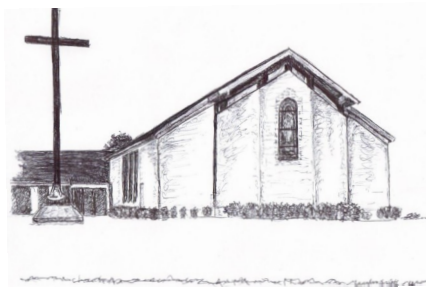


Presby News

SEPTEMBER 2022



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This article excerpt comes from Greg Stier with Outreach Magazine. He penned the article "Why Christians Don't share the gospel."

"Go and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28:19

If we have a Christian family, work with a lot of Christians, go to Christian Bible studies, and hang out with only Christian friends, we may have, what I've come to call a *proximity problem*. Jesus was accused again and again of being a friend of sinners ([Matthew 11:19](#)). He went to sinner parties, talked to sinful people, hung out with the least and the lost...and reached many of them with His shocking message of grace.

That's one of the reasons I do a lot of work in coffee shops. It gives me proximity to the unreached. That's one of the reasons I strike up conversations with random strangers at the airport. That's one of the reasons I ask servers at restaurants if there's anything we can pray about for them when we pray before our meal. That's one of the reasons I go out monthly with my daughter and her group of friends to reach into the city with the hope of Christ on [Go Share Day](#).

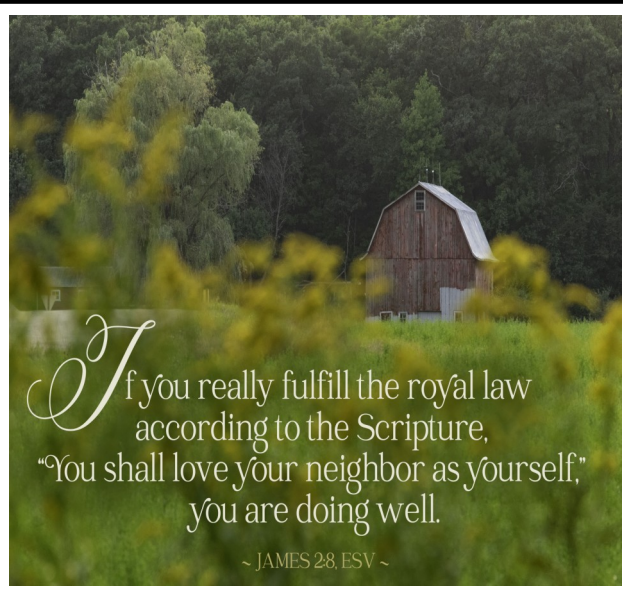
You, too, must find your *proximity* place. Where can you be in proximity to the yet-to-be-rescued so you can begin to build a relationship and share the hope of Jesus with them? Maybe it's at work or the gym or a coffee shop. Wherever it is, find your place and start sharing the Good News."

We should evaluate the places where we spend our time and then decide what we should be doing with how we reach people. We can no longer complain about people coming to us, we should go to them.

In Christ,

Vince Smith

Pastor Vincent Smith



SPECIAL DATES

Sept 4 9:00 am Brookdale Worship
 11:00 am Worship/Communion

Sept 5 Labor Day (*Office Closed*)

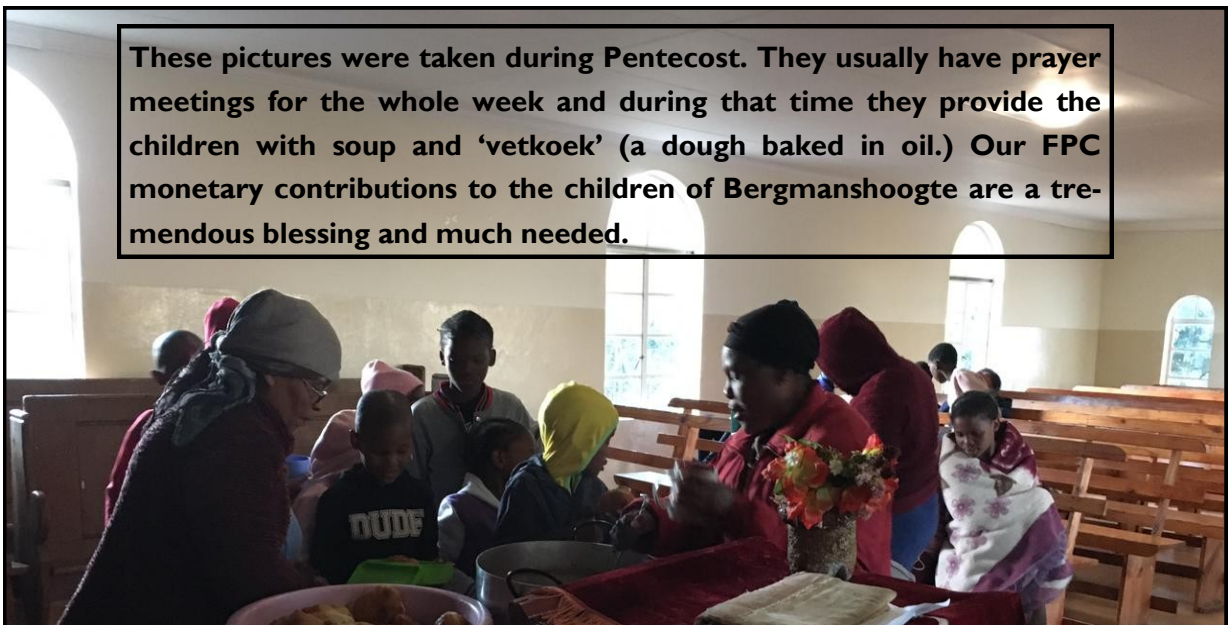
Sept 22 International Day of Peace



**SOUTH AFRICA MISSION (Bergmanshoogte, South Africa)
PICTURES TAKEN DURING PENTECOST**



These pictures were taken during Pentecost. They usually have prayer meetings for the whole week and during that time they provide the children with soup and 'vetkoek' (a dough baked in oil.) Our FPC monetary contributions to the children of Bergmanshoogte are a tremendous blessing and much needed.



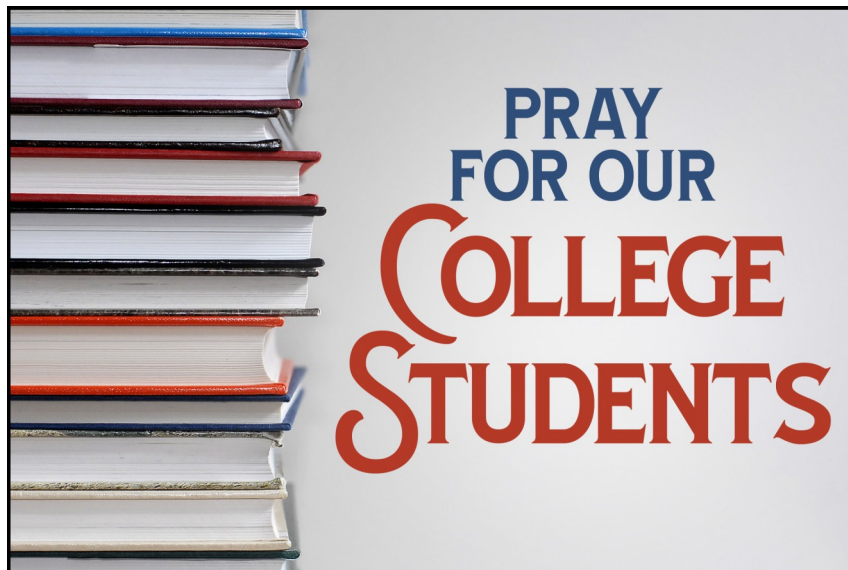
September Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
September 4	Robert Kennedy	Robert Kennedy	Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy
September 11	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
September 18	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
September 25	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	

SEPTEMBER



Martha Higgins	9/8
Marjorie Bengé	9/22
Nancy Davis	9/25
Laurie Morris	9/26



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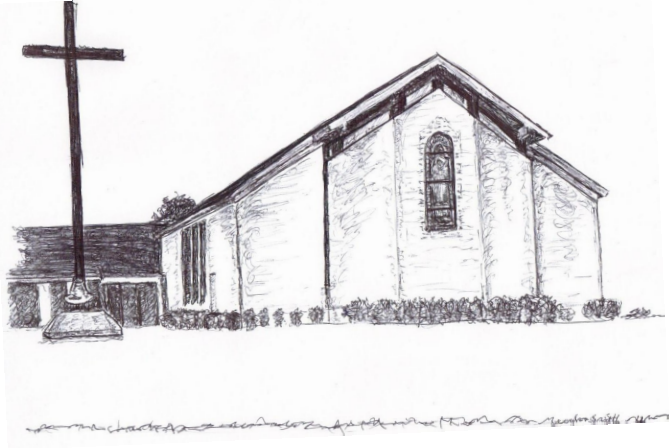
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Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

David Berrocal, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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