

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry



Then the disciples approached and said to Jesus, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” Matthew 15: 12

Matthew 15:1-28, the gospel reading for August 14 is densely packed. It was hard to resist the temptation to try to cover everything in the sermon that Sunday. And so, I prayed what has become one of my most frequent prayers, “Give me your word for this people at this time, dear Lord.” The word that the spirit placed upon my heart for us centered on the Canaanite woman’s boldness, lack of pride, faith and persistence on behalf of her daughter.

In the meantime, I’ve been praying about what to share with you this month in the Connection. The disciples’ words to Jesus in Matthew 15:12 continue to come to mind. “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

It’s amazing to me that these words were written 2000 years ago because I hear them frequently. The wording may be slightly different but the sentiment is the same. Usually it’s worded like this, “You know, if we do that ___*(choose one from list below or supply your own) _____ is going to get mad.” Or, it may be expressed as “I’m sure we’ll hear about it.”

Most of us don’t want to rock the boat, especially since our boat, the church universal, is being rocked enough in these troubled times. Like the disciples we don’t want to stir up trouble if we don’t have to. And we certainly don’t want to offend our fellow sailors. After all, they might decide to jump ship.

But we also have to take to heart how Jesus responded. He continued to say what needed to be said and to do what needed to be done. His message was always to do the will of his heavenly Father. He would not compromise trading the truth for popularity and maintaining the status quo. He knew that false peace, peace kept in the short term by backing down rather than speaking the truth, was no peace at all. Throughout his earthly ministry Jesus continued to speak the truth, no matter how “offensive” it might be.

I wonder what would happen if whenever we heard or said or even thought, “If we say or do that it will make someone mad?” we stopped and prayed. Perhaps the very fact that the action or thought frightens us is our cue to pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, courage and the gift of speaking the truth with love.

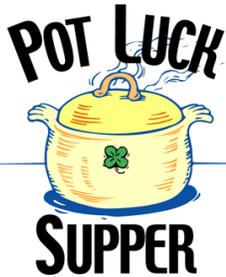
Pastor Terry

** the session, the deacons, the choir, the men, the tithers, the non-tithers, the Sunday school teachers*

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 4th

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 133
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
"But They Started It"
Communion



September 11th

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
"How Many Times!"
Potluck

September 18th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 149
Romans 14:13-23; Matthew 20:1-16
"That's Not Fair"
Blessing of the Food Pantry



September 25th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Philippians 1:1-30
"What's the Point?"
Service of Wholeness and Healing





Our prayers go out to the families and friends of the fallen troops and in remembrance as well to those who lost loved ones on September 11th which especially comes to mind this month.

All Ladies of our Church

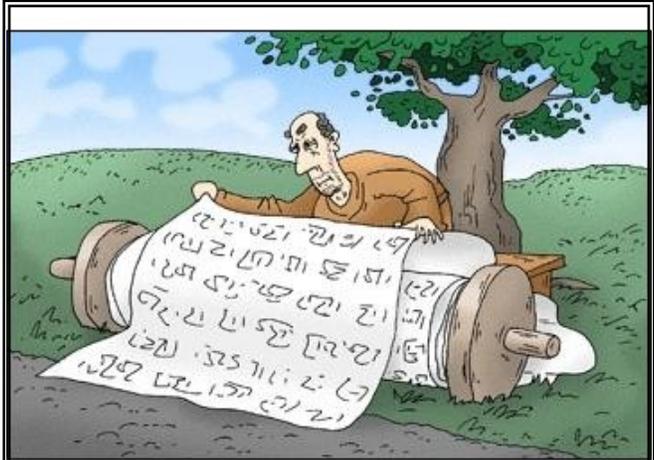
The Presbyterian Women of Bull Shoals invite you and all our local church ladies and surrounding Presbyterian churches to our Fall Brunch, September 27th at 10:00 a.m., here at our Memorial Hall. Our theme is "Jesus Is Calling".

Our program will be Reverend Terry Hart, who will portay "Fannie Crosby", blind hymn writer, of some 4,000 hymns. Door prizes will be given also.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office, making your reservation and indicating what you will bring. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 21st.

See you there!

For more information, contact Amy Johnson at 618-697-5587



THIS LARGE PRINT EDITION WAS WORKING OUT PRETTY WELL



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall!

NOTICE

ANYONE USING KEYS TO COME INTO THE CHURCH OUTSIDE OF REGULAR OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CHECK EVERY DOOR TO SEE THEY ARE LOCKED AND FIRMLY SHUT BEFORE LEAVING EVEN IF YOU DID NOT COME IN THOSE DOORS.

CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS

Greeters

September 4 - Paul & Mary Ann Smith
September 11 - Irene Bere & Norm Hockley
September 18 - Faye Brackett & Bonnie Monroe
September 25 - Bob & Arabella Richardson



Ushers

September 4 - Bill & Mary Kerr
September 11 - Mary Lou Bryant & Dick Sass
September 18 - Pam & Ken Hobart
September 25 - Irene Bere & Amy Johnson

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. -2011

September 4 - Central, Pine Bluff
September 11 - First, Brinkley
September 18 - First, Gurdon
September 25 - Cane Hill Church, Cane Hill



First, Little Rock
First, Jonesboro
Churches of Lacandon Presbytery, Mexico
Christian Educators & Youth Directors

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

September Birthdays

September 1 - Tywillah Schauer
September 13 - Gloria Wiles
September 25 - Norm Hockley
September 25 - Terry Hart
September 29 - Pam Hobart



October Birthdays

October 4 - Joanne Kahm
October 5 - Joyce King
October 6 - Mary Mahoney
October 7 - Joann James
October 10 - Jennifer Cerney
October 12 - Elaine Miller
October 15 - Boyd Brackett
October 31 - James Hart

ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 - Dick & Jini Sass
September 2 - Ken & Pam Hobart



October 1 - Troy & Betty Perrin
October 18 - Clint & Tiffany Myers

BRIDGE BASH 2011

What is a "Bridge Bash"? A) A card game B) A demolition C) A fund raiser

The answer is "C" - A fundraiser for the North Central Arkansas Food Bank which is a major supplier for our own Bull Shoals Food Pantry. The "Bridge Bash" is coming up on September 24, 9:00 a.m., at the historic Rainbow Bridge in Cotter! This event needs our support and involvement for success to "build bridges from hunger to hope" and provide hunger relief in North Central Arkansas.

Here's what "Bridge Bash 2011" is about:

It's a fundraiser to be held at the Cotter Rainbow Bridge and at the Cotter Springs Park for the purpose of raising funds (\$40,000 IS THE GOAL) to support area food pantries and other qualifying agencies throughout the year. Every \$1.00 raised provides five meals to people in need to relieve hunger in our area. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE 20,000 MEALS IN ONE DAY!

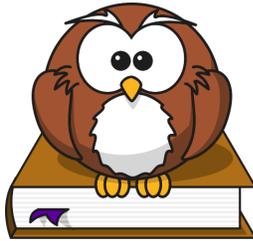
You can help! Every person who ATTENDS to represent Bull Shoals will help us raise a percentage of the total goal. That will come right back to our community! Even if you cannot attend, we still need your support. A \$20.00 donation will support another person who can attend in your place. If you do attend, you will receive a tee-shirt that morning for your \$20.00 just for showing up.

Support then is shown in two ways: by your \$20.00 donation AND by your participation.

Included in this fundraiser is the Bridge Bash Festival in the Cotter Springs Park, which follows the 9:00 a.m. ceremony on the Cotter Rainbow Bridge. The festival includes food, vendors and more, and it's all free to the public due to the generosity of corporate sponsors.

Please review the registration form on the reverse side of this notice, and if you'd like to be a part of our team or be a sponsor for someone else, please complete the registration form and turn it in, along with the \$20.00 donation, to Amy Johnson, team captain. Need more information? Please see Amy Johnson (Phone # 618-697-5587).

Thanks for your generous support of the Bull Shoals Food Pantry month after month!

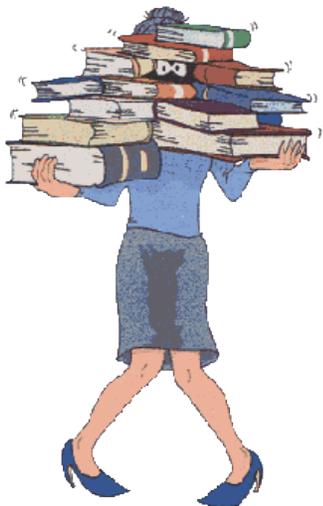


LIBRARY LINES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

A new non-fiction book has been donated to the library: **WHEN YOU BELIEVE** (The Story of Moses). The book can be found on the new non-fiction book cart.

The book of the month is **THE REASON FOR GOD** by Timothy Keller and can be found on the non-fiction book cart.

"Why does God allow suffering in the world? How could a loving God send people to hell? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? How can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God? These are just a few of the questions and doubts even ardent believers wrestle with today. As the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, Timothy Keller has compiled a list of the most frequently voiced "doubts" skeptics bring to his church. And in *The Reason For God*, he single-handedly dismantles each of them. Keller uses literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and reasoning to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief held by thoughtful people of intellectual integrity with a deep compassion for those who truly want to know the truth."



Faye Brackett, Librarian



Presbyterian Women (PW)

Our summer "break" is finally over! July with its excessive heat and humidity seemed to drag a bit—at least for me! However, it did give me the opportunity to catch up on some things at home that I'd been putting off for months. Hope y'all had a great summer! Now, we happily settle in for our fall and winter activities. It will be wonderful getting together regularly again.

First off: Our Sept. breakfast/luncheon meeting occurs on Tues., Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m., at the Village Wheel. (Please note: we changed the date earlier this year as Mon., Sept. 5, our regular meeting day is Labor Day.) The Reservations sheet is posted in the church office. Please sign up on or before Sun., Sept. 4. Ladies, our hostesses, Dot Pitts and Pam Hobart will be there to cheerfully welcome you. Irene Bere will offer the devotion. The short business meeting will be a very important one as we will consider to which mission programs we will distribute the ice cream social profits. We want you to be a part of that discussion.

Then, on Thurs., Sept. 15, following Norm's Coffee Hour in Memorial Hall, we will begin our Women's Weekly Bible Study with Rev. Terry (11 a.m. - 12 noon) on "Confessing the Beatitudes". Please bring your Bibles. Other material will be provided. See Rev. Terry's comments about the Study elsewhere in this issue.

Tues., Sept. 27 is fast approaching—we look forward eagerly to hosting the 10 a.m. Brunch for area church women who will be our guests—Mary Kerr is chairperson and Amy Johnson, co-chair. Rev. Terry will present a beautiful program depicting the life of Fanny Crosby, blind writer of thousands of hymns. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE INVITATION ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE GIVING ALL THE PARTICULARS, AND THEN SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET POSTED IN THE NARTHEX OR IN THE OFFICE, ALSO INDICATING WHAT YOU WILL BAKE OR BRING. THERE COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 65 TO 85 ATTENDING. LET'S ALL BE ON HAND TO GIVE OUR GUESTS A HEARTY, WARM CHRISTIAN WELCOME!

Looking ahead to Sat. Oct. 22nd to a major fundraiser for mission programs—the best Baked Potato Bash in the area—from 4 to 6 p.m. with Jini Sass, chairperson (445-3203). Tickets at \$5.50 will be on sale in early Oct. Watch for much more about the Bash in the October issue of the "Connection" and in the Sun. bulletins. Don't hesitate to contact Jini now if you can help in any way!

Ladies—church members and friends of the church—you are automatically members of PW. Please sign the registration sheet posted on the office bulletin board and join us at the Village Wheel on Tues., Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m., for our breakfast/luncheon meeting.

God bless!

For Presbyterian Women, Irene Bere, Moderator

MISSION MINUTE

SEPTEMBER-2011

(The following is from the 2011 Mission Yearbook)



"In the story of Joseph found in Genesis, Joseph finds himself in a pit, vulnerable and alone." Being homeless is something like falling into a pit. Like Joseph, people in a shelter or on the streets may not be there by their own doing, and like Joseph they can, with God's help, accomplish great things after getting back on their feet. A helping hand is often needed to get out of that pit.

Don Barrett was a resident of the Albuquerque Opportunity Center (AOC), a men's shelter program with seventy-four beds. After undergoing major heart surgery, he was discharged to one of the AOC's respite care beds so he could heal in a safe environment. One day, he went into cardiac distress and almost died, but swift response by the program staff and better medications saved his life. Don spent five more months in respite care. He got an apartment and a job until the recession brought a layoff.

By then, Don was strong enough in body and spirit to pick up the career he had before becoming homeless--that of a film director. He shot a pilot for a TV show and started working on a documentary film of his life on the streets. Don says he joined the AOC board because "This place saved my life; you *are* your brother's keeper!"

Our congregation helped create the AOC in 2005. Each man plans his own way out of homelessness, and the AOC offers support through a variety of services, such as down-payment assistance and spiritual companionship. The program has served more than 3,200 men, and 40 percent of the residents leave to self-sufficiency and a brighter future.

Homelessness is a symptom of extreme poverty and an issue of justice, as God desires a world without homelessness. Thousands of Presbyterian congregations work to end homelessness. May we lend the hand that helps a person out of the pit and work at the just, structural changes needed to end the chasm."

Mission Committee

FORT PEACE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV

FIFTH SUNDAY SING



On July 31st, we hosted the Community Fifth Sunday Sing. I don't know about you but I had a great time. All of the local churches participated. Over 120 people attended. All ages were represented. Over \$400 was raised for the Ministerial Alliance Helping Hand Fund.

After the service, the Fellowship/Memorial Hall was filled with people chatting and laughing. We had to set up a couple more tables and bring chairs in from the Christian Ed room. Children played hide and seek in the Bible Study corner. The Fellowship/Memorial Hall Committee made sure no one went away hungry or thirsty. I believe the last guest left at 8:30.

I'm always a little hesitant to include notes of thanks in case I miss some one. But this time I'll take the chance. Thank you Pam Stauffer for playing for us and for leading the choir. Thank you choir for the time spent practicing and for singing Sunday night. Thank you to Jini Sass for organizing the cookie sign up and to everyone who brought cookies. Thank you to Ken Hobart who without any warning was called on to handle the sound booth. He did an excellent job. Thank you Arabella and her crew for setting up, serving and cleaning up after the reception. Thank you to our ushers Peni, Arabella, Dick and Norm. Thank you to Tywillah for providing the delicious sandwiches as a way to honor her mother Helen's memory. Thank you to just plain Fred (you had to be there to understand why I call him that) for reading scripture. Thank you to Sandy for lighting the candles and preparing the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who came and participated and made everyone feel welcome. Thank you to Katy for her work cleaning the building and to Christi for coordinating with the other churches. Most of all I thank God for a truly blessed evening.

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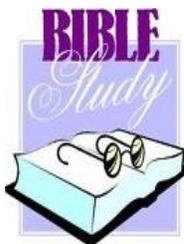
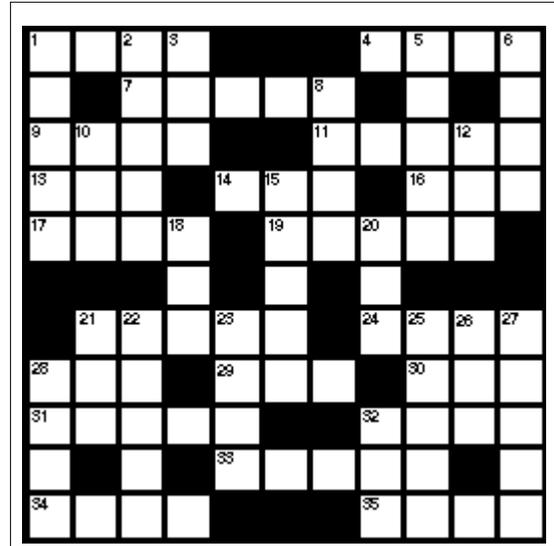
Bible Puzzle for September

Across

1. Evidence of creation in insect development
4. Prays for
7. Centauri, our nearest star
9. Prophetess in Luke chapter 2
11. A time to mourn, and a time to
13. Land where Cain went to live
14. Something named on the third day
16. You can reap only if you do this first
17. Drop of body fluid
19. Fossil resin
21. When planets were created, so was this
24. Extinct flightless bird
28. Ken Ham's best-selling book, The ___ Evolution
29. German physicist who discovered the law of the flow of electricity
30. Line of planets
31. Those who have eternal life
32. Adam and Eve's home
33. Microscopic water-plants showing immense diversity in design and structure
34. The Creator formed man from this
35. Trampled, as in Judges 9:27

Down

1. This was created on the third day
2. Animal (bear-like, but not)
3. American Library Association (initials)
5. Created intelligence
6. What Cain did to Abel
8. First man
10. Flood survivor (KJV NT spelling)
12. Abbreviation of New Testament letters of Paul
15. God's home for mankind
18. What Eve was formed from
20. Layer of sedimentary rock
21. Fossil fuel
22. Ridges of rock just above or below water surface
23. Letter of Greek alphabet
25. Classification of group below class and above family
26. Deer
27. Possessed, as of land for example
28. Metallic element



If you wish to see the answers, Christi will have them in the office.

RECIPES

TOFFEE CRUNCH GRAHAMS

From Norma Taylor

Ready in 1 hour or less



Ingredients

- 12 whole graham crackers (about 5" x 2 1/2")
- 1 1/2 cups butter (no substitutes)
- 1 cup, packed brown sugar
- 2 cups sliced almonds

Directions

Line a 15" x 10" x 1" baking pan with heavy-duty foil. Place graham crackers in pan. In a saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Carefully pour over graham crackers. Sprinkle with almond. Bake at 400 degrees for 6-8 minutes. Cut each cracker into four sections; transfer to wire racks to cool completely.

Yield: 4 dozen

If you have a recipe that you have tried before and believe others might enjoy it, please drop it off at the office to be included in the next month's newsletter.

THIS WE BELIEVE for SEPTEMBER

**"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"
Psalm 133: 1**

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

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