

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 2017

... so that together you may with one voice glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 15:6



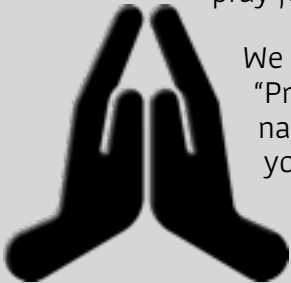


a word from our pastor...

The Reverend Bob Phelps

Sometimes We Receive!

Some of you may have noticed a line in the bulletin every week labeled "Prayer Calendar." That line has been there for several years. You started including it before I was here as a way to encourage all of us who worship together to pray for one another while we are apart. Every week, we include the names of two or three individuals and families in the congregation. Our intention is for that reminder to encourage us to pray for one another.



We recently completed the cycle of listing all of the names in our membership directory to that "Prayer Calendar". I decided that before we started back at the beginning, we'd include the names of friends of our church who worship with us regularly. For the next several weeks you'll see their names in the bulletin, and we hope you'll pray for them. This is one of the many things we've grown pretty good at asking you to do. It seems we're always asking someone to do something.

I had an interesting phone call Sunday afternoon. Gloria Hawkins is one of those friends of our congregation who worships here as much or more as some of our members. What some of you may not know is that Gloria is a member of the local Lutheran congregation, Trinity Lutheran on Virginia Avenue. That congregation is small and does not have worship every week, and when it does worship, it meets on Saturday afternoon. Gloria and her family worship with us on most Sundays. She comes on Wednesday nights, participates in the Nutty Knitters on Thursdays, and comes to many other things here. (Fred Harmon is also a member of Trinity Lutheran and worships with us, too.) Gloria called to say she had seen her name on the prayer calendar in Sunday's bulletin. She said she wasn't sure what that meant she was supposed to do, but she would be happy to do whatever she was supposed to do when she found out. She assumed she was supposed to be praying for someone this week, but she didn't know who.

I had the pleasant task of telling her this was one of those times that we were doing something for her instead of asking her to do something for us. Her name was on the prayer calendar so that we'd all be reminded to pray for her (and for Beverly King, another of our friends that week).

We do ask you to do a lot. And we're grateful for your responses. But once in a while we do things for you. Next time you're in worship, check out the prayer calendar and remember to pray for whoever is on the list that week. And know that sooner or later someone will be praying for you when your name shows up there.

Grace and peace,
Bob



Music Notes

from Deanna Phelps, Music Director

While you're reading this I'm probably still in one of my favorite places in the world. Bob and I get to attend the Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, North Carolina most summers. It's a wonderful gathering of preachers, worship leaders, and church musicians of all ages from churches across the country. We get to sing in a choir of 300-400, which means we get to sing some things most of us can't normally do with regular sized choirs in churches. That's always fun, but one of my favorite things at Montreat is when I get to meet with other choir directors and read through new and old music that we can do back home. It's fun to hear what others are doing and to share what we do here at J. J. White. There is also an extensive music store there, and I get to look at music without ordering it. Every year I've brought back at least one, and often more, new pieces for us to learn and sing here. We also get to hear good preaching every morning and to participate in a variety of other worship and learning experiences during the week. We look forward to seeing friends we've made there who attend the same events we do and to meeting new people from across the Presbyterian Church and other places. I'll try to remember to let you know when we're singing a Montreat song this fall and winter.

Special Summer Music -



Men's Ensemble



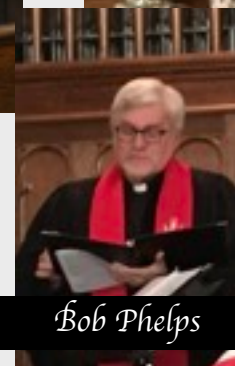
Roger Price



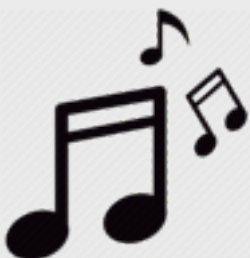
Bridgett Regan



Mary Ann Ratcliff



Bob Phelps



Sacrament of Baptism

Thaddeus Ransom Russell, better known to us as Thad, was baptized on Sunday, June 11, 2017, by Reverend Bob Phelps at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church. His parents are Jackie and Gary Russell.

Thad plans to attend St. Stanislaus School in Bay St. Louis this fall. Our prayers go with him as he makes this transition to a new school and community.



Gary (l.) and Jackie Russell, with family friend Billie Nance, join Thad and Reverend Phelps for the joyful occasion of Thad's Baptism.



Summer Story Times for Kids

We've had two story hours for elementary kids on June 6 and 20. We'll host two more, on Tuesdays, July 11 and 25. Carol Rawlings will lead the group on July 11, and Joanna Barr will lead on July 25. We meet in the Children's Library on the lower level of the sanctuary building at 2 pm on these afternoons and enjoy stories, sometimes music, and a treat. Kids, invite your friends to join us for these great summer events.



Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday, July 17-20 from 5:30 until 8:00 pm, we'll learn about God's great love for us and for everyone at Vacation Bible School. Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God is this year's theme. We'll all participate in Bible stories, crafts, music, and recreation activities designed to help us experience God's power and love together. We'll eat a light supper each night to begin the evening. There's still time for you to volunteer to help. See Ally Allred or Melisa DeCoux who are working hard to get everything ready for this summer's fun. If you remember Vacation Bible School as a high point of summer, volunteer to help our kids make those memories, too.



MISSION AND SERVICE...

Wednesday Meals for Summer

While we're taking a few weeks off from our mid-week programming this summer, we continue to deliver meals to members and friends of our church at home. We have a few weeks still open in July and early August. Delivery is taken care of. If you can prepare a meal for about 20 folks some Wednesday, please see Bob or Pattie in the Church Office. Right now, the dates open include: all July Wednesdays and August 9 and 16. Ask Carol Rawlings or Mary Spurgeon (our delivery folks) how much those who receive these meals appreciate them!



Christmas in July for MICA

The Food Pantry at MICA takes an extra hit during summer when school children are home and families need help keeping them fed. Every year, we celebrate Christmas in July with MICA. You can pick up a grocery bag with some suggestions for things the Pantry needs, but you can fill that bag with any canned or other non-perishable food. You can return the bag any time in July. Our regular MICA collection will be on Sunday, July 30. Please help us help MICA serve those in need in our community during the summer months.



Mission Partners

Thanks to your faithful giving to this year's Mission Budget, we were able to send checks to several of our Mission Partners at mid-year.

Partners receiving funds this time include:

Living Waters for the World, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Frontera de Cristo (Mark and Miriam Adams), CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud), Books are the Beginning, MICA, Excel By Five, Palmer Home for Children, McComb Boys' and Girls' Club, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

We plan on another disbursement at the end of this year. That will depend, of course, on your continuing faithful support of the Mission Budget. Thank you for helping others share Good News both near and far.

THANK YOU !!!



June 2017 Session Report

The Session held its regular meeting for June on the 11th at 6:00 pm in the Ewell Martin Room. Elders Will Kimmel and Kennon Singley were excused. All other members of the Session were present. After a time of worship, the Session took the following actions:

- ❖ approved minutes and financial statements.
- ❖ granted a request for transfer of membership for Heather Ray to the Independent Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Birmingham, AL.
- ❖ approved the baptism of Thad Russell on June 11.
- ❖ noted the arrival of Pattie Page as our new Church Secretary.
- ❖ reviewed the calendar of upcoming events, including the meeting of Presbytery on August 11-12 in Jackson.
- ❖ heard committee reports:
 - ▶ Christian Education: Children's Story Times in June and July. Vacation Bible School, July 17-20
 - ▶ Fellowship and Congregational Care is planning for the Senior Adult Birthday Party this summer and for the Church Picnic in October.
 - ▶ Missions and Evangelism reported on recent gifts to Mission Partners.
 - ▶ Worship---reviewed plans for summer worship on the Sundays Bob will be away.

The Session meets at least monthly. The July meeting will be on the 9th at 6:00 pm. If you have questions or items for discussion, please see Bob or another member of the Session. Please keep these who lead our congregation's ministry in your prayers.

JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church 2017 Officers and Session

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Noggin Wild

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Co-Chairs

Worship Committee
Pat Randall, Chair



JULY SCHEDULES

Flowers

9 Donna and Darrell Smith
16 Joanna and Nicky Barr
23 Stacy White
30 Karen and Keith Sanders

Children's Church

2 Lee Williams
9 Melisa DeCoux
16 Carol Rawlings
23 Susan White
30 Joanna Barr

Sunday Morning Breakfast

2 Debbie Brock
9 Beth Wild
16 Carol Rawlings
23 Lee Williams
30 Bill Mitchell

Ushers/Greeters

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

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast

5 Dale, Whit
12 Kennon, Joseph
19 Renan, Buddy
26 Rick, Jim

Elder of the Month

Robbie DeCoux

July

2 John Drummond
6 Laris Mitchell
Stacy White
7 Suzi Drummond
12 Carolyn Ray
13 Lydia Williams
17 Dottie Heiss
20 June Hart
25 Rachel Catchings
Kylee McGehee
26 Thaddeus Russell
28 Linda Miller
29 Conner Simmons
30 Nicole Faucett



August

3 Tommy Brock
4 Keith Sanders
Winbourne Sullivan
6 Spike Simmons
8 Kelly Henley
10 Whitney Jones
13 Deanna Phelps
14 Jane Walman
Phil Terrell
17 Georgia Mendonides
18 Beverly Yates
19 Ron Yates
21 Martha Simmons
22 Britt White
25 Drew Parker
Dave Alford
26 John Boyd
27 Gary Russell
29 Eileen Cato
Joseph Spurgeon



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