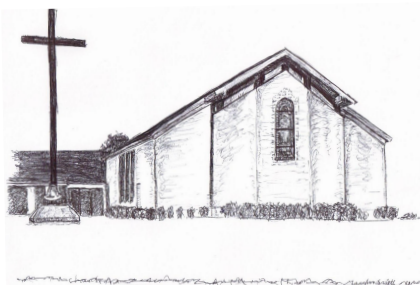


# Presby News

JUNE 2023



## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

I love summer. It's probably stereotypical for a teacher to say, "I love summer." Wait. Remember that I have not been a teacher very long. I loved summer long before I was a teacher. I love the longer days where we can work and play sometimes until almost 9:00 at night before it gets dark. I love the fresh vegetables from the garden. I grew up with baby lima beans, purple hull peas, and both field and sweet corn straight from the gardens. Summer was always the time of year that my family took a vacation to some far away destination. Growing up "far away" was Dallas or Arkansas! With my own children we've managed to stretch that to Florida, too. Summer is filled with great activities like days at the park, fishing, and family reunions. Summer is the time of year that we all look a little more like George Hamilton with that golden glow of a suntan. And I even love the heat of summer. It might sound crazy, but I like the hotter temperatures much better than fall and winter. I shake like a chihuahua in winter. Summer is my best time of the year.

Summer is also the time of year that we skip a few more Sundays at church. Oh we might miss a Sunday here and there through the fall and winter. But most of the time, we are attempting to stave off some sort of sinus gunk. Summer is the season we won't make it to church because we are doing neat stuff. We might have a planned trip or just a quick day to enjoy the sun. We might have our own family vacation or weekend that we participate in travel sports. A friend of mine has what her family calls "Pajama Days" where the whole family lounges around in pajamas all day long, and they eat pancakes and junk food! That's a great day!

If you were reared like I was reared, missing a day of church was nearly as bad as backtalking your grandmother! Oh we missed a few here and there, but oh my goodness the guilt that came with it!

I've learned something through the years. We need some time for relaxing and recreation. Recreation is an interesting word. With the prefix "re" added to "create," the word is very close to meaning "create again." God created the world. He then took time to rest and have a sabbath. He took time to celebrate peace and declare that all was very good. We should take time to "re-create" that special moment of peace and rest just as God did. We have the opportunity to create again the peace that comes from aligning our lives to God's purpose and ways. We have opportunity to create again that unity with God and others from our recreation. In some very small way, sometimes our recreation can be a moment to create again a very small piece of the Garden of Eden.

I am not one that thinks that God finished creation and then stepped away to let all the universe run on the mechanics. I think God continues to create. I think he continues to intervene on our behalf. He is engaged in our lives! God continues to work and create (and re-create) on our behalf. We should continue to create too! We should take the time to re-align our lives to God's will and purpose. We should re-discover the joy and peace that comes from God, friends, and family. That is our part in re-creation.

So enjoy these days of summer! If you and your family find yourself away, go with our blessing (and leave the parental guilt behind!) We will miss you and all that you add to our worship. But more importantly, we will be filled with so much excitement as you return. When you return, we will want to hear the exciting moments of your journey. We will want to watch your face light up as you re-create the high moments of your trip. And we will be encouraged by your sharing.

Grace and Peace,  
Bro. Greg

## Happy Father's Day

~ Psalm 32:8 ~

I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with  
my loving eye on you.



## SPECIAL DATES

<b>June 4</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
	<b>Brookdale Worship</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Flag Day</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Happy Father's Day</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Summer Begins</b>



## Bible Quiz



In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew




Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU  
AND PROTECT YOU.  
MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.  
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR  
AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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## *June Responders Schedule*

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
<b>June 4</b>	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	<b>Communion Team:</b> Bill Higgins/Elizebette Kennedy
<b>June 11</b>	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
<b>June 18</b>	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
<b>June 25</b>	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	

**JUNE**



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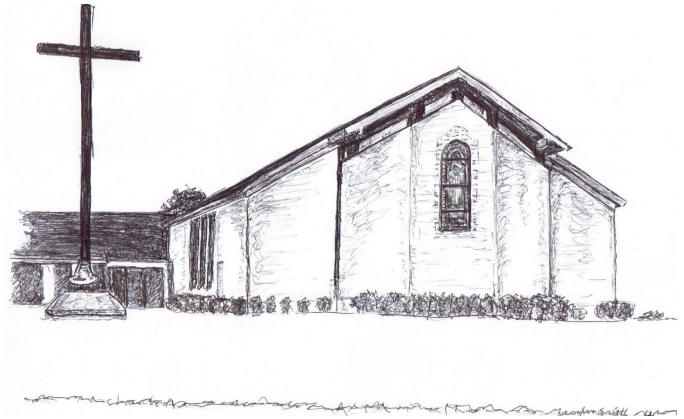
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