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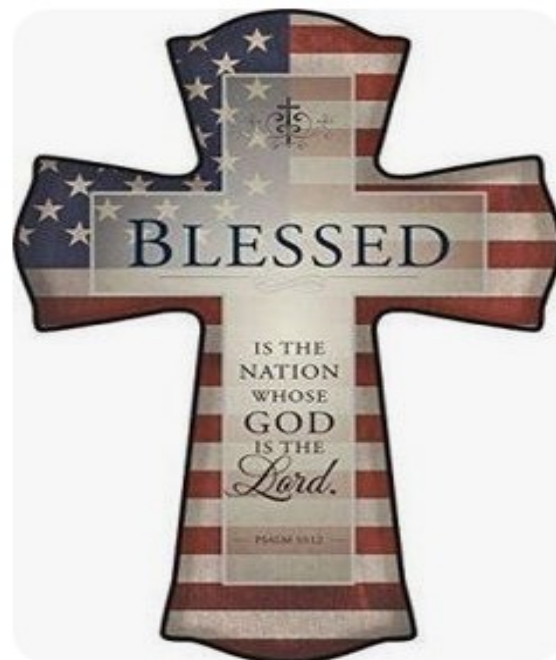
***The Rev. Gerald Thomas***

Pastor

***The Rev. Tim Shoaf***

Minister of Music & Programs

***Traci Canter***, Office Administrator



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# THE VISITOR



## Religious Freedom Sunday Worshipping in the Sanctuary July 5, 11 a.m.

Pfafftown Christian Church will resume Sunday worship in the sanctuary on July 5 at 11:00 a.m. During this Independence Day Holiday weekend, we will value religious freedom, affirming the unique responsibilities this brings to us as Christians.

The on-line Sunday music and sermon will still be available for persons deciding to not attend in person.

If you attend in person on July 5, the following guidelines must be observed as we care for each other:

- ♦ Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose. If you do not have a mask, one will be furnished by the church.
- ♦ Hand sanitizer will be available at the doors to the sanctuary. Please wash your hands often.
- ♦ Seating will be marked with signs so as to ensure social distancing. Please sit as an individual or household in the marked seating.
- ♦ Communion will be observed in such a way to maintain social distancing.
- ♦ We ask that you do not congregate in the narthex before or after worship.

Please take care of your neighbor by social distancing.



During this season, if you should have a need (such as someone to pick up medications or food and drop them at your door) or would simply like to talk during this time, do not hesitate to contact one of the persons listed below.

Gerald Thomas: 336 504-8206  
Traci Canter: 336 407-1277

Timothy Shoaf: 336 692-5214  
Elders: See your Yearbook

“Do you have the patience to wait  
Till your mud settles and the water is clear?  
Can you remain unmoving  
Till the right action arises by itself?”  
- Lao tzu

Two friends were walking down a busy city street when one stopped and declared, “Listen, I hear a cricket singing away! I haven’t heard that since I left home years ago.”

His friend answered, "How can you claim to hear a cricket in all this hustle and bustle of city life. I don't believe it."

The friend who was tuned to the insect reached deep into his pockets and pulled out a handful of change and dropped it on the sidewalk. As the coins rained down, people walking past stopped, turning toward the sound. “Well, maybe it’s all about what you’re listening for in life.”

When I was in seminary, one could take courses on preaching (homiletics). Many students were eager to take the required introductory course and quite a few engaged in a second round. You could take courses on certain types of sermons. There was even instruction on the history of homiletics. Less populous were the class offerings on listening. Which is a shame for people preparing to preach and, perhaps, pastor. Nothing discourages folks in pews more than realizing the pastor hasn't spent time listening and thus the preacher has nothing to say—and is saying it anyway.

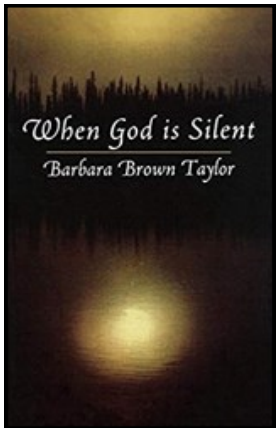
In a time when COVID-19 and racial inequalities and party politics draw the life force out of our neighbors and selves, is it possible we've become most attuned to what we're about to say next ahead of listening? When those of us in the majority are busy telling the minority how to live, would we do better to begin my listening to those who traditionally do not get a hearing?

When we endeavor to help persons with illnesses face up to another day, should we be up and doing or sit down first and listen to the groaning of lives lived beneath all-but unheard and often misunderstood burdens?

When we engage in politics, do we begin with the flash and fearmongering of our party's advertisements and pronouncements, or do we spend time listening to our neighbors who will be most affected by the outcomes of our votes?

This is the season of the easy tweet and the quick meme. But what do we really think? Not just “repost,” but think? What do we really know to be truth when we sit within ourselves and listen to the voices of our better angels?

When Jesus did speak, he often said, “If you have ears to hear, listen.” Perhaps he said it often because it is what we sorely need to keep us human in these beautiful and terrible days. ~ GT



## Off the Shelf

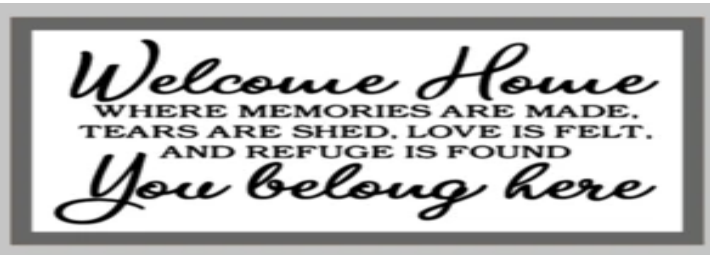
*When God is Silent*  
Cowley Publications; 1st Paperback  
Edition (January 25, 1998)  
By Barbara Brown Taylor

“How shall I break the silence? What word is more eloquent than the silence itself? In the moments before a word is spoken, anything is possible.”

So begins our journey with Barbara Brown Taylor into a world where speaking and noise making gets confused with the good news of our being most alive. In our lives today, where we often begin, not with silence, but pronouncements that are more reactionary than thoughtful, Taylor invites us to consider the value of silence: for God and ourselves.



Samaritan Ministries in Winston-Salem has an immediate need for volunteers to help serve to-go meals in the Soup Kitchen. Please visit their website at <https://www.samaritanforsyth.org/> for online registration and/or additional needs they are experiencing during this difficult time. Please share this need with others as well.....We **ARE** His hands and feet!



<div> <div>July 2020</div> <div> </div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	<div>3</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Happy 4th of July</div>
<div>5</div> <div> </div> <div>Religious Freedom Sunday</div> <div>11:00 am-11:00 am</div> <div>Worship</div>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<div>12</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship</div>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div>19</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship</div>	<div>20</div> <div> </div> <div>CWF Mtg.</div> <div>7:00 pm</div>	21	22	23	24	25
<div>26</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship</div>	27	28	29	30	31	

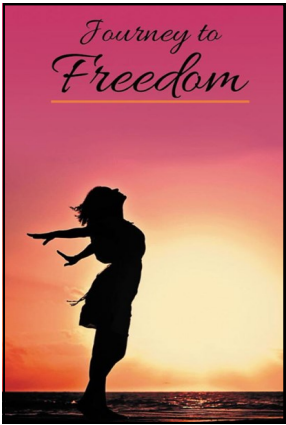
July 1 - Erika Fletcher	July 17 - Jo Poplin
July 2 - Mary Hall Brownlee	July 20 - Phil Denton
George Binkley	July 24 - Kitty Hunt
July 5 - Helen Johnson	July 24 - Judy Yarbrough
Tommye Logan	July 27 - Gray Tilley
Sandra Neal	July 28 - Lynda Bryant
July 9 - Carol Maine	July 29 - Emma Robertson
July 10 - Steve Clodfelter	
July 14 - Lisa Dawson	
July 15 - Mike Lee	

July 1: Kevin & Dawn Cline
Steve & Betty Clodfelter
July 31: Ken & Vicki Davis
Cliff & Kitty Hunt



Pfafftown Christian Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2019 through April 2020			
	Jul '19 - Apr 20	Budget	\$ Over Budge
Income			
Projected W/D from CIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Change for Church	253.17		
Carryover from Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions Income	120,724.42	148,483.00	-27,758.58
Loose Offering	735.00	1,200.00	-465.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	834.00	-834.00
Building Rental	226.00	416.00	-190.00
Investment Earnings	5,060.90	6,016.00	-955.10
R G Flynt Endowment	2,252.58	2,566.00	-313.42
Yard Sale	3,050.00	4,334.00	-1,284.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	132,302.07	163,849.00	-31,546.93
Expense			
Administrative Expense	116,618.55	122,768.00	-6,149.45
Christian Eduation	618.28	1,166.00	-547.72
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	1,666.00	-1,666.00
Evangelism	0.00	84.00	-84.00
Membership	300.00	334.00	-34.00
Fellowship	324.10	834.00	-509.90
Childcare	0.00	166.00	-166.00
Property	27,342.31	32,041.00	-4,698.69
Worship	2,394.42	2,750.00	-355.58
Total Expense	147,597.66	161,809.00	-14,211.34
Income over Expenses	-15,295.59	2,040.00	-17,335.59
Church year is closing June 30, 2020			

Four Things the Bible Says About Freedom



As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4, it’s worth noting our nation was founded upon the idea that God created us to be free. The Declaration of Independence states that people “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” What is “liberty”? Is freedom based upon the country where you live or is there a deeper meaning?

1. People have been searching for it for thousands of years

The Old Testament records how God’s people lost their physical freedom so many times. Their loss of physical freedom was often tied to their spiritual disobedience. However, time and time again, God forgave them and rescued them. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to free humanity from spiritual slavery and death.

2. God’s answer to our loss of freedom has always been Jesus Christ

When Jesus began his short period of ministry on earth, He announced He was the One that God’s people had been waiting for since the fall of humanity. He was the One that had been prophesized, the Messiah... the Savior of the world.

3. Jesus came to free us from death, sin and anything that enslaves us

The core message of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ rescues us from the slavery of sin and offers true freedom in this life and beyond. Faith in Jesus frees us from the death we deserve. As followers, we still battle sin; however, we are no longer slaves to it. Through His power, we can be set free from the bondage of greed, vanity, pride, any sin under the sun. John 8:31-32 “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

4. God gives us freedom to choose our own path

God offers us choice to accept His Son, Jesus Christ. He gives each person free will to accept or reject His salvation. Those who choose Christ are not forced to obey Him at every turn, but God makes it clear in His word that the best life is one that is devoted to honoring Him. Galatians 5:13 “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

God’s word points to freedom in Christ and it starts with acknowledging our brokenness and admitting we are slaves to sin and it ends with choosing Jesus and following Him daily. Only He can break the bonds of slavery and lead us to true freedom now and forever.

(some excerpts from Billy Graham, July 2019)



What Can We Learn From Lady Liberty?

She stands tall on Liberty Island in the middle of New York Harbor. She holds her beacon of light above her head and is attired with a flowing robe and crowned with a seven point headpiece. She isn’t considered a Christian symbol and she wasn’t intended to honor Almighty God. But she DOES stand for freedom. She is an emblem of the personal liberty upon which our country was built. Everyone agrees that there are huge problems in our country and things need to change... the question is what can Christians do? Maybe we can learn from Lady Liberty?

**A Torch & Robe-** Our torch or beacon of light is what emanates from our being. Let Him shine through us! Our robe should be a robe of righteousness which was given by the One who died for us. **A Crown-** One day we will receive our crown and it will reflect His radiance and the good works He has worked through us. **Liberty-** Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. We have liberty and are free from bondage in that, Jesus paid for all our sins through His death on the cross. The Holy Spirit is working in us daily transforming us in the likeness of Him. **Law-** Lady Liberty holds a tablet (Declaration of Independence) in her hand. God have us His word as a lamp until our feet to live by. He commanded two laws to be written on our heart: Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said, thou shalt love the Lord they God will all they heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. We need to remember that we are to first love God and establish our hearts with His grace (Hebrews 13:9). When we do that, we will be strong in our relationship with Him and then His love will flow through us to all others. Our country was founded on biblical principles and godly men. Unity among God’s people is of the utmost importance. Unity was important to Jesus; He prayed for unity with each other and with God (John 17:11) Just as Lady Liberty represents freedom of our country, we can stand tall representing the freedom we have in Christ. Let His light shine through you and proclaim His Law and Love to a world that desperately needs it.

(some excerpts Shari Abbott Reasons for Hope 7/2014)

Notes from Tim

Hymn Story: O, How I Love Jesus

This hymn has special meaning for me. I remember this as one of my favorite songs we would sing at Vacation Bible School when I was young. I remember learning sign language and hand movements we would use on the verses and chorus. So many of these wonderful hymns we learn at an early age stay with us to bless and inspire us for a lifetime!

Frederick Whitfield was born in Shropshire, England on January 7, 1829. After attending Trinity College in Dublin, he became an Anglican Church clergyman and is credited with more than 30 books of religious verse.

The text to the verse *O, How I Love Jesus*, is believed to come from Philippians 2:5-11 “that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” The entire hymn revolves around the “name of Jesus.” What a powerful name! The name of Jesus promises us great things from our Heavenly Father. It promises to be with us in every circumstance and how we should love Jesus for all the great things He has done and is doing for us.

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea.


It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Chorus:  
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

The chorus was added to the hymn and is an American melody of unknown origin, but most likely is believed to come from the camp meeting era. The first printing of the hymn is recorded to be in tract form dating back to 1855. Hymnologist William J. Reynolds traces an early appearance of the text to the 1864 edition of Goodman’s Village Hymnbook. It was used in Dwight Moody’s Evangelistic Crusades beginning in 1896. However, Hymnologist Harry Eskew traces the hymn tune back to the 1869 edition of the Revivalist. Fred Whitfield died September 13, 1904 in London, England.

May these beautiful words of faith and love inspire your hearts this day and always. Tim





**SERVERS for July, 2020**

*If you are unable to serve, please, contact someone to switch with you or call*

*Lynda Bryant: 336-924-1695 or*

*Jo Stanley: 336-813-2522*

**ELDERS:** Ken Davis, Betty Simpson

**DEACONS:** Betty Barker, Jack Bryant, Robert Flynt

**COMMUNION:** Pending

**CLOSING:** Scott Robertson

*Thank you for your part in ministry at PCC!*



**Crisis Control** | Neighbors Helping Neighbors

MINISTRY

200 East 10th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 336.724.7875 431 W. Bodenhamer Street, Kernersville, NC 27284 336.996.5401

### Thank you...

...to those who continue to support our community's needs by bringing food items and financial contributions to support various food pantries. Every form of outreach makes a difference for those living day to day. If you have cans of food you would like to contribute and do not wish to venture out, please contact the church office and we will pick these up off of your porch.

**Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."**

Our church will be collecting peanut butter & jelly this month for Crisis Control. Please place your donations in the donation box and/or contact the church office should you have a donation you wish to be picked up. Thank you for your giving and loving hearts.

*To Honor You*

*Pfafftown Christian Church Congregation*

*A gift of love, a gift of peace, a gift of hope*

*has been given to help neighbors in need through*

**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY**

*from*

*Jackie Romanello*

*Thanks to my church members for supporting Crisis Control*

## Thank You Messages

Dear Pfafftown Christian Church,

Just a note to thank you for sharing a copy of C. C. Ware's 1965 Centennial Church History- Star in Wachovia. I know our great grandparents along with other relatives were buried in your church cemetery. As soon as I thumbed through the book, I saw pictures and read interesting history with family connections. Please accept this small donation to the cemetery fund in honor of family who were members of your church. Thank you, Traci, for your help. Wrenn Conrad

Pfafftown Christian Church,

My husband and I have so enjoyed the beautiful and worshipful music Rev. Tim Shoaf has shared through Facebook during this pandemic season. Unfortunately, we do not get this quality and type of music in our church. There is nothing more beautiful and comforting than the old hymns. Enclosed is just a token of our appreciation. In Christian Love, Betty & Don Tate

**PCC Garden News:**

We have set a tentative corn harvest date for **Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.** We will maintain social distancing as we harvest this year's crop. Thank you!



## Challenge Accepted

Pursuing Jesus with Others

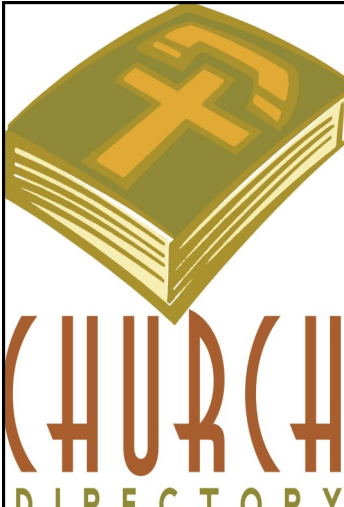
July's memory verse is:



A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

**John 13:34**

DailyVerses.net



**Please Call the Church Office And Update Your Yearbook Information**

Now is the time to check your Yearbook's directory (name, address, contact information) and update this as needed. Everyone in charge of a ministry/program of our church is asked to update your information in the Yearbook. **Please call or come by the office with this information by July 31. Thanks!**



**Congratulations!**

**Emma Robertson**

**Our 2020 Graduate**

**We are proud of you!**

### Remembering in Prayer



**Brighton Gardens:** Edna Williamson

**Rose Tara:** Vallie Cline

**Willowbrook Rehabilitation:** Bud Barker

**Church Family:** Pat & Frank Barber, Christine Faircloth, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Bill Simpson, Ed Snuffer, Garland & Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough

**Others:**

Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groffs' friend

Haley Burns: Skip & Jo Stanley's friend

John Davis: Ken and Vicki Davis' friend

Tommy Disher: Traci Canter's Uncle

Jennifer Durham: Irma & Fred Muetzel's granddaughter

Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt

Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister

June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend

Elaine Grice: John Grice's sister

Betty Haddock: Sharon Binkley's mother

Cayden Kingsbury: Rodney Stilwell's grandson

Chuck Kolstad: Evelyn Nifong's son-in-law

Sharon Linscott : Gerald & Marlene's friend

Ramon Mandry: Pat Millsap's family

Scott McDaniel Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friends

Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend

Plemmons Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friend

Pam Reynolds: Traci Canter's friend

Daniel and Lewis Shields (infants): Jill Robertson's friends

Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister

Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece

Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister

Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin

Brandon Whitley: friend of the Fletcher family

**Loved Ones in the Military:**

Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA.; Chase Lee, Guam; USS Key West; Major Hope Poster, NG, Texas; Cpt. John G. Van Hoy IV, Fort Campbell, KY

**"Pray without ceasing."**

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*

