

JACKSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 8, 2021 NEWSLETTER



Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe that August is here and that summer is rapidly coming to a close. With school starting in August now, it is over for the kids. I'm so glad we had an opportunity Sunday to pray over the teachers and students who returned to school this week. Please continue to pray for them.

When I was a youngster, I couldn't wait for Camp Meeting to come every August at Indian Springs. In those days, Camp Meeting was the last two weeks in August. My church, the Indian Springs Baptist Church, cancelled its Sunday services those two weeks in order to allow us to attend Camp Meeting those two Sundays. Not only did I go on those Sundays, I went almost every night.

I was too young to drive, but I had a motor scooter that my mother allowed me to ride on county and dirt roads. I was forbidden to ride on state highways because the State Patrol could arrest me. I was OK on county roads, because we were always tight with the Sheriff! I had worked out a way to get to Camp Meeting by only riding on county and dirt roads. And so I didn't need any transportation help to get to Camp Meeting.

There were several reasons why I enjoyed Camp Meeting. I loved the open air tabernacle. It was like going to church "outside." In those days nobody had air conditioning, so it didn't seem hot to us even in August. I have always loved church music. At Camp Meeting there was always a good choir and lively congregational singing. But I was absolutely taken by the use of band instruments in worship! There was always a small orchestra consisting of clarinets, flutes, trumpets and trombones that accompanied the congregational singing each night. Many years later, I was privileged to start a church orchestra in a church I pastored; an orchestra that grew to

around 35 pieces. But the main reason (if I'm honest) I loved Camp Meeting was the abundance of pretty girls I met there!

I'm afraid Camp Meetings all over the country have declined as church attendance has declined over the last three or four decades. However, there was a good attendance at the Smyrna Presbyterian Camp Meeting in Conyers a couple of weeks ago! Jon Baker invited me to speak and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was my very first invitation to speak at a Camp Meeting and I was thrilled! I have twisted Jon's arm and wrangled an invitation for next year!

I announced that we would suspend "Lunch & Learn" for the month of August pending someone's coming forward to be in charge of the meals. God has provided and many have stepped forward to take care of that responsibility. God is good! I look forward to re-starting "Lunch & Learn" on Wednesday, September 1. We are providing this lunch and Bible study as an outreach to the community and it's so wonderful seeing the community respond.

Gigi and I look forward to seeing you Sunday. I will continue my series of messages on "*5 Life-Changing Words*" from each of the books of the Old Testament. This week we will consider the book of Deuteronomy and the 5 life-changing words are: "*You Must Not Fear Them.*" In this day of Covid-19 and its Delta Variant, we all tend to be fearful. But God tells us not to fear. Please be present Sunday.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Ed

KEEP IN PRAYER

Sidney Walker is schedule to have the radio frequency ablation Monday. However, it depends on Calvin's situation as he deals with severe leg pain as a side effect of the cancer. Sidney reports that Calvin has had a rough week with pain. He did see his cardiologist this week too. She also shared her appreciation for all the prayers.

Virginia Woodard was scheduled to have a pace-maker procedure Wednesday but tested positive for COVID. This is her second round with COVID but the symptoms are minor. The pace-maker procedure will once again be rescheduled.

Ms. Patsy Freeman is waiting for an appointment to have a nerve block to address her severe back pain. She enjoyed a visit this past week from Pastor Ed.

John Brett who has serious heart and respiratory issues making him very weak and limited mobility.

David Brett who is an open heart survivor which places him on a tenuous list. He also suffers from intensive knee pain and weakness.

Chuck DuPertuis condition remains the same. He still has a feeding tube.

Marti Peterson with physical and memory issues / Pete Peterson and Karen Phillips her caregivers.

Mrs. Eva Gosford with memory issues / Bob Gosford and Julie Leverette her caregivers.

EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday at 9:45 Adult Sunday School Class taught by Dr. Ed Hoard.

Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study will remain via ZOOM at 7:00 P.M.

The "Lunch & Learn" Program at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays has been suspended till September. Dr. Ed asked for volunteer assistance with the lunch. Several members and new church attendees have already stepped forward to help.

CHILL Youth Group will meet Tuesday at 6:30 on August 10, 17, & 31.
No CHILL meeting on Aug. 24th.

Aug. 8 Fellowship Luncheon following the morning worship service. Hosted by staff and Elder.

Anniversary

This weekend Marti and Pete Peterson will celebrate sixties years of marriage. Pete has ordered a dozen red roses to be placed in the sanctuary to commemorate this event. In conversation with Pete this week he shared some great memories.

Pete served in the U. S. Air Force as a Propulsion Technician and did active tour of duty in Korean, Taiwan, Philippines, Okinawa, Thailand and Vietnam. While stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base three weeks prior to his discharge, he was in a dry cleaners to pick up his uniforms. He said as he went to leave the most beautiful girl he had ever seen walked in the door; only to find out later that this beauty Queen was a contestant in the 1961 Miss America Pageant. They began to talk and he asked her out for dinner. Pete and Marti married on August 8th in 1961. They have two children, David and Karen.

After his discharge Pete went to flight school and was a Delta Airline pilot until his retirement at which time he and Marti moved to Jackson Lake. Marti was the Chief Budget Officer for the National Park Service. Marti also did interior design and was an estate sales coordinator. She was instrumental in the interior design of our church during our last renovation and addition. I'm sure most of you did not know that Marti was an accomplished pianist and played for the Baptist and Methodist Church while living in Warner Robins.

Over the years as members of Jackson Presbyterian Church they both have served in many capacities and been very active in the Church. Pete is presently an active Elder and serving on Session. Marti has chaired several committees including Worship, Fellowship and Personnel Committees.

Pete commented that they have had a very happy and blessed life together. He said he has no regrets other than Marti's recent memory loss. Marti and Pete's love for the church, their children and each other can be seen in everything they do. We are a better congregation for knowing them and them being apart of Jackson Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations our dear friends.

Beverly Stewart