

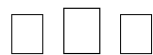
From the Editor

It's hot, folks. I'm sure you don't really need me to tell you that, but I thought I'd get it out of the way. While you're outside, remember to take frequent breaks and drink lots of water. I notice there are a couple of events this month out in the yard for the young people – Let's pray that while they're outside rendering service to God and their neighbors, they don't forget to serve themselves plenty of water to avoid heat injuries. In this way they will be able to serve another day.

In spite of being embroiled in the “dog days” of summer, we still have a lot going on in and around Grace Presbyterian. Can't miss the construction going on. Someone told me he'd just finished putting the final touches with the mower on a patch of the church lawn when a dozer came by and scooped it away. Hate it when that happens. This is maybe one of those circumstances when things will get somewhat worse before they get much better. That could also be an observation for the church generally. For example, I've seen a lot of people leave the congregation in the last few months, ostensibly in search of better . . . what? While the loss of membership is tragic, I believe things will get better, and in fact are getting better. We need three things to get from where we are now to that much better circumstance: (1) Vision – to visualize the improved circumstance, (2) Faith – to maintain the belief that it is obtainable and (3) Patience – to endure the difficulties that inevitably arise.

There's my 2 cent's worth for today. How about you? Got something on your mind? Email us at Newsletter@Grace-Pres.org and share your thoughts.

Carl



Welcome Our New Interim Pastor

On August 1, 2007 Reverend Judith Reese will begin her work as our full-time Interim Pastor after helping us by filling our pulpit and moderating a session meeting during the last two weeks of July. From those who know her, she has been referred to as a loving, caring Pastor and a passionate, exciting preacher. Judith graduated with highest honors from Memphis Theological Seminary, here in Memphis, in 1999. Session members have heard her beautiful testimony of her spiritual journey that led her to pastoral ministry in the Presbyterian (PCUSA). She has a home in Memphis, but for the past year she has lived mostly in Starkville, MS serving a church there as their Interim Pastor.

Prior to answering a call to ministry, Rev. Reese used her degrees in Occupational Therapy, Public Health and Biostatistics as a therapist, consultant and administrator in hospitals and in the Public Health field.

We will also get to know Mr. Reese, her spouse, who is an avid golfer.

Let us all give the Reeses a heartfelt Grace Presbyterian welcome and the full support they will need for our work together.

Dossett Foster,
Clerk of Session



From the Building Committee

Believe it or not, with all of the rainy days, the new addition is basically back on schedule. The majority of the site work and grading is completed with only a small amount of work remaining near the building and the driveway. The new sewer line and manholes have been installed and the new fire main and fire hydrants are in place but are not yet under water pressure.

As far as the actual building is concerned, the concrete footings have been poured and the forms for the slab have been built and installed. The rough plumbing, electrical work and the fire sprinkler piping that are located beneath the slab have all been completed, which will allow the area inside the forms to be back filled with sand on Monday and Tuesday, the 16th and 17th of July. The concrete pour for the slab should begin on the following Thursday.

During the week of the 16th through the 20th the Construction Superintendent is also planning to finish grading and leveling the new driveway and parking areas and till in soil cement to increase the strength of the fill for these areas. Hopefully the base layer of asphalt will be laid as soon as this work is completed. This will allow the trucks delivering construction materials to be able to enter and exit without the danger of becoming mired down.

Of course all of these predictions depend on the weather, so let's all pray for sunshine. Give one of us a call if you have any questions.

The Building Committee

Bill Carroll (Chair)

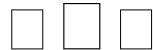
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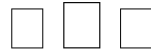
Lee Guenther

Jere Lawson



Christmas In July

If you didn't get a chance to put your toys under the Christmas in July tree during the month of July you can still contribute. You can donate a new unwrapped toy by giving it to Sara Lawson or Jan Evans. We are also accepting checks to help us pay for other gifts that we give along with the toys to needy families. You can make your check out to **Presbyterian Women, Grace Presbyterian Church**, put it in the offering plate, leave at the office or give to Sara Lawson. Make sure you mark your check "**Christmas in July**". Christmas In July is the PW annual project that helps us supply needy families with toys, gifts and food baskets each year at Christmas time. There is a child who needs that toy you donate. Please help us.



From the Congregational Care Committee

Shepherd Program

Have you heard from your Shepherd? Do you want to be a shepherd? Do you know what a shepherd is?

Your shepherd should try to make contact with you once a month by phone or when they see you at church. If you have a special need please contact him/her. (Contact Cathy Bendall if you do not know who your shepherd is.)

Shepherds meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. We can always use more shepherds, so please let us know if you can help. This is such a rewarding way you can help our church.

Thursday Prayer Group

Did you know that over a year ago Ron Green established a prayer group on Thursdays at 5:00 PM? Its purpose was to pray for our church. Ron is gone, but we are still meeting at the church every Thursday to pray for our church. Our group is small, but we feel it is powerful. We have prayed for many of you during your illnesses and difficult times. WE

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HAVE SEEN MIRACLES!!! Anyone interested in joining our group, please come. We usually meet in the session room. Join us. That, too, is a very rewarding way to serve your church.

Last, but not least: Please join us at the church for fellowship and fun at our . . .

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
August 12, 2007
6:00PM

Please bring your favorite ice cream or dessert. We promise a good time.

Love in Christ,

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Cathy Bendall | Rosemary Gordon | Roy & Harriet Wynn |
| Joe Bishop | Amy Bishop | Suzanne Getman |
| Mildred Culverhouse | Dana Jackson | Miree Pomeroy |
| Daryl & Johnnie Davis | Sandy Kehrli | Linda Foster |
| Greg Krishen | Wendi Glenn | Bill & Jane McGoldrick |



Thank you for your many thoughts and prayers during my father's illness and after his death. Each card and phone call was appreciated. Thank you for the food brought to my home. Thank you, Presbyterian Women, for the table of delicious food prepared by you for my family after my father's memorial service. Thank you, Grace Presbyterian Church, for being there for me.

Jane McGoldrick

From The Presbyterian Women

Mark your calendar for Saturday August 25, 2007 for the Bible Study Conference for Presbyterian Women at Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, LaGrange, TN. Jan Evans has registration forms that need to be sent by August 15, 2007. The cost is \$12.00 which includes morning coffee, juice, cinnamon rolls, lunch and beverages. If you plan to attend please get your registration form from Jan. We will car pool to Pinecrest from Grace Presbyterian Church on the day of the event. Plan to attend for we will learn about our 2007-2008 Bible Study which is: *Above and Beyond Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. Any questions call Jan Evans at 386-4672.

Board members will be meeting on Monday August 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans. Please let Jan know if you will be able to attend.



A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.
"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"
"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.
There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

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From the Worship Committee

Potluck & Musical

The Worship Committee is planning a night of **Music and Fun** on Sunday, July 29th following a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone invite a friend, bring a dish and enjoy a relaxing summer evening of food, talk and laughter around the table followed by lots of music.

Jean Markham,
Worship Committee



Grace in action -- MIHN

As this article goes to print, MIHN (Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network) is hosting 13 guests in three families. There are three adults, 5 teenagers, 4 preteens and a toddler. Each week the families come to us from many walks of life with many backgrounds. They come in many shapes and sizes: Single parents, couples, infants, preschoolers, school age children, youth, small and large families. They are working families trying to get back to a normal life. They all come to us with one thing in common. They need our help. Without MIHN they would not have a safe, clean place to stay or food to eat. Their stay in the network is brief, no more than 30 days. They will move to a new church each week for each of the three or four weeks they are in the network. It is not an easy time for them. But it is because of your willingness to give a little of yourself that they are able to get back on their feet.

Many of you will remember Michael and Michael, Jr. who stayed with us last year. They were able to move to transitional housing. This allowed them the time they needed to save money and move to permanent housing. Stephanie and Ashia, who were with us in June, have moved to transitional housing.

During this week our congregation will provide over 170 meals and approximately 500

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volunteer hours. We do this three to four times a year, year after year after year. Why? I believe we continue to serve those in need because we seek to show our appreciation for God's love to us by sharing love with others. We are blessed to be a blessing.

We will have the opportunity to serve again starting Aug 12th. The sign up sheet will be in the main hall. We are in need of people to serve as coordinators for this ministry at Grace. Ideally this would be a team of two or a couple. If you are interested contact me at 377.9374 and I will talk to you about the details.

Thank you for all you have done and all you will do in the future.

Dana Jackson



Whose Job?

A Story About Four People Named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Author Unknown
Contributed by Bill McGoldrick



July 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 01 (Week 27) 5pm» Bell practice | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |
| 08 (Week 28) 5pm» Bell practice | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 (Week 29) 5pm» Bell practice | 16 | 17 Day Trippers lunch & Bingo | 18 7:30pm» Choir practice | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 (Week 30) 5pm» Bell practice | 23 | 24 Day Trippers Presbyterian Heritage trip | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 (Week 31) 5pm» Bell practice | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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| 12 (Week 33) 5pm» Bell practice | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 (Week 34) 5pm» Bell practice | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 (Week 35) 5pm» Bell practice | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Game night by Congregational Life | |

From the Day Trippers

Our first Bingo session was very successful. We had representation from a broad cross-section of our membership. 25 prizes were awarded. We owe a debt of gratitude to Sara Lawson for providing and serving the lunch and banana split desserts to everyone. We had 25 in attendance for lunch and 24 remained for Bingo. We were pleased that we had some new faces that don't usually participate in Day Tripper activities.

Day Trippers will be exploring our local Presbyterian heritage on Tuesday, July 24 by visiting the Hickory Withe and Oakland, TN Presbyterian churches. Dot Hathaway has arranged for a tour of both churches and lunch at the Oakland Tea Room.

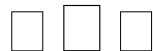
The Hickory Withe church was established as Prosperity Church in 1834 by a group of 29 believers. The Oakland church was established in 1891 and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

We will be leaving the church at 10:45 and will have lunch at 11:30, with the church tours to follow. Make your reservations by contacting Byron or Diane Graves at 386-6779.



Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

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"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week,"

"That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself!"

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A Hug

*It's wondrous what a hug can do!!
A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can say "I LOVE YOU SO!" or "Gee, I hate to
see you go!"
A hug is "Welcome back again" and "Great to see
you! Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe small child's pain, and bring the
rainbow after rain.
The HUG! There is no doubt about it — We scarcely
can survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and
charms—
It must be why God gave us arms!!*

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Contributed by Bill McGoldrick

From the Grace Presbyterian Youth

Youth Lock-in!!!

You asked for it, so we're finally having another Lock-in! On Friday, July 27th we will begin the night of fun at 8:00PM. Come prepared for some fun, games, movies, and food. Please bring a drink or snacks to share for the evening as well as \$4 for pizza. You may bring games and movies as long as they are not rated above PG-13. Lock-in will end Saturday morning at 8:00AM. If you have any questions, contact Cristaldawn at 233-3898.

Youth Yard Sale

Need to clean out your closet, attic, or garage and haven't found the time? Well now you have an excuse and something to do with all of the stuff you don't want anymore: You can donate it to the youth yard sale. On Saturday, August 11th the youth will be having a yard sale from 7:30AM till 2:00PM. Donations can be set in the hallway.

Youth Back-to-School Party

On Sunday, August 12th we will meet from 6:00-8:00PM to enjoy some silly but fun back-to-school games as well as enjoy party foods. Youth are asked to bring a 2-liter, bag of chips or some cookies to share.

Youth Bowling Outing!

On Sunday, August 19th the youth group is going bowling. We will meet at the church at 1:30PM to go bowling at Bartlett Lanes. Cost is \$10 for two games and shoe rental plus additional money for concessions. We will return to the church by 5:00PM.

Movie Study Series

On Sunday, August 26th we will jump-start our movie study series that will be on Wednesdays, from 6:00-8:30PM. We will meet Sunday from 6:00-8:00PM. Movie TBA.

Youth Events List of Dates to Remember

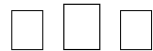
- Friday, July 27th: Youth Lock-in!!! 8:00PM-8:00AM.
- Sunday, July 29th: Potluck/Musical, 6:00PM.
- Wednesday, August 1st: No Wet-n-Word Tonight.
- Saturday, August 4th: Yard Work, TBA.
- Sunday, August 5th: No Youth Group Meeting.
- Wednesday, August 8th: Wet-n-Word, 5:30-7:30PM.
- Saturday, August 11th: Youth Yard Sale, 7:30AM-2:00PM.
- Sunday, August 12th: Youth Back-to-School Party, 6:00-8:00PM.
- Sunday, August 19th: Youth Bowling Outing, 1:30-5:00PM.
- Sunday, August 26th: Youth Movie Study: 6:00-8:00PM.
- Wednesday, August 29th: Youth Movie Study: 6:00-8:30PM.



A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?"

The father replied, "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine."

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Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

People in the book of Acts
Puzzle #4

Acts Chapter 1:1-12



ABRAHAM
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ANANIAS
ANDREW
ANNAS
BARSABAS
CAIAPHAS
DAVID
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JESUS

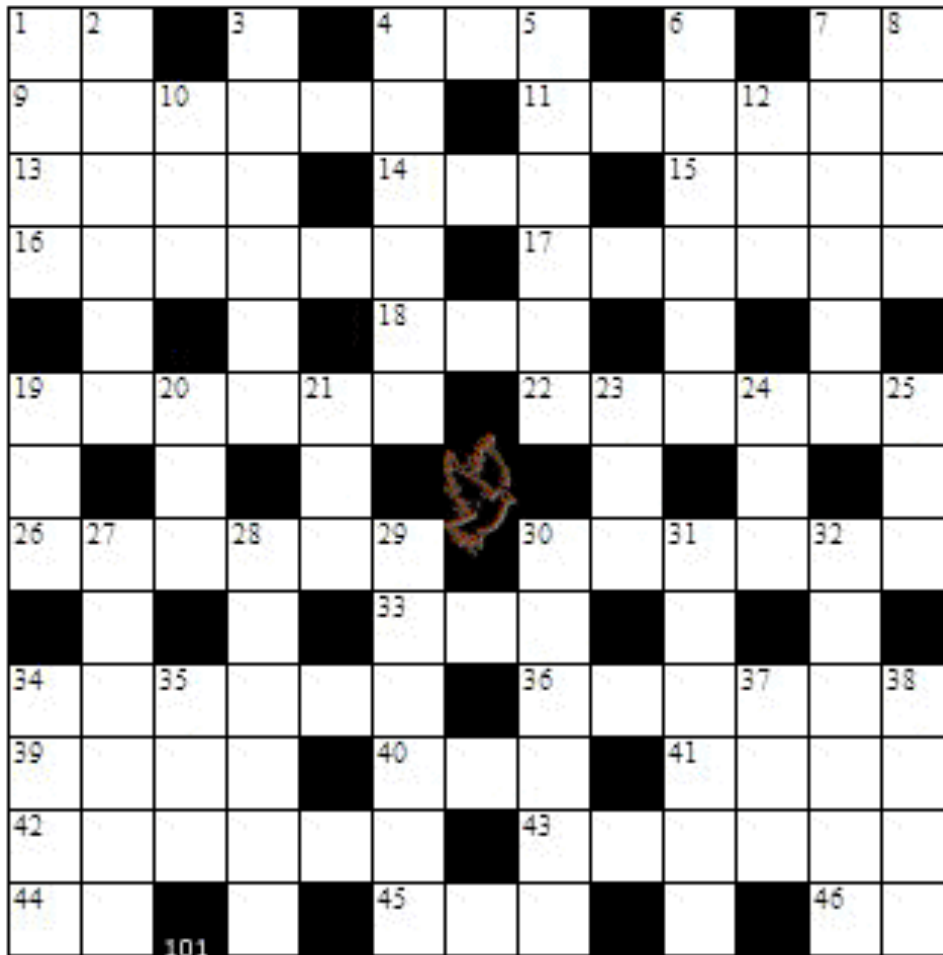
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JOHN
JOSEPH
JOSES
MARY
MATTHEW
MATTHIAS
PHILIP
PILATE
SAMUEL
SAPPHIRA
THEOPHILUS
THOMAS

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ACROSS

- 1 Daughter, your faith has healed you. ___ in peace (Mark 5:34)
 4 the tendon attached to the socket of the ___ (Gen 32:32)
 7 Do not think that I have come ___ abolish the Law or the Prophets (Matt 5:17)
 9 the priests and the judges who are in ___ at the time (Deut 19:17)
 11 God, whom I praise, do not ___ silent (Ps 109:1)
 13 like the merchant ships, bringing her food from ___ (Prov 31:14)
 14 I told you these things long ___ before they happened (Isa 48:5)
 15 Paul gathered a ___ of brushwood (Acts 28:2)

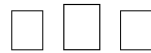
- 16 like plants in the field, like ___ green shoots (Isa 37:27)
 17 The twelve gates were twelve ___ (Rev 21:21)
 18 and on the big ___ of his right foot (Lev 14:17)
 19 snakes (Isa 30:6)
 22 ___ to us, O God Almighty! (Ps 80:14)
 26 the daughter of Herodias ___ for them (Matt 14:6)
 30 My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips ___ wickedness (Prov 8:7)
 33 the poor man had nothing except one little ___ lamb (2 Sam 12:3)
 34 a land where bread will not be ___ (Deut 8:9)
 36 We are ___ and strangers in your sight (1 Chron 29:15)
 39 You made my enemies ___ their backs in flight (2 Sam 22:41)
 40 Mentally unbalanced (Jer 51:7)

- 41 Get rid of all bitterness, ___ and anger (Eph 4:31)
- 42 King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the ___ of Haman (Est 8:1)
- 43 He replied, "You of ___ faith, why are you so afraid?" (Matt 8:26)
- 44 Let the little children come to ___, and do not hinder them (Luke 18:16)
- 45 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on ___ land (Heb 11:29)
- 46 Simon's mother-in-law was in b___ with a fever (partial word)(Mark 1:30)

DOWN

- 1 The sun turned black like sackcloth made of ___ hair (Rev 6:12)
- 2 I am guilty but will ___ no more (Job 34:31)
- 3 a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a ___ (Ex 28:4) KJV
- 4 O righteous God, who searches minds and ___ (Ps 7:9)
- 5 Show ___ respect to everyone (1 Peter 2:17)
- 6 so that I may ___ to you some spiritual gift (Rom 1:11)
- 7 Cain was a ___ of the ground (Gen 4:2) KJV
- 8 foolish ___ took their lamps but did not take any oil (Matt 25:3)
- 10 I remind you to ___ into flame the gift of God (2 Tim 1:6)

- 12 Foxes have holes and birds of the ___ have nests (Luke 9:58)
- 19 Blessed are those who hunger ___ thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6)
- 20 one of the twelve tribes of Israel (Ex 1:4-5)
- 21 the gazelle, the ___ deer, the wild goat (Deut 14:5)
- 23 mother of all the living (Gen 3:20)
- 24 do not ___ your freedom as a cover-up for evil (1 Peter 2:16)
- 25 Peter climbed aboard and dragged the ___ ashore (John 21:11)
- 27 Don't extort money and don't ___ people falsely (Luke 3:14)
- 28 the law is spiritual: but I am ___, sold under sin (Rom 7:14) KJV
- 29 the shipmen ___ that they drew near to some country (Acts 27:27) KJV
- 30 Their tongue is a ___ arrow (Jer 9:8)
- 31 They took the ___ silver coins, the price set on him (Matt 27:9)
- 32 Who of you by worrying can add a ___ hour to his life (Luke 12:25)
- 34 there shall come forth a rod out of the ___ of Jesse (Isa 11:1) KJV
- 35 experienced in the ___ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)
- 37 If anyone is hungry, he should ___ at home (1 Cor 11:34)
- 38 If you have faith as small as a mustard ___ (Luke 17:6)



An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me ... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

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Help Wanted

We are in need of persons to weed, edge and run the self propelled push mower. Contact Dosssett Foster.



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