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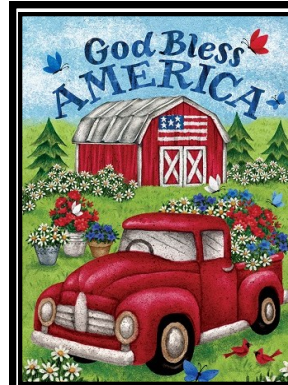
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*Please make plans now to join us and see what's happening new
at Pfafftown Christian Church!!*



We would ❤️ to have you visit with us!



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THE VISITOR

REMEMBERING OUR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

For over 245 years, America has been blessed as the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. These blessings are not accidental, they are blessings of God. Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding of the foundations on which this great country was built, and then it depends on preserving the principles on which it was founded.

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Adams also noted: "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." He felt the celebration should be in a manner that would commemorate the day as a "day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." John Adams believed that Independence Day should be a religious holiday. The two top holidays celebrated in this country are Christmas and Independence Day, the Fourth of July. According to John Quincy Adams, the two dates are connected. The Founding Fathers simply took the precepts of Christ and His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

The Declaration of Independence was the birth certificate for this nation, but the men who signed it knew it could be their death warrant. The closing paragraph states, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." The 56 Founding Fathers, 27 of whom were trained as ministers, took their pledge seriously. On the morning of the signing, there was silence and gloom as each man was called up to the table of the President of Congress to sign the document, knowing that it could mean their death by hanging.

Most wars have a motto. The motto of World War II was "Remember Pearl Harbor." The motto during the Texas War for Independence was "Remember the Alamo." The spiritual emphasis, directed towards King George III who violated God's laws, gave rise to a motto during the American Revolution: "No King but King Jesus." The Founding Fathers passed the torch to us and it is our responsibility as Christians to not let it go out.

*Some excerpts from Christian Living Resources

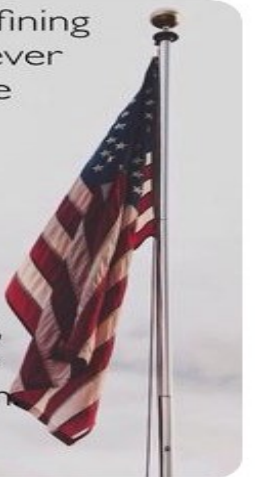


Calendar of Worship Services (all services at 11:00 a.m.)

Sunday, - July 4- Independence Day
Worship
Sunday, - July 11- Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, - July 18- Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, - July 25- Rev. Rodney Stilwell



Only two defining
forces have ever
offered to die
for you:
Jesus Christ
and the
American
soldier.
One died
for your soul,
the other for
your freedom.
Thank them
both today.





Who Am I?

Can you guess who this sweet fellow is? This member always resembles Jesus in their daily walk and always exemplifies the fruits of the spirit - *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control*. (Answer can be found hidden somewhere throughout this newsletter... please look for an * and their name.)



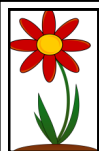
Crisis Control Food Box

During the month of June, we will be collecting **Peanut Butter and Jelly** for Crisis Control. Thank you, to everyone who helps support this wonderful ministry. ~ PCC Outreach



ENLARGING THE TABLE

PCC is continuing its long-standing tradition of serving communion to our members who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 336-924-9925 or Elder Chair, Tony Bryant at 336-416-2619 and we will add your name on our list. The Church Elders would like to include everyone in our Lord's Table fellowship.



Thank You!

We would like to recognize and thank everyone for all you do for our church. A special thank you to Mr. Steve Clodfelter for stepping up and providing his pastoral messages. We truly love and appreciate all of our PCC family!

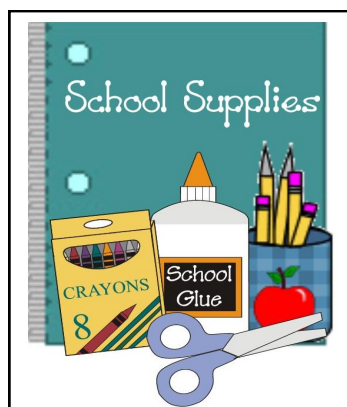


BILL'S GARDEN

Ms. Pat Landy, a lifetime friend of Bill and Betty Simpson and the Pfafftown Christian Church congregation planted a beautiful and thriving vegetable garden in the memory of Bill. The congregation is encouraged to harvest the vegetables as they ripen as her gift in his memory. Thank you, Pat, for your thoughtfulness in giving this special act of love in the memory of a very special man that we all loved, cherish and miss so very much.

Back to School

Once again, PCC will sponsor the wonderful faculty and staff at our local Old Richmond Elementary School (ORES).



Many times, teachers pay for their own classroom supplies out of their own money; therefore, the staff at ORES are so appreciative of our generosity.

Please join us as we donate towards this great cause from now until **August 18th**. A list of items will be posted in the Narthex for your review. By the way, gift cards are always a great option as well. Please bring your items and place them in the "school supply wagon" located outside the Narthex by Sunday, August 18th. During Worship Service on the 18th, we will dedicate the supplies and ask God's blessings for all students as they begin a new year of learning and achieving.



PCC Spring Yard Sale ended up grossing a total of \$4500! Thank you to everyone that contributed, worked the sale and purchased.

JESUS LET THEM SEE
You in me

Notes from Tim

I was in hopes that our kids could all be gathered together for Vacation Bible School this summer, but to ensure everyone is as safe as possible again this summer, I have designed a Three-Day VBS Program that your kids can do-at-home whenever it fits your schedule. The theme will be *The Construction Zone: Building Up God's House*. I have assembled a "Supply Bag" for each child that will include Bible lessons, an online video, creative activity pages, and pre-packaged crafts to compliment each daily theme. It will include an Instruction Guide and materials so parents can teach the lessons and assist your child with the activities and crafts. This would also be a wonderful event to involve the entire family! Beginning on Sunday morning, August 1, the supply bags will be available for pick-up at the church during office hours, or we can deliver them to if you wish. To register your child or for more information, please call or text me at **336-692-5214**. I am very excited about offering this alternative VBS for the kids of our church and community. Let's have a great time together, learn about God, and grow as a family. Blessings, **Tim**



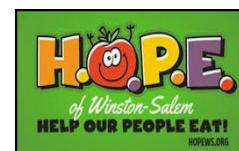
CWF NEWS

CWF met on Tuesday June 15th with 11 ladies present. We discussed outreach giving and our upcoming Fall activities.

We are so happy to announce that Wednesday night suppers will resume in September!! (signup sheets will be in the lower fellowship hall). 😊

We are planning for a pre-order Bake/frozen Goods Sale November 13th. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Also, Christmount is hosting a Men and Women's Joint Retreat August 13-15. Signup sheets are in the narthex. Registration deadline is **July 27th**.



A heart-felt thank you and acknowledgement was received from H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem for the \$200 donation that was given in honor of the mothers and fathers of PCC for Mother's Day and Father's Day. We love all our mothers and fathers! ~ Your Worship Committee.

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

Church Family: * **Joy Doub**, Rodney Stilwell, Frank and Pat Barber, Robert Flynt, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Skip Stanley, Garland and Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Betty Tilley, Tommy Timmons

Brighton Gardens: Edna Williamson;
Rose Tara: Vallie Cline;

Others:

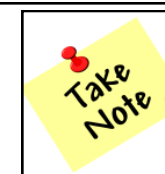
Jason Alexander: Jack and Mary Groffs' friend
Stephanie Balas: Traci Canter's neighbor
Haley Burns: Skip and Jo Stanley's friend
Jerrie Connelly: Betty Barker's sister-n-law
Jennifer Durham: Irma and Fred Muetzel's granddaughter

Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt
Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister
Bill Flynt: Robert Flynt's cousin
June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend
Jake Gardner: Jill Gardner's husband
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
Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend
Tony Petrack: Friend of Betty Simpson
Plemmons' Family: Alan and Debbie Fletcher's friends

K.L. Sheek: Alan and Debbie Fletcher's friend
Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister
Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece
Jerry Stoltz: friend of PCC
Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister
Patsy Terry: Garland and Sue's daughter-n-law
Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin

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



Address Changes:

Jordan & Lauren Hobbs:
1606 Hobbs Road,
Greensboro, NC 27410

Lynda Bryant shared this inspiring story during worship on Sunday morning, June 13. We are sharing this for those of you that may not have been in worship that Sunday and for all that wish to share it with a friend.

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well?



EXPLANATION OF GOD:

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in my town .. At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified him. But He was good and kind, like his Father, and He told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in Heaven. So He did. And now He helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!'

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.'

Pfafftown Christian Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2020 through April 2021

	<u>Jul '20 - Apr 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
Contributions Income	118,327.42	148,490.00	-30,162.58
Loose Offering	160.00	1,200.00	-1,040.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	840.00	-840.00
Building Rental	400.00	410.00	-10.00
Investment Earnings	3,291.90	6,010.00	-2,718.10
R G Flynt Endowment	1,746.71	2,560.00	-813.29
Yard Sale	2,460.00	4,340.00	-1,880.00
Memorial Income	3,000.00		
Total Income	<u>129,386.03</u>	<u>163,850.00</u>	<u>-34,463.97</u>
Expense			
Administrative Expense	109,635.42	122,770.00	-13,134.58
Christian Education	193.10	1,160.00	-966.90
Building and Capital Impro	0.00	1,660.00	-1,660.00
Evangelism	0.00	90.00	-90.00
Membership	223.75	340.00	-116.25
Fellowship	0.00	840.00	-840.00
Childcare	0.00	160.00	-160.00
Property	23,017.25	32,040.00	-9,022.75
Worship	747.21	2,750.00	-2,002.79
Total Expense	<u>133,816.73</u>	<u>161,810.00</u>	<u>-27,993.27</u>
Income over Expenses	<u>-4,430.70</u>	<u>2,040.00</u>	<u>-6,470.70</u>

PCC received \$17,197 PPP2 loan proceeds April 27.

These funds will be used for Payroll costs in the coming months.

In our new year that starts July 1, please continue your financial support as you have have been doing, increasing your giving if possible.



We are grateful for the volunteers who will prepare our communion for the coming months. This is an important part of our Worship Service that we celebrate each Sunday. *Many thanks for their service.*

June, 2021	---	Dan & Sharon Binkley
July, 2021	---	Debbie & Alan Fletcher
August, 2021	---	Pat Millsaps
September, 2021	---	Pam Backi & Jacki Romanello
October, 2021	---	Sue Conrad & Paul Shropshire
November, 2021	---	Ruth Saalweachter
December, 2021	---	OPEN