

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

February 21, 2019

“Faithful Ones”

We live in a time in which we have come to manage our lives in the most convenient ways possible. This is a good thing! Many of us pay our tithes and offering by writing a check once a month, once a quarter, or whatever is most convenient. Again, this makes good sense. But this manner of giving leaves something missing for us in worship. I believe many of us long for the days when the offering plate would pass, bearing the visual signs of our love for God and the gratitude we feel for God sending Jesus Christ into our lives. Every Sunday during worship, offering plates are passed, eventually making their way to the chancel and the Prayer of Dedication, typically with very little to show by way of visual collection. In previous pastorates, I have initiated a stewardship effort encouraging worshippers to put a \$1 bill, or *something*, in the plate as it passes. These \$1 bills are our *“Faithful Ones!”* ...as is *each person* who comes to worship!

Consider several reasons why *Faithful Ones* is a good idea. Putting *something* in the offering plate as it passes will have a positive psychological, emotional, and spiritual impact on each person. The discipline of putting something in the plate will return us to the act of worship that many of us remember from years past. This will be an especially good practice for those who write a check once a month, as your *Faithful One*, becomes symbolic of that gift. Another reason why *Faithful Ones* is a good idea is that it sets an example and teaches our children that we are to return our gifts to God on a regular, consistent basis. Small children won't make a distinction between the size of the bills in the plate, but they will be impressed by the sea of green, representing our tithe. Giving is a habit. So, we use this opportunity to teach our children the grace of giving. Parents, as you remember to bring your *Faithful One* each Sunday, be sure your children and young people have their offering ready. It may be that young children see a quarter as having more value than a paper bill. Encourage them to give a quarter. Never again should we ever signal to the usher that we have no need for the plate to pass our way!

The Session acted at the February 19th stated meeting to approve this recommendation from the Worship Committee to initiate *Faithful Ones*. We will begin offering our *Faithful Ones* on **Sunday, March 10th**, the First Sunday in Lent. As we enter this stewardship effort, let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul:

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Dr. G.

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns

*Allen Chandler (Shirley Chandler's son) *Bob Norris *Jane Fraser *Glenda Bivins (Ricky Griffin's mother)

*Justin Williams (Rhonda Blanton's cousin) *Ben Harrison *Joyce Laabs

*Phil Keeny *Joanne Harsh Meredith +

On-Going Concerns

*Anne Carlton *Mitch Britt (Alice Griner's son) *Ann Vereen (Jerry Vereen's daughter-in-law)

*Luna Chappell (Verna Moon's great granddaughter)

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 6:30 After WATCH Supper
Communion by Intinction and
Imposition of Ashes
No programming for adults, children or youth.
Nursery will be open.

PARLOR RENOVATION UPDATE

Hopefully, everyone can see that the Parlor renovations are coming along nicely. The floors are completed, thanks to David Zeanah, and the area rug is in place. The missing furniture is being restored in Atlanta and the Peters' will graciously pick it up by the end of the month. The new "Hostess" closet should be completed by this Friday. Yeah! The runners in the entranceway and up the stairs as well as the carpet down the ramp should be installed by the end of the month. Lastly, the committee is looking for new, updated side sofas and will recover the wingback chairs. This last project will take 8 to 10 weeks to complete. Please thank the "Beautification Committee" who helped make all of these renovations possible. The members are: Diane Herndon, Lynwood Hall, Beth Bates, Elizabeth Strickland, Belva Gillespie and Lisa Zeanah.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Inquirer's Class has been extended for one more Sunday. They will meet again on February 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Committee

Sunday, February 24, 8:30 AM

Congregational Care Committee

Wednesday, February 27, 4:30 PM

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 AM

Presbyterian Women Executive Board

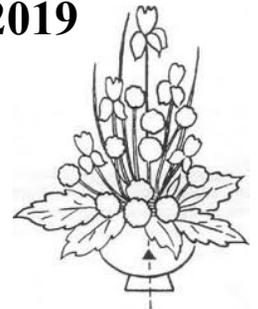
Monday, March 4, 10:00 AM

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 am
The speaker will be Liz Savage, Colquitt County High School Band Director. All men and guests are invited to come for breakfast and the speaker. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, and biscuits. The Men of the Church meet the first Sunday of the month October through May. If you would like to be added to the Men of the Church email list, please call or email (1stpres@moultriega.net) the church office.

FLOWERS 2019

The following dates are still available for flowers: June 2, June 16, July 14, August 4, August 11, September 1, September 8, September 29, November 10, December 1, and December 29.



If you are interested, please call or text Holly Beard at 229-798-0669. You may also call the church office at 229-985-3158.

WAKULLA RIVER TRIP

We had 17 children and 8 adults travel to Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park on a cloudy Presidents' Day Monday. We arrived in time to eat lunch whether it was a picnic lunch, hot dog from Soda Fountain, or a sit-down lunch in the restaurant. After lunch, it was time to play on the playground. A rain shower cut playground time short, but it was the perfect time for an ice cream break. Then the group explored Wakulla spring and its beach. Children had fun finding shells, digging in sand, and playing Simon Says. Finally, it was time for our River boat ride (seems there were a lot of other people that came to ride the boat on their day off). Captain Jim showed us all the wonders of the Wakulla River: mama & baby alligators, manatees, 2 yellow crowned night herons on a nest, gallinules, coots, white ibis, pied bill grebes, snowy egret, cormorants, anhinga's, hooded mergansers, vultures, and great American Egrets. We made it home for a late supper.

CORNERSTONES

“Tarzan” CCHS Musical—Sunday, February 24, 2:00 pm—We will eat lunch together and then go to the show. Signed up: Susan P., Lynn

Lunch on the Road to Wiregrass Restaurant in Quitman—Thursday, February 28, Leave at 11 am. Signed up: Susan P., Bea, Virginia, Lynda, Vicki, Molly, Art

Grand Ole Opry Salute to Veterans—Saturday, March 2—Meet at the church to eat supper before the show at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$20. Signed up: Susan P., Ben, Lynn

“Arsenic and Old Lace” in Tallahassee—Sunday, March 3—We will have a quick sandwich lunch at church before leaving for a 2:00 show. Eat supper on the way home. Cost: \$22

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SPORTS

Please come out and support our youth in the different activities they are in:

High School Tennis – Aaron Long, Fletcher Jacobs and Ian Smith—February 27th @ 4:00

9th grade—Hayden Moore—February 27th @ 4:00

Middle School Soccer—Ann Caroline Taylor and Emma Jane Norman—February 27th @ 4:00

CCHS MUSICAL “Tarzan”

We have four youth in the musical this year! Brenna Blanton, Madeline Norman, Mary Madelyn Jacobs and Isabella Jacobs – Thursday, February 21st thru Sunday, February 24th. Youth will attend together on Sunday, February 24th.

SESSION REPORT

January

- ◆ Approved \$22,000 from trust funds to pay remainder of the balance for new church van. The van is due to arrive on March 25, 2019.
- ◆ Frank Horkan appointed as Elder on Nominating Committee for 2019.
- ◆ Approved a designated fund for Choices Sunday School Class for benevolences.

February

- ◆ Approved “Faithful Ones”, a stewardship effort that encourages each worshiper to put a \$1 bill or pocket change in the plate as it passes during worship.
- ◆ Approved a transaction for Patty June regarding her Bangladesh designated giving.
- ◆ Approved a designated fund for campus ministries.
- ◆ Approved communion on Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ Approved request for Baptism of Walker Burke Bates and transfer of membership of Will Horkan and Daniel Dell.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on Sunday, February 17 were given to the glory of God and in celebration of Julie Strickland on her birthday by Michael, Elizabeth, Sara, and Andrew Strickland

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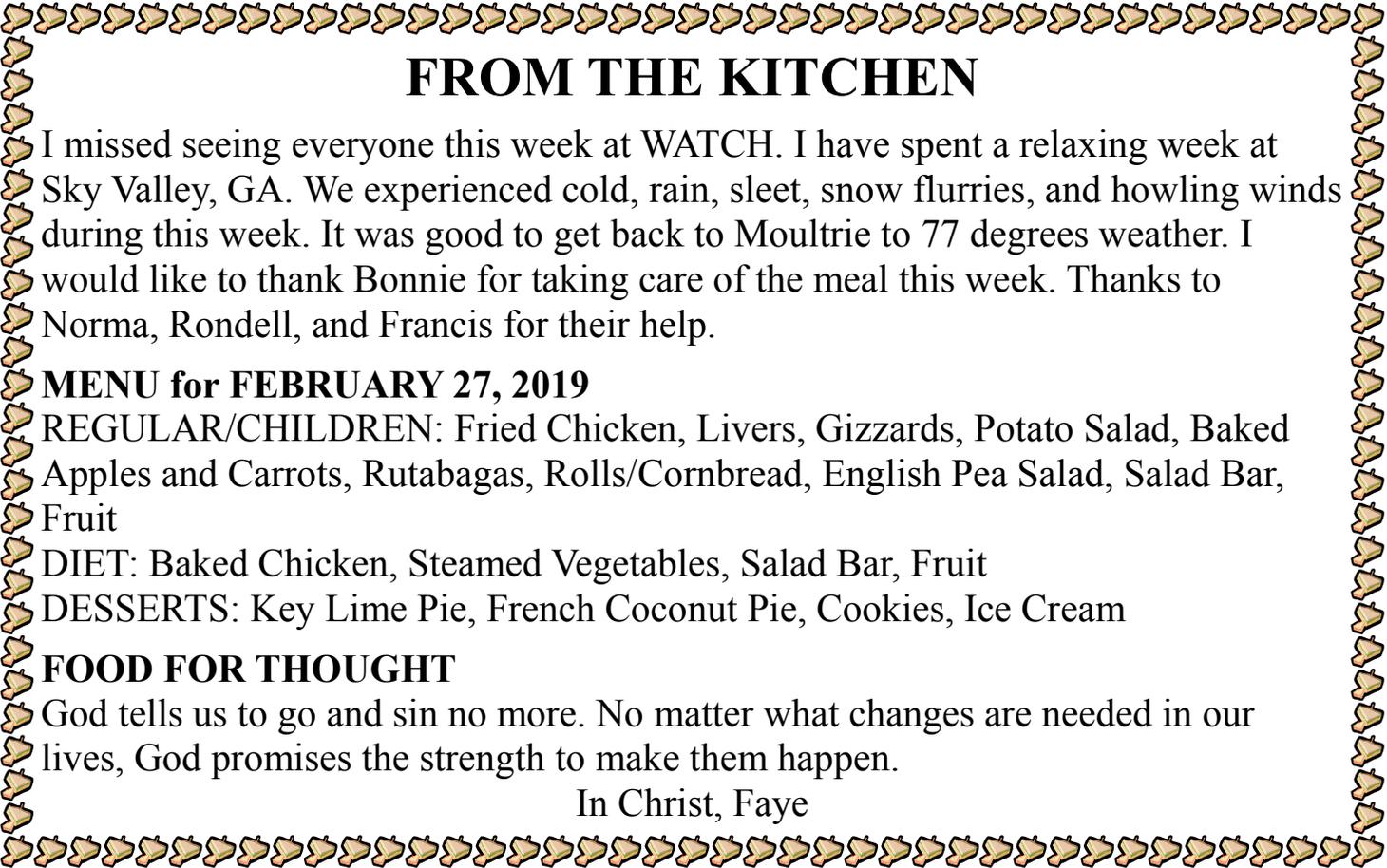
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FROM THE KITCHEN

I missed seeing everyone this week at WATCH. I have spent a relaxing week at Sky Valley, GA. We experienced cold, rain, sleet, snow flurries, and howling winds during this week. It was good to get back to Moultrie to 77 degrees weather. I would like to thank Bonnie for taking care of the meal this week. Thanks to Norma, Rondell, and Francis for their help.

MENU for FEBRUARY 27, 2019

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Fried Chicken, Livers, Gizzards, Potato Salad, Baked Apples and Carrots, Rutabagas, Rolls/Cornbread, English Pea Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit

DESSERTS: Key Lime Pie, French Coconut Pie, Cookies, Ice Cream

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God tells us to go and sin no more. No matter what changes are needed in our lives, God promises the strength to make them happen.

In Christ, Faye