



# THE WINDOW

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**GPC THIS SUMMER**

## Germantown Presbyterian Church

***SINCE 1838***

*May the blessings of divine grace and supernatural peace that flow from God our wonderful Father, and our Messiah, the Lord Jesus, be upon your lives.*

*Philippians 1:2 (TPT)*

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Dear GPC Members and Friends,

GPC's Session met on Thursday, June 18 to consider recommendations for re-opening for worship after nearly three months of online-only worship. I am sharing the following guidelines with you on their behalf, and I'm grateful for their thoughtful deliberations and for acting on the recommendations of the Coronavirus Recovery and Re-Opening Task Force (CRRTF).

We are grateful to all the people who have been praying for and supporting the church during this difficult time of being physically apart from one another. As we have stated before, we have never "closed" as a church. We have continued to pray, worship, study the Bible, serve our community, care for one another, and be light in the world. We have been physically apart yet united by the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday, June 21, our worship service began live-streaming video on the Internet and the GPC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GermantownPres/>) at 9:30am. You may always watch the subsequent completed video after 10:30am every Sunday or any other day.

GPC resumed in-person worship on Sunday, June 28 with one service each Sunday at 9:30am, and this format will continue through August 9. Here are some guidelines that we will follow as we gather:

- We will be able to welcome 50 persons into the sanctuary who have pre-registered through the GPC website ([www.germantownpres.org](http://www.germantownpres.org)) and click the big blue box) or by calling the church office (901-754-5195). We know that pre-registering for church is unusual, but we need an understanding of how many people to expect. Plus, we need to be able to contact everyone for "contact-tracing" in the event that someone in attendance is later diagnosed. We will have some overflow rooms available if need be. Registration opens at noon the Sunday prior to worship and closes on the following Saturday noon or until capacity has been reached. You will only be able to register for worship one week at a time.
- Please do not attend if you feel unwell in any way, have a fever or cough, or if you or a family member is unwell or has adverse underlying health conditions. Please take your own temperature before coming to church and stay at home if you have a fever.
- Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear masks as a self-sacrificial way of loving your neighbor as yourself. There is a widely accepted consensus in the medical community that wearing masks vastly reduces the spread of COVID-19. Out of respect and deference for others, please wear a mask. We will have masks, as well as hand-sanitizer, available at the church entrances.



- We will enter and exit the sanctuary through the Narthex (Arthur Road) doors in the rear of the sanctuary and depart in an orderly manner row by row as designated by the ushers.
- Family units will sit together in every other pew six feet away from other people/groups.
- We will not gather to socialize indoors, but we will gladly greet one another from a safe distance outside.
- We will use paper bulletins that will include all music and announcements.
- We will not pass offering plates but will invite everyone to give generously by placing their offering in the plates by the doors.
- We will not have nursery care available as it is impossible to ensure the children's safety.

We regret that many in our church family may choose not to return at this time because they are at risk for a variety of reasons. We grieve that not everyone can resume in-person worship immediately. We remember with affection you who cannot attend right now, which is why you can watch a video livestream of the service via our website here: [germantownpres.org/worship-onsermon-net/](http://germantownpres.org/worship-onsermon-net/) and on the GPC Facebook page here: [facebook.com/GermantownPres/](https://www.facebook.com/GermantownPres/). Our worship service can be viewed live between 9:30 and 10:30am, or you may watch the replay any time after 10:30am each Sunday on the webpage, the Facebook page, our two video channels, and other social media.

In addition to Sunday services, GPC is open for group meetings as long as people remain distanced by six feet and wear masks to protect their neighbors. Each meeting space will be sanitized and cleaned after use. Please call the church office to reserve your meeting space.

May you know of God's strength and blessings as we continue to rely on His grace every day.

Grace, mercy, and peace,

*Will*

# ONGOING VIRTUAL EVENTS CANCELLED & POSTPONED EVENTS

GPC IS SLOWLY BEGINNING TO RE-OPEN THE CHURCH FACILITIES FOR WORSHIP AND MEETINGS, BUT WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS - LIMITING OUR CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER; MAINTAINING SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER; AND, OUT OF LOVE AND CONCERN FOR OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WEARING A MASK WHILE WE'RE INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDINGS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE GPC WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS.

IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING GPC EMAILS AND WANT TO, PLEASE CONTACT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

## CURRENT ONLINE/VIRTUAL MEETINGS

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS & HOW TO CONNECT,  
CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST (FRIDAY MORNINGS)**

**VARIOUS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

**SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - NOT MEETING THIS SUMMER**

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & FELLOWSHIP - NOT MEETING THIS SUMMER**

GPC IS NOW LIVESTREAMING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM, AND THE SANCTUARY IS RE-OPENING FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO ATTEND ONSITE. YOU CAN MAKE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND EACH WEEK BY GOING TO THE GPC HOMEPAGE HERE ([HTTPS://GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/](https://germantownpres.org/)) AND CLICKING ON THE BIG BLUE BOX.

**MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION MEETINGS - TBD**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES & GATHERINGS - JULY - CANCELLED/AUGUST - TBD**

**THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP - TBD**

**VARIOUS OTHER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - TBD**

ONLINE SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON GPC'S WEBSITE, GPC'S VIMEO AND YOUTUBE CHANNELS,  
& GPC'S FACEBOOK PAGE. BE SURE TO LIKE, SHARE, & SUBSCRIBE.  
YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED EVERY TIME A NEW VIDEO IS UPLOADED.

VIMEO - GERMANTOWNPRES ([HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/USER22619921](https://vimeo.com/user22619921))

YOUTUBE - GERMANTOWNPRES TN ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCwEm01y\\_c09Hys-3vYTQOMPw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwEm01y_c09Hys-3vYTQOMPw/))

REMEMBER: EVERYTHING IN BLUE TYPE IS A LIVE LINK IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**Many thanks to the Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry - Pastor Susie is off to safely deliver God's glorious flowers to some GPC parishioners!**



## Blessing - Blessing - Blessing - Blessing - Blessing

*Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins*

You've heard of WIN - WIN when both parties benefit from a particular action, right?

In recent weeks, the Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry has provided the means by which BLESSING - BLESSING - BLESSING - BLESSING has occurred and is on-going!

Way back when we began video-recording our worship services the Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry, under the guidance of Sandy Jones, wanted to continue to provide beautiful flower arrangements for the purpose of two-fold blessing: GPC would continue to honor our commitment to the flower supplier Lynn at Shamrock Wholesale Supplier, and the flowers would be a blessing to the congregation as they viewed the worship services online.

Normally, the flower committee breaks down the large sanctuary flowers after worship services and places them in the flower cooler so that pastors and others can pick them up and deliver them to those who might be in need of the beauty and cheer that comes from receiving flowers. However, during the pandemic, no one - not even pastors - can visit those who are hospitalized or live in assisted living or nursing home facilities, so there was no need for the flower committee to create individual vases of flowers.

Then came Pentecost Sunday! And with the spectacular bright red rose and gladiolus arrangements, I began to think "Could I deliver vases to any facility? Do they now have safety protocols in place to receive flowers?" I called Kirby Pines and The Village and inquired as to their "flower delivery safety protocol" and learned that both facilities had one in place! This knowledge then set in place what, from Pentecost Sunday until now, has become a weekly 5-fold BLESSING!

BLESSING - to the flower grower / supplier!

BLESSING - to the Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry!

BLESSING - to all who watch GPC's worship services!

BLESSING - to Pastor Susie!

BLESSING - to each recipient of these lovely flower arrangements!

Since Pentecost Sunday, I've delivered about 40 flower arrangements to our parishioners - mostly those who live in assisted living and nursing homes, but also to some who are homebound in their own homes. I've wanted to remind our parishioners that they are deeply loved and missed by this simple act of receiving flowers from us, their GPC family of faith.

My grandmother, Ethel Wiggs, was a florist in Morrilton, Arkansas 1935-1968. She opened Wiggs Flowers in the heart of The Great Depression - in 1935 - so that she and my grandfather could begin again after he lost his eyesight in 1929. She had received an Associate Degree in Art from Central Baptist College in Conway, AR in 1908 and she had a keen love for flowers. For all her years as a florist, she delivered flowers herself all over Morrilton, so my flower deliveries are merely an extension of my grandmother's ministry, and in so doing, I'm channeling my "inner Ethel!"

Thank you, Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry! Without your kindness and wonderful skill of creating our weekly chancel flowers, as well as these individual vases, these blessings wouldn't be possible! Let us carry on and together we will continue to participate in and also receive ...



**Blessing - Blessing - Blessing - Blessing - Blessing**

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## THE INTERSECTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, COVID-19, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE THEOLOGY OF "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

*Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins*

GPC's senior citizens cross three generations, each of which are very different from one another. From oldest to youngest they are: the Greatest Generation (those born 1921-1925), the Silent Generation (those born 1926-1944), and the Baby-Boomers (those born 1945-1964). Because seniors cross three very different generations, their approach to life itself not only varies from generation to generation, but varies, too, from individual to individual, for each generation has embedded traits of individualism.

When it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, our seniors face the direness of the pandemic differently, too – there is a continuum of those who are greatly concerned about staying safe and healthy and those who aren't terribly worried at all about whether or not they become ill. And, this is the continuum of extreme safety vs. "what will be will be" that exists among all generations – it really is more of an individual mindset or function of one's personality that causes us to land at any given point along the continuum. So, seniors are like the rest of us – each one with a mind of their own.

When it comes to technology, seniors do not all fall in the same arena either, and whether or not seniors have access to, and the ability to use, the latest technology does fall along generational lines. For Baby Boomers, having the ability to connect in all ways possible online is essential, but for the two older generations (Greatest and Silent Generations), the need to be connected may not be as great a concern. For these two generations, they've gotten along really well all their lives without using technology to connect online, and they are managing pretty well now. If they are able to connect with their families over a phone line or a smart phone, they are okay.

We, within the Circles of Care Ministry have wanted to help our seniors connect with everything going on in the life of GPC, most especially with our worship services and Bible studies. We've learned, however, that many seniors are doing just fine without being able to connect online. This is where our theology of "love thy neighbor" comes into play.

Love thy neighbor means to meet others right where they are and then to listen and learn. How are they doing? Is there anything they might need? Would they like help with connecting online? Listen and learn. The most important gift we can give to each other is listening to one another's stories. For many seniors there is nothing that needs fixing, and fixing isn't our calling. Being beside one another is.

The intersection of seniors, COVID-19, technology, and the theology of love thy neighbor is listen, be beside, empathize, and repeat.

May we be the ones to reach out, check on, and listen to the stories of our neighbors as we love as Jesus loves. Amen.



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## LET'S CREATE - A CIRCLES OF CARE - PRAYER CIRCLE!

*Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins*



God has placed it on my heart to create an addition to the other Circles of Care Ministry teams - a Prayer Circle – a group of people who are praying for those in the greatest need in our midst.

### Circles of Care Prayer Circle Concept:

- 4-6 people agree to confidentially pray for whoever is in need of prayer and lets one of the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members know of their need. Confidentiality is the key to the success of the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry – only the members (and the pastors) know of the need and are praying.
- More than one Circle of Care Prayer Ministry team can be created if we have many that want to participate, each team with 4-6 members.
- Prayer takes place wherever the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members are – in their own homes, usually. The team can also meet virtually if they choose and I can assist in creating a GoToMeeting link for them. Truly, though, the beauty of this ministry is that a Circle of Care and prayer are surrounding the person in need from the comfort of their own homes.

- The needs can be shared via email, phone call, or text. Each team member has only one other person on the ministry team that they contact each time there is a request.
- The prayer need moves around the circle until it returns to the original member who received the request. With that call, the circle of prayer is complete and all members are praying for the specific need of the person who requested the prayer.
- Prayers can continue for the specific needs for as long as the person requesting the prayer feels they are in need.
  - > Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members can check back with the individual to see if the need is ongoing.

### Why a Circle of Prayer team:

- To provide another level of care and prayer for members and friends of Germantown Presbyterian Church.
- To provide a prayer ministry that can be done by anyone.
- To provide an opportunity for involvement in the life of GPC for those who are no longer ambulatory (and often feel as though they have lost their purpose). Oftentimes those who are no longer able to participate in the life of GPC long to have a purpose – and an opportunity to serve on a team such as this would give them a much-needed purpose!

I invite you to pray about participating on this new Circles of Care Prayer Team, and afterwards, if you feel God is calling you to serve in this way, just let me know at: [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org) – or call me at the church office: 901-754-5195, ext. 122.

## MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET

Items in our medical supply closet are available to borrow for members of the congregation. These items can be checked out through the church office by calling 901-754-5195. We have canes, walkers, crutches, shower safety stools, portable toilets, and even a hospital bed. Donations of more medical equipment, especially wheelchairs, are always welcome.



# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

By Helen Warren

## MEET MURPHY McLEARLY!



We have many wonderful participants who take part in our PEACE program. Let's begin introductions with Murphy!

Murphy lives with her mom, Beth, and her dad, Joe, and their FOUR rescue cats! They attend Church of the Holy Spirit and live in East Memphis. Her dad is a web designer at Ducks Unlim-

ited, and her mom was a 1st grade teacher but now she stays home with Murphy.

Murphy's favorite color is pink and her favorite food is cheeseburgers. She loves going to the movies with her

friends. Her favorite thing in the world is to take pictures and make videos on her computer. Currently her favorite thing to do is swim in their swimming pool because as Murphy said, it's HOT outside! She stays very busy going to a lot of activities with her friends. Murphy likes to travel with her family, visit her family in New York, and one day she hopes to visit California!

Murphy attends a variety of programs at Hope Presbyterian, Christ Church, and Grace Evangelical. At GPC, Murphy attends The Breathe program, Wacky Wednesday, and Friendship Circle; she has also been attending GPC Sunday School during quarantine. She is friends with GPC member Jeffrey Harding. Murphy's sweet smile and friendly personality are blessings to our GPC programs! Thank you, Murphy, for introducing yourself and helping us to get to know you!



## LET'S TACO BOUT... A GREAT WAY YOU CAN SERVE!

Special Needs Adult Sunday School Class is looking for a few adults to help teach their small but mighty class. Different teaching options, such as rotating teachers, can be explored. If you are interested in participating and want to know more, please email Helen Warren at [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org) or call 901-626-3380.

"There is amazing favor that comes when you minister to [people] with special needs because I believe you tap into the heart of Jesus!" - Craig Johnson

## SPECIAL NEEDS IS "ZOOMING" RIGHT ALONG!

Wacky Wednesday is a weekly summer program that is part of our PEACE program. It is for participants 15 years or older. With the help and guidance of Betsie Menendez, Patty Jackson, Sherrie Horner, Cathy Borden, and Karen Cooper, we were able to begin our program through Zoom during the month of June! In July participants continue to engage in a fellowship time, devotional, sing-a-longs, and prayer time. If you'd like to stop by to say hello, we'd love for you to "Zoom" with us. E-mail [specialneeds@gemantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@gemantownpres.org) for info on joining us.

In addition, our Adult Sunday School class is continuing to meet weekly through Zoom. We are currently learning about the Prophet Elisha and the miracles he performed through God.



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## Update from the Ghana Team

*Contributed by Erin Bowden*

On May, 23, the Ghana Mission Team - Erin Bowden, Beth Brock, Ty Hardin, Molly Miller, Lance Warren, and Pastor Susie Wiggins - was able to have a Zoom meeting with our friends in Ghana.

Here are some highlights:

Bicycle donations. We learned that from our donations for bicycles, 130 bicycles have been purchased and distributed with GPC stickers attached! All who have received them were very grateful for these tools of evangelism (see below).

Manse. We learned that the manse being built for the new chairperson was completed - as a reminder, last summer, the team donated bags of cement to help with the building (see below).

Presbytery Election. We have since learned that the Upper Presbytery was able to hold their election for a new chairperson and that our friend, Rev. James Awuni won the election! He will serve as chairman for the next 5 years.

Land Purchase. As some of you may remember from Rev. James's visit in October, the Upper Presbytery was in the process of purchasing land in order to build a more centralized lay training and prayer retreat center. On our call, the team was able to let them know that GPC would be wiring \$10,000 to help with this purchase - we were told that this amount would complete the sale in total and make way for plans to build. To say that a few tears were shed on both

sides of the call is an understatement. They send their sincere thanks to the GPC congregation.

Upper Presbytery 10th Anniversary. The week of June 21 was supposed to be the culminating celebration for the Upper Presbytery's 10th anniversary. Of course, these celebrations were put on hold and will be rescheduled. The presbytery has been practicing social distancing, holding services virtually through Facebook Live, TV, and radio. During the call, they were all very interested to hear how we have been tithing as this is something that they have been unable to do. This has been an extreme hardship to the churches.

While we are grateful for the low number of COVID-19 cases in northern Ghana, we recognize their mission has suffered greatly financially. As further challenge, the Upper Presbytery has also had an outbreak of spinal meningitis occur during this time. As always however, the Upper Presbytery remains optimistic in furthering God's will: improvising, keeping their faith, and seeking to learn and improve as they carry on.

Our missions team remains committed to our relationship with our Upper Presbytery friends in Ghana — and we thank you for your support of this inspiring partnership.





# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## Rising Together Foundation

### *Bridging the Education and Opportunity Gap*

*Contributed by Judd Peters*



Rising Together is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary-, middle-, and high-school students by creat-

ing, administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events, and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate.

Rising Together promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community. Ultimately, Rising Together strives to introduce all participants to college- and life-preparatory experiences and expectations while promoting inclusive community relationships for a lifetime of leadership and service.

Disadvantaged students in under-served communities often do not receive the support and opportunities needed to become successful students and leaders. As a result in the summer months they experience “summer slide” where they regress academically, physically, and socially. The Rising Together Foundation is dedicated to addressing these challenges by providing excellent college- and life-preparatory programming and events designed for students.

In the summer of 2020 Rising Together anticipates serving approximately 180 disadvantaged students in the Summer SLAM programs (Scholars, Leaders, and Athletes in Memphis) at three locations in the Memphis area: The Neighborhood Christian Center, Star Academy Charter School, and Evangelical Christian School. Rising Together will work with schools and organizations to establish a team of leaders, teachers, coaches, and student leaders who will work at the program locations. These full-day, multi-week programs incorporate the programs listed below.

Features of the Summer SLAM program include:

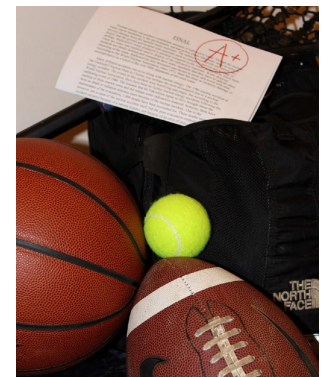
- College- and Life-Preparatory Programs for Students;
- Academic Enrichment in Language Arts, Writing, Math, and Technology;
- Leadership Development and Public Speaking Courses;
- Physical Fitness, Sports, and Games;
- Community Relationships, Outreach, and Engagement.



RTF requests help from the GPC family in three ways for the Summer SLAM programs: prayers, people, and purse.

- **Prayers:** Pray for the student participants and adults involved. (A specific list of those involved will be provided later.)
- **People:** Week-by-week committed volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, high school/college students as counselors, and general help is needed serving meals and cleaning up. These decisions can be made a week at a time.
- **Purse:** Financial contributions are needed to provide scholarships for student participants and to help pay for other costs of the programs.

For more information please contact Judd Peters at 901-378-3251 or [judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com](mailto:judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com), or check out their website here (<https://www.risingtogetherfoundation.com/>).



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## Local Focus Businesses in June Supporting the Community During COVID-19

GPC IS HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE STRUGGLING AND NEED SOME SUPPORT. WE'RE PUTTING INFO IN THE WEEKLY EBLAST AND POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IF YOU ARE A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER THAT GPC CAN SUPPORT VIA OUR COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE LET LAURIE KNOW VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG). WE ARE ALL IN THIS FIGHT TOGETHER AND WANT TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ALL THE WAYS WE CAN THINK OF! GRACE & PEACE, PASTOR SUSIE

### Two Pillars Yoga Studio & DwiPada Yoga School



I'm church member Amy Morse. My husband Jim and I and our three sons have been members of GPC since around 2014. I'm so honored to have GPC spotlight my small business as part of the weekly newsletter.

My business partner, Michele Humphrey Mallory, and I run Two Pillars Yoga Studio and DwiPada Yoga School, located at 376 Perkins Extended, Suite 206 in Memphis.

As a result of the quarantine, we closed our doors on March 14, then reopened June 1 with a limited in-studio schedule and limited capacity, then closed again after the Memphis city ordinance passed requiring masks and the number of new COVID-19 cases spiked in just the last few weeks. We offer on-line classes through Zoom for anyone who wants to participate.

At our studio Two Pillars Yoga, we specialize in Ashtanga Vinyasa, Vinyasa Flow, and Yin Yoga. We teach group and private sessions, offer a variety of quality healthy workshops, and even provide classes for businesses. Our approach is individualized for every student based on their abilities, limitations, and injuries. We work with the students to help them find a practice that meets their health and wellness needs.

Our teacher trainings, through our DwiPada Yoga School, are offered in the fall and spring and have provided the MidSouth with some of the best teachers in the area. We have trained over 75 teachers since 2017. We are accredited through Yoga Alliance. If you are interested in learning more about this practice or want to teach the practice to others, visit us online or give us a call. We love sharing about our school and our graduates.

If you want to try yoga or it has been recommended by your doctor or physical therapist, give us a call, email us or book your class through the MINDBODY app. You can find out more about us at: [www.twopillarsyoga.com](http://www.twopillarsyoga.com).

You can reach us at [twopillarsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:twopillarsyoga@gmail.com) or by phone or text.

Peace and joy,

Amy Morse (901-830-8847)  
Michele Mallory (901-907-9929)

### Hog Wild & A Moveable Feast Catering Co.

Dear GPC,

I am Ernie Mellor, Owner and Pitmaster of Hog Wild and A Moveable Feast Catering Co. I was a member at GPC from 1963 until 2011. My father was the minister there, my mother, Lalla Mellor, is still a member as are my sister Lalla and her husband John Colmer. I am a member at Woodland Presbyterian now but have deep roots in and love for your congregation.



During the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn the hospitality business has been hurt tremendously. Our industry includes hotels, attractions, and restaurants/caterers. As the economy slowly opens back up, we are still alive. The catering business is open for any size party that you may like to entertain, but the reality is most folks are not having these events right now.

My company has had to adapt our business model to the times in order to survive. We are offering great food items delivered to your door Tuesdays thru Saturday. If you place your order on any given day before 2pm, we will deliver the next day between 3-5pm. Or you can order today and schedule delivery a few days out. The food items are geared towards 4 servings of each. The food comes to you cold and most items are vacuum sealed or in deli containers. We follow all Shelby County Health Department safety protocols and wear gloves and masks to deliver your food.

Some of the more popular items are our smoked turkey breast, smoked chicken salad, pulled pork, baby back ribs, sliced brisket, chipotle pimento cheese, and many more proteins, side dishes, and condiments.

Please visit <http://www.ahogwildbbq.com> or <http://www.hogwildbbq.com> and click on the delivered meals menu.

Blessings to all!  
Ernie Mellor, Owner & Pitmaster

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## Local Focus Businesses in June Supporting the Community During COVID-19

### Ronald McDonald House of Memphis



It is a pleasure to share the mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis (RMHC-Memphis) with GPC. Many members of GPC have deep roots in this mission. Tom and Meredith Tweel founded RMHC-Memphis almost 30 years ago, and their daughter

- St. Jude is not an admitting hospital which means that the actual patients live at RMHC-Memphis with their families. Families only go to the hospital for treatment so we have the unique opportunity to serve the whole family.
- There is never a charge for any family to stay at RMHC-Memphis.
- RMHC-Memphis is its own 501(c)3 entity with its own governing board. We are financially supported by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the services provided, but the majority of the \$3,200,000 budget must be raised by RMHC-Memphis through donor support and activities.

Allison Gilbert has served as a Board President. The Germantown Women's Club, with many GPC members, is not only a donor but serves wonderful meals to our families several times a year, and we have several other members who participate in fundraisers, serve on committees, and generously donate year after year.

I am a 20+ year member of GPC and became Executive Director of RMHC-Memphis in January 2017; it was truly the providence of God that led me to RMHC-Memphis and it is a privilege to serve the families.

RMHC-Memphis is part of the RMHC Global network with a mission of providing housing for families who have children being treated in hospitals. There are over 365 houses around the world in addition to mobile units and hospital rooms that help keep families together in a time of crisis.

RMHC-Memphis is unique in the following ways.

- We have one hospital partner - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. RMHC-Memphis provided the first housing for the families of St. Jude.

COVID-19 has impacted RMHC-Memphis in many ways. We no longer can have any volunteers of any type on campus, but we now must serve three meals a day to our families. Please consider donating so that we can pay for the resources to feed our families and also stock our pantries. Our fundraising activities have also been cancelled due to COVID-19 which will result in a shortfall of about 8% of our budget.

Despite COVID-19, we continue to serve families with our mission of "near the care they need with the family they love." We have approximately 30 families living at RMHC-Memphis today. I want to thank my GPC family for helping us during this time. Each time that I become concerned, it seems like a member or group from GPC reaches out to help. THANK YOU!

For more information about RMHC-Memphis, please go to [www.RMHC-Memphis.org](http://www.RMHC-Memphis.org).

Jill S. Crocker

### The Grove at GPAC

Germantown Performing Arts Center (GPAC) is a multidisciplinary performing arts facility whose mission is to serve the community by presenting the highest quality artistic endeavors to educate, engage, enrich, and transform.

Opened in 1994, GPAC has an acoustically perfect 868-seat theater (Watkins Studio Theater), an intimate black box theater, an elegant patron lounge, eight spacious dressing rooms, and a large lobby for entertaining and assembling. GPAC presents world-renowned performing artists in a variety of genres, year-round educational activities for all ages, including the GPAC Youth Symphony Orchestra, rotating visual art exhibits, and many community events welcoming over 100,000 visitors annually.

In addition GPAC oversees two outdoor performance spaces, and The Grove at GPAC is one. During this time of social distancing and in the interest of safety concerns, GPAC will be utilizing The Grove to host summer events. Learn more about The Grove here: <https://www.gpacweb.com/gpac/the-grove>.



> You can find GPAC's amended performance schedule here: <https://www.gpacweb.com/calendar-view>.

> You can donate here: <https://www.gpacweb.com/gpac/donate>.

Make sure you check out The Grove online and explore all the ways you can support Germantown's own performing arts center, especially after months of lost revenue.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## The Latest in the Life of the Church

### Pinecrest Offers Virtual Camp This Summer

Hello, friend!

I hope you'll help spread the word to your congregations, especially your kids and anyone who might have kids or grandkids, about what Pinecrest is doing this summer. Because we feel that in-person summer camp is too risky this year, the Pinecrest Board pivoted quickly and allowed us to try our hand at virtual camp. It's a phenomenal product! You can offer this link for your members to click around:

<https://www.pinecrestathome.com/sample>

Pinecrest at Home is a full week (M-F, 9-5p) of live and pre-recorded activities that start with energizers and Bible stories and end with Vespers. Our counselors created a website just for virtual camp, and I have worked with them to create great content that is both very active and not so active, indoors and outdoors. Charity is doing a daily getting out into nature segment, too!



This virtual camp is a great alternative...although not permanent(!), for this day and time. You'll be proud of the product!

Lucy Cummings, Executive Director  
Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center

PS: Please help us spread the word to your bored kids who NEED to connect!

Register for Digital Discovery 4, 5, and Middle School Week HERE: <https://pinecrest.campbrainregistration.com/>  
Register for our FREE Summer Sessions HERE:

<https://forms.gle/oahBieb9RX8WRYCm6>

See our Facebook Page for more information: [https://www.facebook.com/camppinecrest.org/posts/2696040990719804?comment\\_id=2696046124052624&notif\\_id=1593537027281880&notif\\_t=feed\\_comment](https://www.facebook.com/camppinecrest.org/posts/2696040990719804?comment_id=2696046124052624&notif_id=1593537027281880&notif_t=feed_comment)

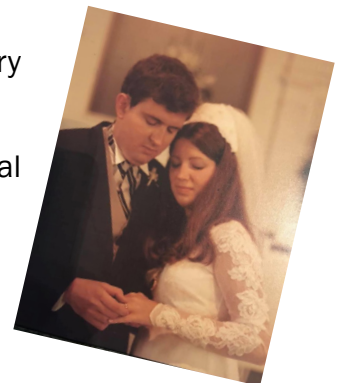


The Presbyterian Women (PW) will not meet during July. Keep watching for updates as GPC continues to explore what opening the facilities back up again looks like.

CONGRATULATIONS Linda and Lanny Oakes who celebrated their 47th anniversary on June 23!

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner out (outside on a large covered patio / social distancing observed) and had a great day.

Thanks for sharing this Jerold.



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## The Latest in the Life of the Church

### Church Member Elizabeth Wilson and Her Daughter Madison Are Huge Fans of Pinecrest Virtual Camp

In light of the current pandemic, the Board and staff at Pinecrest had to make the hard decision to move to virtual camps for the majority of the summer. Pinecrest is a large part of our summer each year, so we were very disappointed. After the zooms and online activities of school, I never dreamed that I would encourage on-line camp, but I AM!

Once the decision was made, the summer staff were challenged to create all of the best parts of camp online. They involved parents and children to make Pinecrest at home easy to access, hands-off for parents, and most importantly fun for kids! Last week, Madison "went to camp". We picked up her supply box, full of craft supplies, a nature journal, a t-shirt and all she needed for the week. Monday morning, we logged in, not knowing what to expect. She

had an amazing week! She learned sign language, had cabin time, played games with friends, did minute to win it, made crafts (a stick boat, bracelets, a straw weaving project etc.), created an obstacle course, explored nature, learned about the aquifer, hung out and laughed with old and new friends, had a campfire experience, but most importantly had a BLAST. I have frequently heard the staff say that Pinecrest summer camp is about relationships. That mindset was evident in all of the interactions, activities and planning!

Madison was busy and happy from 9 - 5 each day, which allowed me to work effectively all day as well. I am amazed and delighted with the Pinecrest at Home platform and the experience Pinecrest created. You can take anything you have experienced as virtual and throw it out the

window. This is a new kind of FUN combining some recorded energizers and crafts with a lot of live conversations and games! If you want to know more, you can explore information about the camp and see a sample day at [www.camppinecrest.org](http://www.camppinecrest.org). I am also happy to talk to anyone who might have questions.



The Friday Men's Breakfast Fellowship continues to meet virtually using Go To Meeting. The virtual meeting begins on Fridays at 6:30am and ends at 7:30am. To participate you can get meeting access information by emailing [communications@germantown-pres.org](mailto:communications@germantown-pres.org) for the organizer contact.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

It's Still Vital to GPC That You Give During This Time

## Ways to Give



### Text

Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



### Giving App

Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

## In the Mail

Mail checks to:  
2363 S Germantown Rd  
Germantown TN 38138.



### Online



Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR Code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.

*For more information please call  
Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.*

**GPC would like to create a GPC Resource Directory. Those who want to be included will share their business contact information and website address (if applicable) so that the GPC family of faith can better support one another's business ventures. If you would like for your business to be included, please email [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).**

## Did You Know that GPC Is on YouTube & Vimeo?



Yep. GPC has its own YouTube and Vimeo channels. You can search us online, or if you're reading a digital copy of this newsletter, you can click [here](#) for YouTube and [here](#) for Vimeo. You can also access these channels from the website - [www.GermantownPres.org](http://www.GermantownPres.org).

**MAKE SURE YOU SUBSCRIBE!** These channels reward high numbers of subscribers with more privileges and permissions.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Becky Stanley is taking knitting lessons from Kay Stanley. Is that a potholder?

Judy Hobbs, Linda Harris, and Kay Shelton. Linda is teaching Kay to play the ukelele.



Thank you, GPC family. Your love and support have been overwhelming. Thank you for always being there for our family - and thank you for your support of Amerigo and Char restaurants during these uncertain times. We are so very grateful for you and our church.

Love, Beth & Ben Brock

Donating time at the Mid-South Food Bank and celebrating 4th of July early!



## How Are You Spending Your Days?

**Take pictures of you and your family as you stay safer at home.** What are you doing? How are you spending your time? Binge-watching new or favorite shows? Catching up on all your reading? Teaching yourself a new hobby? Finally cleaning out that closet? Pulling out the old board games or card games? Writing that novel/memoir/volume of poetry? Learning how to video chat or use other social media and online resources in a new way? **Take pictures of how you're spending your time and send them to: [communications@germantown-pres.org](mailto:communications@germantown-pres.org).** You might just show up in next month's newsletter!

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Expanding Ways to Worship with GPC

- \* Worship with limited attendance and face masks has resumed in the GPC sanctuary.
- \* Livestream the video Sunday mornings at 9:30am on the website and Facebook.
- \* Catch up on any of the worship services any time on the GPC video channels (YouTube and Vimeo), Facebook page or the website any time during the week.





# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Summer Sunday School Book of James

*Contributed by Will Jones*

Ongoing Sunday morning study on the Book of James running through August 9.

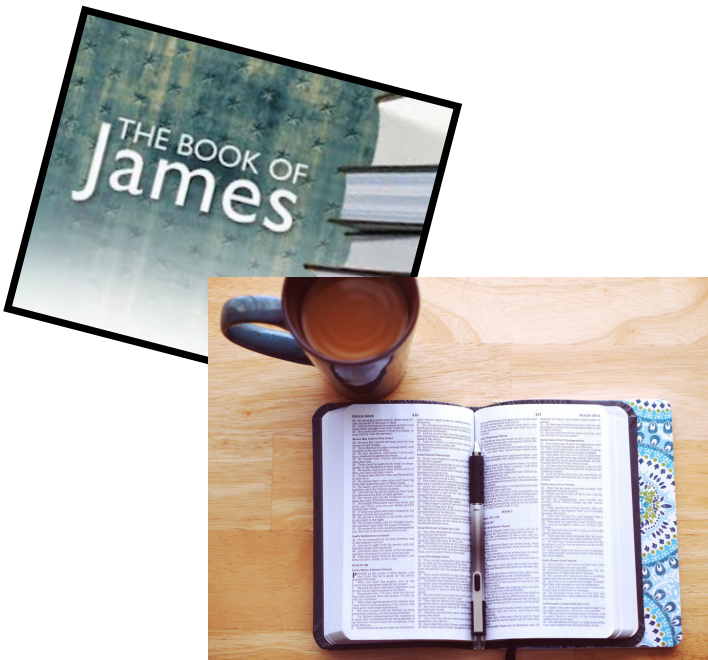
Here is the link for the class, which will meet via GoToMeeting for the foreseeable future. If we meet in person, we will still use this link for people to join remotely.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/307904013>

You can also dial in using your phone.  
(646) 749-3112  
Access Code: 307-904-013

Here is the book we will be using if people want to buy it: *James: A 12 Week Study* by Greg Gilbert  
[https://www.amazon.com/James-12-Week-Study-Knowing-Bible-ebook/dp/B00CB1J46C/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?dchild=1&keywords=Greg+gilbert&qid=1590526953&sr=8-6](https://www.amazon.com/James-12-Week-Study-Knowing-Bible-ebook/dp/B00CB1J46C/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=Greg+gilbert&qid=1590526953&sr=8-6)

Here is a link for an online version of the material:  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowing-bible-james/#week-1-overview>



## Other Sunday Morning Adult Education Options

Remember some adult Sunday School classes now begin at 10:40am in order to accommodate the 9:30am livestream of Sunday worship. Make sure you check your class's time to confirm when you will meet moving forward.

[Hits of the Ages led by Alan Callicott](#) - studying the Gospel of John @ 10:40am to accommodate the 9:30am livestream Sunday worship.

Please join this meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://www.gotomeet.me/HitsOfTheAges>

You can also dial in using your phone.  
United States: +1 (786) 535-3211

Access Code: 493-761-621

[Faith in the Real World led by Scott Hall](#)  
This class will join Pastor Will's book of James class.

[Psalm 78 Class](#)  
This class continues their study, *The Lamb of God (A 10-week Bible Study): Seeing Jesus in Exodus* by Nancy Guthrie and will continue to meet at 9:45am on Sunday mornings (this will be during the livestream Sunday morning worship). The group will then watch the worship service after the livestream has been saved and stored on the website. The book can be found at local bookstores or online if you want your own copy. Everyone is invited to join as this group studies Moses.

The class will continue to meet via GoToMeeting for the foreseeable future. The login information is listed below.

Sundays at 9:40am CST (The meeting will be open beginning at 9:30 for fellowship time. Class will begin at 9:40/9:45am. If you are delayed, you are still welcome.)

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/472514237>

You can also dial in using your phone. (For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (669) 224-3412

One-touch: tel:+16692243412,,472514237#

Access Code: 472-514-237

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/472514237>

# MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Time rolls on and as one anthem that we sing says "There's a Sunday Coming Soon!" July is here, and July 4th is upon us. We are beginning to have a part of the congregation back in the sanctuary for worship, and I am doing ALL in my power to keep the quality of our music in worship as sound as possible during these most trying and difficult times. I hope that all of you have been participating in our online, now livestream, services. We can never say thank you enough to ALL who have worked so hard to keep worship in your homes weekly. Special thanks go to David Bradford and Stewart Holmes - they have worked tirelessly to keep worship at GPC in your homes. Of course special thanks also goes to the office staff and the program staff. It is a team effort!!

During the month of July music in worship will include:

- July 5 > Melissa and Kyle Millsap, trumpets; Jeff Day tenor; Donna Morley, soprano; and Jerold Teachey, baritone.
- July 12 > Sandy Franks, soprano; Phyl Simmons, mezzo soprano; and Woodie Whited, bass (tentative Johnathan Whited playing string bass).
- July 19 > Kyle Ferrill, baritone; Nate Hicks, baritone; Martha Drexler, soprano.
- July 26 > Bo Cotten and other horns; singers TBA.

As I always do, let me thank ALL of you who support music at GPC through your gifts and contributions to the Teachey Scholarship Fund and The Music Fund. Those gifts along with our annual budget allow me to maintain quality music in worship ALL year long!! Don't forget your contributions to The Music Program during this long period of absence from the sanctuary. You are a VIP member of our Music Team! Thank YOU for your continued support.

I look forward to seeing you soon - hopefully in worship.

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



**If you missed Mark Cooper's amazing musical offering in the June 7 worship service, you need to go to GPC's video channels. It is a truly remarkable testament to his talent and dedication.**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN

### Moms & Dads, We Need You



We are in need of Kindergarten and 1st Grade Sunday School teachers for 2020-2021! And, we also need DADS who are willing to teach!

We have a group of 4th and 5th grade boys who desperately need to see a male teaching them to live a godly life!

We aim to have teams of 3 teachers per grade level so that you can maintain flexibility with your weekend.

We have a curriculum that explains the lessons for you and provides easy activities you can do with your group. We will help to provide you with training and a good structure for your class. This is a very important job in the lives of these children!

When it resumes in August, Sunday School will be 9:30 - 10:40 on Sunday mornings. Please email Anna ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)) if you can be on a teaching team for the 2020-2021 year or if you have any questions on how to teach. Thank you!

### Most Importantly, We Need People Who Have a Heart for Kids!

The Children's Ministry Support Team is making wonderful plans for our GPCKids Sunday School this year!

We are in need of 5 teachers for the coming year to join our teaching teams: 1 Kindergarten teacher, 2 First Grade teachers, 2 Second and Third Grade teachers, and 1 Fourth and Fifth Grade teacher.

We strive to make teaching Sunday School a very flexible volunteer position. We will teach you everything you need to know, you just need to bring your HEART FOR KIDS!

- Our curriculum is very easy to use! It provides fun activities for the children, and it even tells you exactly what to say!
- We strive to have 3 teachers per grade level, so that you have flexibility to travel on weekends.
- The teaching hour flows with a structured schedule helping to keep our children engaged in blocks of learning time.

This year we are introducing "Bible Study Skills" for our children. We want them to actively participate in reading and learning from their Bibles. Come be a part of these important relationships in the life of our children. We need people with a HEART FOR KIDS! It is our job as Christian parents, grandparents, and adults to teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

Email Anna with questions ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)).

### Thank You to June's 5th Grade Worship Leader - Madison Wilson



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids

at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White, Director of Family Ministry ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)).

What is your full name? *Madison Courtney Wilson*

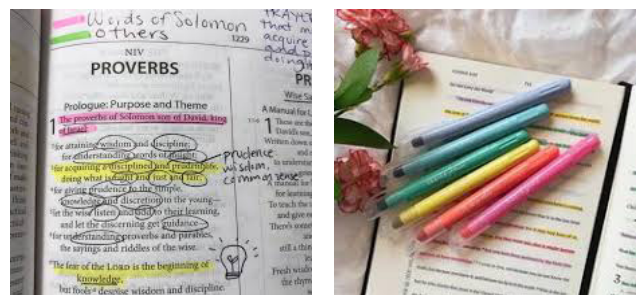
Who are your parents? *Elizabeth and Jerry Wilson*

Where do you go to school? *I just graduated from Richland Elementary. I'm headed to University Middle.*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *I have enjoyed VBS and learning about God with my friends.*

What have you learned at GPC? *I have learned that God is always there for me no matter what.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I hope I get to experience new relationships and friendships with all my old and new friends in youth.*



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN/YOUTH

### Time for Some Summer Fun Youth Pool Parties

***Text RSVP to Erin Bowden at 901-371-7884***

**What would you like your youth group to look like?  
*\*When you come to the pool party, we want to hear your voice!!***

**Sr. High**

**Tuesday, July 7, 6 - 8 pm**

**The Owens Hosting  
9180 Forest Estates Cove  
Germantown 38139**

**Jr. High**

**Saturday, July 11, 5 - 7 pm**

**The Millers Hosting  
270 Walnut Leaf Drive  
Cordova 38018**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
August - Save the Dates**

**Aug 2 - Sunday School Teacher Training  
Aug 9 - Parent & Child Meeting; Meet & Greet  
Aug 14 - 1st Breathe for the new year  
Aug 16 - Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast  
Aug 23 - First Day of Regular Sunday School  
Drop off  
Aug 30 - 5th Grade Worship Leader Training &  
Presentation**

**\*We understand that some families  
may not feel comfortable  
having their youth attend.  
We'd love to see you if we can!**

**Watch for upcoming  
August dates!**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## YOUTH

### Congrats to More GPC College Graduates!

Well, we were afraid we'd leave some grads out of last month's list, and we did. If you know of a GPC college grad that we've left out, please email [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org) and let us know.

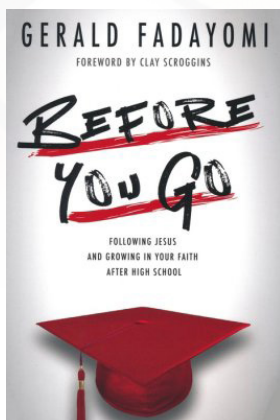
Graduating from college is hard enough, but during these challenging times especially, these young people deserve our recognition, support, and prayers as they go on to whatever's next.



William Thomas Fesmire graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude.

He double majored in Medicine, Health and Society and English with Honors completing a thesis. While at Vanderbilt, Witt did medical research in two separate fields: gastric cancer development and the barriers to care faced by adolescents living with HIV. He was active in Reformed University Fellowship and Habitat for Humanity. Witt is a certified Emergency Medical Responder. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Foundations of Health at Vanderbilt.

Rachel Hormberg graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is currently living back in Memphis and working at Baptist Hospital in ICU Step Down.



## Rising 2020-2021 Seniors... We Look Forward to Lunch with You!

Rising seniors, you have an important and exciting year ahead! We look forward to walking with you this year as you think about many wonderful future decisions and opportunities. It is our sincere hope that as you round the corner into adulthood, you are active in your faith with Jesus Christ. Please expect a call or email from Erin Bowden or Anna White to schedule lunch with you and your parent. We will bring you our focus book for the year, *Before You Go*, by Gerald Fadayomi. Keep looking for more information.

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

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| >Jeffrey Arthur     | >Elaine/Tom Cates                         | >Dot Ledlow          | >Pam/Bill Spencer                              |
| >Gay Beaumont       | **Bob Cook                                | >Aggie/Jack Losa     | >Jan Thomson                                   |
| >Shirley Billups    | >Jane Craddock                            | >Willa Lowry         | >Bob Thurman                                   |
| >Sherril/Jim Blair  | >Judy/Fred Frick                          | >Tom Oldham          | >Amanda Walters                                |
| >Linda Sue/Bob Bobo | >GPC graduates from high school & college | >Mack Pepper         | >Erwin/Wes Westmoreland                        |
| >Huddy/Bayard Boyle | >Nancy/Peter Hawkinson                    | >Cy Pipkin           | >Woodie Whited, Johnathan Whited, Sandy Franks |
| **Jean/Gil Brooks   | >Jean/Bob Hicks                           | >Jackie/Bill Ruleman |  |
| **Hazel Canon       |   | >Diane Short         |  |

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
 Elaine & Tom Cates & the Moore family in the death of their son-in-law/husband/father;  
 Barry Phillips & family in the death of his father;  
 Phyl & Austin Simmons & the Ratton family in the death of their son-in-law/husband/father;  
 Mary Alice Turner & family in the death of her brother.

## In Service in the Military:

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay 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  
 Jason Ragain - son of Debbie Ragain

## Coronavirus Prayers

Doctors and nurses, emergency workers dealing with COVID19  
 Wisdom for church leadership

## GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

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| >Katie Badgett - friend of Halfacres                                     | **Carrington Davis, mom, rest of family - friends of Susan Jones         | >Carma/Doug Harper - neighbor of Jean Carroll   | **Todd Mosley - son of Evelyn/Phil Mosley                              | >William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt          |
| **Lilly Baughman - niece of Sandy Wilson                                 | **Murre/Ryan Foster, baby Ryan - friends of Jeanie Hill                  | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips   | >AJ Pennington - nephew of Cindy Cleveland                             | >Lois Strock & rest of Henry Strock family - friends of Louise Lawson Johnson |
| **Melissa Benson, Chalmers/William - sister & family of Lauren Utterback | >Tim Gibson, sons Brayson/Kaben & Donna Bowers - friends of Phyl Simmons | >Jeff Holt & family - friends of Mickie Nabors  | **Alice Phillips - mother of Barry Phillips                            | >James Thomas - friend of Barbara Ragsdale                                    |
| >Carpenter family - relatives of Bob Hicks                               | >Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss                             | **Don Jones - family of Missy Gwin  | >Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger | >Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy/Rick Tripp                                    |
| >Jo Carrington - cousin of Jean Brooks                                   | >Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger      | **Chris Mitchell - nephew of Violet Olsen   | **Fred Sauer & family - father of Tom Sauer                            | >Evelyn/James Warrington - sister-in-law of Catherine King                    |
| >Terrance Cooper - father of Mark Cooper                                 |  | >Cindy Moore, daughters Isabelle/Lucy - daughter & granddaughters of Elaine/Tom Cates | >Lane Steen, children Josie/Will - friends of Marjorie Reynolds        |   |

**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

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.

## July GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| <u>Jul 5</u><br>Erin Bowden, Brock/Noah<br>Cindy/Howard Cleveland,<br>Alexander/Elizabeth<br>Laura/Woodson Farmer,<br>Emmaline<br>Ellie/Dick Goughnour<br>Carol/Bill Leppert<br>Gisela/Terry Pickett<br>Paula Stack<br>Susan Walker | <u>Jul 12</u><br>Carol Boals<br>Pam/Joe Graddy<br>Christy/Mark Mestemacher<br>Frank Oakes<br>Lisa/Kevin Patterson<br>Mary Blanche Scott<br>Stephanie/Barry Wall | <u>Jul 19</u><br>Gay Beaumont<br>Kathleen/Jim Boyd<br>Martha/Drayton Mayers,<br>MacLean/Sara<br>Lee Parnell<br>Jimmy Shumaker<br>Anne/Jim Tims<br>Arlene/Brett Wade,<br>Kevin/Lauren | <u>Jul 26</u><br>Huddy/Bayard Boyle<br>Janet/Ed Dellinger,<br>Carolyn/William<br>Dot Hartzog<br>Aggie/Jack Losa<br>Susan/Greg Morgan<br>Laura Patteson<br>Loree/Rich Tisdale<br>Jody/David Waldrop,<br>Bryan/Lydia |
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# MEMORIALS

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

## Memorial Fund

*In memory of Joe Donaho  
Lalla & John Colmer  
Dixie & Bob Johnson*

*In memory of Judy Oakes  
Melissa & Frank Oakes*

## Building Tomorrow Today Capital Fund

*In memory of Carolyn Hayward  
Dick Linder*

## Music Fund

*In memory of Joe Donaho  
Mary & Rodney Strop*

## GPC Budget Update

### GPC Financial Summary, May 2020

	May 2020	2020 YTD	May 2019	2019 YTD
Revenue	\$105,224	\$821,591	\$150,248	\$773,525
Expenses	\$119,842	\$691,684	\$152,599	\$739,516
Net	\$(14,618)	\$129,907	\$(2,351)	\$34,009

We showed a deficit of \$14,618 in May, but our year-to-date results for 2020 remained positive at almost \$130,000. This is almost \$100,000 better than our year-to-date results in May 2019. This is the result of conscientious stewardship from our members and reduced expenses from suspension of most programs. *A big thanks goes to all who have maintained their giving in spite of the difficulties caused by the pandemic.*

The Stewardship Team has extended the *Building Tomorrow Today* campaign through the end of 2020 in order to provide extra time to those whose finances have been disrupted by the pandemic to complete their pledges. We still have pledges of just over \$347,000 outstanding, and every dollar received between now and the end of the year will go to service the existing debt on our new building. We anticipate a loan balance of approximately \$1.5 million at the end of the year when these pledges are received and excess reserves are applied to the loan balance as approved by

## Session Corner

At our June Session meeting held 6/18/2020, primary topics discussed were:

1. Welcome to new Session Members: Barbara Armstrong, Lea Buring, Katherine Burnett, Noel Florendo, Joe Graddy, Ty Hardin, John Seabold, Beth Willingham

2. Coronavirus Recovery and Re-Opening Task Force Recommendations

3. Conversations on Racial Reconciliation and What our Pastors Are Doing in our Community to Be at the Forefront of Support

4. Ministry Team Reports to Share Each Committee's Current Areas of Focus

For further insight, members are welcome to review committee meeting minutes for all Ministry Teams available in our church office.

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WORSHIP LEADER & MUSICIAN

ANNA WHITE  
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY

HELEN WARREN  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS  
MINISTRY

**August Window Deadline: July 15**

### **Important Prayer Requests for GPC**

Please lift these up to God every day for the foreseeable future.

**We have three crucially important staff positions that we are eager to fill in God's good timing - our new Youth Director, Associate Pastor, and Special Needs Director.**

**Youth Leader:** We are growing our commitment to serve the children and youth of our church, and we are committed to growing these programs numerically and spiritually. We are losing touch with some of our participants and their families. Please pray for our search committee that is looking for a new Director of Youth Ministries. This is a very important hire for us, and we have a good team doing the work of reaching out to contacts and networks to spread the word about our job opening.

**Associate Pastor:** The search committee for an Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Discipleship is also working hard. Please pray for their listening, interviewing, and discernment about the right person to come to GPC to help us grow God's kingdom as we reach out to the world around us with enthusiasm and conviction.

**Special Needs Leader:** Over the last several years, our ministry to people with Special Needs has taken on so much momentum, and we have grown our program in numerous ways. The Special Needs community in the Greater Memphis area has come to rely on GPC as a vital partner and resource, and we are filling a crucial need for many families, many of whom are growing in their appreciation of GPC as a church home. Please pray for our Special Needs Ministry Support Team as they seek the right person to fill this position. We do not want to fall back from the increased ministry we have added over the years, and we want our momentum to continue.

**Thank you for being a praying church, GPC!**



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