

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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A Word from Dr. Fred

“Have A Good Day Anyway”

In my sermon August 3rd, I shared seven positive gems to help us out of the potholes of life we get into when we ignore the “Red Flags Warnings.” I have decided to use these positive actions that we can use to get ourselves back on track for this and the next six issues of the “Presbyterian Connection.”

So, when the going gets tough or we have made a mess of things for ourselves, let’s “Decide to have a good day anyway.” We don’t have to be in the “pits” to do this. Recite or sing Psalm 118:24: “Today is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Another song that comes to my mind from out of my youthful past is “Down in My Heart” or “I’ve Got the Joy” as it is, also, called.

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart
Down in my heart – where?
Down in my heart...
Down in my heart to stay.
And I’m so happy; So very happy.
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart...

Additional lyrics include:

I’ve got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart...
Well, if the devil doesn’t like it he can sit on a tack...
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart...

When we “flub our dub,” let’s look to Jesus, reach down into our heart and praise God for his love and forgiveness.

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13b-14



God bless!
Fred



July Income - \$3,932.25
July Expenses - \$6,094.60



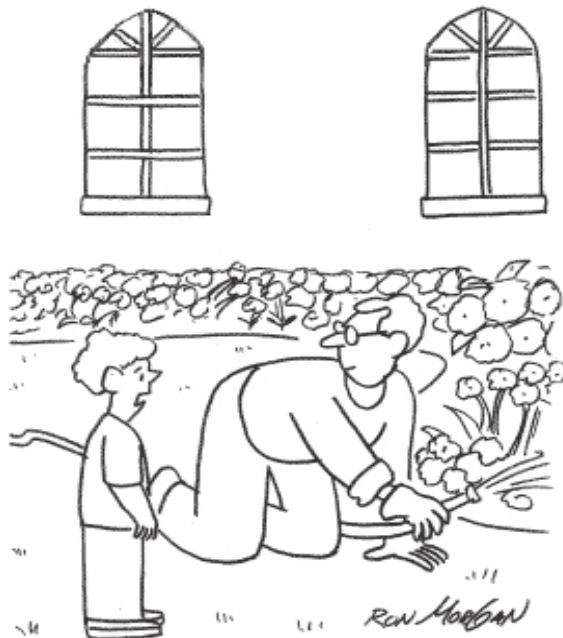
From: Bull Shoals Food Pantry

Your recent very generous gift of \$120.00 is greatly appreciated! Thank you for continuing to be such a giving caring neighbor!

We also appreciate the generosity of your church family in the wonderful and enormous contributions of non-perishable food items and other necessities month after month, year after year, that the Food Pantry receives from you to help our neighbors in need.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Irene Bere, Sec.



"I guess you could say the church garden is God's bling."

Connection Online

If you would like to read the "Connection" newsletter online, go to our website;

<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals>

Click on the 'Info Center' tab at the top, then on the drop-down menu, click on "Presbyterian Connection", then choose the month of the newsletter you would like to read. The most recent newsletter will be at the top.

Coffee & Fellowship

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!

Our church face book page

<https://www.facebook.com/presbyterian.shoals>

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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7th
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
Romans 13:8-14 & Matthew 18:15-20
COMMUNION



SEPTEMBER 14th
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
Romans 14:1-11 & Matthew 18:21-35
POT LUCK

SEPTEMBER 21st
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14
Philippians 1:21-30 & Matthew 20:1-16
BLESSING OF THE FOOD PANTRY



SEPTEMBER 28th
Ecclesiastes 8:1-15
Philippians 2:1-13 & Matthew 21:23-32
MINUTE FOR MISSION

CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS



September 7 - Irene Bere & Sandy Erickson
September 14 - Ken Hobart & Dick Sass
September 21 - Irene Bere & Sandy Erickson
September 28 - Linda Allensworth & Faye Brackett

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ed & Peni Lloyd

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. - 2014

September 7 - Faith, Pine Bluff
September 14 - Central, Pine Bluff
September 21 - First, Brinkley
September 28 - First, Gurdon



First, Beebe
First, Little Rock
First, Jonesboro
Churches in Presbyteries in Mexico

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

BIRTHDAYS

September

September 1 - Tywillah Schauer
September 12 - Gloria Wiles
September 16 - Arabella Richardson
September 25 - Norm Hockley
September 29 - Pam Hobart



October

October 12 - Elaine Miller
October 17 - Nancy Soares

ANNIVERSARIES

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



October 22 - Bruce & Lee Powell

LIBRARY LINES SEPTEMBER 2014



The book of the month is non-fiction **WHEN LIFE COMES UNDONE** by T. J. and Mary Ann Addington.

“Life comes undone for all of us; and when it does, we live with the pain, uncertainty, and questions that come with it.” Using biblical perspective, *When Life Comes Undone*, can help you navigate those times when life is hard and hope is scarce. The book is written out of deep, personal experiences with catastrophic illnesses, and speaks to the question of suffering with the candor and honesty that comes from grappling with pain firsthand. In the midst of pain and suffering, this book will help you:

- Turn your human scars into divine scars.
- Understand why bad things happen to God’s people.
- Develop bold faith and understand God’s grace and love.
- Pray boldly.
- Take life back.
- Experience the freedom that pain can bring.
- See how God takes the pain in our lives and turns it into something good and meaningful.

T. J. writes that *life undone* moments are *unlikely gifts* that forge deeper faith and a closer relationship with our God. *When life Comes Undone*, looks at pain and suffering from both a human and divine perspective, and shows how hard times forge God’s character in us like nothing else can. It is a book of hope when life looks hopeless.

Faye Brackett, Librarian



MISSION MINUTE

SEPTEMBER-2014



Presbyterian Heritage

Many young Presbyterians in the 1940s and 1950s participated in Westminster Fellowship programs. Whether through summer camps, youth conventions, Bible studies, or service projects, Presbyterian young people aged 12 to 23 joined together to enhance their relationships with God, the church, and their peers all over the world. A major gathering of Presbyterian young people occurred in the summer of 1950, when representatives from 45 states descended upon Grinnell College in Grinnell Iowa, to attend the second Westminster Fellowship National Assembly. Modeled after the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the gathering provided “an occasion for deep thinking, and penetrating examination of beliefs.” Activities included miniature assemblies, seminars, worship, lectures by Presbyterian leaders, singing, sports, and the publication of a daily newspaper, all focused on the theme “Set Aflame His Story.” Of the 1,800 delegates, 40 came from outside the United States. The start of the Korean War as delegates traveled to the National Assembly drew particular attention from attendees. During the assembly youth discussed and debated other pressing issues of the day. Delegates supported the call for a desegregated church and society, and wrestled with the issue of academic freedom in public schools. Through Westminster Fellowship, Presbyterian youth created new venues for worship, work, study, and friendship that helped them “discover God’s will for their lives” and participate in a larger youth movement centered on their faith.

-Staff of the Presbyterian Historical Society

Submitted by the Mission Committee

“TILL WE SPEAK AGAIN”

Question: There is an old expression, “The devil made me do it”! What does it mean?

Millie: Just ask Geraldine Jones (aka, Flip Wilson) from the old Flip Wilson Show. She said it all the time. That show and that expression were very popular in the 1970’s. It was used as an excuse for bad choice & behavior.

Seriously, we are tempted every day by small ideas and behaviors we know in our hearts aren’t right. If we give into those bad impulses, the devil did make us do it. On the other hand, if we listen to our conscience (the voice of God), we should resist those impulses. Sometimes we want what the devil offers, and he makes it so appealing, we don’t hear or don’t recognize our conscience. We let our own desires rule our hearts, and often are sorry and wish we hadn’t later on.

A piece of gossip spread, a lie told, a day of work missed by calling in sick just because we didn’t want to go, or wanted to do something else, are all examples of everyday temptations. These are the hardest to resist and often the most remorseful afterward.

As Christians, our conscience usually nags us terribly after the indiscretion. The larger bad acts like theft of property, murder, or arson, we fear public retribution, and will listen to our conscience more easily. Picture the devil on one shoulder and God on the other whispering in your ear. Which one will you listen too?

I do hope this has answered your question.

Luv, Millie *aka-Meg*

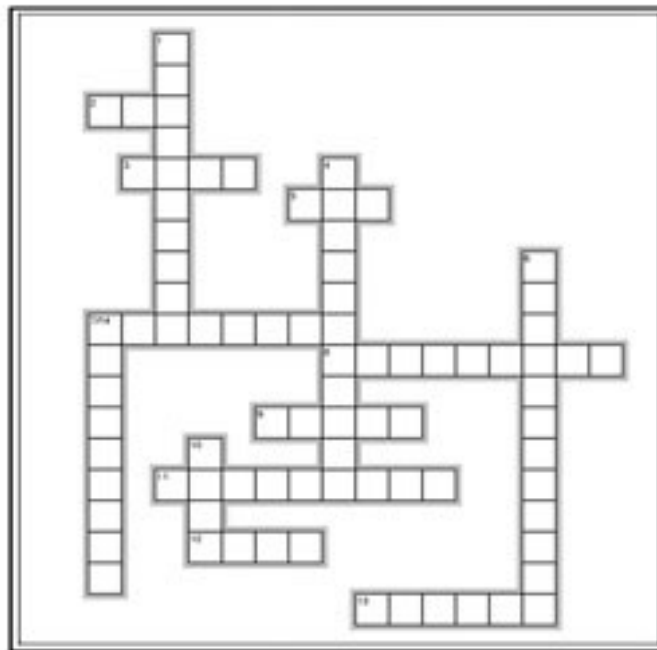
*Thought for the day: When the devil whispers in your ear,
give him your deaf one to speak to!*



SEPTEMBER PUZZLE

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

THE BOOK OF ACTS CHAPTER 1-14



ACROSS

2. "MEN, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WE TOO ARE ONLY ____ HUMAN LIKE YOU."
3. "THEN I REMEMBERED WHAT THE LORD HAD SAID: '____ BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.'"
5. "MAY YOUR MONEY PERISH WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BUY THE GIFT OF ____ WITH MONEY!"
7. THE CIRCUMCISED BELIEVERS WHO HAD COME WITH PETER WERE ASTONISHED THAT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD BEEN POURED OUT EVEN ON THE ____.
8. HE FELL TO THE GROUND AND HEARD A VOICE SAY TO HIM, "SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU ____ ME?"
9. IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE ____ DID NOT GIVE PRAISE TO GOD, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STRUCK HIM DOWN, AND HE WAS EATEN BY WORMS AND DIED.
11. "I HAVE MADE YOU A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING ____ TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
12. "THEREFORE LET ALL ISRAEL BE ASSURED OF THIS: GOD HAS MADE THIS JESUS, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, BOTH ____ AND CHRIST."

13. "BROTHERS, CHOOSE SEVEN MEN FROM AMONG YOU WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE FULL OF THE ____ AND WISDOM."

DOWN

1. "LOOK," HE SAID, "I SEE HEAVEN OPEN AND THE ____ STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD."
4. BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE ____ COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
6. IT IS BY THE NAME OF ____ OF NAZARETH, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED BUT WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THAT THIS MAN STANDS BEFORE YOU HEALED.
10. THEREFORE, IN THE PRESENT CASE I ADVISE YOU: LEAVE THESE MEN ALONE! LET THEM GO! FOR IF THEIR PURPOSE OR ACTIVITY IS OF HUMAN ORIGIN, IT WILL ____ BUT IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THESE MEN; YOU WILL ONLY FIND YOURSELVES FIGHTING AGAINST GOD."
14. WHEN PETER SAW THIS, HE SAID TO THEM: "MEN OF ISRAEL, WHY DOES THIS SURPRISE YOU? WHY DO YOU STARE AT US AS IF BY OUR OWN POWER OR ____ WE HAD MADE THIS MAN WALK?"

CREATED BY MELINDA SKAGGS FOR EVERY ONE'S BIBLICAL ENLIGHTENMENT!

"SON TREASURE ISLAND"
VBS HOSTED 50 CHILDREN



The 2014 Bull Shoals Community Vacation Bible School, held at Christ By the Lake Lutheran Church, from July 28 - August 1st, proved to be lots of fun for the 50 children who attended. Sharon Arra, Captain of our Treasure ship, directed the week-long event with lots of help from area church members.

The children studied scripture lessons, sang theme-related songs, and created beautiful art projects. They also gave generously to the Bull Shoals Food Pantry. Sharon thanks all the classroom teachers and helpers; Co-Captian Sue Howe; Art Director Annette Hudson; Song Director Terri Stone; Snack Shack Director Ruby Kowalke and all the people who have donated money for snack food, the Friday night potluck, and the Mission Project. A special thanks to Harp's for donating the ice cream and toppings.

As we "cast off" from our beautiful SonTreasure Island, say a prayer of thanks for all the precious children who attended this year's VBS and for the volunteers who helped them learn about the Lord. We "treasure" each and every one. Aloha!

FRANK M. DOCAUER

Frank M. Docauer, 100, of Duluth, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014 at his Westwood apartment.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1914 in Chicago and grew up there.

In his late teens he joined the Civilian Conservations Corps and enjoyed his work for them in the Northwest. Frank worked as an accountant for International Harvester Co. in Libertyville, Ill. for over 34 years. After retiring, he and his wife Pearl retired to Bull Shoals, Ark. In 2003 they moved to Duluth to live at Westwood Apartments.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl in 2011 and a sister Helen Prestin.

Frank is survived by his sons, Randy (Wendy) of Duluth and David (Vicki) of Germantown, Tenn.; as well as six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

An interment service will be held at a later date in Barrington, Ill., for both Frank and Pearl.



RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER

Taco Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground turkey (or ground beef)
- 1 packet taco seasoning mix
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 can (16 oz.) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (16 oz.) pinto beans, drained & rinsed
- 2 cups tortilla chips or broken taco shells
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 green onions
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup lettuce, chopped

Directions

1. Cook ground turkey in skillet until browned. Drain. Add taco seasoning packet and water. Cook about 5 minutes or until sauce is thickened. Add diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 10 minutes stirring occasionally.
2. Add pinto beans. Cook uncovered another 5 - 10 minutes or until liquid from tomatoes is reduced.
3. In an ungreased 2-quart casserole dish, place broken tortilla chips or taco shells. Top with beef mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Microwave about 3 minutes to melt cheese.
4. Top with lettuce, green onions, and red bell pepper. **Add Salsa if desired.



THIS WE BELIEVE for SEPTEMBER
"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
"Romans 6:23"

~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

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