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My dear brothers and sisters,

It is hard to imagine that Summer is almost over. It will officially depart from the calendar in just a couple of weeks and our Lakeside Worship will conclude at the end of this month.

Our outdoor services have been treated very kindly by the weather. Even on the hottest days, we were always relatively comfortable in the Pavilion. There was almost always a breeze coming off the lake. Not long ago, I watched someone do something that I had not seen in a while - he got up from his seat during worship, walked back to his car and fetched a sweater for his wife because she was feeling chilly!

To be honest, I am looking forward to being back in our beautiful Liberty Hill sanctuary. I think I have told you that during my original stint as your pastor back in the early 80's, the primary color in the sanctuary was black. Black pews, black pulpit, black, black, black everywhere. Not only was it black, black but bleak, bleak as well. A few years ago, it was decided to go back to the natural colors in that building and the difference is amazing. We now have one of the most beautiful worship spaces in our entire Presbytery. We can be incredibly proud of it.

Once we are back on the hill, we will return to our normal worship schedule - 10:00-11:00 am. The Choir will continue with their weekly rehearsals immediately following. We will also resume our regular celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of most months.

In addition, we will resume Sunday School at 9:00 am effective the first Sunday in November. I will be teaching an adult class on the Presbyterian ways of doing things. I know a number of you did not grow up as Presbyterians so you no doubt wonder why we do certain things in a certain way. I will try to answer some of those questions.

Meanwhile, from my files here are Ten Comments you've never heard in church:
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COMMENTS

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1. "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign."
2. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew."
3. "Pastor, I was so fascinated I never noticed your sermon went a half-hour overtime."
4. "Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf."
5. "I've decided to give our church the \$200 a month which I used to send to televangelists."
6. "Forget the denominational minimum salary! Let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do."
7. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!"
8. "Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in Hawaii."
9. "I'll volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class."
10. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early."



See you at worship.



Your pastor and friend,
David



Sandy Granger has become our Lakeside Greeter as she welcomes all who attend Sunday mornings.

If you ever dreamed of joining a group that makes you laugh and smile and just feel doggone good, then it's time for you to consider joining the Liberty Hill Sanctuary Choir. So, you think you can't carry a tune? Come find out during the Choir's Annual Retreat. It's always in September and it's when the choir begins to practice for the Christmas Cantata. That's right.....Christmas in September! 😊 We have a really wonderful time getting back together after the long summer break. Let **Mica Jones** know you would like to give it a try. This year the retreat will be held at Elder **Robin Shealy's** house on the lake (1268 Ruddy Duck Rd, Camden), on **September 13**, Bring a covered dish for lunch for all to share. It will be great fun, some hard work, but well worth every moment! **See you at 9:00AM.**

*Choir
News*

Congrats to Marguerite Adams!

We extend sincere congratulations to former LHPC Choir Director and friend, Marguerite Adams, on the birth of two **great-grandchildren** born almost on the same day! Her son Mark's family welcomed their new grandson Callum Gerald Adams born August 8. Shortly thereafter, on August 9, son Barry's family was blessed with the arrival of their granddaughter four hours later, Lydia Marguerite Roberts. What a joy for the Adams' clad.

Marguerite has been living in the Upstate for a few years but stays in touch with LHPC through friends and the monthly newsletter. Her address is 150 Pershing Ave., Apt 303, Clemson, SC 29631-2285.



Thank you **Joan Ward** for sharing this magnificent photo of a Lake Wateree sunset.

Line Dancing Is Back on the Hill

With much gratitude to Pat Ribelin, Line Dancing will resume at **10:00 AM, Tuesday, September 2** at the Liberty Hill Community Building, Peay's Ferry Road. The class is being sponsored by the Liberty Hill Civic and Improvement Association. It is open to one and all and it's ***FREE***. Invite your friends and neighbors. 'Tis a great way to exercise and have fun!



Nancy Macdonald	3
Betty Riggan	6
G. Moore	18
Merilyn Roll	25

TAKE NOTE !

Lakeside Services continue through the month of September. We return to the LHPC Sanctuary on

Sunday, October 5



If you are in need of a little seasoned firewood for a campfire or an unexpected chilly day, you can pick up a bag beside the Snowberger's driveway near the Post Office....\$10/bag....honor system! 😊

REMINDERS ABOUT GOD FROM THE HUMMINGBIRDS

by: Dan Lott



"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6: 26-27

Jennifer and I are having some renovations completed at our house, which has required us to eat most of our meals this summer in our sunroom. The table is pushed up against a window which is just a few feet away from our hummingbird feeder. Our cramped quarters have come with a silver lining: a close-up view of those amazing animals. Here are just a few things these beautiful birds have reminded us about God:

God loves to see us stretch our wings and fly. We love to watch these birds soar with confidence high up in the air. We notice when they fly to a new tree, circle a new spot in the yard, or find a flower they have not tasted before. We take pleasure in seeing them follow a new path or discover something new.

God loves to provide for our needs. We love to see them enjoy the "nectar" we provide. Jennifer makes sure to keep it clean, fresh, and plentiful, and we are almost offended when we don't see a guest for a few hours. Don't they trust us? Don't they know they can rely on us for their daily "bread"? Haven't we proven ourselves worthy of their confidence?



God loves for us to stop and rest. As much as we love to see them fly or hover over the feeder, we are even more pleased when they light on the feeder and rest awhile. We love to see them take a few seconds to stop their frenetic activity and to be calm, enjoying the oasis we have provided for them.

God loves it best when we visit. The best scenario, however, is when they come up to the window for a second or two and look us in the eye. It is almost as if they are giving us a little "thank you". We have named a few of the regulars. My favorite is "Bubba" (he has a red neck). For Bubba to give us a little nod on his way to or from the feeder makes our morning.



God wants us to share and to be kind to each other. What frustrates us about our friends is that they refuse to share the oasis and run each other away. There are three openings on the ring of the feeder, but none of the birds will allow any company. It is as if they think they can use all three spots for themselves at once or that the nectar will run out if they share. Since we know that there will always be plenty of nectar, and that there is plenty of room at the feeder, we are disappointed in our guests when they refuse to share. Can't they see that there is no need to be greedy or fearful? Why do they see the need to chase each other away?

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HUMMINGBIRDS

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So today, be a hummingbird for God. Stretch your wings in Godly pursuits in the sure and certain knowledge that God has equipped you for whatever He has planned for you, and that serving Him confidently will bring Him joy. Trust God to meet your every need. Stop for a minute and acknowledge God and His place in your life. Spend some time in devotion and prayer. BUT, be a KIND hummingbird. Share with God's other children and be kind to them. He will provide you with plenty for those in need, as well.

"Lord, thank you for the beauty of this world. Thank you for the ways it can remind us of your wonderful love for us. Help us today to trust you, to spend some time with you, to share your love with others, to be kind to others, and so to bring you joy. In Jesus' name, Amen."

(Dan and his wife Jennifer joined LHPC as Affiliate Members in June, 2024. They not only enjoy their hummingbirds but word has it, they are great Pickleball players! ~Editor)

A Daughter's Gratitude

Every Sunday I have the honor of being able to serve our church with my mama. My mom, Carol Ghent, has been playing the piano since she was 8 years old. When she was 16, she began playing in church. In September, she will celebrate 59 years of being a church musician. Every Sunday she plays music she has meticulously chosen and practiced for hours. Every week, she chooses a new piece to learn to continue to challenge herself and continue to grow. She has never played for money or status, but has told me all of my life that playing music is God's gift to her. Each time she plays, she gives that gift back to God, playing for His honor and His glory.

A few weeks ago, after almost 60 years of playing music from books, she began a new challenge. During our lakeside service, you may have noticed that someone has to help hold her music, during the offertory especially, because the wind makes it difficult to keep the pages in place, also making it difficult to turn pages. To remedy this and allow volunteer page turners to return to the congregation, mom has begun teaching herself how to load her music onto a new iPad. She has had to practice a lot to learn to swipe in order to turn a page instead of the traditional way she has turned pages for 59 years. I am so proud of her as she continues to grow and embrace technology that is very new to her. While God blessed her with the gift, it is WE who are blessed each and every week.

I just want to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you Carol for sharing your talents with us each week. What a gift you have been for 24 years and continue to be to LHPC.

Mica Jones

Minister of Music

(Please note photos of Carol on page 6)



Francis Bell

By

Melinda M. Rhodes

Sandra B. Sills

Jean & Billy Boan

Marlene Hinds

Suzanne & Andy Harper

LHPC Church
Musician,
Carol Ghent
practicing
at home
with her
iPad.

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related
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Here,
at Lakeside,
Carol
utilizes her
new skill
with
advanced
technology.

**You
go
Girl!**



Don't Forget: Being Presbyterian!

Wonder whatever makes Presbyterians Presbyterian? Starting **November 2 at 9:00AM**, Pastor David will teach "Being Presbyterian" in the Miss Bettie Richards Hall. The class is open to anyone wanting to know more about the Presbyterian Church: its history, form of government, and what makes it unique



Coffee and donuts will be provided the first Sunday.

Bible Study Class Resumes September 8th

Nancy Macdonald continues facilitating the study of Jesus' Parables at **6PM on Mondays**. The class resumes with "The Workers in the Vineyard," Matt. 20:1-16. Bring your Bible and join us as we study and fellowship together.



Prayers For Our People

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

*** Added Since Last Month's Newsletter**



Andrew Adams (Mica Jones)
Marguerite Adams (Sylvia Hudson)
*** Family of Tracy Baker** (Dot Baker's son)
*** Vickie Baker** (Karen Bailey)
Ed Baxley (Sylvia Hudson)
Kirk & Linn Bennett's Son
***Family of Rachel Blackmon** (Lisa Knight's Mother-in-Law)
Ed Bunch
Pat Bunch (Jeanette Robinson)
Amy Burns
Christie Chambers (Sunshine Smith)
Carole Cook
Bill and Mary Crain (Rebecca Fairchild)
Terry Davis (Ben Cheatham brother-in-law)
Faye Dexter
Steven Fairchild (Dot Fairchild's son)
Kathi Fletcher (cousin of Sylvia Hudson)
Jerry and Trish Flynn
John Foster
Lisa Funderburke (Margie Pokorney)
Phillip Gaulin (Merilyn Roll)
Carol Ghent
Elaine Gosnell (Diane Porter's sister)
Shane Granger (Tommy & Sandy's son)
Gloria Hamilton (sister-in-law of Jenny)
Billy Harris (needs kidney transplant)
Rodney Hegler (John Thompson)
Melissa Frost Henson (Elaine Maree)
Jenna Horton
Curtis Hurst
Mica Jones
***Family of Tommy Kelly** (Patti Kelly's brother)
Darlene Knauer (back to Duke August 1)
Tonya Lancaster
Jill Locklair



Pastor David Leininger
Nancy Macdonald
***Family of Linda Macdonald** (wife of Charles Macdonald, Doug's brother)
Cheryl McAbee
Ken & Elaine Maree
Scott Meadows (Lynne Bennett)
Melody (Robin's sister)
***Dolly Miller** (Ben Cheatham)
Mike Morgan (Wanda Ghent's brother)
*** Brandon Mungo** (Luanne Kennington's son)
*** Diana Murphy** (Joan Ward)
Claire Oliver
Audrey & John Osipow (Karen Bailey)
John Paul
Daryl & Melinda Rabon
Brent Rainforth (Stan's nephew, cancer)
Vivian Ray (Robert & Diana Murphy)
Louise Reece (Gale Jent's Mother)
Bill Rhodes
Wren & Bruce Ridgeway (Lisa Knight)
Gillis Robinson (Pat & Ed Bunch's grandson)
Nancy Small
Gerald Stone (Micki McLeod's father)
***Peg Stulken** (Stan Pokorney's sister)
Talyn (Abi's classmate & friend)
Derrell Thomas
Shelby Thomas (Terry Hoffman)
Richard Van Ooyen (Jim & Sylvia Hudson)
Shirley Varro (Jeanette & Pat)
Vivian Vinson (Karen Bailey)
Four friends of Joan Ward
Elizabeth Parfitt Webb (Elaine Maree)
Three year old boy (Sandy Granger)
Five friends of Sandy Granger

Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

To connect with God, to connect with others, and to connect others with God.

Liberty Hill Presbyterian church Vision Statement:

To be an inclusive church that surrounds people with Love, Hope, Prayer, and Compassion.

We encourage you to contact the office for updates about our services, events, etc.

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Pray
 For
 Peace
 Throughout
 the
 World.

Monthly Calendar

Mon, 1	Labor Day
Tue, 2	Free Line Dancing Classes at Community Building
Mondays	Bible Study, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall beginning 9/
Tue, 9	LHCIA Quarterly Mtg at Community Building
Sat, 13	Choir Retreat, Robin Shealy's Home, 9:00 AM

***Lakeside Services Continue Through September
 Bring your chair or a blanket!***

***SERVICES RESUME IN THE SANCTUARY
 OCTOBER 5***

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