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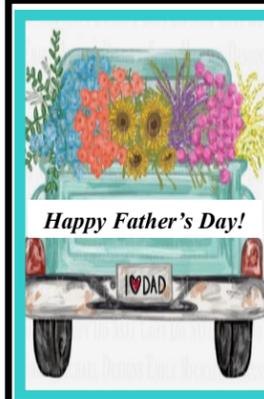
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THE VISITOR

**God Is Our Loving Father**

Humanity tends to project its own faulty habits onto God. This is especially true regarding the nature of His love. We think we must barter, plead, or try hard to earn the Lord's favor. But as the prodigal son learned, the Father's love IS unconditional.



The wayward son expected his father's love to be diminished. Therefore, he went home hoping for a place among the family servants. Imagine the boy's delight when Dad greeted him with a hug and a celebration. His actions certainly didn't merit an outpouring of affection, but Jesus' parable is all about a Father who doesn't give people what they deserve.

A love based on conduct would keep people guessing, *Have I done enough?* Instead, God cares for you simply because you're you, and He expects *nothing* in return. Consider the prodigal's life after his homecoming party. He didn't move into the servants' quarters and get to work. He was reinstated to his place as the second son of a wealthy man, with all of the privilege that entails. In the same way, believers are the Lord's cherished children ([2 Cor. 6:18](#)). When God looks at His loved ones, He doesn't focus upon past failures, faults, or sin. He sees the heirs to His kingdom—men and women who love Him and desire to spend eternity in His presence.

No matter how far we may wander from the Lord's perfect will for our lives, we are always welcome back. The Bible teaches that God's love cannot be lost, regardless of sin or poor decisions (though we may have to live with the consequences). **Our Father's arms are always open and His unconditional love will always be there.** - TC

Charles Stanley, 1/22

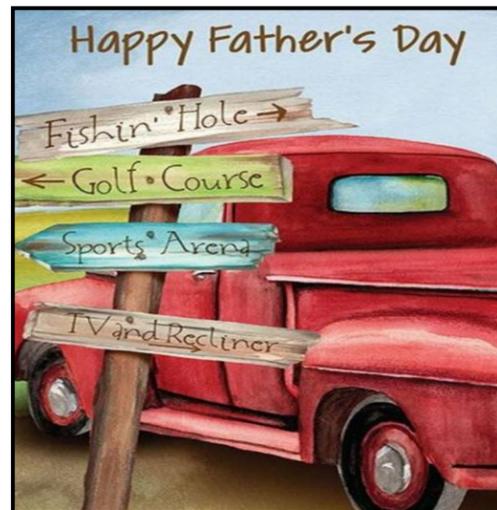


In many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy lives in believers. During this service, *John 20:19-23* may be the core of the message about our risen Savior appearing to the fear-laden disciples.

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first century church in *Acts 2:1-4*. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (*1 Cor. 12:7*); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (*1 Cor. 12:13*); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (*Romans 8:9-11*). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (*Acts 2:39*). See you in Worship on June 5. - Tim

Dear God,  
We thank you for the gift of Dads. We thank You that You are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that You cover us in Your great love. We pray for Your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world. We ask for Your renewed courage, for Your boldness, and for Your Spirit to fill them. We ask that You would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. Please fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and great peace. We pray that You would raise up mighty, godly men in this generation and that they would stand firm in their faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after You. May they grow in their love and passion for You, for their families, and in the calling to follow You above all else. **Happy Father's Day!**

*Please come and join us and see what's happening new at Pfafftown Christian Church!*



*We would love to have you visit and worship with us!*



**June Communion Server**  
*Ed Snuffer*

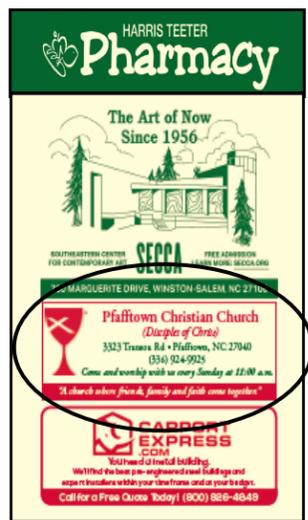
**June Elder Leader/Back-up**  
*Tony Bryant & Ken Davis*

We are in need of volunteers to help serve communion July through December. Please see the new sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone that steps up to help make this vital, beautiful part of our weekly Worship Service.



During the month of June, PCC will be collecting **Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna)** for Crisis Control. Thank you for your continued support to this local ministry that helps so many in need.

We are so excited to announce that beginning sometime in June, PCC will be advertising on the pharmacy bags at our local Harris Teeter! We want everyone in the community to know the good and exciting things happening here at PCC! Please invite your friends and family to come and join you at church if they don't already have a church



**CWF NEWS**

During the May meeting, CWF earmarked \$5,000 to support various outreach programs and started making plans for Fall pre-order Baked/Frozen Goods Sale. (More information will follow). Our June meeting will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in Downstairs Fellowship Hall. We will be doing some cleaning in both kitchens and a light meal will be served. Ladies, come out and join us! You will be so glad you did!



If any member is interested in serving on the Church Board or serving as an Elders or Deacon, please leave your name with the church office. We ask that everyone pray and seek God's true direction on how everyone can serve Him and our church family. Thanks!



**Who Am I?**

Can you guess who this sweet little fellow is? This kind and gentle man has been at PCC for over 48 years and he is still dedicated and such a blessing to everyone he comes in contact with. The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an \* and his name.



**June Memory Verse:**



**The Humble Heart of a Servant**



*I Corinthians 15:58 (kjv)*  
*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*  
**We are thankful for the many humble servants we are blessed to have at PCC! Thank you for all you do!**

**Notes From Tim**

Beginning when I was just a little boy I remember so well our family watching the Billy Graham Crusades on TV. I am quite sure you remember them too. I loved listening to those big mass volunteer choirs directed by Cliff Barrows, with John Innes playing the organ. I especially was "glued" to the TV when George Beverly Shea would sing the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The inspiring and challenging words of this hymn, written by Mrs. Rhea Miller, so influenced 23 year-old George Beverly Shea that they determined the direction of his life. As he began to compose a melody for these moving lines, he decided to devote his singing talent to God's glory alone. Born in 1909, and growing up with devoted Christian parents, Bev was encouraged to use his fine singing voice often in the services of the Wesleyan Methodist churches of which his father was a minister. He soon began to sing in other churches and on Christian radio programs.

One Sunday as Bev went to the family piano, he came across the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and decided to sing it in church that morning. Bev Shea comments: "Over the years, I've not sung any song more than 'I'd Rather Have Jesus,' but I never tire of Mrs. Miller's heartfelt words," As a young man of 23, Bev allowed the message of this text to guide him wisely to a wonderfully productive life of service to Christ as he shared his musical "theme song" after joining with the Billy Graham Crusade in 1947 and to other audiences around the world.

*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand:  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldly applause  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame  
Yes, I'd rather be true to His holy name  
He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.  
Than to be the king of a vast domain  
And be held in sin's dread sway  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.*

George Beverly Shea retired in Montreat, NC where he lived until his death on April 16, 2013 at age 104. He was buried at Billy Graham Library grounds in Charlotte, NC.

God's grace and peace to you, *Tim*

*\*Some info adapted from "Hymn Stories" - Ken Osbeck*



**Church Family:** Irma Muetzel, Pat Millsaps, Frank and Pat Barber, John Grice, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Garland and Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

**Others:**

- Jason Alexander: Friend of Jack and Mary Groff
- Danny Bowen (Palliative Care at home)
- Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
- Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
- Jan Everton: Sister of Jo Stanley
- Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
- Elaine Grice: Sister of John Grice
- Betty Haddock: Mother of Sharon Binkley
- Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Chuck Kolstad: Son-in-law of Evelyn Nifong
- Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
- Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
- Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
- Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
- Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
- Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher

Please contact Traci at the church office when someone needs to be added or removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you.



**Congratulations!**

Isaac and McKenzie McCulloh on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Silas Jace, born Sunday, May 15. Silas is the grandson of Tony and Anne Bryant and great-grandson of Jack and Lynda Bryant. Welcome to the world, sweet little one!