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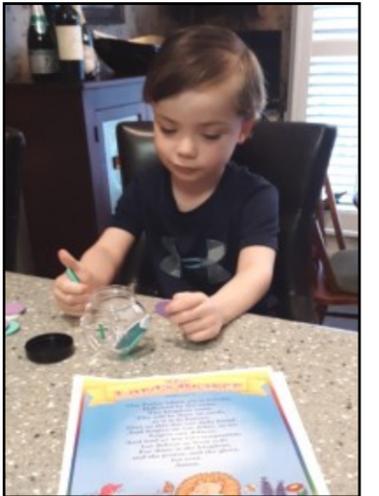
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# THE VISITOR

Lots of learning and fun took place during our At-Home Vacation Bible School this year! VBS Backpacks were delivered to 26 children of our church and community. In this 3-Day VBS through lessons, activities, and crafts, they learned about Moses parting the Red Sea, freeing the Israelites from Egypt; the story of David and Goliath; and the Meaning of Prayer, using the model prayer Jesus taught His disciples --The Lord's Prayer.

We want to remember these children as they continue to grow in the faith and experience the love that God has for each of them. These are some pictures of our children as they participated in our 2020 VBS! - *Tim*



## As Way Leads On To Way

“Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed.”

– Abraham Joshua Heschel

Words have the power of deeds. Deeds of nurture. Deeds of encouragement. Deeds of hope. Deeds of justice and righteousness.

Words have the power of deeds. Deadly deeds. Threatening deeds. Fear-inducing deeds. Criminal and sordid deeds.

We can say and write what we will. Anything. And with social media, we can spread words with the drop of our fingers. In some instances, we are made responsible for these wordy deeds.

It seems some people will not be held responsible for what they say, the damage they do. At least, in these tiresome days, it seems to be so. A reckoning feels a long, weary ways off.

We cannot wait to arrive at a reckoning. If we wait, it will be too late for those who are receiving the hard blows of words. Their reputations, their hopes, their opportunities to live in health and joy will be crushed unto death. In these days, silence equally bears the power of deeds. Silence is complicity. It lifts no weight and provides no shield for the wounded.

We must choose the words we embrace. We must choose the words we speak. It’s a matter of life-and-death. It is a matter of deeds. ~ GT



## New Communion Mobile Food Pantry

In August, PCC delivered 84 cans of corn, 96 cans of beans and 100 cans of soup to the Pantry. Thank you to Dan and Sharon Binkley for sponsoring August’s effort.

### September Sponsors: Bill and Betty Simpson

Support for New Communion involves sponsors making financial contributions of \$100 per month. Thus far, I’ve signed up a different household for the months of August - February. If you would like to take on a month as a household (or in cooperation with other households) simply call me and I’ll put you down for a future month. You should make your check out to Pfafftown Christian and write “New Communion” on the “for” line. ~ GT

### Update on PCC as a Wi-Fi Hotspot

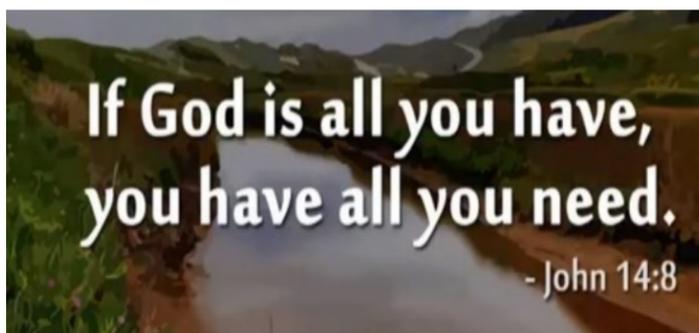
The Board has authorized investigating providing Wi-Fi access at our church to students who are distance learning but do not have access to Wi-Fi. At this time, schools have not expressed a need for this service.



### Pastoral Care

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  
Timothy Shoaf: 336-962-5214  
Traci Canter: 336-407-1277  
Elders: See your Yearbook



### OFF THE SHELF

*Tracks of a Fellow Struggler:  
Living and Growing Through Grief*  
Morehouse Education Resources,  
2019

By John Claypool

“John R. Claypool had been a pastor for almost two decades, ministering to others who suffered through the loss of loved ones, when the loss came home in the death of his eight-year-old daughter, Laura Lue. This is the story of Claypool's own journey through the darkness, written through four sermons. The first was delivered just eleven days after his daughter's diagnosis of leukemia, the second after her first major relapse nine months later, and the third weeks after her death. The final sermon a reflection on the process of grieving was preached three years later.

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	3	4	5
6 Worship	7 Elders Mtg. 7:00 PM Picnic Shelter	8	9 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	10	11	12
13 Worship	14	15 CWF Mtg 6:30 PM	16 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	17	18	19
20 Worship	21	22	23 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	24	25	26
27 Worship	28	29	30 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)			

### Happy Birthday

September 1 Lornie Bennett	September 6 Leigh Bell	September 11 Craig Bracken	September 16 Lavaunte Fulton	September 21 Ellis Fletcher	September 26 Elaine Bracken
September 2 Frankie Denton	September 7 Vallie Cline	September 12 Kathy Tilley	September 17 Julia Faircloth	September 22 Skip Stanley	September 27 Caroline Smitbermann
September 3 Cheryl Johnson	September 8 Lavaunte Fulton	September 13 Jackie Romanello	September 18 Betty Simpson	September 23 Luke McAllister	September 28 Caroline Smitbermann
September 4 Betty Harrell	September 9 Lavaunte Fulton	September 14 Hope Poster	September 19 Kathy Tilley	September 24 Skip Stanley	September 29 Caroline Smitbermann

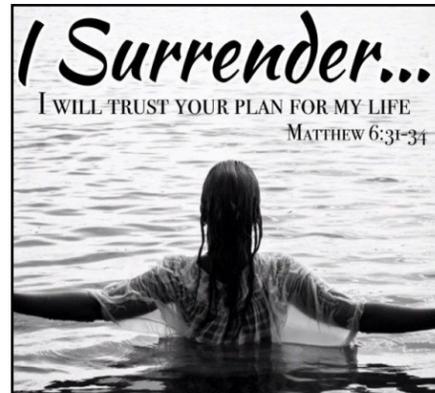
### Happy Anniversary

September 2 David & Linda Staples	September 7 Dan & Susan Showers	September 12 Chris & Kristi Mason	September 17 Kathy Tilley
September 3 Alan & Debbie Fletcher	September 8 Fred & Irma Meutzel	September 13 Dan & Sharon Binkley	September 18 Kathy Tilley
September 4 Gene & Ruth Saalaweather	September 9 Joel & Christine Faircloth	September 14 Chris & Kristi Mason	September 19 Kathy Tilley
September 5 Gene & Ruth Saalaweather	September 10 Joel & Christine Faircloth	September 15 Dan & Sharon Binkley	September 20 Kathy Tilley

**Pfafftown Christian Church  
General Fund Budget vs. Actual  
July 2019 through June 2020**

	<u>Jul '19 - Jun 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
PPP Loan	17,445.00		
Change for Church	253.17		
Contributions Income	144,992.76	178,179.00	-33,186.24
Loose Offering	735.00	1,440.00	-705.00
Sales Tax Refund	897.68	1,000.00	-102.32
Building Rental	226.00	500.00	-274.00
Investment Earnings	5,625.95	7,220.00	-1,594.05
R G Flynt Endowment	2,252.58	3,080.00	-827.42
Yard Sale	3,050.00	5,200.00	-2,150.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>175,478.14</u>	<u>196,619.00</u>	<u>-21,140.86</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Administrative Expense	140,673.66	147,322.00	-6,648.34
Christian Education	618.28	1,400.00	-781.72
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Evangelism	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Membership	425.68	400.00	25.68
Fellowship	324.10	1,000.00	-675.90
Childcare	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Property	31,029.20	38,451.00	-7,421.80
Worship	2,620.60	3,300.00	-679.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>175,691.52</u>	<u>194,173.00</u>	<u>-18,481.48</u>
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	<u>-213.38</u>	<u>2,446.00</u>	<u>-2,659.38</u>

The PPP Loan \$17,445 that was received in June covered our fiscal year deficit



One of the greatest needs in human life is to know that *you are loved*. Each one of us has to feel certain, deep down in our hearts that someone loves us, cares for us, and has our best interest at heart. God designed us to have that emotion. He wants us to know that He loves every one of us with a passion intensity too deep for words. We experience His love when we willingly surrender to His call to be our Savior, Lord and Friend. There are at least three reasons God seeks our surrender:

- \* He loves us and desires our fellowship and worship. As long as we hold back something from Him, we cannot know Him completely or fully experience His love. When we surrender to Him, we get **ALL** of Him.
- \* He wants our service for Him to be effective and fruitful. The more we know and love Jesus, the more effective our service will be. The closer we draw to God, the more impact our lives will have. The more energetically we nurture our relationship with Him, the greater the positive mark we will leave behind.
- \* He wants for the freedom to bless us. God draws us to Himself so we can experience His love and forgiveness. He asks for our willing surrender so that He can give us the best blessings He has to offer. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, He will not only forgive you but He makes you into a new creature. We are no longer standing at a distance from Him, but we are able to draw near to Him. Whenever we feel like we have grown distant from Him, all we need to do is pray that He will draw near to us once more and He will. He already knows our weaknesses and if we tell Him to take control of our lives, He will come to us in a mighty way and bring hope and light and reassure us that we are His and He has the perfect plan for our lives and that we are truly loved beyond any measure.



~ some excerpts taken from the Life Principles Bible

## Notes from Tim

### Great is thy Faithfulness

*I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*  
--Psalm 89:2

The Scriptures abound with declarations that God is faithful. Since we live in a world that is constantly changing it is reassuring to be reminded of the faithfulness of God. It may seem to us at times that God has forgotten us. David sometimes experienced such a doubt but then admitted he had spoken in haste. We must remember that God works on His own timetable and just because we do not see immediate evidence of His promise being fulfilled it does not mean He has forsaken us.

No matter how bleak our future may appear we can be assured that God's promise is certain when he says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." In spite of your sufferings and trials you can have confidence knowing that He will be with you and even use the difficulties to teach you and draw you closer to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness we can have bright expectations! He will not let anything separate us from Him. He is keeping us by His power. Having begun a good work in each of us. He will not abandon it but will bring it to consummation so that one day we will be safe at home to live with Him forever and ever! Surely we can lift our hearts in praise as we sing that beautiful hymn—

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

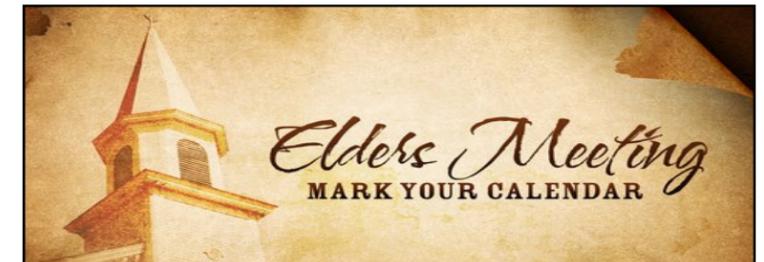
*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Grace and peace to you. Tim



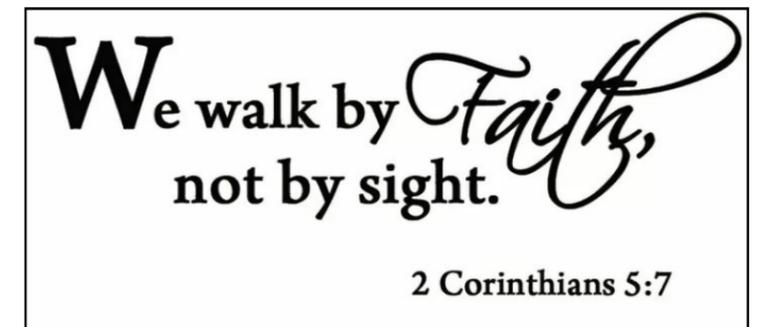
### September Memory Verse



There will be an Elder's Meeting Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. out under the picnic shelter. We will discuss the care of our PCC families. Please bring your Elders' notebook and wear a mask.



The Fall Secret Place is now available. Please call the church office to get your copy today. You may either come by the church and get a copy or we would be glad to mail it. *Take time every day to spend time with Jesus!*

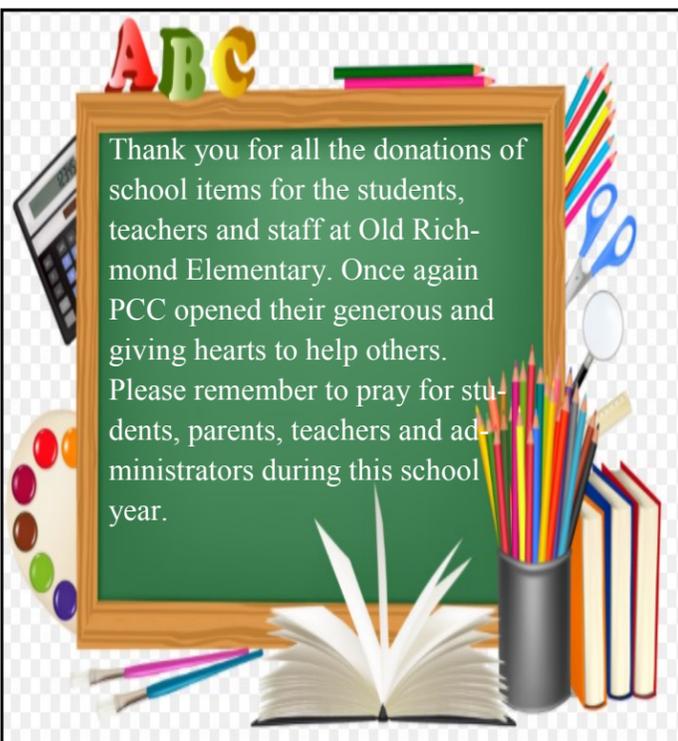




**Food Donation Challenge**  
 Because of Covid-19, there will not be a local fair this year; therefore, the need for more canned food is greater than ever. We are encouraging everyone to “meet the challenge” You can bring your canned donations to the church or simply call the church office and arrange a pick up. Below are the recommended items:

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Canned Soup
Canned Potatoes or Carrots	Canned Fruit
Canned Green Beans	Grits/Oatmeal
Hand Sanitizer/Hand Soap	Toilet Tissue
Cleaning Supplies	Hygiene Items
Cooking Oil	Can Openers
Canned Meat (Tuna, Ham, Chicken, etc.)	
Baking Items (cake mix, muffin mix, etc.)	

\*\* Monetary donations can be made online at [crisiscontrol.org](http://crisiscontrol.org) or mail to 200 E. 10th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

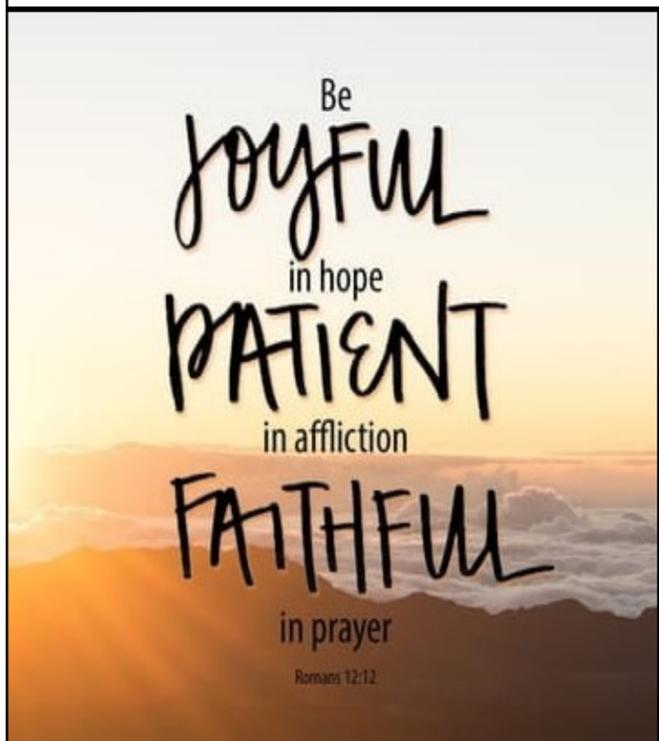


There Are Calories In Walking!  
 Crop Walking, that is.

This year’s walk will be a little different. Due to COVID, we are taking donations and walking individually (or as households) anytime between Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, October 18. Please sign up between now and September 14 by calling me at the church office or 336-504-8206. We are asking all walkers to wear your 2020 Crop Walk T-shirt and take a picture when you hoof it for food relief. Pictures can be texted or e-mailed to me.

T-shirts should be available by mid-September and I will be delivering them on Sunday, September 20. The 2020 Crop Walk will culminate on Sunday, October 18. Our PCC team’s pics will be posted on the Crop Walk site at that time.

Join us as we renew this annual event! ~ GT



**CWF News**

CWF will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15. We will vote on whether to have a Food & Bake Sale with pre-orders and curbside pick-up in November. If you cannot attend, please call Jackie Romanello with your vote. Thank you again, CWF ladies, for being the hands and feet of Jesus by recent donations to Christmount, Crisis Control, Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries and New Born in Need.



Week of Compassion (WOC) has been responding to several recent disasters: storm in Iowa, fires in California, and the explosion in Beirut. Financial gifts to WOC helps to continue responding to these and other disasters as they come. Should you wish to donate, please visit their website at <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html> Thank you!



Dear Pfafftown Christian Church,  
 My name is Debbie Lunsford and I had lost my cat at Pfafftown Vet on June 29th. I had spoken to the minister this summer and gave my flyer. I’m very happy to let you know that I got her back last Thursday, August 13th. I wanted to tell you how grateful I am to have had your grounds to search for her. It gave me hope in a difficult time. A place to go. The gardeners were so friendly and helpful. I just thought I’d let you know what comfort it gave me.



**Brighton Gardens:** Edna Williamson  
**Rose Tara:** Vallie Cline  
**Willowbrook Rehabilitation:** Bud Barker  
**Hospital:** Jamey Long (Gerald’s friend)  
**Recuperating:** Pat Millsaps, Skip Stanley  
**Bereavement:** Family of William “Billy Ray” Floyd (brother of Michael Floyd)  
**Church Family:** Pat & Frank Barber, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Garland & Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough  
**Others:**  
 Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groff’s 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  
 Wiley & Claudette Thomas: (Gerald’s family)  
 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

\*Please also pray for students, parents, teachers and administrators as they make their way through this challenging school year.