



# THE WINDOW

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Dear GPC Family and Friends,

In this same space a year ago, I wrote about the difficulties people often face on Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Last year I wrote about the puzzling, painful, and difficult relationship I had with my biological mother. She was never much of a presence in my life, and when she died on Easter Sunday, 2017, it marked the end of our troubled relationship. Last year for our May Window newsletter, I wrote about the challenges of Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day when we have estranged relationships in our families. If you would like to know more about what I wrote last year, you can find an archive of newsletters on our church website.

**When God places new people and new relationships in our path, the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work to bring renewal and love out of pain and hardship.**

This year my approach is different and much more grateful as I anticipate Mothers' Day. Many of you will have heard by now that

my step-mother, Sissy Jones, died on April 13, so I have another perspective on "family" holidays this year. In my Easter sermon, I mentioned that Sissy and my dad were married on Easter Sunday, 1973, when I was three years old. I had two older brothers, and we were joined by two step-sisters, as the marriage was sealed on Easter 1973. Easter day was chosen intentionally by these two Christians who were starting a new life and family together. Easter seemed so appropriate for the hope that it brought for all of us. Their wedding was a response to God's grace and guidance in their lives, and they were grateful for all that God was doing to provide for them and their children. Sissy was the mother who raised me, and she adopted me when I was a teenager to seal the relationship between us.

If you come from a "blended family," then you know how wonderful and how challenging they can be. I cannot count the blessings that came to me in my new relationship with my sisters. They were very influential on me, and I cannot imagine my life without them. I have never thought of them as "step" anything. We forged great bonds of love, spent much time together, took many family trips together, and maneuvered through our formative, growing-up years living as a close family. Along the way, however, there were rough moments. New siblings do not always, instantly get along together – especially the older ones. Adjusting to new siblings, dealing with rivalries, facing a new authority figure in a new parent, and sharing rooms and a house (and in those days – one house telephone!) with more people proved very difficult at times. There were tears, shouting matches, shoving matches, and slammed doors – and usually all three in the same day – all through the 1970's-1980's in our house on Cherry Circle.

Through it all, my parents showed patience, appropriate discipline, wisdom, more patience, more discipline, and love. They guided us to grow up knowing how essential family is as we developed healthy relationships within a home. Those healthy family relationships guide us in expanding our relationships with peers and colleagues later in life. I am not exaggerating when I say that so much of my life now was de-

termined by the relationships within my family when I was growing up. When Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day come around this year, I will have a heart full of gratitude for the legacy of good parenting that was given to me. I aspire to be the kind of parent that mine were for me all those years ago.

So you can see that I have both kinds of parental relationships: one very difficult that produced heartache, and one that provided love, nurture, and guidance. From my experiences, as well as much reading and research, I have come to believe that the family is the essential place of nurture and development for every person. I believe that God created familial relationships and that through them, God blesses us more than anywhere else. A healthy and faithful life in adulthood can be traced to the nurture and discipline one receives in infancy and adolescence. Our ability to love and trust is aided greatly in what we receive from our parents from our earliest days. Children need the different kinds of love and guidance that both a mother and father can provide. It is within our families that we learn the most important things about life and faith. The family unit is fundamental to a good community and larger society.

We live in an imperfect world, however, and we often fall short of God's ideal for the family. My own experience reveals how fragile family relationships can be, and many child-parent relationships are like mine with my biological mother, where there is absence and alienation. As my own experience can attest: not every marriage endures, some parents struggle mightily and fail, and relationships break down. I never judge people when marriages struggle and fracture because I know that it happens even to good people and followers of Christ.

But as my own experience reveals: others can step in, offer wonderful familial love, and serve as adoptive or surrogate parents and influential mentors. Out of brokenness, God can provide healing and new life through other relationships – sometimes with step-parents, but also with siblings, aunts and uncles, and close friends. When God places new people and new relationships in our path, the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work to bring renewal and love out of pain and hardship.

At GPC, we want to be the kind of church that equips parents, children, and grandparents to know the blessings of God's love through important family relationships. We also want to be a church that "steps in" for families where there is brokenness so that we can help relationships be healed. We also want to recognize the role that Christian friends and role-models provide for children and youth as they mature.

As these "family" holidays come around this year, I am especially grateful for the blessings of family and the caring relationships that shape us from our earliest days to our last.

Grace, mercy, and peace,

*Will*

# WHAT'S THE LATEST?

## MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THESE DATES ON YOUR PLANNER

### SPRING/SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2, Thursday: 10:30am AMPlify Grand Spring Performance
- May 10, Friday: 7pm Alex Benford Organ Recital
- May 12, Sunday: 10am Children's Musical
- May 17- 19, Fri-Sun: NaCoMe Churchwide Retreat
- June 3-7, Mon-Fri: Vacation Bible School & Mission 901
- August 4, Sunday: New Building Opening/Dedication
- August 11, Sunday: Kick-off Sunday

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - BREATHE

- May 10
- June 14
- July 14
- August 9

### CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCHES DURING SUMMER

- Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend), 9:30am, AC
- Sunday, June 30, 12:10pm (after 11:00 worship), AC  
Notice time change.
- Sunday, July 28, 9:30am, AC

*More details on all these events inside.*

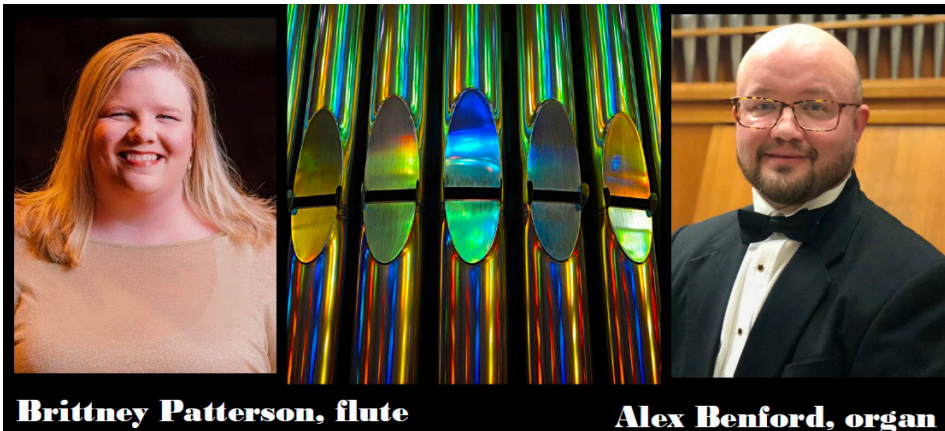
# MUSIC IN MAY

Music in Lent 2019 has indeed been **SPECIAL!** Thank you to ALL of our musicians and support staff who have worked so hard to see that this most Holy season of the church year was meaningful and filled with quality music. The Chancel Choir, soloists, Alex, Tingting, Bell Choirs, Sandy, Karen, and the Children's Choirs all spend many hours rehearsing and preparing music for worship. I feel personally responsible for ALL music offered in worship, and I do everything in my power to ensure that it is appropriate, worthy of being offered for worship and of the highest quality that we are capable of presenting. A big thank you also to our Ministers, the Program Staff, Office Staff, and Worship Committee who all work as a team to prepare for our services of worship. And thank YOU the congregation who support music with your kind words of appreciation, the church budget, special gifts to our Music Fund, and The Teachey Scholarship Fund! It's definitely a team effort, and YOU are an important member of the team!!

Once again, thank you for your support of Music at GPC through the annual church budget and your special contributions to the Music Fund and the Scholarship Fund. As I have said - it takes a Village!! I look forward to seeing you in worship!!!

Jerold C. Teachey, D.M.  
Director of Music

The Chancel Choir will of course be singing for our 11am worship each Sunday in May (on May 12 the Randall Thompson *Alleluia* which is a favorite of many). Soloists in May will include Christina Crouse, Aaron Redburn, Jeff Day, and Clara Norell, a relatively new choir member and a freshman at University of Memphis.

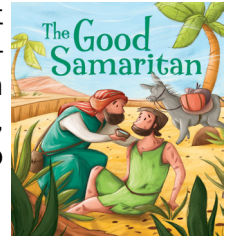


**Brittney Patterson, flute**

**Alex Benford, organ**

## A NOT SO TERRIBLE PARABLE

Another highlight in May is our Children's Musical. at 10am on Mother's Day, May 12 in the AC. Support our children and show your appreciation for the excellent work that Dr. Sandy Franks and Karen Schowlater Cooper do in preparing our Children's Choirs. These children learn important musical concepts while also learning about The Prodigal Son parable. The children will be singing a number from this musical in worship on Sunday, May 5. Children's Bells will also play on this Sunday.



Music highlights in the month of May begin with an organ recital Friday, May 10 by our new organist Dr. Alex Benford. Many of you have commented about the exceptional skill and talent that Alex brings to GPC. Alex is indeed an exceptionally talented organist (a number of you have begun to linger after the benediction and make your way to the chancel area to watch and listen to the Alex play the postlude). I encourage you to make this a habit; Alex welcomes you up front to enjoy his postludes.

Please join us in the sanctuary on Friday, May 10 at 7pm as Alex Benford offers an organ recital. Alex will be joined by special guest and Memphis native Dr. Brittney Patterson. Alex and Brittney began playing together five years ago as doctoral students at the University of Alabama, and their musical collaboration bears the marks of their friendship:

historically-informed, fun, warm, and whimsical! The program will include works by J. S. Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, William Grant Still, Louis Vierne, and Naji Hakim (with a nod to... George Gershwin?). Event is free and open to the public.

# SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

## THANK YOU!

*by Monica Kirby*

“Thank You!” to each and every one who gave of their time, talents, and resources to help us reach the special needs community of the Greater Memphis Area through JoyLlfe901 Breakfast Club, Memphis Joy Prom Dressfest, and Tuxedo Sponsorships during the months of March and April! Thank you for helping GPC to embrace the special needs community as if we were embracing Jesus Himself! They can see that you truly do care!

Thank you, Threads of Love!



Thank you, Tuxedo Sponsors!



Thank you, Men's Breakfast!



Thank you, DressFest!!

# BY THE NUMBERS

by *Monica Kirby*

I will admit it. I struggle. I struggle with numbers. When folks outside my ministry area ask me how many families I'm serving, I often feel deflated. How do you explain or justify an entire ministry built around the few families we see on any given Sunday? Especially when you have been tasked with "growing" a ministry?

If you've spent more than 10 minutes in church leadership, you're aware of the tension that tracking church attendance creates inside you and around you. Here are four or five pitfalls I have allowed myself to fall into when only going by the numbers to measure my work in the Kingdom and the lessons I have learned:

- Feeling like God is happy with me only when my ministry is growing. Like a child with a report card seeking my parents' approval, I have allowed myself to believe that I only have God's approval when the numbers are good. The truth is I already have His approval. His approval was settled at Calvary. His love is not based on numbers going up or going down.
- I have allowed my self-esteem to rise and fall with the numbers. Momentum can be a tricky thing. When you have momentum, you think you are better than you are. And when you do not have momentum you think you are worse than you are. It distorts reality. Learning to keep a steady view of Who God is also helps me to keep a steady view of who I am in Him.
- Obsessing over numbers can also cause me (and you) to start seeing people as a means to an end. It will not take long for people to sense they are being used and move on. The only reason people should matter to you and me is because they matter to God. Treat people like a number – a statistic - and they will feel it. Treat them with the love of Christ and they will feel that.

• Progress – an increase in numbers – becomes my idol. When I idolize progress and the numbers that go with it, I substitute what's secondary for what's primary. And this is very dangerous! Progress should serve God. It is not to be my god.

• While tracking numbers too closely has its danger, not counting also has its problems. When I quit counting it is either because I have quit caring or I am trying to mask my insecurities – to silence what the numbers are saying. Numbers speak volumes. And maybe I don't like what I hear them saying. In the end I need to recognize God has got this. I am to stay the task He has given me and it is He Who will supply the harvest.

Ministry growth can and should be a healthy thing but it should never own me emotionally. I still take attendance. I still count "noses." But only for the information it can provide like attendance patterns, and ministry growth, and identifying when someone is missing. So go ahead and ask me about my numbers. I will be happy to tell you how God is at work!



Thank you, Breakfast Club!



The registration for WACKY WEDNESDAY 2019 opened on April 1 and within in a week we had 17 signed up to attend this awesome special needs summer program! With the increase in this year's numbers we find we need to put out a plea for some extra hands. We are particularly looking for a male age 16 and up to help. The dates are June 12, 19, and 26 and July 10, 17, and 24. If you can help any of these dates, call Monica @ 901-299-1216 and leave her a voice message. You will be glad you did!

## THANK YOU, PW

Dear Presbyterian Woman of Germantown Presbyterian Church,

Thank you very much for the donation you made to Southern Reins for my horse lessons. I love riding so much. I enjoy taking care of the horses too. Southern Reins is a very special place that helps those with special needs to be able to ride horses. It really makes me happy when I ride.

Love,

Jeff Harding



## MEN AT GPC

### *Men's Breakfast*

Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30 am in the Activity Center (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30 am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study. Come one, come all!



### *Men's Lunch Devotions*

All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 11:30 am-12:30 pm at the Paradise Café (6150 Poplar Ave #120). Part of GPC's Men's Ministry, this bimonthly lunch study is facilitated by Rev. Jay Howell.

## WOMEN AT GPC

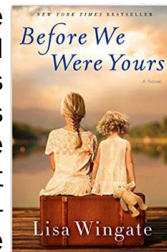
### *Presbyterian Women in May*



Day Bible study Circles will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 10am. All ladies are invited to attend.

Threads of Love will meet on Tuesday, May 14 from 9:30am to 12. Sewing is not a requirement.

Gathering will be on May 21 at 10am. Our speaker this month will be Theresa Jennings who was at the Tennessee Children's Home Society run by infamous Georgia Tann. Ms. Jennings will be speaking about how she was rescued as an infant and the way connections have been made to two different sets of biological families after she became an adult. She will compare and contrast some of the incidences in the book - *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate to her life.



Project Outreach - food for April 16 - May 13 - cereals (not sugar coated) and dry milk. Food beginning May 14 - canned pasta & snack crackers like peanut butter crackers. Food bins are located in the Activity Center.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

## Golf cart drivers are wanted!!

If you are available on Sundays to drive the golf cart to help move people between the parking lot and the church, please contact Bob Johnson at rhjohnson9@gmail.com or 901-754-1812.



## THEATRE FELLOWSHIP GROUP IN MAY

The Theatre fellowship group is going to the play *Cabaret* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday, May 17.

It's the early 1930's in Berlin, and life is changing. On the horizon is an ugly and dangerous threat, but that is no concern for sensational Kit Kat Klub cabaret singer Sally Bowles whose only goal in life is to have a good time. Sally soon finds herself living with a young writer, Cliff Bradshaw, visiting from America to work on a new novel. As the Nazis begin taking control of the German government, the atmosphere of the Kit Kat Klub and the lives of Cliff and Sally begin to change dramatically.

Conveners are Carol and George Barnes. Please call 748-1603 or email gcbarnes1@juno.com if you plan to attend.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMPASS THANK YOUS



Thank<sup>you</sup> to Rabbi Katie Bauman from Temple Israel for providing a great finale to a terrific year of Wednesday Night Compass programming.

Thank<sup>y o u</sup> to all the fantastic GPC volunteers that hosted Compass every Wednesday night through out the year.



From L to R: Pastor Jay, Peggy Whitaker, Macie Houston, Carolyn Hayward, Carl Woods, and Jeffrey Harding. Not pictured are David Collins and Bob Johnson who collected the money each week.

Thanks again to everyone who made this a special year of food, fellowship, and growth in the Lord.

### Churchwide email lists:

If you want to receive a weekly informational email from GPC's Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and/or from GPC with all the latest news and updates, contact the Communications Department at [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).





Have you registered your family yet??

**NaCoMe**  
**GPC's Churchwide Retreat**

**May 17- 19**

contact Julie Lindow ([julie\\_lindow@yahoo.com](mailto:julie_lindow@yahoo.com))  
or Matthew Lindow ([meledward23@gmail.com](mailto:meledward23@gmail.com))



**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC**

# GERMANTOWN LIONS DISCOVER WHAT GPC HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS! CONGRATULATIONS, ELAINE.

12A ■ Thursday, April 25, 2019

NEIGHBORS

Shelby Sun Times

## Cates named Lions' Citizen of Year

Elaine Taylor Cates has been named the Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award.

Cates has been married to Tom for 53 years. She grew up in Nashville and graduated from Vanderbilt University.

They moved to Germantown 40 years ago and have four children (Cindy Cates Moore, Charles Cates Jr., Taylor Cates, and Andy Cates) and seven grandchildren (Amelia, Thomas, Campbell, McCool, Wren, Isabelle, and Lucy).

She was an advanced math teacher at Germantown High School. She also was the competitive cheerleading sponsor and led varsity squads to 2 national championships and 2 runners-up titles. She was also the sponsor for basketball cheerleading and baseball diamond girl.



Elaine Cates and Scott Duesterhaus

In Germantown she participates in many activities and organizations. She has been president of the Germantown Women's Club, a Leadership Germantown Board of Director, Teacher of the month, a Germantown Arts Alliance Board of Director, on the Germantown Education Commission, chairman of the Germantown Arts Commission, a founding member of Pegasus, and president of St. George's Day School

Mother's Club.

She is also active in her church Germantown Presbyterian. She has served on the senior pastor nominating committee, a 5-term ruling elder, chair of worship committee, a Sunday School teacher, chair of youth ministry support team, world day of prayer committee, and director of Vacation Bible School.

Since 1980, the Germantown Lions Club has been recognizing distinguished

citizens.

The Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award is named in honor of Richard "Dick" Benson.

Benson died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. He and his wife, Katharyn (Kay), were married for 53 years.

Benson served in the United States Navy from 1956 until 1960. Benson was a member of Germantown United Methodist Church for 36 years, a member of Lamplighters Sunday School Class, Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, and an official in the church in many capacities.

He was also International Director for Toastmasters from 1993-1995, member and District Governor 12L Lions Club in Germantown and also sold pecans for Lions Club. He was on the Germantown Community Theater Board of Directors

and an actor in numerous plays.

He was an auctioneer for Germantown High School Television Auction, helped organize the Germantown Family Fourth of July celebration and the fishing rodeo with the Lions Club, owned Career Associates for 10 years, was plant manager for Pepsi Cola, and was a

community representative for Life Blood for 17 years.

Benson was a 19-gallon blood donor.

Every Citizen of the Year Dinner is special to the Germantown Lions Club members.

Since 1917 Lions have been demonstrating the truthfulness of our motto: "We Serve."

# PENTECOST WITH THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDSOUTH

## Food & Funds Drive Helps Fight Hunger in Our Community!

Help Mid-South Food Bank *Feed the Need* by supporting our Food & Funds Drive!

Our Food & Funds Drive Dates: Collect for June 9 – Presbytery  
Pentecost Event at Rhodes College



### Most Needed Items:

Cash to purchase nutritious food! \$1 = 3 complete meals

Canned meats, including tuna, steaks, chicken and dumplings, chilli, chunky-style soup

Peanut butter

Canned fruit (especially no-sugar)

Canned vegetables (especially no-salt)

Canned 100% fruit juice

Dried beans

Rice

Macaroni & cheese

Any non-perishable item, but no glass containers

### Non-food Items

Paper towels, plates, napkins

Toilet paper

Personal care items: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant

Laundry and dish detergent

Other cleaning products



### Giving Funds

Checks should be made payable to Mid-South Food Bank. You will receive a letter that serves as your tax receipt. For cash donations, include your name, address, phone, email if you want a receipt letter.

For online donations, go to [www.midsouthfoodbank.org](http://www.midsouthfoodbank.org) and click Donate. Check the Special Purpose drop box to designate donations to our Drive. You will receive a receipt.

The Mission of Mid-South Food Bank is to change lives by eliminating hunger in the Mid-South



A Presbytery of the Mid-South Pentecost Event



Rev. Dr. Byron Wade - Preacher

### PENTECOST EVENT

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - 3:30pm

Rhodes College, Bryan Life Campus Center

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Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

### FEATURING:

GLORIOUS WORSHIP with COMMUNION

MASSED CHOIR OF YOUTH AND ADULTS

SERVICE PROJECT FOR MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK

OFFERING TO RFA



Acts 2:1-7a

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested[a] on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished...

## PENTECOST

Pilgrimage to Pentecost

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Wear Red

Rhodes College Bryan Life Center

Presbytery of the Mid-South, 449 Patterson St. 901-324-7701, Pilgrimage to Pentecost

## GPC MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET



Did you know that GPC has a medical supply closet? We have items such as canes, walkers, and even a hospice bed. These items are available for members of the congregation to check out through the church office at 901-754-5195. Donations of more medical supplies are always welcome.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO INCLUDE GPC IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS?**

**CONTACT THE FINANCIAL OFFICE TO FIND OUT HOW.**

**FREDT@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG OR DEBBIS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG**

## GPC OFFERS GRIEF SUPPORT

GPC's Grief Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:00pm in room 210, the senior high room, on the second floor. This group is an outreach ministry offered to members and visitors of Germantown Presbyterian Church as well as to nonmembers who live within Shelby County and North Mississippi who have lost a loved one through death. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry.



To participate or learn more, contact: Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, stephaniewall@hotmail.com, 901-494-7786;

Beth Brock, beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com, 901-355-0262; or Linda Oakes, LinOakes@bellsouth.net, 901-237-6566.

Or visit the GPC website:

[germantownpres.org/ministries/grief-support](http://germantownpres.org/ministries/grief-support).

## SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTERS

GPC is a host congregation for one of the Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South, Inc. This is a non-profit, ecumenical agency providing counseling and related mental health services in a confidential and compassionate environment.



Counseling is on a fee basis, including insurance and a sliding scale if needed. To make an appointment or receive more information, please call 901-729-3900.

<https://www.samaritanmidsouth.org/>

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC**

## UPDATE ON FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

GPC's Fellowship Groups were created many years ago for the purpose of bringing adults together in small group settings in order to create and nurture friendships, build long-lasting and caring relationships that bind us to one-another and to God in Christ Jesus. Fellowship Groups are intentionally hospitable, inviting, and welcoming, and because of these goals and attributes, it is important for us all to insure that all members of GPC have the opportunity to participate in a Fellowship Group. In addition, that each group be of such a size that all members can easily come to gatherings. Thus, **watch for more information** about Fellowship Groups in coming editions of *The Window* when we will ask all current members to **recommit** to your Fellowship Group so that we can create current rosters, know the size of each group, create new groups, and insure that all GPC adults are invited to join in the fun, fellowship, and long-lasting relationship that Fellowship Groups are so well known for!



## SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

Some of the 2019 Spiritual Gifts Class and their teacher, Pastor Susie. The class learned that we are all blessed by God with at least one spiritual gift, and most are blessed with a handful. These spiritually gifted people are now fully equipped and ready to use their spiritual gifts for the benefit of our community of faith that is GPC, as well as in their everyday lives and work. Praise be to God!



SAVE THE DATE  
FOR THE  
2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S  
RETREAT AT PINECREST  
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2019

# VBS IS GETTING READY TO POWER UP!



June 3-7, 9am-12pm  
for current 3 year olds (as of the week of  
VBS) through rising 5th graders

Registration is now open for children who participate as well as volunteers! Go to the Germantown Pres webpage and click on Vacation Bible School to find the registration forms for children and volunteers. Children who register by April 30 will receive a Power Up stick-on tattoo! Get ready to Power Up as we learn that God's power has given us everything we need to live a godly life! 2 Peter 1:3



Now in it's third year, Mission 901, the mission component of Vacation Bible School for rising 6th graders, is expanding

to include rising 7th and 8th graders!

The week of June 3-8 our middle school students will have the opportunity to serve with different missions in the MidSouth and have some fun, too! Students will meet in the AC gym each day at 12:15 for a sack lunch together and learn about their Mission of the Day. After lunch, the group will depart for an afternoon of service.

On Monday, our students will be delivering popsicles to youth who are participating in Service Over Self summer camps (sosmemphis.org). We will bring cool snacks to these students on a hot summer day and interact with people from around the country who are making critical home repairs on the homes of Memphis residents.

On Tuesday, our youth will visit GPC members who live at Kirby Pines (kirbypines.com). They will have a great time of fellowship playing bingo and enjoying snacks together.

GPC Children's Musical

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Sunday, May 12, 9:50am  
Activity Center

**Whodunit?** Who helped the wounded man? Come join us on Mother's Day, May 12 at 9:50am in the AC, as the GPC Children's Choirs try to solve the mystery of the Good Samaritan and remind us how far Jesus went to save us from our sins. At the Mountain Vista Inn, an injured man has been dropped off at the door step. Who is he? How did he get there? The maid, the butlers (of course!) and two famous detectives search for answers in *The Not So Terrible Parable*.

Wednesday, the Mission 901 youth will volunteer at the Mid-South Food Bank (midsouthfoodbank.org). They will sort food donations in the warehouse that will later be distributed to hungry people throughout the MidSouth.

The Memphis Ronald McDonald (rmhc-memphis.org) house serves families with children undergoing treatment at St. Jude. Thursday, our youth will visit the Ronald McDonald house to bake cookies and put together snack bags for these patients and families.

Our last mission project will be Saturday afternoon at 4:30 when our students have the opportunity to help with a summer session of Room in the Inn (roomintheinn-memphis.org). The youth will prepare the cottage for guests by setting up beds and tables. They will offer holy hospitality by serving Room in the Inn guests dinner and drinks then assist with kitchen clean up. The week is packed with a variety of service, but we didn't forget the fun!

We want our junior highs to be building friendship connections through fellowship as well so we have planned an afternoon of hang-out time and fun! Friday afternoon we will go to lunch at Memphis Pizza Café and then head to Urban Air...a reward for a busy week of service! Questions? Contact Anna White at annaw@germangownpres.org or Amanda Mackey at amandam@germantownpres.org. Look for registration and more details at germantownpres.org.

**CHILDREN AT GPC**

# TEE SHIRT SUNDAYS ARE NEW FOR SUMMER BEGINNING JUNE 2, 9:30AM - 10:40AM

We know that you will be vacationing this summer, but when you are in town, get your child to Tee Shirt Sundays! Beginning June 2 children may wear appropriate tee shirts and athletic shoes to Sunday school! Come on Mom and Dad, take advantage of how easy it is to get to church! Your child NEEDS something to do, and hanging out on the iPad should NOT be the option! Our children will be learning that when we put our trust in Jesus, we receive an amazing gift: the Holy Spirit. It helps us raise our game and live the way God wants us to live. With the Spirit, we can use what God is doing in us to change the world!



Following the Bible lesson children may walk from room to room with their friends for their individual choice on how they want to follow up on the lesson! We will have adults monitoring the fun. Preschoolers will be wearing tee shirts as well, but on a slightly different routine.

To follow up on our Bible lesson, the follow up activities and supplies will be ready to go! All we need are adult volunteers who WANT to man the activities AND get to know our children. If you are a Christian parent, adult, or grandparent, this SHOULD BE YOU! We as Christ followers should want to provide the encouragement they need to choose to follow Jesus. You as parents are the most influential person in your child's life. Please choose a Sunday to put your faith into action and model to all GPC Kids that you care about the path they choose! There is nothing more important! Click here to register as a volunteer. Email Anna White with questions. [annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)

## VBS MISSION OF THE WEEK IS ROOM IN THE INN!

**We are now collecting items!**

VBS children will be supporting the guests of Room In the Inn by preparing travel kits with items that are needed for summer. As guests leave from their night stay at Room in the Inn, they will receive a travel kit which will include needed travel-size items to assist during the hot summer days. Please consider donating the following items: travel size deodorant, travel size sunscreen, travel size bug spray or bug repellent packaged wipes, travel size wet wipes, travel size Kleenex, and travel size Purell hand sanitizer.

VBS children are aiming to fill 100 kits! Please see the collection drop off area in the AC Lobby to drop off your items. Questions may be emailed to Anna White.



## VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH GIFT CARD DONATIONS



Please pick up a tag from the VBS gift card donation boards located in the AC Lobby and the Welcome Center. You can return the gift cards to the church office.

[annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)

## **Xpujil, Mexico June 17-24, 2019**

In Mexico, we will continue our partnership with missionary Todd Luke, the church he serves, and the clean water ministry his church directs, constructing water cisterns for households in the community

## **Northern Ghana July 17-27, 2019**

In Ghana, we will deepen our relationship with our friends in the Upper Presbytery and Rev. Emmanuel Atami, who visited with us here in October.

## **Ukraine \*New trip!\*** **August 2-14, 2019**

**\*New trip!\*** Led by our own Nate Hicks, this new mission trip will travel to Ukraine with Nate Hicks, a member of our choir and graduate student at the University of Memphis, with a combined group from a church in Florida. This team will serve with a Christian camp ministry called Camp Living Hope, sharing the gospel in an area surrounding Kyiv.

This is a new possible global partner, so we are hoping to send a small exploratory team with Nate to discern whether this could be a more long-term global partnership for GPC.

Are you called to serve on one of our Global Mission Teams in 2019? Contact Pastor Jay (jayh@germantownpres.org, 901-754-5195 x112) to learn more about any of these mission teams. Registration open at <https://germantownpres.org/involvement/global-missions>.

# GLOBAL MISSIONS AT GPC

## Room in the Inn Volunteers & Donations Needed!



Home is where the ★ is.

Room in the Inn (RITI) Happy Spring my fellow GPC members. As we look toward summer, we are also starting to look ahead at our Room In the Inn schedule. May through September the shelter serves women and children only. We've been working hard on the Sign up Genius for our summer program. GPC will be hosting the second Saturday of every month. Below are all the dates!!

Summer hosting dates, and we hope that you will be able to join in all our HOLY HOSPITALITY!!  
Saturday, May 11; Saturday, June 8; Saturday, July 13; Saturday, August 10; Saturday, September 14

I know a lot of us travel during the summer, but my prayer is that when we are in town, we will still remember that ALL of these women and children are living on the streets in the Memphis heat and the sun with no AC and in need of protection from all kinds of things. So, please if possible try to help out by volunteering your free time. It really does make a huge impact on their lives!!

Susan Shirley Hurt ([susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com](mailto:susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com))

### List of donations needed below:

women's underwear size 5-13	shampoo & conditioner
lysol	white undershirts
toenail clippers	shaving creme
women's socks-crew & ankle	lotion
sharpie markers	kleenex individual packs
dryer sheets	cough drops
chapstick	twin sheets (not jersey)
name tags	wet wipe individual packs
shower cleaner	dayquil/ nyquil (generic pills)
sunblock	twin blankets
zip lock bags all sizes	tooth brushes
larger trash bags	ear plugs
BUG SPRAY!!!!!!	laundry detergent
back packs (dark colors)	deodorant
razors	small foot powder

## Thank You, Team Read

Pictures from the Team Read finale at Oak Forest. Thank you to all volunteers. Enjoy your summer off.







Hi Friends,

We are continuing to study God's Word in Sunday school, and the youth are enjoying growing in their faith. The junior high youth will continue to study the early church and what it looks like to be a Christian today. The Confirmation class is excited to continue learning about their faith. The senior high youth will continue to explore the early church in the book of Acts.

We are looking forward to our junior and senior high summer trips! Junior High will be headed to Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee for the MIX Christ in Youth Conference in June. Senior High will be headed to Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina in July.

We ask for continued prayers for our graduating seniors and for everyone to end the school year well!

Grace and Peace,

Amanda



**YOUTH AT GPC**

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

- |                       |                          |                          |                       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| >Gay Beaumont         | >Ruth Grosshuesch        | >Boyd Maize              | **Barb Poier          |
| >Sherril & Jim Blair  | >Susan & Michael Gyura   | >Betty McCallen          | >Diane & Fred Stearns |
| >Huddy & Bayard Boyle | >Nancy & Peter Hawkinson | >Judy & Dick Nokes       | >Amanda Walters       |
| >Jane Craddock        | >Roy Hendrix             | >Mack Pepper             | >Margaret Williams    |
| >Virginia Dickinson   | >Jean Hicks              | >Rachel & Jones          | >Barbara Wright       |
| >Judy & Fred Frick    | >Aggie & Jack Losa       | Peterson, Ethan & Jayden | >Bud Webb             |
| >June Garfinkel       | >Willa Lowry             | **Amy Phillips           |                       |

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
Will Jones and his family in the death of his mother Sissy.

## In Service in the Military:

- Sidney Baker - niece of Kay & Joe Donaho  
 Kyle Bishop - grandson of Brenda Bishop  
 Trip Hiller - grandson of Anne & Wayne Tansil  
 Johnny Nowell - son of Jo & Adm. John Nowell  
 Patrick Peak - son of Eleanor Denton  
 Meredith & Greg Wagner, Angela, Cooper -  
 daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren of Stephanie & Barry Wall

## From Room in the Inn Ministry:

March 9 guests

- Bert, Charles, Douglas, Fred, Howard, Johnnie, Kenny,  
 Kristen, Lois, Orson, Roger, Rosaland, and Tyrone

## GPC Friends and Family Prayer Ministry

- |   |   |  |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| **Jeffrey Arthur - son of<br>Barbara Arthur   | >Melinda & Fred Burson -<br>daughter & son-in-law of<br>Jackie & Bill Ruleman | >Anne Holtsford - aunt of<br>Beth Brock                                | **Meghan & Graham<br>McPherson - niece &<br>husband of Ann Harbor | >Ted Schuler, Jr. - son of<br>Martha Schuler |
| >Walker Bartlett - family of<br>Susan Crain   | >Sheryl & Napo Cassibry -<br>friends of Phyl Simmons                          | >John Howle - son of Cheri<br>& Mike Howle                             | >family of David Massie -<br>family of Susan Crain                | >JoAnn & Rush Stuart -<br>former members     |
| >Melissa & Bill Benson,<br>Chalmers & William -<br>sister & family of Lauren<br>Utterback | >Caudriet & Park families -<br>Collierville house fire                        | **Debbie Irvin - sister of<br>Ann Harbor                               | >Scott Moore - son-in-law of<br>Elaine/Tom Cates                  | >Sarah Tobin - niece of Joe<br>Graddy        |
| **Todd Birdwell - brother of<br>Amy Phillips  | >Judah Davis & father<br>Berry - family of Mary<br>Rogers                     | >Ron Jackson - relation of<br>Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins                | >Nancy Rivera - niece of<br>Violet Olsen                          | >Nick Vergos - friend of Jeff<br>Halfacre    |
| >Elaine Brown - mother of<br>Cheri Howle  | **Bill Glass - Shelby Glass'<br>grandfather                                   | >Chrissy & Walter Lydick<br>-sister-in-law & brother of<br>Mary Rogers | >Scott Ruleman - son of<br>Jackie & Bill Ruleman                  | >Vicki Weaver - daughter of<br>Judy Hobbs    |
| >Rev. Dr. Georgjine<br>Buckwalter - friend/<br>mentor of Rev. Susan<br>Carter Wiggins     | >Susan Hawkins - daughter<br>of Ann Phillips                                  | ** Naomi Lyle -<br>granddaughter of Susie &<br>Joe Lyle                | **Steven Russell - brother<br>of Phil Russell                     | >Jimmy Wise - family of<br>Susan Crain       |
|   | >Leigh Hinshelwood &<br>daughter, Caroline teacher                            |  | **Liz & Arthur Rust -<br>parents of Amy Barker                    | **Faith Yetman - sister of<br>Neal Horner    |

*Friends and family requests submitted to the office for prayer will remain for 30 days before being removed. If you notice someone you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.*

## May GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| May 5<br>Suzanne Bowlin & Jeff Bowlin<br>Emily & Chad Coursey, Sam &<br>Thomas<br>Sharon & Jim Goldsworthy<br>Kimm & Andrew Harris, Emma<br>Grace, Colton, Beau<br>Rebecca Laine<br>Margaret Owens<br>Susan & Mike Threlkeld<br>Susie Wiggins | May 12<br>Judy Bilbrey<br>Susan & Warren Crain<br>Tamah & Jeff Halfacre, Mary<br>Lennox<br>Sidney & Adam Kiser<br>Susan & Malcom Lipscomb<br>Erin & Stephen Potter, Gracie,<br>Molly, Morgan<br>Sharon & Roger Turner<br>Michael Waldrop | May 19<br>Shirley Billups<br>Nicki & Tommy Lamar<br>Richard Linder<br>Amanda Mackey<br>Linda & Lanny Oakes<br>Jackie & Bill Ruleman<br>Cathy & Randy Smith<br>Marion Treadwell, Mac, Mary<br>Margaret | May 26<br>Sherril & Jim Blair<br>Rachel Gwin<br>Mary & Jerry Heimlicher<br>Carol & Phillip Langsdon<br>Patricia Potter<br>Brittany & Ryan Schwaigert,<br>Greyson, Lachlan<br>Cindy & Rick Tripp<br>Stacy & Brad Weiss, Jake |
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**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

# MEMORIALS

During the month of March GPC received the following honorarium and memorial gifts.

## To the Memorial Fund

In Memory of Louise & John Bagby  
Nancy & Gordon Dunn

In Memory of Denton McLellan  
JoEllyn & Dave Slott

In Memory of Bobbie Templeton  
Dixie & Bob Johnson  
Nancy & Jeff Halter  
JoEllyn & Dave Slott

In Memory of George Walters  
Dixie & Bob Johnson  
Carolyn Rogers  
Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Gullledge

## To the Library Fund

In Memory of Bobbie Templeton  
Bonnie Algee

## To the Music Fund

In Memory of Jack Kelley  
Mary & Rodney Strop

## To the Special Needs Ministry

In Honor of Jeff Harding  
Bob & Linda Sue Bobo

## GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, March 2019

	<b>Mar. 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>	<b>Mar. 2018</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$ 113,581	\$ 467,301	\$125,935	\$ 378,831
Expenses	\$ 133,836	\$ 452,075	\$139,955	\$ 386,985
Net	\$ (20,255)	\$ 15,226	\$ (14,020)	\$ (8,154)

Total revenue for March was \$113,581, and expenses were \$133,836, for a monthly deficit of \$20,255. Our Year-to-Date surplus is still positive at \$15,226 – better than a year ago, but as we approach the summer months, it will be important to keep our giving up to date to minimize the expected deficits we expect beginning in April and continuing until the end of the year.

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* for the February were \$101,678 and while there were no construction expenses in March, the contractor's application for payment was received in early April in the amount of \$198,000.

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 PASTOR

JAY HOWELL  
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR  
 DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS  
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 CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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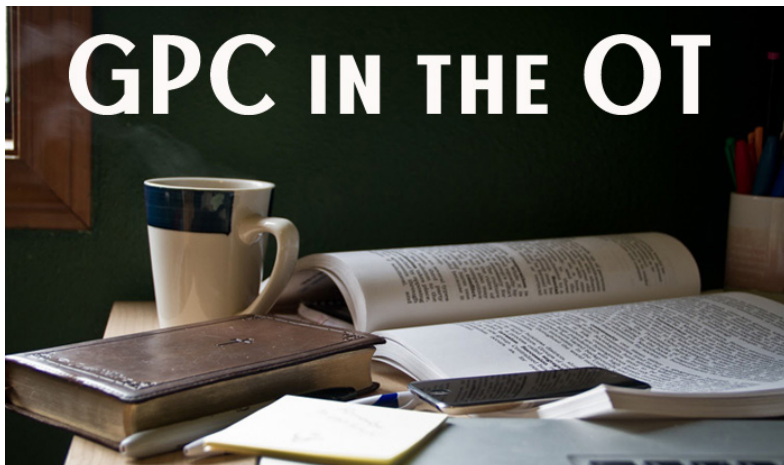
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ANNA WHITE  
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MONICA KIRBY  
 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



**June Window Deadline: May 15**



## May Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5-5-19	Jdg 9-10	Jdg 11-13	Jdg 14-17	Jdg 18-19	Jdg 20-21	Ruth 1-4
5-12-19	1 Sam 1-3	1 Sam 4-7	1 Sam 8-10	1 Sam 11-13	1 Sam 14-15	1 Sam 16-17
5-19-19	1 Sam 18-19	1 Sam 20-22	1 Sam 23-24	1 Sam 25-27	1 Sam 28-31	2 Sam 1-2
5-26-19	2 Sam 3-5	2 Sam 6-9	2 Sam 10-12	2 Sam 13-14	2 Sam 15-17	2 Sam 18-19



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