented to the Board of Trustees will be put forward to the congregation that day as well. That will be announced for certain well in advance.

We also wrestled with some sensitive issues related to congregation members in addition to meeting in pairs to pray together.

As always, approved minutes and financial statements are available from the church office in hard copy or by email. Pray for your elected leadership as they continue to navigate the ever changing waters God is guiding us through.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

CIRCLE #2 will meet on Monday, May 15, 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. WE WILL NOT MEET DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY:

If you do not plan to attend the afternoon tea on May 6, and wish to participate in this worthy offering, you may use any envelope. Place your offering inside, marked Presbyterian women Birthday or PW birthday, and place it in the offering plate. The birthday offering celebrates women's history of Mission giving. It was launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The organization name has changed several times over the years but the mission is still the same. Since 1922, the birthday offering has funded over 100 major mission projects. The projects continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children.

Projects selected to be recipients in 2017 are:

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN SOUTH CAROLINA - to help provide more beds for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties of South Carolina. Their share of the birthday offering will enable them to build a new domestic violence shelter.

NAVAJO WATER PROJECT - The clean water project will help provide clean water to 205 families on the Smith Lake Navajo reservation in New Mexico. It will provide running water in the homes to 40 families who currently do not have water in the home. They currently store their water in pots, pans, and a 55-gallon drum.

FIRST HAND AID FOR CUBA - This offering will build, staff and equip six rural medical clinics, previously housed in Presbyterian churches in rural Cuba. Rural people often do not have the opportunity to participate in medical resources that are located in large cities like Havana. The needs are great and supply is limited.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT

Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a mission project to send Chickens and bees to families in need. The money will send flocks of chicken (\$20.00) and bees (\$30.00) to be given to poor families in need of better nutrition and funds to help buy other needed things. Your gift of honeybees includes a bee package, hive, and training in the latest

beekeeping techniques so each recipient family can turn your generosity into a lifetime of opportunities. Help send some chickens. Each flock contains from 10 to 50 chickens, with training on best ways to raise chickens. Each egg provides protein to a hungry child. A donation in any amount can help send some chickens and some bees. The chicks and bees will be sent through Heifer International, which started in 1944. It is a gift that brings generations of renewed hope for an impoverished village as each family promises to pass on the gift of offspring.



Hawfields VBS Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24

6 to 8PM Friday & 9AM to 2:45PM Saturday

For Children

Ages 3 through 5th grade



Check the church website
www.hawfieldschurch.org after
April 21st to register.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Upcoming EVENTS

YOUTH STOCK 2017

Why Invest?

The Youth of Hawfields are looking to grow in their Christian faith through attending the Massanetta Middle School Conference, the Montreat Youth Conference and Mission Madness this summer. Your investment helps to finance these trips. You may not see the complete return on your investment for some time to come; however, your investment entitles you to receive an invitation to the Shareholders Dinner in late summer, a personal letter from a Hawfields Youth member during a conference, and a Hawfields Youth Advisor Chaperone to watch over your investment during their travels.

By making this investment in our young people, you are showing them that the church wants the youth to be a part of this community of faith.

How to Invest?

See a member of the Youth Group following the worship to purchase your stock shares. Each share is \$10 and there is no limit to how many you may purchase. If the church office does not have your mailing address, be sure to leave that with us so you receive all your dividends. We need to sell 316 shares in 2017!

Thanks for your support!

YOUTH:

May Activities

3rd- Pack Party

7th - 3 to 3:30 - Massanetta Middle School Conference parent and participant meeting - we will go over expectations and logistics for this trip.

3:30 to 5:30 - Youth group

17th - Pack Party - early release schedule

21st - 3 to 3:30 - Montreat Youth Conference parent and participant meeting - we will go over expectations and logistics for this trip.

3:30 to 5:30 - Youth group





Faith Connections

Kids and Families together for fellowship, fun and community

Faith Connections is an opportunity for children and families to come together for fun adventures! We hope you will invite your neighbors, friends, cousins, and more to join us Saturday, May 20th at 11AM at the new Graham Recreation Complex on Jim Minor Road. Bring your own picnic lunch and join the group when you can for food and fun. More events will be planned throughout the spring and summer. Watch the church facebook page, app and your email to know what is happening with this group and come when you can.

Rise Against Hunger Event



Outreach/Fellowship

Save The Date!!!

June 3, 2017

Making plans for an outing at the Lake! Stay tuned for more details!

May 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (SC) 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal (FHM) 6:00 PM Hawfields Alive! Contemporary Worship Service 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 52 Mtg (FH) 7:00 PM PW Council Mtg 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 PM WV Mission Trip Planning Mtg (Rm 15) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Music Director Search Committee (Library) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 AM Morning (LIB) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (LIB) 2:00 PM Hawfield Cimmer Class (Flem) 3:30 PM Pack Part 7:00 PM Worship
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Worship Service at Presbyterian Home of Hawfields 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (SC) 1:00 PM Katie Hayes(Baby Shower) (FHM) 3:30 PM Youth Group (Ed. Bldg.) 4:00 PM Girl Scouts (Art Room) 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Hawfields Alive! Contem- 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:30 PM Hawfields Scout Committee (LIB) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 52 Mtg (FH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 3:30 PM PW Circle 4(Presbyterian Home of Hawfields) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM PW Circle 3 (TBA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 AM Morning (LIB) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (LIB) 2:00 PM Hawfield Cimmer Class (Flem) 7:00 PM Worship (FHM)
<p>14</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Baptism of Erin Rose Fahy 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (SC) 2:00 PM Work of the Church Gathering (FHM) 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Hawfields Alive! Contem- 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 2:00 PM Presbyterian Women Circle #2 (Parlor) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 52 Mtg (FH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 11:15 AM Mebane Food Bank - Mebane First Baptist Church 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 AM Morning (LIB) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (LIB) 2:00 PM Hawfield Cimmer Class (Flem) 3:30 PM Pack Part 7:00 PM Worship
<p>21</p> <p>Hunger Offering</p> <p>Homecoming Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Men's breakfast (FHB) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (SC) 4:00 PM Girl Scouts (Art Room) 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal (FHM) 6:00 PM Hawfields Alive! Contem- 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 52 Mtg (FH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 AM Morning (LIB) 10:00 AM Childca 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (LIB) 2:00 PM Hawfield Cimmer Class (Flem) 7:00 PM Worship
<p>28</p> <p>WV Mission Trip</p> <p>Praying Over the Shawls in Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (SC) 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal (FHM) 6:00 PM Hawfields Alive! Contemporary Worship Service 7:00 PM Child Care Board Meeting 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed Memorial Day 10:00 AM Good Shepherd kitchen 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 52 Mtg (FH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 AM Morning (LIB) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (LIB) 2:00 PM Hawfield Cimmer Class (Flem) 7:00 PM Worship

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Congratulations, George!



John 7:37-44
Carry Water MAY 21st
HOMECOMING 2017

Rivers of living water flow from Jesus. As his Body, that living water should be flowing out of us. We will gather together for our annual church family reunion and pray, worship and work (and eat) together to tap into our history. We have a history of being living water in this community and we'll look at how to do that now. We have a history of letting our theology shape who we are and we'll look at how we're doing that now. We have a God who has entrusted the Gospel to us. We will celebrate that God's trust and our forebears' legacy, is not in vain! It is a river of living water!

Schedule of Events

- 9:45a Sunday School
- 10:30 Hymn Sing
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:10p Group Picture
- 12:15 Picnic on the Lawn
- Games & Crafts
- Heritage Room
- Hawfields StoryCore
- Prayers of the Generations
- 1:45 Cemetery Tour
- 3:00 Youth Playing Putt Putt
- 6:00 Hawfields Alive!



Work
of the
Church
Gathering

2nd Sundays at 2:00pm

Among the various responsibilities the Session maintains is to direct the work of our congregation. This is done, principally through committees. **Starting May 14th, all the committees will begin meeting at the same time and date: Second Sundays at 2:00pm.** This will hopefully be better stewardship of our gifts as a community by keeping people from having to wear so many hats. But to make this work, this requires more widespread participation from the congregation. There will certainly be challenges and logistics to work out. This will be especially challenging for staff and their ability to help facilitate the work of our committees. The plan for our meeting spaces will be published May 7th, but we will begin in the Fellowship Hall. By having the committees all meet on the same day and time, hopefully communication between committees can happen more easily and immediately. **The Session, Presbyterian Women, and committees of the corporation (like Student Aide and the Cemetery Committee) are exceptions to this policy.** We deliberated this choice prayerfully and carefully and look forward to evaluating this process with your help!

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS: MAY



HAWFIELDS ALIVE USHERS

5/7-Mary Lee Tyndall & Sam Beaudry
 5/14-Kim Ragland & Carol Gardner
 5/21-Mary J. Covington &
 Joanne McAdams
 5/28-Harold & Patricia Noell

OUTDOOR SIGNS:

MAY— Connie Lawrence

MAY DVD MINISTRY:

1st Tommy & Delinda Farrell
 8th Jackie Albright & Sandy Muller
 15th Ira & Nancy Trollinger
 22nd Linda Douglas
 29th Anne Scott

JR. CHURCH & HAWFIELDS HANGOUT

7th-Alice Ray/Nanette Pedelty
 14th-Mandy Ealy/Debby Ferrell
 21st-Jessica Brinker/Chris McClain
 28th-Connie Lawrence/Tonya McClain

NURSERY VOLUNTEER (AM/PM):

7th-Tracy McIntyre/Sam Beaudry
 14th-Angie Webb/Patricia Noell
 21st-Meggan Monroe/Mandy Ealy
 28th-Jennifer Brogan/Mary J. Covington

MAYSTAPLE ITEMS:

GOOD SHEPHERD KITCHEN

Sugar, flour, applesauce, any canned fruit or vegetables, egg noodles, macaroni, spaghetti, Styrofoam cups (8 or 16 oz), plastic eating utensils.

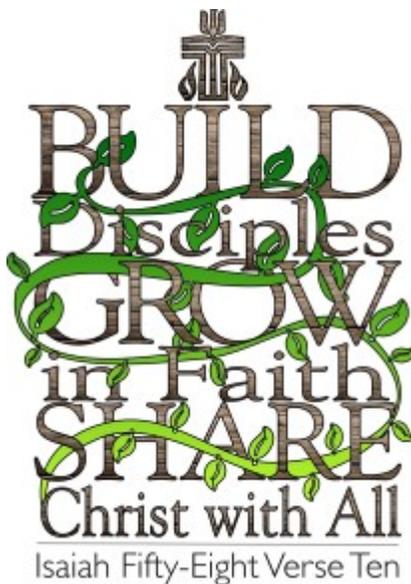
Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to the boxes in the vestibule, Fellowship Hall, and in the entrance hallway of the Education Building.

May Sandwich Ministry:

Sr. Civitans

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

JASON & KIMI MASSEY (15) 5/25
 BUTCH & KIM DAWSON (34) 5/28



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Tom Rich	3rd	Fenton Covington	14th
Tina Jenkins	5th	Linda Douglas	16th
Devona Lee	5th	Linda Loy	16th
Lynn Covington	6th	Austin Brogan	20th
Bennie Covington	9th	Thomas Farrell	25th
Regena Lemon	10th	Corey Suggs	26th
Sandy Muller	12th	Ira Trollinger	28th
Connie Norton	12th	Andy Walls	29th
Eva Covington	14th		

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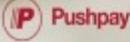
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