

JJ white memorial presbyterian church

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You are invited to join us
each week for:

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult, youth, and children activities
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel choir

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 20th

Proceeds benefit Boy Scouts

Seatings:

11:30 and 12:30

Tickets:

\$15 for adults
\$7 for children 12 and under
\$4 for children 4 and under

Reservations :

Please make your reservations by Thursday, June 17.
billiance@hotmail.com
(601) 341-1176

RETIREMENT TEA

Honoring
Becky Morgan

Saturday June 5

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
J. J. White Memorial
Presbyterian Church

CHOIR PARTY

Friday, June 4
6:00 p.m.

Home of Whitney & Carol Rawlings
521 Louisiana Avenue

Current, former and future choir members
(and their spouses) are invited to relax, have dinner and have fun before
the summer choir break.

We're recruiting!

**Come on, be a part of a fun group.
Join the choir!**

RSVP

rawlings@bellsouth.net
601-684-7716

The Mother's Day

Brunch was a successful fund raiser for the Boy Scouts—they raised over \$2000—and was a treat for the many families who attended.

There was lots of great food, beautiful decorations, soft music, and attentive service. Cub scouts helped prepare for the event, and served baskets of rolls to guests.

The money they raised will be used to renovate the former Schroeder house—now owned by J. J. White Presbyterian Church—to use for their meetings.

Currently three Cub Scout packs are sponsored by JJWMP.



Dr. Ralph Brock with daughter, Brenda Brock McIntyre, son-in-law Jim McIntyre, and grandsons Nolan and Andrew McIntyre.



Background: Mary Ann and Tommy Ratcliff;. Foreground: India Warshauer and daughter Lily.



Lisa Sibley confirms reservations and greets everyone.



L to R: Sue White and Loreice Naklie



Left to right: Cub scouts Walker Willis and Philip Nance serve rolls.

Meditations

Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

I'm sure you're heard the African proverb that "it takes a village to raise a child." And it does take a village of people to raise a child; it takes parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and teachers. It takes a large support system to nurture and raise a child in the way he should go. But the same can be said for the church because it takes a village for us to do the work of God. As the apostle Paul writes, there are many different gifts but they are all from the same Spirit. Thinking about the JJ White family, we know that there are different gifts. We are quite a diverse group! Some excel in teaching, some in business. Some are wonderful cooks while some are terrific eaters. Some people can sing, and some can organize luncheons. Some can lead worship while some prefer to work behind the scenes. And it takes all of us to get it done.

We all want what is best for the church. We all want to see JJ White become more active in the community and to continue to grow in faithfulness and in numbers, and in order to work towards the Kingdom of God, we must work together. On Monday, May 24th we had our first Committee Night, and I was so very pleased with the turnout. It was wonderful to see people coming out to share their opinions and concerns and ask questions of the session members. It was great to see groups of people working together towards a common goal: the work of God. I want to thank each of you who came out, and I hope that for our next Committee Night we will see double the turnout. Rest assured that the session and I will take your thoughts and input very seriously as we meet and make decisions regarding the future of the church. Because if we're going to keep growing, if we're going to remain faithful to the call of Jesus Christ to go into the world and make new disciples, we're all going to have to work together. It takes a village to follow Christ; let's get out there and see what's next.

Elizabeth Gabbard

Card-Making Ministry

I was recently at a week of First Parish Project in North Carolina, and one thing we discussed was how we can use all of our gifts to serve Christ. One of my gifts is crafting. I love doing craft projects, especially with other people! And I am so excited to invite you all to join me in a card-making ministry.

The Congregational Care Committee of the session does a wonderful job sending out cards to so many of our members for various reasons, but what if we made the cards that we sent out? What a wonderful personal touch that would be! So here's the plan.

When: the 2nd and 4th Thursday morning of the month at 10 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Anyone!

What: We'll make 4 cards (2 each of two designs). The church will get two and you will get to take two home.

Cost: \$5 a person to cover supplies

If you don't really enjoy crafts or have never tried paper crafts before, I encourage you to come and give it a try. I will provide simple step-by-step instructions and hands-on guidance for anyone who needs it. If you are a master crafter, you can feel free to use the materials provided to create your own unique work of art. I hope that this will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.

Please let me know if you are planning to come so I can make sure to have enough supplies. But if you don't let me know you want to come, don't worry. Come on anyway! I hope to see you on Thursday, June 10th and Thursday, June 24th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Night May 24, 2010

Worship Committee

Susan White, Chairperson

The Worship Committee met in the Youth Room during our first Committee Night. Those attending were Dr. Ralph Brock, Suzi Drummond, Mary Ann Ratliff and Susan White.

We discussed the different duties of the Worship Committee and the following suggestions were made:

- Before the worship service begins on Sunday morning and Rev. Gabbard gives the announcements the committee feels that the congregation should be silent and prepared for worship. In order to quiet the congregation, we discussed playing a few chords, dimming the sanctuary lights and brightening the lights surrounding the altar.
- Line-up ministers to fill the pulpit in Rev. Gabbard's absence. The committee was concerned that Roger Nickerson was overextended.
- In order for the members and visitors to recognize the ushers, I plan to order usher pins.
- Finally, after the Children's sermon, it was suggested that Roger ask if there are any visitors present. If so, one of the children can present a small welcoming gift.

Fellowship Committee

Renee Belote, Chairperson

- During the month of June all systems are go for the fellowship committee.
- A light breakfast will be served each Sunday at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday Night fellowship with a meal continues at 5:30 p.m.
- The Cub Scouts will have a fund raiser with a lunch on Father's day.
- The evening of Father's day, we will serve a meal at Percy Quin for the Presbytery Junior campers.
- Hopefully the newly formed Bread Breaker groups will meet. Please contact each other if you are in these groups.
- The Senior Trekkers outing will be announced at a later date by Roger Nickerson.

Congregational Care Committee

Ron Yates, Chairperson

The first open session committee meeting was very good for the Congregational Care Committee.

Several members of the congregation were in attendance and showed interest in the committee along with members of the present committee.

Lots of information was discussed with many suggestions on future use of the talents of members of the committee.

One of many of the suggestions that was discussed was to make available donation envelopes in the vestibules of the sanctuary for donations to a flower fund for Sunday services that flowers were not donated. This along with other suggestions will be brought before the session as they come closer to fruition.

In all I think that it was a very good gathering with lots of good ideas being talked about.

I'd just like to THANK everyone for their participation, and I'd also like to THANK Kennon for the great meal!

Committee Night

Kennon Singley, Chief Cook and Grill Master

Our first Committee Night went very well and we are already looking forward to our June Meeting.

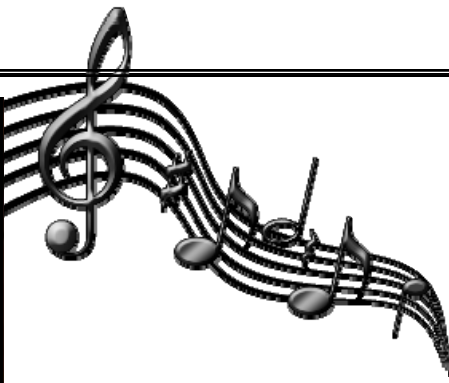
On June 28th, we'll meet again in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm for dinner and then the different committees will meet immediately following.

Please RSVP by June 23rd to Kennon Singley at kennonsingley@gmail.com and let me know if you will be attending dinner.

We had hamburgers and fresh salads for our last meeting, this month's meal will be spaghetti and meat balls with a Caesar side salad. Dessert will be a surprise!

Please donate \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the meal.

Hope to seeing everyone there!



Music Notes from Director Roger Nickerson

J. S. Bach (Part III) - His religious and musical journey

Bach's apparently devout, personal relationship with the Christian God in the [Lutheran](#) tradition and the high demand for religious music of his times inevitably placed sacred music at the center of his repertory; more specifically, the Lutheran chorale hymn tune, the principal musical aspect of the Lutheran service, was the basis of much of his output.

Bach's deep knowledge of and interest in the liturgy led to his developing intricate relationships between music and linguistic text. This was evident from the smallest to the largest levels of his compositional technique. On the smallest level, many of his sacred works contain short *motifs* that, by recurrent association, can be regarded as pictorial symbolism and linked to liturgical concepts.

I- "Melodic symbolism":

- The octave leap, usually in a bass line, represents the link between heaven and earth.
- The slow, repeated notes of the bass line in the opening movement of cantata "[God's Time is the Very Best Time](#)" depict the labored trudging of Jesus as he was forced to drag the cross from the city to the crucifixion site.
- A rising scale to match words that speak of rising from the dead or a descending chromatic scale (depicting a howl of pain) to sorrowful words.

II- "Pictorial and Numerical symbolism":

- Occurs only in connection with words—in vocal music and in chorale preludes, where the words of the chorale are in the listener's mind.
- Number symbolism is sometimes pictorial; in the St. Matthew Passion it is reasonable that the question "Lord, is it I?" should be asked 11 times, once by each of the faithful disciples.

Beyond these specific musical features arising from Bach's religious affiliation is the fact that he was able to produce music for an audience that was committed to serious, regular worship, for which a concentrated density and complexity was accepted. His natural inclination may have been to reinvigorate existing forms, rather than to discard them and pursue more dramatic musical innovations. Thus, Bach's inventive genius was almost entirely directed towards working within the structures he inherited, according to most critics and historians.

Worship and Spirituality

Congregations maintained the full [Mass](#) rituals in their normal worship as suggested by Luther. In Luther's *Principal Service of Worship*, [Holy Communion](#) was celebrated on each Sunday and festival. The traditional parts of the service were retained and, sometimes, even [incense](#) was also used. Services were conducted in [vernacular](#) language, but in Germany, Latin was also present in both the [Ordinary](#) and [Proper](#) parts of the service. This helped students maintain their familiarity with the language. As late as the time of [Johann Sebastian Bach](#), churches in [Leipzig](#) still heard [Polyphonic](#) motets in Latin, Latin [Gloria's](#), [chanted](#) Latin [colleets](#) and The [Creed](#) sung in Latin by the choir. Church music flourished and this era is considered as a "golden age" of Lutheran hymnody.

Prominent church musicians and composers include [Michael Praetorius](#), [Melchior Vulpius](#), [Johann Hermann Schein](#), [Heinrich Schütz](#), [Johann Crüger](#), [Dieterich Buxtehude](#) and [Johann Sebastian Bach](#). Generally, the 17th century was a more difficult time than the earlier period of [Reformation](#), due in part to the [Thirty Years' War](#). Finland suffered a severe [famine](#) in 1696-1697 as part of what is now called the [Little Ice Age](#), and almost one third of the population died. This struggle to survive can often be seen in hymns and devotional writings.

Presbytery Junior Camp

June 20th—24th

The Presbytery of Mississippi is bringing Junior Camp back to Percy Quin State Park!

The camp will be held **June 20th – 24th** (Sunday thru Thursday) and is for kids going into the 4th through 7th grades. Tommy Suttle (Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, TN) will be the keynote speaker. This is going to be a fun-filled week and a great opportunity for the kids in our Presbytery to come together in a Christ-centered camp environment!

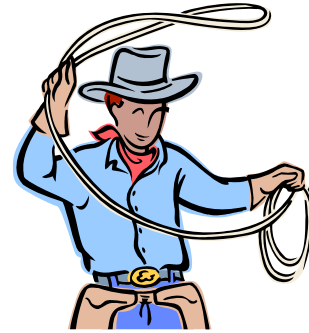
Cost is \$100.00 per child (scholarships available) and registration information can be obtained by emailing Kennon Singley @ kennonsingley@gmail.com. Or, if you'd like the information sent to another church – please call Kennon at 601-248-9246 and he will be happy to send that information promptly! Counselors are needed, so if you are 17 or older and would like to volunteer – email Kennon as soon as possible. **Deadline for all forms is June 1st.**

Junior High/Senior High Fall Retreat

November 19th—21st

Junior High / Senior High Fall Retreat will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving, place to be determined.

Yee Haw!



Ranch Hands for Jesus

Vacation Bible School

July 12—16

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Lasso your friends and come have a blast!

We'll be sharing daily Bible studies, snacks, crafts, and outdoor activities focused around the ABC's of becoming a Christian.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS and GEAR

'Foreman' Bill Mitchell says:

- "We need ranch hands: teachers, assistants, craft coordinators, recreation leaders, and snack providers."
- "We can shore use some cowboy rig— hats, cowboys boots, scarves and other get up."

Contact Bill:
blmitch@hughes.net
(601) 249-3243

2010	Upcoming Events
JUNE	
4	Choir party—home of Whitney & Carol Rawlings 6:00 p.m. Past, present and future choir members invited.
20	Father's Day Brunch—Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
20—24	Presbytery Junior Camp—Percy Quin State Park
28	Committee Night—5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
July	
12—16	Vacation Bible School—9:00 a.m.—11:30 p.m.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND PRAY...

Sympathy to Mary Regan and family at the death of her uncle, Mr. Harry Kittle, last week.

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard and the Session
- Anonymous Requests
- Tornado victims
- Oil spill victims and Gulf Coast environment
- President Obama; local, state, national, and world leaders
- Military personnel and their families during this time of war and unrest

Candace Church

Ina May

Callie Cole

Airman Nelson Meurer

Veda Cothorn

Becky Morgan

Guy Friend

Margie Price

Newton James

Carolyn Ray

Roger Lawrence

Nancy Riley

Willie Lord

Gloria Simo

Betty Lee

Delores Spears

W. M. Kennedy

Mimi Sneed

Suzanne McCampbell

Hallem Solomon

Joan McDaniel

Angela Suttle

Gerald McMillan

Bobby Williford

Helen May

Nursing Home Members

Aston Court

Lillie Godbold, Genevieve Solomon

McComb Extended Care

Louise Andrews, Betty Lee, Barbara Travis, Billy Travis, Marie Wells

Sunnybrook Estates, Madison

Mary Frances Carruth

Port Royal, SC

Christine Johnson

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JUNE



USHER/GREETER TEAM

Tommy Ratcliff, Captain
John Drummond
Stacey Moak
Johnny Nance
Mark Statham

FLOWERS

6 D/M Robbie DeCoux
13 M/M Noggin Wild
20 M/M Randy White
27 M/M Bill Mitchell

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Loreice Naklie (92)
Deb Richardson
6 Sharon White
7 (Florence Sigman)
13 Beth Wild
17 Rusty Whittington
19 W. M. Kennedy (90)
23 Bess Simmons (89)
Van Simmons
24 Chelsey Johnson
Niki Johnson
28 Andrea DeCoux
Brandi Smith

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

2 Whitney Rawlings,
Jimmy C. Robertson
9 John Drummond,
Randy White
16 Noggin Wild,
Tommy Ratcliff
23 Randy Burris,
Benny Mary
30 Bill Mitchell,
David Feldman



Ask, Search, Knock

"...How much more will your
Father in heaven give good
things to those who ask him."
(Matthew 7:7-11)

ELDER of the MONTH

TOMMY RATCLIFF

249-2864, 341-3498
t.ratcliff@bellsouth.net

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 John Drummond
6 Renee Belote
Laris Mitchell
7 Suzi Drummond
8 Mary Frances Carruth (98)
12 (Carolyn Ray)
13 Lydia Williams
20 June Hart
23 Newton H. James (94)
26 Linda Miller
29 Conner Simmons
30 Nicole Faucett

Continental Breakfast & Fellowship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

6 Beth Wild
13 Bill Mitchell
20 Meredith Singley
27 Mary Ann Ratcliff

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Angie Simmons
13 Linda Miller
20 Hunter Nance
27 Lee Williams

Coming Events . . . in June

- 5 Retirement Tea for Becky Morgan, 2-4 p.m.**
- 6 Communion, 10:30 a.m.; Session meets at 6 p.m.**
- 10 Card-making class, 10:00 a.m.**
- 17 Young Adult supper, Learned (Gibbes)**
- 20 Father's Day**
- 20-24 Presbytery Jr. Camp, Percy Quin State Park**
- 21 Nursing Home, 3 p.m.**
- 24 Card-making class, 10:00 a.m.**

The Faith and Fiction Book Club for Women will meet at J. J. White MPC on Thursday, September 9, from 7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy the Summer break!



Presbyterian Women

The PW will not meet again until September.

“Baby Bottle Boomerang”

**We handed out baby bottles on Mother's Day
for “Baby Bottle Boomerang” .**

Fill them with change, cash, and checks for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

They will be turned back in on Father's Day (June 20).

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard
Music Director	Dr. Roger Nickerson
Organist	Mr. Roger Price
Secretary	Mrs. Judy Deer
Treasurer	Mr. Whitney Rawlings
Janitors	Mrs. Lannette Williams, Mrs. Deborah Lee
Nursery	Mrs. Pat Bates, Mrs. Lynda Young

THE SESSION:

Renee Belote, Chip Gibbes, Bill Mitchell, , Tommy Ratcliff, Phil Terrell,
Whitney Rawlings, Sharon White, Susan White, Noggin Wild, Ron Yates.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 pm Supper	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		2-4 p.m. Retirement Tea for Becky Morgan, FH
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 a.m. Refreshments 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship and Communion 6:00 Session meets			7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 pm Supper	10 a.m. Card-making class, FH 7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
9 a.m. Refreshments 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship			7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 pm Supper	7 p.m. Young Adult Supper 7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 a.m. Refreshments 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	3 p.m. Nursing Home visitation Presbytery	Junior	7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 pm Supper Camp	10 a.m. Card-making class, FH 7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
27	28	29	30			
9 a.m. Refreshments 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship			7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 pm Supper			

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
			No Wednesday supper, activities, studies, or choirs in July	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 a.m. B'fast 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship & Communion			7 am Men's B'fast	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 a.m. B'fast 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship			7 am Men's B'fast	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		
	<u>Vacation</u>		<u>Bible</u>		<u>School</u>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 a.m. B'fast 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship & Children's choir	3 p.m. Nursing Home visitation		7 am Men's B'fast	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		2-4 p.m. Girl Scout Reunion, FH (Elizabeth DeCoux)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 a.m. B'fast 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship			7 am Men's B'fast	7 p.m. Knutty Knitters		