



THE UPDATE

July 2026

Rooted In Christ, Growing In Faith, Loving Our Neighbor



Prayer Group Wednesday. Our Prayer Group is on Wednesday morning, from 11 am to 12 pm in the parlor. Please join us for a time of fellowship, learning, and prayer. Our small group is growing and knows that as we come together to pray, God is with us and those we lift in prayer!

Happy July Birthday to You!

- 3. Jan Lackey
- 7. Joe Tomlin
- 7. Pam Wilson
- 8. Larry Beaver
- 8. Judy Kennedy
- 9. Missy Peet
- 9. Lou Anne White
- 9. Kyle Wigley
- 10. Libby Powell
- 16. Ansley Tomlin
- 17. Susan Porter
- 18. Joyce Johnson
- 28. Billy Padgett
- 29. Deborah Chipman
- 31. Kathy Jeffreys



July Children's Message

July 5 - Scott Jeffreys

July 12 - John Downs

July 19 - Phil Lail

July 26 - Doug Griffith

July Children's Church

July 5 - Dot Ingram

July 12 - Elly Shaffer

July 19 - Amanda Chipman

July 26 - Elizabeth Rashley



July Elder Duty

July 5 - David Lackey and Phil Lail

July 12 - Jim Staples and Deena Chambers

July 19 - Deborah Chipman and Rob Crawford

July 26 - JD Dotson and John Downs

July Nursery Schedule

July 5 - Kathy Hoover

July 12 - Jill Dotson

July 19 - Jan Gantt

July 26 - Lexie and Parker Jeffreys

Events to come:

July 4th Independence Day - Church Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd

Wednesday Communion - Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Circle 3 has rescheduled June's meeting at Jill Dotson's lake house to July 18th. Meet at 9:30 am at the church to carpool. Bring your favorite salad.

Wonderful Wacky Wednesday Funday for children and youth - July 22nd 4-6 pm prior to the monthly Fellowship Dinner.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner - July 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **CARE TEAM 1** will facilitate the dinner

Session - There will be NO SESSION MEETING in the month of July

Presbyterian Women's Breakfast



The Presbyterian Women's Group celebrated their end of year breakfast on the morning of June 14th in the Fellowship Hall. A great time was had by all.





New Members

On Sunday, June 21st, Forest Park Presbyterian Church welcomed into the membership Ray Wilhelm and Sarah Kivett. We are so excited to welcome these people into our family of faith at FPPC!



Feel free to write Emma Davis at 3001 SE 44th Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Wonderful Wacky Wednesday





"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see." - (G-587) Amazing Grace

A month or so ago a "good Samaritan" in the church, who shall remain unnamed, was kind enough to turn in a pair of glasses that had been stepped on or run over out in the parking lot. Nancy, who was like the keeper of the inn in Luke 10, patched them up with scotch tape and now they are almost as good as new. See the picture to the left.

"Anyhow," to use Billy Padgett's favorite word, they are here in the office for you to pick up if they are yours, but not indefinitely; for we have amassed quite a collection of lost glasses through the years. So, on the lighter side of things, let's remember the words of wisdom from Proverbs 17:22, **"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but broken [glasses] saps a person's strength."**

Now on a more serious note, sometimes our lives can end up like a pair of broken glasses... crushed and stepped on by our own mistakes and sins, or by the weight and pressures of the world and the people in it, or by sickness and death, but the good news of the gospel is that in Jesus Christ God can put our broken glasses back together and make something beautiful out of our cracked lenses, just like Nancy did with the pair above.

On that note, Nancy, our beloved secretary, wrote this little gem concerning broken glasses... "Sometimes we feel crushed in life - but the brokenness gives us a new perspective to see our world through new eyes - through the prism of Christ's vision - and our brokenness can be a pathway to wholeness in Christ - growing deeper in our walk with him and with others."

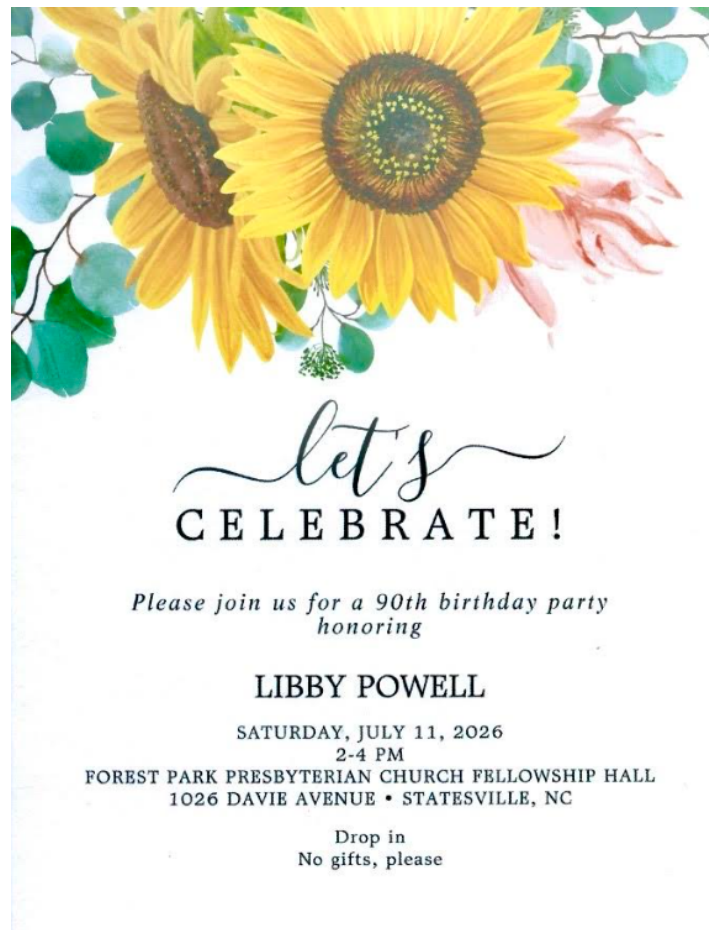
And here's a quote from an article that Deborah Fox wrote in The Daily Bread about ways God uses our brokenness for His glory: "A Japanese friend once shared with me the art of 'Kintsugi.' This is when gold is used to repair breaks in earthenware. The breaks are appreciated as part of the history of the object, rather than thought of as something to hide or disguise. And through the repairs, a common piece of pottery becomes an exquisite piece of art. How much more can God repair and shine through the cracks in our lives!"

"Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth that thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine." - (G-395) Open my Eyes

PRAYER LIST - Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Assisted Living /Homebound /Currently unable to attend worship - Pat Johnson, Pat McKinney, LA Parks, Jennifer Grant, Jackie Tomlin, Price Kennerly, John and Marilyn Moore, Katherine Myers, Kay Smith, June Sherrill.

Rob Crawford - continued healing; **David Lackey** - pray that therapy will help with his mobility; **Roger Davidson** - pray for healing and minimal side effects from cancer treatments; **Susan Ervin** - recovery from leg surgery; **Gay Park** - continued strength and complete healing from stroke; **Pat Moore** - recovery from broken hip; **Danny Jackins** - health concerns; **Jackie Tomlin** - rehabilitation and healing at Brookdale Peachtree; **Jane Johnson** - pray for healing, peace, and comfort; **Karen Smith** - continued healing; **Nickie Crawford** - continued healing; **Price Kennerly** - continued healing; **Missy Peet** - pray for healing and recovery; **Pat Johnson** - recovery from broken hip; **Katherine Myers** - pray for more mobility; **John and Marilyn Moore** - Pray for healing; **Jennifer Grant** - continued healing; **Sylvia Boyd and her family** as they grieve the loss of her husband, Press.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 6:30 pm Choir Practice	²	³ OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4 TH HOLIDAY	⁴ 5:30 pm AA meeting
9:45 – 10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 5	6	7	⁸ 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 6:30 pm Choir Practice	9	¹⁰ Fellowship Hall reserved	¹¹ Fellowship Hall reserved until 6:00 pm – Libby Powell Birthday Party 6:00 pm AA meeting
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