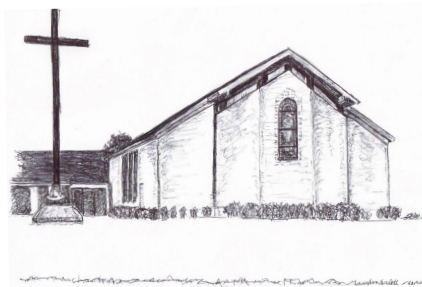


Presby News

SEPTEMBER 2026



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

It is hard to believe we have arrived at the doorstep of September. Around our community, you can feel the shift in the air. I wish I could say the heat has shifted to fall but this is Louisiana! The school buses are making their familiar rounds and a long-awaited energy is returning to our streets. I am talking about the return of football season. Whether it is heading out to support our local high school under the Friday night lights or gathering around the television on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with family, football has a unique way of bringing us together. Geaux Tigers!

When I watch a team practice and push through the final stretches of their summer training, I think how incredible a football team really is. You have the quarterback who gets a lot of the attention, the linemen doing the heavy lifting in the trenches, the receivers running the routes, and the coaching staff calling the plays from the sidelines. If just one person decides to play by their own rules or stops doing their part, the whole play falls apart. A superstar quarterback cannot win a game without a solid offensive line protecting him. It requires everyone working toward a single goal.

As we kick off this busy September, with Labor Day weekend offering us a quick breath of fresh air before the autumn rush, I cannot help but think about how much we need this same team mindset in our daily lives and in our church family.

Life is not a solo sport. The fast-paced routine of school nights, work deadlines, and busyness of life can make us feel isolated, as if we are carrying the weight of the world entirely on our own shoulders. We can easily fall into the trap of thinking we have to do it all, fix it all, and endure it all by ourselves. But God never intended for us to live that way. He designed us to be part of a grander team.

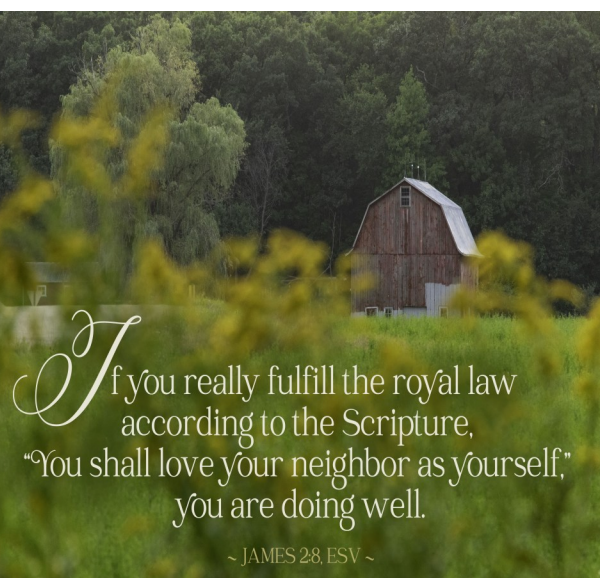
The Apostle Paul used a beautiful analogy to describe how we are meant to live and work together. In his first letter to the Corinthians, he wrote "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Think about that for a moment. Just like a football team, the Church—and our community—functions best when we realize that every single person has a vital role to play. You might not be the person standing behind a microphone or leading a major project. Maybe your role is sending an encouraging text to a friend, cooking a meal for a neighbor, helping out in the nursery, or simply showing up to sit in the stands and cheer someone else on. Every position matters to God.

When we support one another, share each other's burdens, and celebrate each other's victories, we show the world what the love of Christ looks like in action. No one has to take the field of life alone.

As you enjoy the holiday weekend, grill some burgers with family, and wear your favorite team's colors this month, let's commit to being great teammates to one another. Let's look out for the people around us who might be feeling overwhelmed by the trials of life and offer them a helping hand. We are far stronger together than we ever could be apart.

Grace and Peace,
Bro. Greg



SPECIAL DATES

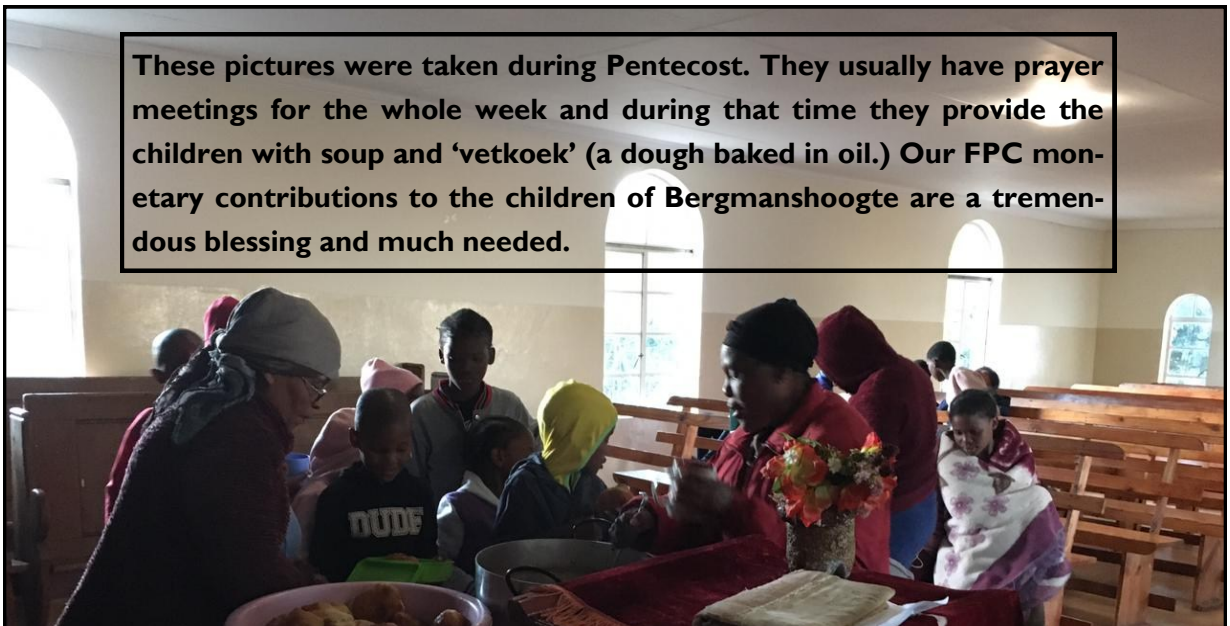
- Sept 6 Brookdale Worship
Worship/Communion
- Sept 7 Labor Day (*Office Closed*)
- Sept 21 International Day of Peace
- Sept 27 Session Meeting



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

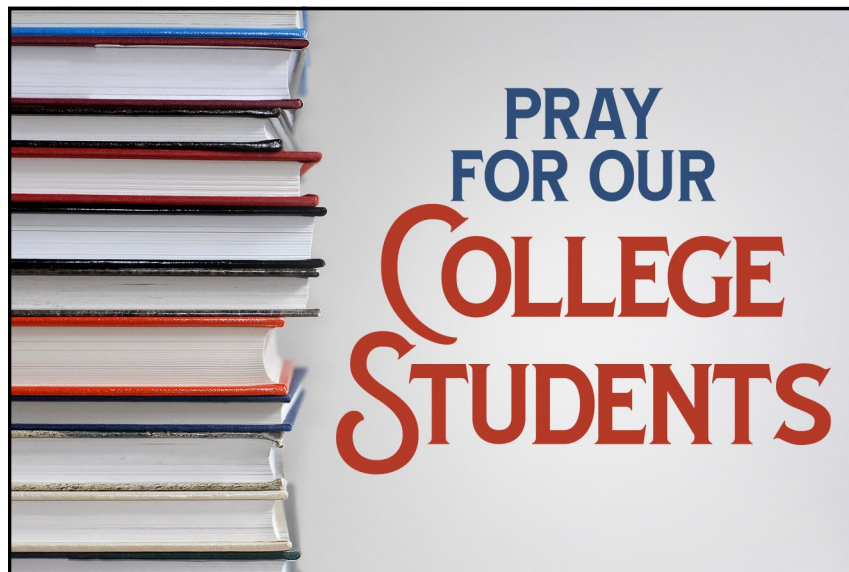
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September 6	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
September 13	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
September 20	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
September 27	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	

SEPTEMBER



Martha Higgins
Marjorie Bengé

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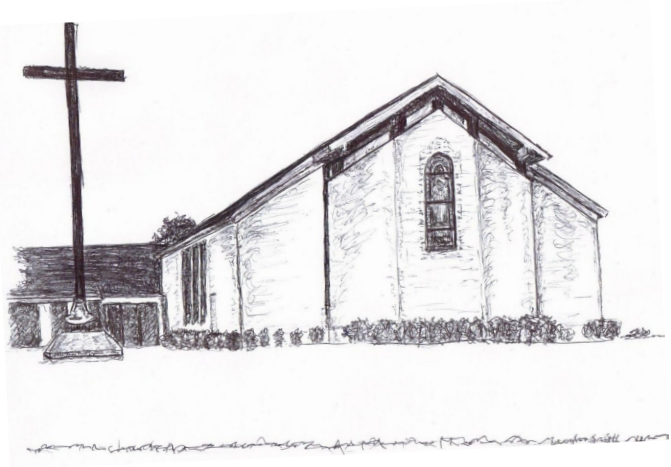
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Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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