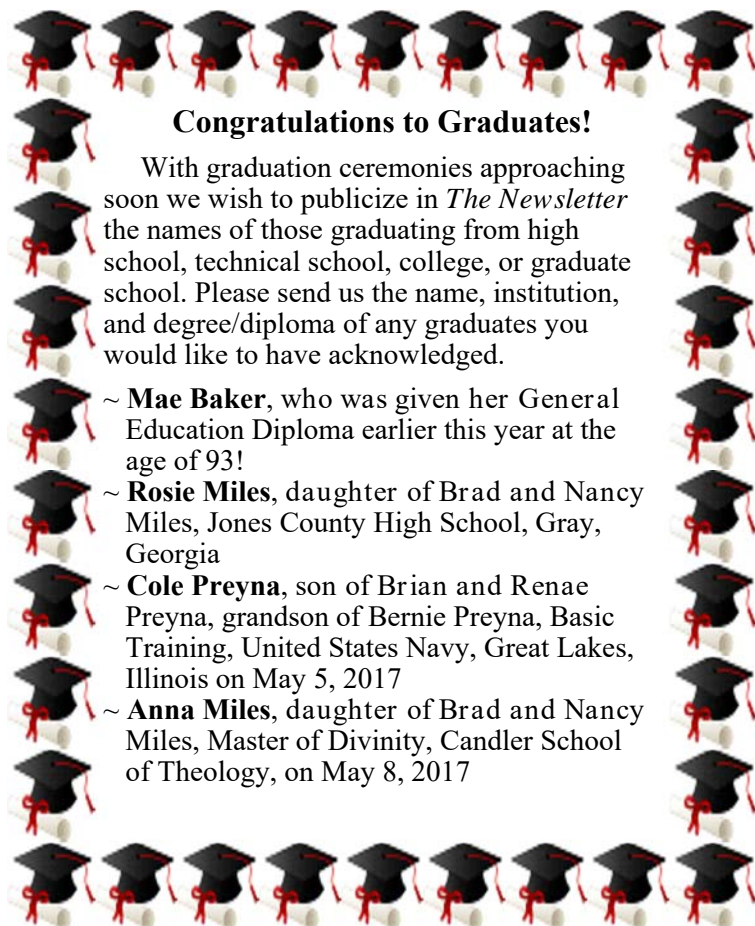


Our children are watching us...if you ever wonder how much our youngest children learn from watching us then this picture shows just how much. J.J. Neeman and Aubrey Frey hold hands and close their eyes tightly during the blessing at Wednesday Night Supper.



Congratulations to Graduates!

With graduation ceremonies approaching soon we wish to publicize in *The Newsletter* the names of those graduating from high school, technical school, college, or graduate school. Please send us the name, institution, and degree/diploma of any graduates you would like to have acknowledged.

- ~ **Mae Baker**, who was given her General Education Diploma earlier this year at the age of 93!
- ~ **Rosie Miles**, daughter of Brad and Nancy Miles, Jones County High School, Gray, Georgia
- ~ **Cole Preyna**, son of Brian and Renae Preyna, grandson of Bernie Preyna, Basic Training, United States Navy, Great Lakes, Illinois on May 5, 2017
- ~ **Anna Miles**, daughter of Brad and Nancy Miles, Master of Divinity, Candler School of Theology, on May 8, 2017



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Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by...
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by...
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

*As Stewards, we will honor God by...
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*



Sine Nomine Singers will present a spring choral concert this Sunday, **May 14th at 4:00 p.m.** at First Baptist Church. The concert is free and the music is beautiful. SNS is under the direction of our own, David Johnson and we have three singers: John Alan Gourdine, Paul Guilbeau and Anghaarad Teague Dees.



Mothers' Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

Presbyterians in the state of Georgia provide multiple levels of care at several retirement villages located in Georgia. One is nearby in Quitman. Annually the Mothers' Day Offering is received in Presbyterian Churches throughout our state to support the *Caring Hands Fund* of Presbyterian Homes. This fund provides supplemental assistance to residents living in these homes who have difficulty meeting the cost of their residency. Presbyterian Homes have a policy to not put anyone out or to refuse service to anyone due to the inability to pay. Our contributions on Mothers' Day help Presbyterian Homes of Georgia maintain this commitment. Offering envelopes will be in the literature racks in the sanctuary on Mothers' Day. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause of caring for our senior neighbors.

Cookout Picnic on the Grounds

Plan now to join your church family for casual outdoor fellowship and great food on Wednesday, May 17, as we wrap up the Wednesday Night Supper season. Hamburgers and hotdogs prepared on the grill will be served with all the trimmings, along with watermelon for dessert. There will be the usual nominal charge as our regular WNS meals.

Helpers Needed!! - for set up, food preparations, and cooking. We plan to begin at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Hart to volunteer or to get more information. Plan to arrive at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as you can come.

Our Youth and Children are challenging adults to a friendly game of kickball! Wear appropriate clothing – shin guards, knee pads, and protective helmets recommended for adults!

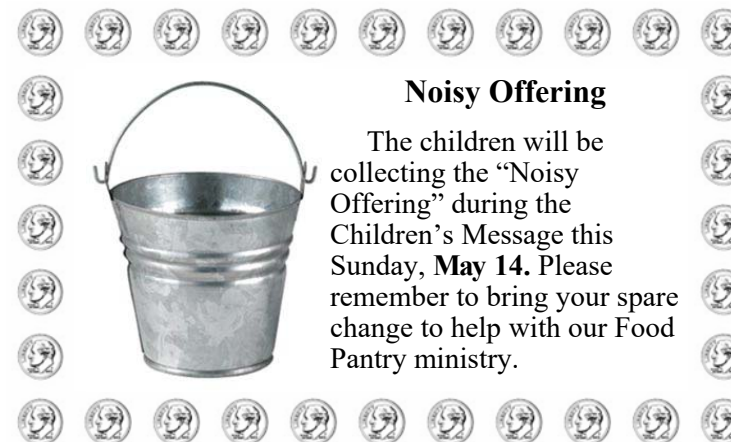
Bring the whole family and enjoy this relaxing event together. (In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the event in the Fellowship Hall.)

There are no other activities scheduled for that evening. There will be NO Chancel Choir rehearsal that evening.

June Birthdays	
Mark Micklon	3-Jun
Barbara Bradley	3-Jun
Heather Wakefield	4-Jun
Ebb Dudley	8-Jun
J. J. Neeman	11-Jun
Melissa Mittelstadt	15-Jun
Josh Geidel	18-Jun
Marcie Swank	19-Jun
Nancy Morris	22-Jun
Stephanie Neeman	23-Jun
John Roan	28-Jun
Suzanne Lee	30-Jun

Confirmation Sunday

May 21st during the 11:00 a.m. worship service we will welcome our Confirmands into membership. Connor Bickers, Faith Cockren, William Cockren, Andrew Preyna and David Preyna will be joining. Thank you to Bill Wicks who taught the class this year.



Noisy Offering

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message this Sunday, **May 14**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

Inter-faith Day of Prayer

The Valdosta Area Ministerial Association invites the whole community to participate in its Inter-faith Day of Prayer service to be held on Sunday afternoon, **May 21, 2017**, at **4:00 p.m.** at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park**. Clergy and lay people from different denominations and different faiths will be offering prayer and words of encouragement. The event location is on Ashley Street south of downtown, next to the St Paul AME Church. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held indoors at St Paul Church.

Memorial Service for Davi Botts Watkins

The congregation is invited to attend the Memorial Service for Barbara Aiken's sister, Mrs. Davi Botts Watkins, to be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning**. This will be the first "inurnment" in the Trinity Columbarium. We will meet in the breezeway at the indoor columbarium. Please help us pay our respects to Mrs. Watkins and offer our encouragement to her family.

FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.



Members & Regular Participants

David Armond
Margaret Bruch
Marvin Bruch
Marie Hill
Ann Smith
Nellie Stoddard

Christine Chandler (Mili Collins)
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)
Abraham Cotton (Mili Collins)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Debbie Cribbs (Mary Beckett)
Jolie Denmark (Nellie & Frank Stoddard)
Charles DeVane (Mary Beckett)
Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)

Relatives

Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Hoyt Blackstock, *uncle of Jan Hobson*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
John Luketic, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*
Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Peggy Ann Myers
Jeremy Neeman, *brother of Edward Neeman*
Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*
Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*
Russell Popham, *uncle of Nita Cross*
Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*
Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
David Shaw, *brother of Marilyn Reid*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*
Teri Testerman, *mother of Courtney Geidel*

Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)
Irene Gallagher (Jane Gore)
Lacy Hall (Beverly Peters)
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)
Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)
Jack Justice (Jackie Wright)
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)
Amanda Leverett (Heather Wakefield)
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)
Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
Jamie & Sarah Phelps (Melissa Johnson)
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Andrea Shover (Brooke Webb)
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)
Janie Spooner (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Sharon Stalvey (Jeff Bickers)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Yolanda Surry (Nita Cross)
Mildred Thompson (Judy Bickers)
Maggie Tuten (Kathy Roe)
Robby Walker (David Armond)

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Kathy Boone (Chris Roan)
Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
Ed Bynum (Eddie Webb)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 14 May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

New Testament: Acts 7: 55-60
Psalter: Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
New Testament: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14

Long Term Prayer List Members

Mae Baker
Dorothy Parker
Barbara Sanders

Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*
Ruth Doss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*
Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*
J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*
John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*
Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

Friends

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)
Bobby Dugger (Richard Hart)
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Brian Greene and Jane Gore
Andrea and John-Alan Gourdine

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

Refugees fleeing oppression and countries that are offering those refugees shelter and aid. Victims of terrorism within our borders, and around the world.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

Wednesday Night Supper Program has been suspended for the summer months. We will resume in mid-August. Please see the announcement about our year-end picnic on the grounds and plan to attend, Wednesday, May 17 – supper will be served at 6:15 p.m.

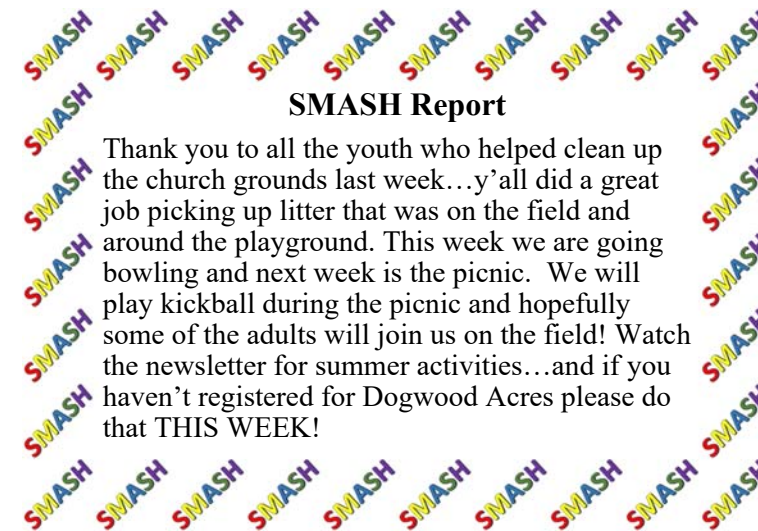
Washington DC Adult Mission Trip

The Washington DC Mission Trip is now closed with the maximum number of participants. Anyone who might wish to attend may have his/her name placed on a waiting list. Let us know as soon as possible as names will be added in chronological order and places opened first-come-first-served.

Session Committee Night

The Committees of the Session will meet **one week earlier on Sunday evening, May 21** at 6:00 p.m. If you are not on a Session Committee, please come sit in on a committee meeting to check it out and find your niche in ministry! (Elders will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to prepare the agenda for committees.)

PENTECOST SUNDAY...On May 28 at 3:00pm we will meet at the church to fold origami cranes that will be displayed in the atrium for Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. If you are willing to learn how to fold the cranes we will teach you...we have over 200 to fold so all hands on deck!



SMASH Report

Thank you to all the youth who helped clean up the church grounds last week...y'all did a great job picking up litter that was on the field and around the playground. This week we are going bowling and next week is the picnic. We will play kickball during the picnic and hopefully some of the adults will join us on the field! Watch the newsletter for summer activities...and if you haven't registered for Dogwood Acres please do that THIS WEEK!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet on **May 18, 2017**. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We will begin a study of prayer based on a book by Ann Lamott entitled *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. Copies of the book are available for those who wish to begin reading. The meeting will last one hour, and coffee will be served. All are welcome to attend.



Dutch Lunch Bunch Gathering

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will meet for their potluck luncheon on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share for the meal, and re-connect with your church friends. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at Trinity or call the Church Office to put your name on the list.



Save the Dates! Summer Mission Project

The Missions Committee will, again this summer, sponsor a "stay-at-home" mission project in our own community. The dates are **Thursday, July 6 through Monday, July 10, 2017**. Work sites will include the Community Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, and gleaning with the Society of St. Andrew. More details will follow soon. Participants may help with one, or more, or all of the planned mission activities.