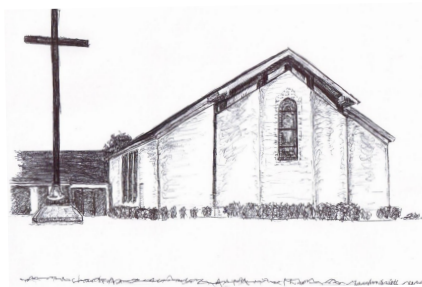


Presby News

OCTOBER 2025



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

There's a certain joy that stirs in the heart when the calendar turns toward fall. The long days of summer, with their blazing heat and relentless sun, slowly give way to cooler mornings and gentler afternoons. The air feels fresher, the evenings crisper, and the steady hum of cicadas is replaced with the rustle of leaves beginning to change color. The relief from the summer heat and the change of the season, brings excitement of autumn.

Football stadiums begin to fill with the sounds of cheering crowds, marching bands, and the first kickoff of the season. Whether it's the high school team under the Friday night lights, college games with their spirited rivalries, (Geaux Tigers) or even professional teams that unite families around the television, football brings a sense of unity and energy to the fall. It reminds us that life itself is a team effort. We lean on one another, celebrate victories together, and encourage each other through challenges.

But autumn is not only about football or weather. It is also about harvest. Farmers know that what was planted in the spring is gathered in the fall. The long days of summer now yield mature crops. I love the burning orange sunsets reflecting over the snow-white fields of cotton. The season of growth gives way to a season of reaping. In many ways, the church reflects this rhythm. Seeds of faith, sown quietly in conversations, prayers, and acts of kindness, begin to blossom into something visible. What once was unseen now takes root in the lives of people who begin to grow in faith and fellowship.

This fall, we are experiencing that kind of harvest together. Each Sunday, as we gather in worship, we have joyful faces gathering among us. Some are reconnecting after time away with vacations or recoveries from illnesses; others are stepping into the rhythm of community for the very first time. We celebrate together as part of the living crop God is cultivating among us. Your presence feels like an added blessing and a reminder that God's Spirit is always at work in ways we don't anticipate.

The Bible reminds us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." As we enter this fall season, that truth feels especially real. The work of faith, worship, service, and love is not always easy. Sometimes it feels like planting in dry soil. But as we see lives touched, relationships formed, and a spirit of belonging blossoming in our midst, we recognize that the harvest is indeed plentiful.

As the days grow shorter and the nights cooler, let us take this season to notice the blessings all around us. The gentle fall breezes remind us of God's peace. The vibrant colors of the trees remind us of God's creativity. The joy of fellowship reminds us of God's love. Together, we are experiencing a harvest of faith, a crop of grace, and a season of renewal.

So, let's embrace this autumn with grateful hearts. Let's cheer loudly for our teams, breathe deeply of the cool air, and celebrate the beautiful growth God is bringing forth in our church. For just as surely as the seasons turn, God's faithfulness endures. And in this season of fall, may we find ourselves not only refreshed, but renewed, ready to grow together in Christ's love.

In His Grace,
Greg



SPECIAL DATES

- Oct. 5 Brookdale Worship
Worship/Communion
- Oct. 9 Red River Chorale Concert
- Oct. 16 World Food Day
- Oct. 26 Session Meeting



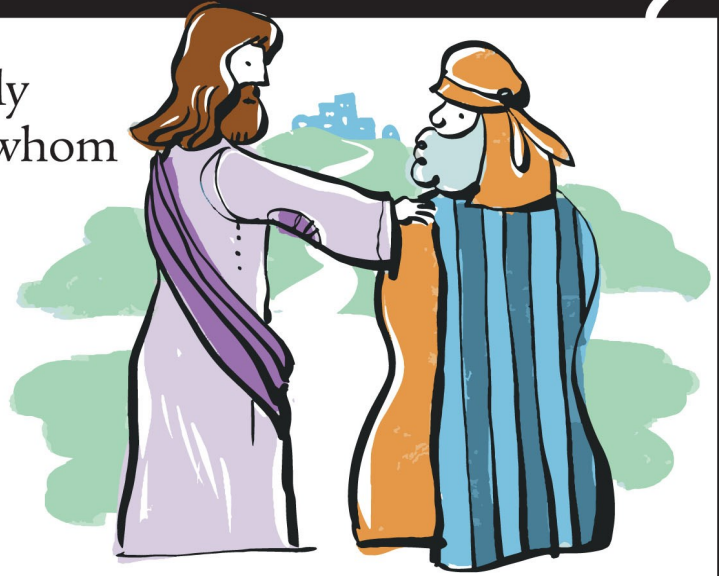


Bible Quiz



We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

October is

Pastor
APPRECIATION MONTH

We Appreciate You, Pastor Greg! Thank You For All You Do!

October Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
October 5	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	Communion Team: Bill Higgins & Elizebette Kennedy
October 12	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
October 19	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
October 26	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	



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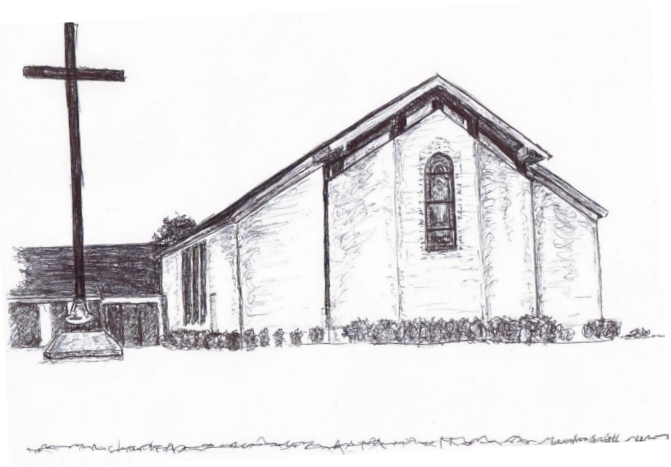
Greg Carroll, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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